

Editorial . . .

Numbers Still Climbing

Latest statistics from the Canadian Manufacturer's Association reveal that the problem of premature school-leavers continues to grow more serious. Although there has been some reduction in the last ten years, the climbing school population means that each year there is still an increase in their numbers.

What makes the problem even more serious is the fact that we are in a period when the number of unskilled jobs is decreasing rapidly.

The report shows that in Ontario 36% of those who left school last year lacked any specific skill.

Less Taxes If Operated Better

Governments, at least the present federal government has finally come to the realization that the public will no longer swallow this continued nonsense that this and that handout from government is all for free. The government has made it plain that the proposed increase of \$10 a month in the old age pension will mean considerably more taxes. This is something governments should have told their people from the beginning. Politicians have had the habit of trying to give the people the impression that they are able to give them a monthly cheque for this or that, all for nothing.

As time has passed the taxpayers have learned the hard way that for every dollar the government gives

We only need to look around to see the rapid depletion of unskilled jobs. Elevators are now to a large degree, automatic; heavy machinery has taken over much of the construction work. Little by little the labour jobs are disappearing, and more will follow in the years ahead.

In the meantime the battle to dissuade students from leaving school goes on with parents, teachers and employers in the forefront. However, much more must be done to reduce the number of those pulling out. If it is not done the price to the individual and the nation, will most certainly be a bitter one.

out, they will have their pockets picked for an equal amount. There is just no other way.

The point we would like to make is that possibly the time has come for some government to propose an end to the wasteful practices which are attached to the payment of old age pensions. We refer to the fact that pensions are now paid to thousands of people who do not need old age pensions. This is a waste of public funds of the first order. It just might be that if this needless payment of pensions was ended those who urgently require the assistance could benefit more in proportion to their needs and this could be achieved without recourse to increased taxation.

Questionable Advertising

On Aug. 5th of this year, an Uxbridge motorist rammed his south-bound car head-on into a mobile crane that was parked at a bridge construction site on the Brock Road, south of Brougham in Pickering Township. The driver, only 24 years of age, was killed almost instantly, and his auto was transformed into a twisted pile of scrap metal. A post mortem report showed that the victim had 1.8 parts per thousand of alcohol in his blood at the time of his death. An amount of 1.5 parts per thousand is considered sufficient to impair a driver's ability.

Last week, a well-known Ameri-

Signal For Your Own Good

Modern automobiles are equipped with devices by which a driver may signal his turns. But signals are useless unless they are properly operated. It does no good for a motorist to switch on his car's turn signals after he has started to turn. It gives the impression the driver believes the turn signal is there to help his car get around that corner or that the last-minute signals covers the letter of the law. It is no help to traffic in front or behind. Failure to signal in time could easily create an accident. For example, an approaching motorist, seeing no turn signal ahead, would believe no other driver intended to turn, then make the turn himself to find another vehicle in front of him — too late.

Another peril occurs when the

A Tribute To Past Pioneers

Last week, Reeve Wilfred Dean praised the efforts of the Markham Township Cemetery Board for their untiring and successful efforts in reclaiming many of the old, unused burying grounds in the municipality and returning them to a neat and attractive condition.

Although this work was started several years ago and included areas throughout the entire township, it is unlikely that many residents have viewed the results of these completed projects.

On Saturday, we took the time to visit such a plot on the former Brownsberger farm, concession 10, south of Stouffville. We were amazed at the accomplishment of this organization.

Every grave marker, fifty in all, had been inserted into a giant horizontal slab. The stones, some cracked and broken by time and tide had been repaired. The names of the deceased, dates of birth and death and accom-

panying mementos were still plainly visible on the majority of carved plaques. A veritable lesson in history, dating back to the year 1700 had been preserved through a few men's ingenuity and determination.

Prior to the inspection, we were not aware that such a cemetery had existed. We therefore did not have an opportunity to look at the grounds before the project was started but by comparison with some others in adjoining municipalities we would judge that it was a disheveled jungle of grass and weeds. It has now been fenced off with the top-soil neatly reseeded.

If any relatives of these past pioneers should wish to re-visit this, or six other similarly improved cemetery sites in Markham Township, they would undoubtedly be amazed that such a small number of men could accomplish so much in such a short time. This board can look back with pride on a project that has been completed without fuss or fanfare.

Can't Tell the Married Folk From the Courtin' Kind



By the way . . .

Anne Ross
Well, we're well into the fall season, and it's good, these nights, to have a warm blanket to pull up, before we snuggle down to sleep. And so of course, we have now entered the season for proper care of those valuable blankets, because they involve a major investment . . . whether they're old or new . . . they must be protected and cared for so we'll continue to have the maximum service and comfort from them.

While they're on the bed for instance, we protect them by having a generous fold-down of sheet over the top of the blanket so the sheet takes the brunt of the pulling and tugging when we adjust the bedcovers to our satisfaction. Then too, this over-lap of the sheet protects the blanket from unnecessary soil from natural body oils and perspiration. Many women place a washable cover over top of their blankets on the beds so they are not soiled when the bedspread is turned down and this seems to me to be a very good precaution.

When it comes to laundering woollen blankets, the same care must be taken as for any other woollen washing . . . using only luke-warm water and mild soap or detergent . . . thoroughly rinsing all traces of soap from the blanket and above all . . . no wringing.

Now that many blankets come in fibers other than wool, if you have these to launder you may have to change the way you wash and clean them. At least that's what the researchers found when they washed different kinds of blankets in the laboratory. They worked with all-wool blankets as well as those made of a nylon-rayon blend. Still other blankets were made of "Acrilan" and "Dyneel". Three different cleaning methods were tried on samples of every blanket. They were sent to a dry cleaner, washed by hand, and washed in an automatic washer. The results of these tests may give you a clue on how to clean your blankets. Washing in the automatic machine for a full-time cycle made all the blankets shrink . . . even those made of the "miracle" fibers. In some cases, the blankets felt rough and scratchy after this washing. Dry cleaning or hand-washing seems the best for wools and for the nylon-rayon blends. And, washing by hand is definitely recommended for "Acrilan" and "Dyneel" blankets, as they are apt to shrink and lose their fluff during dry cleaning. Well, our thanks to the researchers for this information to help us care for our blankets.

I have always found that when washing woollen blankets they dry soft and free from matting with a teaspoon of household ammonia for each gallon of water used in both the suds water and the rinse. Drying blankets properly is important too, so here's a suggestion — hang the blanket over two parallel lines so the air can circulate freely between the folds, and stretching and sagging can be cut to a minimum when the weight is evenly distributed this way. You know of course, that woollen blankets should never be exposed to direct sunlight . . . extreme heat or cold. They should be dried slowly at moderate temperature for best results. Then brush them gently with a soft brush to restore the nap, and be sure they are perfectly dry and well aired before folding them to put them away.

One point to remember, no matter what type of blanket you prefer. The warmth of the blanket does not depend on its weight, but largely on the nap . . . a good blanket is relatively light in weight. It retards the escape of body heat because of the countless insulating air cells held in the nap which should remain resilient through years of wear and repeated washings. That's what we should strive to retain when we launder our blankets—their airy, fluffiness, which is what keeps us warm on a chilly night.

CANDY by Tom Dorr



Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.—Gal. 3:29. Approach to the Lesson

Men of God come to the end of their lives on earth and go to their reward, but the value of the record of those lives abides, for the qualities of God-honoring and God-used lives are the same in every age. The lessons taught by these ancient heroes of faith are summarized for us in Hebrews 11. The spiritual qualities that pleased God and enabled Him to use them are clearly delineated. It will be noticed that each was characterized by faith (the word occurs 24 times in this one chapter). Faith demonstrates to the eye of the mind the reality of those things that cannot be discerned by the eye of the body. It is designed to serve the believer instead of sight, and to be to the soul all that the senses are to the body" (Matthew Henry).

The Letter to the Hebrews opens by reminding us that God has always been speaking to man, that this divine determination to communicate reached a peak when He spoke through His Son. The writer goes on to tell us that not all men have listened to what God has said, but that where there has been a response lives have been mightily blessed and used. These persons have lived in vastly differing environments, have had totally contrasting temperaments, and have accomplished entirely different things; but one thing common to them all was faith in the living God and in His promises to men. "We are taught at the very outset, that before we can act and do and accomplish anything, we have to receive, to be born from above, to enter into life. Before we can obey, we have to trust; that though faith without works is dead, yet working without faith is death doubly distilled. This order is carefully observed all through this chapter" (Paget Wilkes).

Because God is unchanging, His promises are invariable, and His ways need no altering, so that He causes the physical harvest of obey the same laws today as it did in the creation. The laws governing spiritual blessing and usefulness, that are exemplified in the patriarchs in the Book of Genesis, are precisely applicable to us. Physical laws have not changed with the running centuries and neither have spiritual laws. For this reason the writer to the Hebrews could take these old Genesis lessons; apply them to his contemporaries and their situations, and find they fitted exactly. We can do the same.

Heart of the Lesson
Undoubtedly, the heart of today's lesson, is "Now the just shall live by faith" (10:38). No two of the heroes of faith portrayed here faced similar challenges or enjoyed the same opportunities in life. Abel, who was murdered, is a far cry from Joseph, who was delivered and went on to rule in Egypt. Enoch, who walked quietly with God until "he was not" is a totally different character from Moses, the brilliant leader and lawgiver in war and peace. That which was common to each was faith in the living God. They were enabled to abandon themselves to His will, and to prove the richness of His promises. We too, may have this experience.

Over the entire world, there is about 1 acre of cropland for each person. In the U.S., there are about 2.5 acres for each person.

Cows in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association program, averaged 11,032 pounds of milk in 1962, 4,149 more than the average non-DHI cow.

Sugar & Spice

by Bill Smiley

What qualities do young people want in a father? You'd be surprised. And then again, you might not. I found out the other day when I asked about 35 teenagers to list the traits which they considered would make up The Ideal Father.

They don't want much, really. The modesty of their demands was almost pitiable. All they want is someone with the looks and build of Rock Hudson, the morals of Sir Galahad, the loving kindness of St. Francis, the sense of humour of Stephen Leacock, and the bankroll of E. P. Taylor, to name only a few of the required attributes.

As I wrote down their suggestions, checking them one by one against my own characteristics, the hearty smile with which I had begun to write the list turned into a sick stumper.

My wife has been telling me for years that I'm a lousy father, and I've been retorting: "I yam not. I may be a lousy husband, but I'm a perfectly good father. Ask the kids."

And they, depending on whose side the treacherous young devils feel like throwing their weight, would answer: "He's not so bad, Mom, there must be lots worse fathers than Dad!" Or: "She's right, Dad, you're not much of a father."

But here was proof, from outside the family, I had only about four of the 39 qualities required by those teenagers in The Ideal Father. It hurt. I won't deny it. For a moment I toyed, bitterly, with the notion of turning in my 16-year-old union card in that great society of BOOBS — the Benevolent Order Of Bewildered Slaves — whose membership is made up of the country's finest, its fathers.

Fortunately, as an old BOOB, I have great resilience. We come back faster than a cheque marked N.S.F. Just as I reached the bottom point in my disillusion, I remembered that we were discussing, not me, or any ordinary BOOB, but The Ideal Father.

Immediately, I brightened. As I looked back over my life, I realized that I had never been an Ideal child, student, fighter pilot, prisoner of war, weekly editor, columnist or school teacher.

I admitted to myself that I had been a disappointing child, a lazy student, a frightened fighter pilot, a happy prisoner of war, a slapdash weekly editor, a columnist by sheer accident and a school teacher because there was a shortage of same.

And as I pondered the matter further, I remembered that most of the people whom I had considered Ideal in these various capacities, over the years, had been a sharp pain in the arm, and, moreover, hadn't had one-quarter of the fun I'd had.

So cheer up, fellow-BOOBS. It doesn't really matter whether you are kind, considerate, thoughtful, loving, generous, rich or well-groomed.

Be honest, Dads. Do you really care whether you wear the pants, whether you are industrious, ambitious, intelligent and brave? Does it pain you that you are not good-looking, sports-loving, steady, reliable, a pillar of the community, and "full of fun"?

Don't give it another thought. Those teenagers are just like us — dreamers. We'd like our children to be Ideal — polite, obedient, clever, handsome, quiet, thoughtful, kind, decent, thrifty and so on.

We'll have to accept our kids just as they are. And a good thing, too. Who, after all, wants to be an Ideal anything?

EXTEND RAINBOW TROUT SEASON

The extended open season for rainbow trout from September 16 to November 30, effective in certain specified areas, actually ushers in some of the best fishing of the year in part of the Lake Simcoe District. Conservation Officers anticipate a number of fighting rainbows ranging anywhere from 2 to 14 pounds, would again be taken this fall by ardent anglers until the time the season closes November 30.

Large lake rainbow trout go up the streams each fall although spawning does not take place until spring. Fresh from the clear lake water, the fish are a bright silvery colour and do not take on the darker colouring with the rainbow hues until they become acclimatized to the river water. During this period they are actively feeding and are usually in the mood to take an enticing lure.

Many fine specimens have already been reported taken by anglers and the catch should become more consistent during

October and November. Interested fishermen should note the open areas in the Lake Simcoe District where the extended season to November 30 applies as follows:

Ontario County: (1) The portion of Ontario County lying southerly of that part of the King's Highway, known as Number 2.

Simcoe County: (1) Coldwater River—that portion in the Townships of Medonte and Tay from the mill dam in the Village of Coldwater to the junction with the North River.

(2) Hog Creek—that portion of the Township of Tay from the Canadian National Railway bridge northerly to Hog Bay of Georgian Bay.

(3) North River—that portion from McLaughlin Falls in the Township of Matchedash southerly to Matchedash Bay of Georgian Bay.

(4) Nottawasaga River—that portion in the Townships of Essa, Flos, Sunnidale and Vespra from the confluence of the Nottawasaga and Boyne Rivers northerly to Nottawasaga Bay of Georgian Bay.



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