

by Bill Smiley

Editorial . . .

What Do They Want — Legalized Murder?

When a magistrate recently suggested taking motion pictures of tipsy drivers and using the film as evidence against these potential murderers, great howls went up. One of the loudest, and one from whom we would expect better things, was Bruce West, veteran Toronto columnist. He wrote: "Of all the fiendish and inhumane devices to trap erring motorists — none is as cruel as this." We have only one question to ask Mr. West and that is, "Why shouldn't they be trapped?" Just as long as we continue to coddle these irresponsible people, our list of traffic fatalities will grow and grow. Mr. West says people shouldn't be "trapped" but as far as we're concerned they might even be "strapped".

This howling which goes up every time someone makes a sugges-

tion which might reduce the bloodshed on the highways is all too familiar. Anyone who tries a new scheme to protect the innocent from these motoring menaces is immediately set upon.

People who talk and write like Mr. West on this subject are in fact saying: "Go ahead and kill as many as you like, maim us for life, leave our children parentless."

Such utter nonsense. I'm for any plan at all which will put these people right off the road and keep them off. If you are driving properly according to the laws you have nothing to fear from any plan to curb recklessness. Likewise if those who protest in favor of motor murder were to mend their ways there'd be no need for even radar let alone a film of your actions.

Tragedy Could Be Repeated

On the afternoon of January 30th, a ten year old Claremont boy lost his life down an abandoned well not far from his home. Since no one was aware of this hidden death trap and few even knew that a well had once been located there, it is only right that no blame should be attached to any person for the tragedy that occurred. We do feel, however, that it is someone's responsibility to see that such an accident does not occur again. For this reason, we consider it imperative to hold an inquest into this matter with the hope that concrete recommendations might be brought forward so that a second child, or adult for that matter, may not meet a similar fate. It is certain that inquests have been conducted into fatalities of a more routine nature. Why have officials passed this

incident off so lightly? It is certain that Claremont folk, many of whom had no personal acquaintance with the young victim, received the news with shock and regret.

The Tribune has learned on good authority that there are other unused wells in the Claremont area, more openly dangerous than the one that claimed this young lad's life. If this is so, then there is no telling how many abandoned excavations of this nature exist over an even wider area of the township and county. Through press publicity that would arise from such a hearing, education and even legislation could follow.

Inquests, if conducted properly, can serve a useful purpose. It is unfortunate that one life has been lost but surely it does not take a second such tragedy to put a program of prevention into motion.

Here's More Waste

Despite the fact that a good many councils throughout York County have voiced opposition to any planning establishment in the county, the matter was approved in council there last week. The Planning Committee brought in a budget of \$28,000 for 1964 which in our opinion is utter waste of the taxpayers' money. Even some of the council members from the northern municipalities who stood to benefit the most if there was any benefit at all, failed to support the move. Some members apparently allowed themselves to be swayed by an appeal from Reeve Jos. Dales of North Gwillimbury. Stouffville municipal council had not favoured the establishment of county planning but Reeve Timbers supported the move in county council.

Reeve Chas. Hooper, chairman of

the finance committee warned the members that they were going hog-wild in allowing various budgets which were presented from various departments, and here was certainly one which could have been trimmed out entirely.

True, the municipalities in the southern part of the county and which have their own local planning board, have been receiving help from Metro. However, these local planning boards did considerable good work on their own long before they reached the stage where they had to receive any outside help. The northern municipalities which don't have so much urban development could do likewise, on their own. County planning is definitely a duplication of service which is not necessary and would be at least one spot where the taxpayer could be saved a few dollars.

If You Can't Beat A Beatle

The recent Beatle craze that has crept across the ocean from England to North America, has been received with mixed feelings by "music lovers" on this Continent. As in the past, whether it was the gyrations of Elvis or the twisting sensations of one, Chubby Checker, the fad was greeted by parental protest across the country. This attitude only adds more fuel to the fire of teenage acceptance.

With respect to this type of entertainment, it is time that mothers and fathers learned to join in and not against this kind of family fun. This does not mean that Ma should tie

herself up in knots while viewing the Ed. Sullivan show or Pa should come home from the office with a shaggy wig covering his eyebrows, but it does mean that parents' interests in their children's interests can go a long way to strengthening the links in the family chain.

A mother and father must establish certain rules and regulations and should not bow to every whim and request from a son or daughter. By the same token, a little tactful co-operation and consideration can go a long way to make family life more enjoyable for all concerned. As one local parent put it — If you can't beat a Beatle, join 'em.

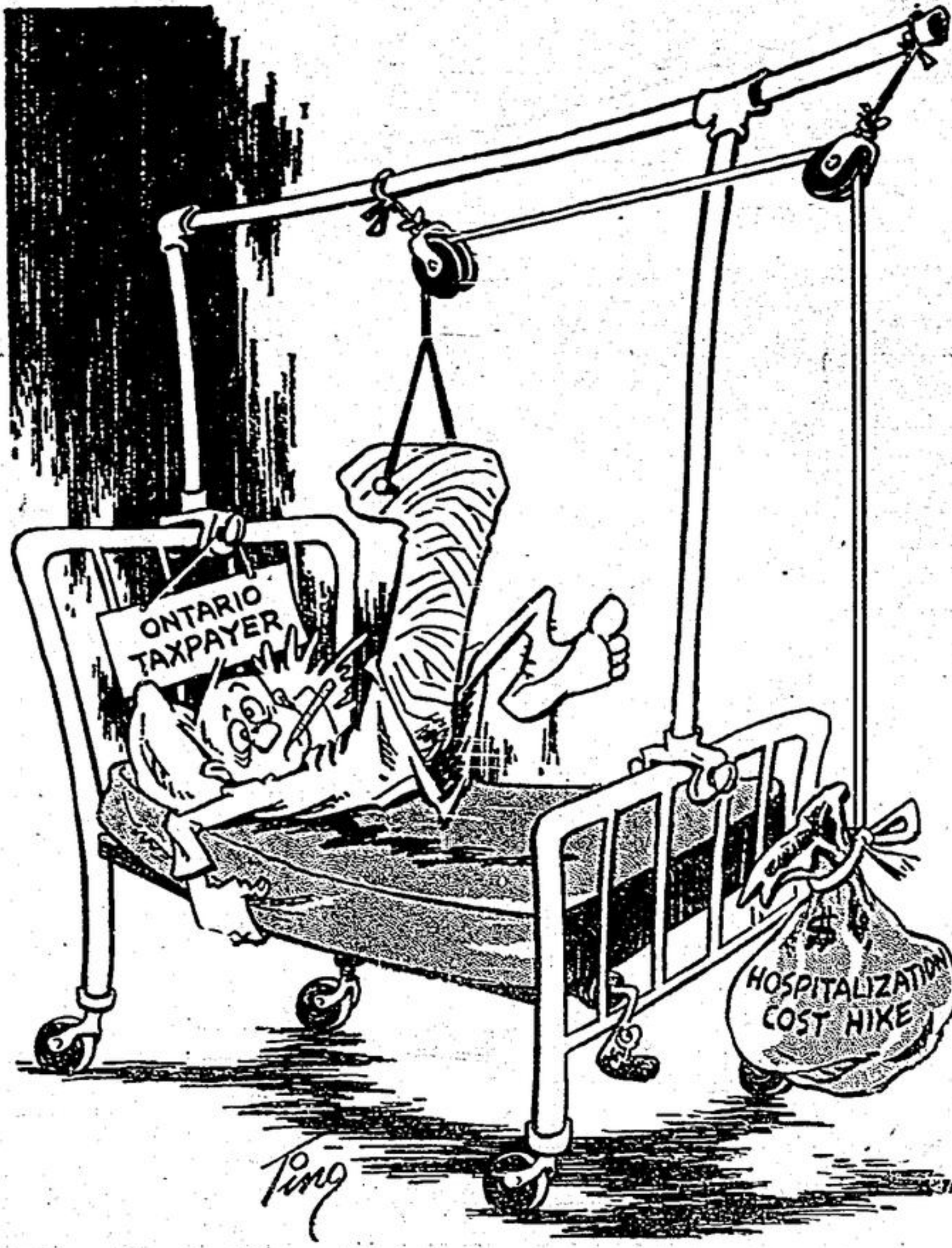
Calibre Of Hockey Has Improved

Ever since President Clarence Campbell lowered the boom on the players and coaches following the Toronto-Chicago free-for-all several months ago, the calibre of hockey in the N.H.L. has improved 100% in this viewer's estimation.

We doubt, if ever in a long time have games been better played or interest at a higher peak than at present. One of the major reasons for this, we believe, is that the "rough stuff" has been replaced by good, clean skills.

Last Wednesday night's game in Montreal was a real thriller. The Leafs lost. Saturday night's contest in Toronto was equally good. The Leafs won. It was not the result of either score that created the interest and excitement, but the performance of the clubs involved.

Although there will always be a few blood-hungry fans in any crowd, the majority of spectators go to a hockey game to see hockey. That is the kind of sports entertainment that is now being provided all around the six-team circuit.



EDITOR'S MAIL

Stouffville, Ont. Feb. 17, 1964.
Editor, The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sir,
It comes as a big disappointment to all the automobile dealerships in Stouffville, that our Council has elected to lease a cruiser from a firm in another town.

When we consider the contribution that our local car dealers make to the economy of Stouffville, one cannot but wonder what the motives of this transaction are.

There are four franchises represented within Stouffville and surely one of these dealerships deserves this business. It is suggested that before taking delivery of this new vehicle, that our Council should sit down and consider some of the other facts involved beyond the exact monthly cost to this town, such as — the number of employees employed by our local car dealers; the local merchants that these employees support; the taxes paid and many other tangible contributions by these people to the local economy of our town.

It is suggested that there has been a gross injustice on the part of our Council in the leasing of a vehicle from a dealer who contributes nothing to the support of our community and perhaps the Council should take another look at this situation before accepting delivery of the vehicle.

Sincerely,
Dick Coffey,
Jim Bartley,
Coffey & Bartley Motors.

February, 10, 1964.

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune, STOUFFVILLE, Ontario.

Dear Sir,
We were most interested in your editorial in last week's edition in regard to assessment & taxation.

We sympathize with your

view that you agree that those who receive services should pay for them, and also that you note the farmers depressed income, indicated by his inability to pay income tax.

The farmers are not playing any game in their approach to equitable taxation. They are very serious and would be quite satisfied to pay only their fair share of the tax burden.

In 1963, according to figures available, 12% of the population of Markham Township were farmers and farm families, and they paid 28% of the taxes. Would you say this proportion bears any relationship to the services rendered or the ability to pay?

New ideas and new approaches to problems are most always opposed by others, regardless of their merit, and we think the local press would be of much more service if it debated the merits of the proposal first, rather than to take direct opposition.

Yours truly
Property Committee
York Cty. Fed. of Agriculture.
F. Wicks, Secretary.

Blenheim, Ont. Feb. 6th, 1964.

The Editor, The Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Sir, A few of us here at Blenheim have had the pleasure to read in your valuable paper the comments by Norman Lehman on the Liquor problem, a problem that is always with us. Would you kindly publish in his honour the following, which is the feeling of our Bible Study Group here at Guilds, near Blenheim.

To Mr. Norman Lehman. We of this Bible Study Group are mighty proud of men such as you Sir. There are so few of us that have your courage to-day, and tragically, so few that will even say "thank you" even when we agree with you wholeheartedly. We salute you. May you

By the way . . .

Anne Ross

This is the time of year when there seems to be so much illness about — colds, flu, and so on, and when children are confined to bed for a few days, it's usually enough to cause a mother to turn grey trying to keep them occupied so they'll stay put until it's safe for them to be up and about.

Simple pastimes to keep the sick-at-bed child content, and mothers at least partially relieved of 24-hour duty at the beck and call of a fractious child, are just what the doctor ordered.

A wooden tray on top of a little stool, or a TV table with a removable tray kept by the bed, is handy for use as a play table for: assembling simple jigsaw puzzles, holding a supply of spools, beads, dry macaroni and lots of string for threading, or for artists' supplies of crayons, pencils and paper. A pile of old Christmas cards, stickers, magazine pictures or his own "get well" cards provide plenty of scope for making up a scrap book, creating an impressionist's masterpiece of art work, or illustrating last night's bed time story. Big paper bags pinned to the sides of the mattress hold supplies of paper, scissors, scraps and treasures for when they're needed, and help incidentally to keep the bed tidy. The whole idea, of course, is to keep the child quietly in bed for the prescribed rest so essential to a speedy recovery. A little fun will hasten the convalescence of a sick child, and is good medicine for soothing the tempers of both mother and child.

Turning treatment to treats simplifies the problem of diet and medication. Quite often a rebellious youngster is won over completely to the foods and liquids he scorns, the medicine he dislikes, if they're masked by gay disguises. Float a few animal crackers in the cup of milk or soup, or provide colored straws, or use little teapots so the liquid can be imbibed up the spout — it's much more fun than the familiar procedure. Serve food in doll-size dishes from the child's own tea set, for several bird-size servings add up to a regular meal before she knows it.

Then, let the patient doctor herself, by helping you rub her chest, or time her own "doses" of fruit juice or even medicine by setting the alarm to go off by her bedside. Perhaps she'd like to "doctor" her doll too and play "hospital" with her doll in bed beside her. Children love pretending, so anything we can dream up to make necessary nursing care "play" or "make-believe" helps us over some trying times — we, the mothers, and, our young patients, and the object of keeping them quietly in bed has been achieved.

ever keep your vision. When we read your comments we are reminded of the poem of the late Edgar Guest.

The Never Wavering Few.

The easy roads are crowded,
And the level roads are jammed;
The pleasant little rivers
With the drifting folk are crammed.

But off yonder where it's rocky
Where you get a better view,
You will find the ranks are thinning,
And the travellers are few.

Where the going's smooth and pleasant
You will always find the throng
For the many — more the pity —
Seem to like to "drift along".

But the steps that call for courage,
And the task that's hard to do,
In the end result in Victory,
For the never wavering few.

We have the pleasure of having Norman's Brother as our Minister.

Sincerely,
Frank Woodliffe,
United Church of Canada,
Guilds Charge Study Group
(Bible)

On The Farm Front

Then and Now
(Mrs. A. Weber)

From nineteen-twenty to thirty-two
We raised our chicks with clucks
And how those clucks got in a stew

If they happened to be ducks
We'd wander out time and again
To see how they'd got on
The ducks or chicks were in a pen

If they had stronger grown.
One hundred pullets in a year
We'd raise and say "well done"
The eggs were precious, not too dear

The work was not all fun
And then the incubators came
The chicks hatched by machines
They looked and chirped the very same

How wonderful it seemed,
The clucks, they soon were out of date

We put them in a pen
With food and water, this their fate
Till they laid eggs again
In after years, came more machines

Of Agricultural fame
We old-time farmers said — it seems —
The world is not the same
And now we have the smooth highways

A plaza near each town
The cash and carry store these days
With chickens by the ton
And we have daylight saving time

And summers come and go
At sun-up still, that hour sublime
Is when the roosters crow.

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Once in a while, it is the good fortune of an English teacher to come across a fresh, original piece of writing by a student. When he does, it's a drink of cold, pure water after days of wandering in the desert of mangled syntax, crucified spelling, howling triteness and tortured thinking through which it has been ordained that he should plod. It happened to me this week.

At first, I thought my judgment might be prejudiced, because I was quite fond of the youngster in question. I read it again. It still sounded good.

To make sure, I had it mimeographed and tried it on my Grade 13 students, as a piece for critical analysis. Their snorts and giggles confirmed my first impression. Then we discussed it in depth. They could find little wrong with it. It had unity, coherence and emphasis. The tone was consistent. Well, here it is, just as it was written, on an examination, under stress. See what you think.

The title was: The Wandering of a Ten-Dollar Bill.

"My mother was extremely large and could make only loud, whirring sounds in her throat. The thing that puzzles me is how I turned out so thin when she is such a fatso.

"Anyway, when I popped out feeling like a wet piece of cabbage, a long, dark man with a black mole beneath his left eye clutched me and cried, 'Oh, darling George.' He and the rest of the boys kissed me all over, even on the Queen's head. I was later to discover that I had the honor of being the first bill in an evil batch of counterfeit money. I was the one who would set the plot in motion.

"First of all I was given to an unsuspecting old lady for a packet of cigarettes. The decrepit old woman hesitantly handed them the change, all in nickels. They then turned and scampered out, leaving me to face the consequences. It turned out that the old lady was a trifle goofy.

"One fine day she traded me for pennies, all pennies. I was pushed wildly into the buyer's pocket, where I met a girl ten-dollar bill. It was so cosy and dark in there that I have to admit I was a little fresh.

"Suddenly I was jostled out and traded for more cigarettes. The store owner grabbed me and yelled, 'The Queen doesn't have that many bumps on her nose.' The trail was hot.

"Well, my boys were found. Unfortunately, they had already died from lung cancer because they had smoked so many cigarettes when setting bills in motion.

"I write this while sitting amidst coals in a large furnace. The penetrating heat is beginning to stifle me. My breath is coming shorter, the happy hunting grounds are coming nearer.

"But the moral of my story is, 'If you're going to produce counterfeit money, make only one bump on the Queen's nose and always buy gum, not cigarettes!'"

The above essay was written by my daughter Kim, age 12, Grade 8. A chip off the old block? I'm only surprised that her second last sentence didn't say, "My breath is coming in short pants."

Winter No Longer Holiday Time For Farmers - Ag. Rep.

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County)

The old idea that the winter months are dull and quiet for farmers, is an old idea for sure. With livestock all indoors, the work load is heavy and constant. It's the season too for farm meetings and organizational work.

For instance, annual conventions were held in Toronto this week for the Ontario Plowmen's Association and the Agricultural Societies. The breed associations for most livestock, also had their annual meetings. The Beef Improvement Association holds its annual meeting on Thursday and the annual for the Ontario Cattle Breeders is slated for Friday.

Next week is just as busy. It is Farmers' Week at O.A.C., Guelph, and each day features either crops or different kinds of livestock.

York County had a special interest in the Plowmen's Convention. A large number of our farmers were there to make plans for the International Match here in 1965. York County people will be well represented at all the other meetings too.

A person can't go to everything but a day or two at some of these meetings can be time well spent. I would recommend the beef meeting on Thursday and Cattle Breeders' session on Friday at the Royal York Hotel as good ones. Good speakers are on the programme for both days and all farmers are welcome.

I think a day at Farmers' Week at O.A.C. would be worthwhile too. Farmers' Week replaces the short course programme at the College and it's a good change. Each day is devoted to a different topic. Monday is the day for Soils & Corn, and on Tuesday the subject is Soils and Forage Crops. Dairy Cattle are featured on Wednesday; Swine on Thursday and Beef Cattle on Friday, Feb. 28th. The programme each day starts at 10 o'clock and finishes at 4 o'clock. The speakers are good and the intent is to provide the very best in up-to-date information. It's an ideal opportunity for neighbours to make up a carload and take in one or more of the days.

The York County Hog Producers' annual meeting was held last week, with Murray McMillan of Queensville being elected president for 1964. Nominations for county committee members for the marketing board, were also made at the meeting. Sixteen nominations were made with ten to be elected. The election will be held on March 3rd and polling places will be at Newmarket, Stouffville, Belhaven and Maple.

It isn't quite so much fun as it used to be to find a dollar in an old pair of trousers ready for discard. After all, it's probably worth only about half what it was.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, in the Town of Lindsay, on Saturday, February 29th, 1964, at 2:00 p.m., to receive the Financial Statement and Auditor's Report, to elect Directors and Auditors, and to consider proposed amendments to the Company By-Laws as follows:

- Resolution of the Board of Directors requesting authority to make application for extension of underwriting powers to include, in a case of property that it insures against fire, property damage insurance, theft insurance or any class or classes of insurance set out in Section 27 of the Insurance Act.
- Resolution of the Board of Directors that By-Law No. 1, being the Object of the Company, be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "Subject to the power granted under the charter, the purpose and business of the Corporation shall be the insuring, under any class of insurance for which a Company writing on the Premium Note may be licensed in Ontario, or risks upon agricultural property or property that is not mercantile or manufacturing or hazardous, as provided in Part VI of the Corporations Act of Ontario."

2(a) By-Law No. 33 be amended to provide for an increase in the mileage allowance of Directors from 7c to 10c per each mile travelled on Company business.

2(b) THAT, the Company By-Laws be printed as revised and consolidated to include all amendments to date and the inclusion of Statutory references as apply at this date.

And to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Lindsay, Ontario
February 6, 1964.
H. H. McFADDEN,
Secretary.

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