

Editorial . . .

Lions To Ignore Outdated Law

Stouffville Lions Club is preparing to hold a lucky draw this fall for a new motor car. This has always been an annual event with the club until last year when several service clubs were "jumped on" for holding such lotteries and the local club, fearing similar treatment, pulled off its draw. Since that time however other clubs have continued to hold draws, retail commercial outlets continue to hold draws without being molested, and the Stouffville club, due primarily to the urgent need for funds to carry on its welfare and youth recreational programs, has decided to proceed.

Despite all the adverse publicity and the presentations which government received during the last flurry of prosecutions on this matter, nothing has been done to remedy the situation. Betting on the horse races at Markham Fair last weekend was all nice and legal — and why — because the government was getting a nice juicy cut of the proceeds. Not a finger was raised, no letters have been received by the newspapers, everything is up and above board.

Tighter Security Measures Needed

We were pleased to learn last week that someone has started the ball rolling in an effort to tighten security measures at the boys' training school near Uxbridge.

Stouffville council, on a recommendation from Police Chief Orland Keating, has approved a resolution from the Twp. of Georgina that would prompt the Attorney General's Department to investigate the precautionary methods employed at St. John's.

We are not suggesting that the rehabilitation work accomplished at St. John's is inadequate. We are not saying that for 95 per cent of the lads retained there that the measures of control are too loose. We do say that some of the lads have juvenile crime records and the safety of the

In the case of the Fair, the proceeds are for private gain but this doesn't matter. In the case of the service club, the proceeds will all go for the public good. Certainly the service club has much more to be said for its operation than the other. Let's be realistic about this matter and let's not try to make a moral issue out of it. Such talk is ridiculous. In the case of our own service club, many citizens welcome the opportunity of contributing to the town good in this manner. Surveys have shown that most favour such operations and all can benefit, so let's not have a few "narrow" individuals wreck the benefit by their cries of horror.

The government is definitely to blame for the situation as it stands. Its failure to act places law enforcement officers in an embarrassing position and particularly in small communities, it deprives all kinds of would-be welfare agencies from being able to operate on a sound financial basis. Let's stop playing ostrich on lucky draws — looking at them legally in one community and illegally in another.

public and property is in jeopardy as long as they are able to continually gain their freedom.

If these boys have caused trouble in Georgina Twp. and Stouffville, one can imagine the concern that must be felt by residents in the town of Uxbridge, only a few walking miles away.

We have visited the St. John's premises and have seen, first-hand, the wonderful work that is done there. We feel, however, that officials of this school have a certain responsibility to the public in general and innocent people should not be continually inconvenienced to prove a point. We're not advocating a barbed wire barricade around the centre but we do feel that the lads should not be treated like a bunch of boy scouts on a weekend picnic.

Threat of Rabies Still Real

A dog, afflicted with rabies on a farm near Altona last week, points to the very real danger of this disease in the area. The carrier was a rabid fox which, eventually was destroyed. It is not readily known if any livestock in the district may have come in contact with it but there is a strong possibility that this could have occurred.

Several seasons ago, people were very rabies conscious. Since that time, however, precautions have been neglected and the threat has all but been forgotten. This recent incident may make the public aware that the danger still exists.

Stouffville veterinarian Dr. A. T. O'Connor, through the media of this newspaper, urges all people, espe-

cially in the country, to take special note of any wild animals that appear unusually tame. This is unnatural and could be a sign that it is rabid. Dr. O'Connor suggests that the animal, be it a fox, skunk or any other form of wild animal should be shot immediately and authorities notified. He also suggests that farm pets, especially dogs, should be vaccinated as a safety precaution.

On Saturday, we visited the local veterinary clinic and saw, for the first time, a dog with all the symptoms of rabies. It is difficult to understand how any domesticated animal could appear so quiet and yet so vicious that it will bite at anything that moves near its cage. He would hate to see it happen to a human.

Plowing Match Time Again

Time for Ontario's many annual plowing matches — and the biggest of all — the International Plowing Match — has rolled around again. This week is the North York match, right near Stouffville, and on the farm of the first World Champ, Fred Timbers. The International is being held at Peterborough, an event which attracts more farmers than any other event in Ontario. The big show owes a great deal to the small localized matches to keep interest alive in this truly rural competition.

No area in the country has produced more top-flight plowmen than that within a fifty-mile radius of Stouffville and it follows that farmers in this area take a considerable interest in all the matches. While the International has been built around the plowing competitions, sidelines such as machinery and other exhibits

have been added to make it a real agricultural progress show. It is strictly dependent on its educational value and competitive plowing to draw the people.

With the help of the district matches, the introduction of on-the-job machinery demonstrations, the International has managed to garner the interest each year of more than a hundred thousand people. Next year's big match is here in York County on the Massey-Ferguson Farms, Markham Township. Being so close to Metro should see even larger crowds in attendance. Committees have been named some time ago to work on the '65 show and they are planning now to see how they can extend show interest by coming up with new demonstrations in line with the rapidly changing agricultural picture.

Isn't That a Dainty Dish to Set Before a Queen?



Sugar & Spice An Age Reborn

by Bill Smiley

CANADA, ACT YOUR AGE!

There is one country in the world that I feel sorry for. It has all the outward attributes of a spoiled-rotten teenager. It is good-looking, if a little gangly. It is strong and well-made, if a little inclined to flabbiness. It has always had a big allowance because its mother and father came into a lot of property.

But all the signs of the mixed-up adolescent are there: the sudden flaring resentment over nothing; the great desire to be loved and made a fuss over; the surliness when things don't go right; the sullen apathy towards anything worthwhile; the absorption in material things; the flashes of decency; and the impulses towards vandalism.

It must be dreadful to see a child you love, one who has brought sun and laughter as an infant, pride and joy through the growing years, turn into one of the creatures.

It is equally sad to see a country one loves turn into a schizophrenic, whining with self-pity one moment, swaggering with threats the next, bragging with one breath, complaining with another. I'm talking about Canada.

There is something sick in our country today, and I feel for it the same baffled sorrow that I feel for the teenager who has a good mind, with nothing more on it than bashing around in a big car and smashing things up, who has a fine body, with nothing more to do than let it go to pot.

I don't know quite what has brought me to this state of gloom, but the flag debate certainly helped. An insignificant issue, ineptly introduced by an inadequate prime minister and immediately attacked by an incredible leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition.

People complain, periodically, that Canada gets little or no attention in the world press. Thank goodness! If newspaper readers in other nations could peruse some of the juvenilia that has passed as debate in our House of Commons on the flag issue, they would shake their heads in bewilderment, and write us off as a nation about one jump ahead of the Congo.

Personally, I don't care whether our national flag is three mangy maple leaves, or three beavers eating the left thigh of Sir John A. Macdonald, or three roosters crowing "O Canada" from a dunghill. But I do care that my country shows none of the signs of strength, maturity and wisdom that might be expected from an adult democracy.

Another thing that has produced my present mood is the threat to the life of the Queen, if she has enough gumption to visit Canada, on invitation. Which she has. Would that the shriveled punks who threaten her had as much.

Canadians are not made for bowing and scraping before royalty. But who, except a few fanatics of desperate paucity of soul would want to harm this rather plain, rather sweet, quite dignified and extremely courageous woman who does her earnest best in an extremely difficult role?

The answer is, only those who have adopted the philosophy of the communist and the fascist — that the end justifies the means. The Queen has nothing to do with Imperialism or colonialism or any of the other "isms" that Quebec is belatedly excited about, after sitting complacent under a dictator, and a corrupt one, for years.

I hereby announce that if anybody takes a potshot at the Queen when she visits Quebec, I will personally call up a crowd of creaky old fighter pilots and march on that province. I doubt if we'd have a banner, because if you told an old fighter pilot to follow a flag into action he'd tell you promptly what you could do with your flag. And it would be painful.

Perhaps I'm wrong. Perhaps the mixed-up teenager will, as so many have done, grow up, stop tearing things down, and turn into a rank old reactionary like me. I hope so.

He who says that common sense Comes high in the rank of virtue Should delve into the hearts and souls

Of men, and then find That those who do his work Find naught but the unhappy Blood, sweat and death.

He who says that age breeds wisdom Will find his work A miscarried child Who wails for his birth, But dies while standing in line.

And he who says That all is not but what It was meant to be As the pal in his own right Who will let blood-pour from the living So that the society dead may lap it up.

But he who will give food to the hungry Give clothes to the freezing Give kindness to the unhappy And give love to those he hates Has found the secret of living.

—Life itself. Tim Wees

An orientation course for new White Cross Volunteers will take place Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room — Administration Bldg., Ontario Hospital, Whitby. Guest speaker will be Mr. Paul Azarov, Canadian Mental Association, Ontario Division and a film will be shown "The Long Road aBek." For further information please call Miss Louise Hart, co-ordinator of Volunteers, 668-5881 or Mrs. F. O'Callaghan, 640-3741.



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Roamin' Around . . . MARKHAM FAIR

Every year, it is the suggestion of many, that Markham Fair is a bigger and better show than that of the year before. This is a broad statement, of course, but few people will disagree that the Fair of 1964 had more attractions, more organization for more people than at any time in its long and colourful past. Although it is impossible to obtain an exact attendance figure on the two-day attraction, we would suggest that the total must have exceeded the 25,000 mark. On Friday, alone, there were 2,400 school children on the grounds. The operator of the ferris wheel suggested that 2,000 of these must have had at least one ride on his machine.

We couldn't help but sympathize with the 45 students who comprised the Agincourt Collegiate Institute Band. This colourful group performed on a stand next to the merry-go-round and their numbers were almost completely drowned out by the tin-pan-alley music that erupted from the midst of these revolving steeds. Speaking about the merry-go-round, we would suggest that the operators received more money per mile than any other attraction on the grounds. Every parent was involved in a mild stampede to get his or her child on a horse and it was a small wonder that someone didn't get trampled to death in the rush.

And Markham Fair wouldn't seem quite the same without Frank Sanderson on the grounds. Frank, a one-time hired hand on the farm of the late Levi Drudge, is now living at Newmarket. Every year, he is made an honorary "constable" and proudly wears the badge as proof of his position.

It was interesting to note that every car in the Markham Chrysler-Dodge display in the arena building had been sold. One of these, a beautiful Dodge hard-top, has been purchased by Geo. Robt. of Burkholder St. in Stouffville. An official of this firm said that the demand for the 1965 models has exceeded all expectations with many orders booked in advance. "We've always had the quality and engineering but this year we've got the 'style' too," he said. After looking over this product for the first time, we cannot help but agree.

In spite of the huge crowd, injuries were few in number. One child was stepped on by a horse while a mid-way employee suffered a broken leg when a portion of the ferris wheel collapsed during its erection. He was admitted to Scarborough General Hospital.

There was real beauty on the grounds too. Drum majorette Sharon Johnson of the Markham "Collegettes" opened a few eyes a little wider when she led her group of girls in the Friday afternoon parade and again on Saturday. And the York County Dairy Princess was also in attendance. I hate to disappoint all you young junior farmers but Lois Livingston of Woodbridge is a Mrs. and Mr. Livingston will share her with no one but a few lucky cows.

There was an entry winner at the Fair that wouldn't top a beauty contest, in fact its face was so ugly it would stop a clock. It was a huge Landrace hog from Maryville Farms of Hawkestone, owned by W. A. Johnston and Son. It tipped the scales at over 800 pounds. Romandale Farms had a bull in the ring that weighed in at 2,500 pounds although only a 2 year old. And the team of oxen owned by Carman Lyons of Wallace town are a pretty husky pair too. Each animal weighed 1900 lbs. A near catastrophe occurred while en route to the Fair when the two animals crowded to the one side of the trailer and pushed the cart down on the tire. It was necessary to stop and make repairs before they could continue their 170 mile trip. Mr. Lyons said that he would sell his team "at a price" but he declined to name the amount. They will be up at the International Plowing Match near Peterborough this week.

When it comes to a skilled hand at carpentry, Bryan Coxworth, north of Markham is a chip of the old block. Bryan's scarecrow was a real masterpiece and an easy 1st prize winner in the class. He attends Mt. Joy Public School. Eddie Jarick of Franklin School, Markham was second. In the namelap division, Ken Ferguson of Dickson's Hill School won a red ribbon. Scott MacConnell of Franklin School had the best bird house and Brian Butler also of Markham had the top entry in the feeding station class.

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach. In the 18 yrs. and under class, there are some fine future housewives in the making. Susan Ryan collected a total of 23 points. Some of you young lads down Cedar Grove way would be wise to keep an eye on the girl next door.

In the adult baking department, Mrs. Earl Cook and Mrs. Clarence Hood, both of Stouffville, RR 4, had some mouth-watering cake entries that caught the judges' eye. Carol Morrison of Gormley had a 1st prize chocolate layer and Mrs. Bob Lapp of Cedar Grove topped all entries in the date and nut loaf division. When it comes to butter tarts, Mabel Rescor of Markham has the formula and Mrs. Mel Barkey also of Markham knows how to bake an old-fashioned pumpkin pie. Both were 1st prize award-winners. Peggy Clark of Markham had a banana loaf entry that won a red ribbon.

Ivan Norton of Goodwood and Harold Norton of Claremont are always in the winner's circle in the champion potato class and this year was no exception. H. J. Couperthwaite of Uxbridge was the top turnip grower at the Fair while Jim Cowan of Mongolla had a 1st with his plums and grapes. John Murison of Markham had some excellent apple entries and also won a 1st with his bushel of turnips. The biggest and best field pumpkin prize went to Praet Gardens of Gormley. Owen and Neil Grant of Markham had the top single display of fruit and their entry was an easy winner.

The spelling contest, a usual Friday afternoon feature at the Fair was cancelled this year. Too much noise and confusion to make it successful, an official said. This, we can understand.

We thought the public address system on the grounds was an excellent idea. It was operated from the Secretary's booth in the arena and was responsible for re-uniting many a distraught child with its leg-weary parent.

The services of the Pinkerton Security Agency on the grounds gave the short-handed Markham Village Police Department a well-deserved breather from ground patrol duty. Markham Twp. police had officers in attendance and the O.P.P. handled the highway traffic in an efficient manner. And talk about traffic. At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, cars were lined up bumper to bumper from the signal lights, to a distance past the southerly limits of the village. Parking was at a premium unless you wished to walk a mile or two. One impatient motorist parked his auto right across a private laneway. Someone (name unknown) let all the air out of the four tires.

It is reported that one lady threw her hip out of joint during the Saturday night dance in the arena. She was taken by ambulance to hospital.

The paved midway area was the subject of much favourable comment. It came in especially handy following the down-pour of rain early Friday evening.

Markham firemen displayed their efficiency when they were called from the grounds to extinguish a blaze at the new Roy Crosby School in the village. Four minutes (we timed them) after the first alarm sounded, the red reel had knifed its way through the crowd and was out on No. 7 Hwy.

The most satisfied gentleman at the Fair on Saturday was, undoubtedly, the President, Walter Gould. The work involved in this program is immense and yet everything is organized in every detail. Markham Fair has become a tradition and its popularity continues to grow.

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