

Editorial . . .

Where Did Supper Go?

Like so many other things in this day and age, our meal routine is changing and even some of the names are disappearing. Some people seldom eat supper anymore. This is according to an authority on etiquette. She contends, that the main meal of the day should be called dinner, so that for those to whom the

evening meal is the principal one, dinner is at supper time. And, as their noon meal is called a lunch, they never do have supper.

In the old days there was none of this confusion, and in rural parts of Ontario there still isn't. Dinner is at dinner time, namely noon. Supper is in the evening, at supper time.

Repeaters

Local police departments in this area have been plagued with calls within recent weeks and the court dockets contain an ever-lengthening list of names of youthful offenders. Before anyone suggests that juvenile delinquency is on the increase in this and other neighboring communities, it should be noted that the majority of troublemakers are by no means new additions to police records.

In fact, almost invariably, the same names keep coming up again and again.

It has almost reached the point where stories concerning these boys have become monotonously uninteresting. Be this as it may, it is the continuous repeater that is a pain in the neck to police, a problem to their parents and a liability on the community.

School Boy Smoking

Regardless of what one believes regarding the smoking habit, there has been sufficient publicity as well as government and medical attention given to the matter that it was to be expected that there would be some action regarding school-boy smoking.

Last week the suggestion came in a western Ontario town that public school pupils be searched for cigarettes and matches. However, the idea has received little support and we little wonder. Nevertheless, discipline, rather than reason would appear to be the necessary course at

this tender age.

It has also been suggested that lectures and films on the ill effects of smoking might be valuable. However, others feel that such reasoning at the public school level would not likely be very effective.

We partially agree with both ideas. There could be some good come out of lectures or films, but on the other hand, boys of public school age will experiment with cigarettes regardless, and daredevil aspects will overcome any fears which may be instilled about cancer.

A New Look And A New Element

Public pool rooms and billiard parlors once considered to be "dens of iniquity" and veritable hangouts for hoodlums, have taken on a new look and the patrons that frequent these renovated premises are also in keeping with the trend. Although many establishments of this type still retain a dark, dingy atmosphere, not so with the more recent locations.

We visited one of these on Saturday afternoon in the Markham Shopping Plaza and came away with the impression that the young folk who enjoy this pastime are, on the whole, a pretty good lot.

We heard no filthy language and no crude jokes. The lads, in their late teens or early twenties were well

dressed with sport shirts and slacks. A few sported white shirts and ties. The interior was immaculate and well-lighted.

The quiet that prevailed gave one the feeling that he had just entered a public library. The concentration between players was comparable to two professionals engaged in a game of chess.

The operator, Michael Olenin is hopeful that, in time, his "parlors" may attract the female element to his premises. After all, the girls are crowding the boys for room on the bowling alleys, tennis courts and even hockey rinks. A few pairs of feminine elbows on the pool tables might not be such a bad idea either.

Could Cost \$80,000.

Taxpayers in the Twp. of Whitchurch should brace themselves for a municipal policing project within the next few months that could cost close to \$80,000.

Since negotiations between Whitchurch and King on a joint program have been washed out due to King's decision to go it alone, Whitchurch is now faced with little alternative but to meet the matter head-on.

The switch-over to a municipal force will be a sour pill for the residents to swallow since, over the years, the policing service provided by the O.P.P. has been both adequate and dirt cheap. Now, with no gain to the individual ratepayer, whatsoever, he will be asked to dig a little deeper for something that he has

taken for granted all along.

The problem in Whitchurch is unlike the majority of other municipalities in this area. It is a township comprising a populace of mainly rural residents. Two locations, however, at Musselman's Lake and Lake Wilcox, take on all the aspects of a seasonal urban region in the summer and a new force must be adequately equipped to handle this influx of visitors. This is one of the reasons why King wanted no part of a united department with Whitchurch, and personally, we don't blame them.

Although the first year will be the worst, it will not be the end. As the township grows, the policing service will expand and the budget will continue to increase.

Not A Realistic Plan

A plan to ease the tax burden for educational purposes which is heard today in a number of quarters, is not as simple and as realistic as it sounds. The Federation of Agriculture and we also know of a number of councillors in the immediate district, are advocating that the government give up the raising of money for educational purposes by taxing property. At the same time the Canadian Federation has asked that the national government give more money to the provinces for education without interfering with provincial authority.

The Mayors and Reeves Association is also asking that the province stop financing education and welfare through property taxes.

The suggestion, while on the surface, sounds fine, is usually based on the individual needs of those who suggest it. For instance, farmers, it is quite easy to suppose, would be delighted if all educational tax was obtained through income tax since

Canadian farmers as a whole contribute a very small proportion of the income taxes collected. On the other hand, the weekly wage earner whose taxes are deducted at the source might not be so enthusiastic.

We don't altogether disagree with the theory that taxes should come from those who receive the services and in some measure it is possible to follow this plan.

However, to take all the tax that is needed from the pockets of these people could not even be considered by government.

A great many groups and associations today are constantly engaged in a game of trying to get more while giving less. The net result of this type of thinking is to cancel out all the ideas. We agree that property is being heavily taxed and it makes sense to protest any increase, even to putting on a ceiling. However, to suggest that it can be eliminated entirely as a means of providing money for our biggest single tax burden just won't work.

"Liz and Richard is not the international affair I had in mind"



By the way . . .

Do you like to mark special occasions with special baking treats (apart from Christmas and birthday cakes) — such specialties as pancakes for Shrove Tuesday . . . special sweets for Valentine's Day, and so on? Many women get a great bang out of surprising the family with "special day" treats . . . seems to give a lift to everyone including the lady of the kitchen. Here's an idea that would be ideal for Easter, or for a children's party or some other "in-between" special day . . . it's flower pots. I have two ideas really, and they're both simple. The first calls for some flat-bottomed cuplets — (the cones you put ice cream in) and a plain cake batter — any flavour you like. Fill the cuplets no more than half full of cake batter and bake in a hot oven — four hundred degrees — for 15 to 18 minutes. Cool and cover with your favourite frosting. Then plant some flowers in each pot. For tall flowers spear some colored gumdrops on toothpicks and stand them in the cake . . . green one for leaves. For tiny flowers . . . cut up marshmallows into flower petals. If you don't use the colored marshmallows, dip the cut edges of plain white marshmallows in colored sugar or colored icing and arrange into flower shapes. Now for our second type of flower pots. Put six cups of puffed rice in a large, shallow, pan and heat about ten minutes. While the puffed rice is heating, melt half a pound of marshmallows and a quarter cup of butter or margarine in the top of a double boiler, stirring until it's smooth, and add a couple of drops of peppermint flavouring. Then, put the puffed rice in a greased bowl and pour the marshmallow mixture over it, mixing until all the kernels are evenly coated. Then with greased fingers, press the puffed rice mixture into custard cups, forming flower pot shells. When they're cool and nicely set, remove them by gently loosening with a knife. Fill the pots with ice cream — chocolate seems to be the favourite and looks like quite realistic "earth" . . . then put them away in the freezer until serving time. The "flowers" can be added at this time, or just before serving, and you can use the gum drops that we suggested earlier, or perhaps stand small lollipops in the pots for flowers.

Bruce Harper Honoured At Improvement Convention

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County) Farmers from York County who took in the Crop Improvement Convention in Toronto last week must have come away a little puzzled. This was my feeling anyway. There were two things in general that raised some doubt about our normal cropping system here in York. One was that oats, as a crop, was almost completely ignored. In fact, the growing of any kind of spring grain seemed to be pushed right out of the picture. Corn seems to have taken right over, both as feed for livestock and as a cash crop. The other thing that was a little upsetting, was the general feeling about our hay crop. Many speakers were leaning away from baled hay as the main homegrown feed for cattle. Some wanted to replace a lot of the hay with corn silage and others wanted to change the method of harvesting and storing the crop. Haylage is gaining more favour all the time. When you realize that oats and baled hay account for so large a part of our homegrown feed supply in York County, the talk at the Convention has to be taken seriously. Despite the attacks, I'm sure that baled hay and oats will predominate on our farms for a long time. A whole scale shift to corn and haylage would not be easy. But we still should be doing some solid thinking about them in our long-term plans. I think one of the big factors in choosing the right crop will be the machinery question. The days when an average sized farm could support a full line of tillage, haying, grain harvesting and corn harvesting machinery are just about over. If crops can be used that can be harvested with the same kind of machine, it would be a good step forward. Forage harvesters look better these days than ever before, because they have the advantages of being able to handle more than one crop. Despite the fact that the Convention shot some holes in our cropping system, York County was well featured. Large numbers from York were there to see Eugene Lemon wind up his year as president. Probably the most important award made at the Convention went to a York County man too. Bruce Harper of Stouffville was honoured at the banquet, with the presentation of the trophy for Pasture Championship for Ontario.

Sunday School Lesson

Golden Texts For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20. Approach to the Lesson

Conversion is no more the end of spiritual experience than the birth of a baby is the end of its physical experience. As the baby is born to live and grow in many ways throughout its entire life, so we are born again in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This developing process must continue throughout life. Conversion, then, is seen as a passage through the door of Christ's salvation into a steadily expanding experience of abundant life (John 10:7, 9, 10). We must no more be content with stopping at being born again than parents would be satisfied with a baby that never grew.

The call of Christ to the disciples was to follow Him in order to be "made" something other and better than they already were. And John, for one, saw how abundantly this was fulfilled as he wrote in his testimony: "To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins through his own blood, who has made us a kingdom of priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and power for timelessness ages, Amen!" (Rev. 1: 5b, 6, Phillips.) At conversion (and long before in God's seeking and sovereign grace) God begins a work that is continuous until the redemption of the purchased possession, until the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:14). When we see Him we shall be like Him (1 John 3:2), and that has ever been the divine intention for His redeemed people (Rom. 8:29). But the process of conforming us to His image begins at conversion and then persists in the obedient Christian throughout his life on earth. Our lesson today brings us a few cameos of the training and development of Peter, James and John and shows their growth to spiritual maturity in life and witness. It is a most helpful study and one that is applicable to every Christian.

The Heart of the Lesson We saw in the approach to the lesson that the call of Christ is an invitation to be made something better than we are by nature; and to be made implies a process. Our lesson today gives us glimpses of some of the pivotal experiences through which the Lord took His disciples in the process of bringing them from what they were when He first met them, to what He planned them to be — fishers of men. It is an intriguing study and should help us better to understand His training program for us.

There are five members on the High School Board. One member is appointed as a representative of the County, one from each of the municipalities assessed for the school, Stouffville, Markham and Whitchurch Townships and one from the public school within the area having the largest attendance which is Stouffville.

New 7c Stamp

A new regular issue seven cent stamp, designed primarily for air mail letters to the United States, will be the first Canadian postal issue of 1964, it was announced this week by the Post Office Department. The new stamp will replace the famous blue "Canada

Sugar & Spice

by Bill Smiley

MORE LIGHT ON READING

My speech was a roaring success. You know, the speech on Good Reading Habits, to our honor students. I mentioned it last week. Yes, it went well! Does anyone know anyone who wants a slightly used ex-school teacher?

I haven't received an official communication from the school board yet, but I understand they had an emergency meeting right after my speech, and drew up the appropriate charges of mopey, gawk and intellectual malnutrition.

When I began to write the speech, I couldn't think of a single Good Reading Habit. Then, dimly, from my old health class in public school, they began to filter back.

Rule No. 1: When reading, the light should come over your left shoulder. It's very awkward if your left shoulder happens to be higher than your right. Unless, of course, you are an Arab and read from right to left, then I presume it should come over your right shoulder.

Rule No. 2: Always read in the bathtub, when possible. Somebody once said that the ideal education would be a boy sitting on one end of a log, and Mark Van Doren, a great American educator, sitting on the other.

My notion of a great educational advance would be a classroom with 35 bathtubs, and up on the platform a superb, in pink mother-of-pearl, for Mr. Smiley.

Think of the realism we could inject when Lady Macbeth says, "A little water will wash us of this deed." Think of the special effects we could obtain while reading Old Man and the Sea, or Typhoon. We'd all be in swim suits, naturally.

Well, from that point, my speech moved effortlessly into the results of Good Reading Habits in history. I reminded the kids of Archimedes. Think what the world would have missed if he hadn't climbed into his bath one day with a copy of Ovid's poems.

The minute he sat down, he knew there was something wrong. "Paprika!" he screamed and leapt out of the tub. Somebody had put paprika instead of bath salts in the water. And thus was born Archimedes Principle, one of our great laws of physics. I'm not quite sure what it is, but I think it's something like "Half a bath is better than none." Anyway, as we all know, it's a very important principle.

I left the kids with this solemn thought. An economic reverse can take away your new car, your split-level mortgage and your wife. Advancing years can take away your teeth, your figure, and your husband. But nothing can take away Good Reading Habits.

Many years from now, the matron of the nursing home will point out a desiccated old chap sitting in a wheel-chair with a huge book on his knees. "That's Mr. Smiley. Used to be an English teacher. Poor old fellow. He's blind now."

And the visitor will say, "It doesn't seem to bother him much. What's the old cod grinning at?"

And the matron will reply, "Oh, he went blind when he was 88, and was furious for a while, because he couldn't read, but he learned the Braille system in six weeks, and now he reads everything he can get his hands on, including the nurses."

EDITOR'S MAIL

January 19, 1964. Ottawa, Ontario, January 31st, 1964.

The Editor, The Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association I would like to express our thanks to the Stouffville area, for their excellent support of our Christmas Gift Appeal. Particular thanks goes to Aiken's and Houston's drug stores and to the Village Shop for allowing space for the collection of gifts.

The gifts were distributed to patients in boarding homes, Mental Health Centres and hospitals in the county. They brought much happiness to these people who would otherwise have been forgotten.

Sincerely, Mrs. John B. McDowell

Stouffville, Ontario, January 16, 1964.

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune.

Dear Sir:

In a recent issue I read where someone was "appointed" to the High School Board. And as a taxpayer with a student in our High School I was wondering just how such an appointment was made.

I am not in any way questioning the Board's decision but I am interested as to what procedure is used in appointing members to the Board. Could someone clarify or explain this to me?

Interested.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Goose" design which has been in use since 1952. More than 163,000,000 of the blue goose issues have been produced over the past 12 years, an average of 13,000,000 stamps per year.

The design of the new seven cent issue will show a modern inter-city jet aircraft taking off from a Canadian airport. The stamp will be printed in blue, similar to the Canada Goose issue, and will be of the intermediate size. The aircraft pictured in the new stamp is a composite of many modern short and long range jets and is not intended to represent any specific make or model. The airport buildings pictured in the stamp are patterned after the structure at Ottawa's International Air Terminal at Uplands which was opened to the public in 1960.

In announcing the new stamp the Post Office noted that the "blue goose" was being retired primarily because of the introduction last autumn of a new 15 cent postage stamp which also shows Canada Geese in flight. It is not normal, the Department added to maintain in use two regular issue stamps portraying similar subjects. In addition, the 12 year life of the blue goose issue is considered a normal term, and the design was due for replacement.

While the new stamp bears a flight motif, it will not be specifically an air mail stamp. It will bear the words "Postes Canada Postage and the denomination only.

The stamp was designed and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ltd., and will be issued on the 11th March, 1964.

Nearly 100,000 Winter Anglers At Lake Simcoe

Lake Simcoe, most popular winter fishing spot in Ontario, is attracting about 100,000 anglers during the ice fishing season and some 4,000 fish hits appear annually on the lake, according to estimates made over the past three years by the Department of Lands and Forests.

To keep pace with this heavy and increasing fishing pressure, the Department annually samples the strength of the fish population. In some cases, scale samples are collected to determine the ages of the fish. Anglers in a certain area are asked to report on the number and kinds of fish caught, the hours fished, and such information and comparison with other years, it is possible to determine whether fish populations are remaining at high levels or decreasing. In the latter case, Department biologists try to determine the cause and remedy.

The whitefish in Lake Simcoe bears much of the brunt of angler pressure. To be able to manage this species it is necessary to know more about their habits in the lake. With this in mind, the Department has marked 500 whitefish during the past two autumns. It is hoped that movements and growth rates of these fish may be determined by their subsequent recovery by anglers.

Marked fish will be recognized by the presence of a small yellow plastic disc bearing a serial number attached to the leading edge of the dorsal (back) fin. Any one catching such a fish should send the tag, together with the location of catch to the local Conservation Officer or the District Forester, Department of Lands and Forests, Maple.

It is extremely important that the Department obtain all recovered tags. A little effort on the anglers part may be important to future fishing in Lake Simcoe.

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