

Editorial . . .

HITCHHIKING — by a HITCHHIKER

Jim Mehaffey — 12A

To land a ride depends on two qualities of a good hitchhiker; namely, luck and popularity. It is not unusual to stand in the cold, snow blowing in your face for hours. Nor, is it uncommon, on a nice warm day to get a ride with the first car. If you're late for an appointment, it never fails that your tardiness is increased by the annoying difficulty of getting a ride. When you finally pass the inspection of the driver, you are as likely as not to have to walk half-a-mile or so. Then, on the other hand, if time's on your side, your chances of getting a ride soon, and right to your goal, are more probable. The unreliability of hitchhiking should be obvious.

Hitchhiking can be broken into three types by means of time — morning, afternoon, and night. Morning hitchhiking is perhaps the most interesting, and is full of surprises. On hopping into the car, you're liable to find the driver eating his breakfast or brushing his teeth. During the afternoon and early evening, hitchhiking is at its best. Thus, at this time, hitchhikers are usually found on duty in full force, perhaps as many as three may be found at one intersection. Night hitchhiking is the most unreliable and should be avoided since it has hazards which don't exist earlier in the day. Your success depends directly with the time, because both quantity and quality of drivers are concentrated at certain hours.

The method of hitchhiking is simple; just look pitiful. If it is a very cold day and a car is approaching, immediately remove your gloves. When it gets within range, exhibit your shivering bare thumb and hands to the driver. Wearing a uniform, such as a cadet's, tends to turn the odds in your favour. If everything else fails, wave at the driver as he goes by, and he'll stop to pick up the friend he supposedly didn't recognize at first. Your transportation depends on your craftiness so use anything that will be in your favour.

Hitchhiking has its merits. It is obvious to all that a considerable amount of time and energy are saved by simply flashing a thumb to a passing car. Also you save a little money by riding on someone else's gas. Hitchhiking is, therefore, for those who lack time, energy, and money.

It is not as glamorous as it sometimes appears to be. You never know, when getting into a car, if the driver has been drinking or not, and even if he hasn't, you're placing your life in the hands of someone you likely don't know. You may stand on the side of the road for an hour before even seeing a car. The drivers too have their little tricks. For example, after slowing down and allowing the hitchhiker to catch up to the car, he'll pull away. Many drivers, passing you on the road, will make fun of you by waving to you. A hitchhiker endures many of embarrassments and even more problems.

Hitchhiking is therefore a thing of contrasts. One day you may get a ride right off; whereas, other days you might wait for hours. One day you may put your life into responsible hands, while another day the same life may be in extreme peril. Hitchhiking has its ups and downs, but it beats walking.

ON THE WORD "DON'T"

Elizabeth McDowell — 12A

"DON'T forget your table manners. You know they reflect on us."

"DON'T act like a mob of children."

"For heaven's sake DON'T spill your coffee."

"DON'T get in trouble."

"DON'T be reckless and DON'T break the speed limit."

Poor DON'T! I had thought that I was the most overworked person alive today — that was until I was introduced to DON'T. He is used at least ten times a day by most people, especially parents and teachers. Maybe they cannot pronounce such a complex word as 'do' but whatever the cause, DON'T is constantly over-worked. We are never allowed to venture from the shelter of our homes without a bombardment of gestures usually beginning with DON'T. In the near future DON'T will likely be hospitalized for rest but we, the supposed modern society, will continue to overwork him even while we sit at home in leisure.

In addition to being overworked his mental stability has been decreased rapidly by the unthinking public who have disgraced him. Disgraced him by changing his composition. Disgraced him by being lazy enough to deliberately leave one letter from his name replacing it only by a small line. For the past century he has been spelled DON'T instead of the former and much more respectable DO NOT. Surely this would reduce anyone, let alone a letter to the verge of if not the very state of insanity itself. How would you feel under the domination of such a society. No time would be your own. Even at night, the supposed time of rest, people use DON'T in dreams.

Thirty percent of the people consider DO NOT as archaic or a thing of the past. The vote has been cast and only one voter wanted DON'Ts working hours cut down. The voter? — DON'T himself who cast his ballot after being nearly killed while trying to enter the past. Maybe death would have been better.

DON'T even considered a union. He recognized that unions were effective in the modern world and so tried to establish not "The Teamsters Union" but "The Overworked Words Union"; however only a few words joined. He realized it would be no use striking; for strikes are ineffective with only a few participants.

Sympathy for his overuse and insanity are rare. A few English teachers try, but vainly, to give DON'T back his respectability by telling their students to use DO NOT, but their efforts are ruthlessly brushed aside by inconsiderate, unsympathetic students. Students who care only for their own welfare. Sympathy from other words is not quite so unobtainable but very few words are both used and hated so much. "Hated," you ask? "Yes hated," I say. These are the words of a fired up female, "Don't, don't, don't, that's all you ever say. Why can't you tell me to do something?"

You would think we lived in the nineteenth century making some, DON'T, work sixteen hours a day.

So here I finish. I plea on behalf of poor DON'T, that you, the public, treat DON'T as a respectable person.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Questions and Answers

Dear Candy:

I am sixteen, and my mother refuses to let me wear any makeup except lipstick. A good many of my friends can wear it; why can't I?

Answer: Your mother is quite right. At your age though, make-up worn to a special occasion is acceptable. If correctly applied. But to wear it to school is definitely taboo. A friendly smile and neat grooming will improve your appearance much better than a mask of incorrectly, over-applied make-up.

Dear Candy:

I just recently learned that a friend of mine is flipped over a boy who has no interest whatsoever in her. I think she should be told. What is your opinion?

Answer: Don't tell your friend. If she is really flipped over him as you say she probably wouldn't believe you anyway. If he continues to ignore her, you can be sure her infatuation won't last.

QUESTION: Do you believe languages should be taught

before the high school level is reached?

Answer: When you were a baby it took you very little effort to learn the English language. Similarly, I believe that if a person is taught a language early in life, he (or she) will be very apt to learn this as the human mind is quite susceptible at an early age.

Even now many public schools in the United States and some in Canada are applying Languages in Grades 6, 7 and 8. This method has worked and I think it most beneficial to use it.

Rick Roderman—10D

Answer: Yes, I think if students were to start their language courses in the elementary grades it would lessen the work-load when they finally advance to secondary school.

It is necessary now to cut out some of the work or in the end to cram. If we had started these courses earlier all the work could be covered in the extended time. More oral work could be taught for there would be more time in which to teach it.

Karen Hamilton—12A

Victoria Square News

Community Centre Board

The Community Centre Board of Trustees will hold an Open Meeting the first Monday of each month in the Community Centre.

A very successful Family Night was held by the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening in the Community Hall with over 50 in attendance including four ladies from Richmond Hill.

The evening commenced with a delicious Pot Luck supper followed by a short business meeting.

Due to the illness of the Pres. Mrs. Reid Brumwell, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Allan Orr. The guest soloist was Mrs. George Hooper, accompanied by the piano by Mrs. Don Reesor. Mrs. Hooper sang "Annie Laurie" and "How Are Things in Gloucestershire?"

The guest speaker was Dr. Ian Glenroy who was introduced by Mrs. L. Mumberson. Dr. Glenroy is Director of food control, sanitation and Laboratories Dept. of Public Health. Dr. Glenroy spoke on "Public Information (Public Relations) and with the use of a number of slides illustrated several phases of Public Health work. One part that Dr. Glenroy is vitally interested in is Science Fairs, with the excellent exhibits by Public and High School students. At present he is promoting good practices in handling food by church and club groups.

U.C.W. Executive The President of the United Church Women, Mrs. Earl Empringham and Mrs. Heber McCague attended the U.C.W. executive meeting at the St. Andrew's United Church, Markham on Tuesday.

There were 14 tables of Euchre players at the Community Hall on Friday evening. Prize winners were: Ladies: Mrs. Ethel Hardwick; Mrs. Bill Cox and Mrs. Walton. Most Lone Hands: Mrs. Worsley. Men: Everett Vanderkooy, Lloyd Beatty and Clarence Steckley. Most Lone Hands: Jim Curtis. Lucky draw for a box of groceries was won by Jim Curtis.

Another Euchre Party sponsored by the District Lions Club will be held in the Community Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 22 at 8:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Ladies please provide lunch.

Sunday School Convention The 86th annual Convention of the Markham Township Sunday School Association will be held in the United Church on Thurs. Jan. 21st commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Church News Dr. A. Binnington will be in charge of the church service on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

York Presbyterial U.C.W. Annual The third annual meeting of the York Presbyterial United Church Women will be held in the Trinity United Church, Newmarket on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Sylvester Jones presiding. The election and installation of officers will be by Dr. A. Binnington. The Communion service will be conducted by the Rev. Norman Pick, Newmarket. Address: The Rev. Jas. Ormiston.

Bring a box lunch. Tea and dessert will be served.

Fed. of Agriculture The Markham Township Federation of Agriculture will hold its annual banquet in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr. George McCague, a former Victoria Square boy who is now Chairman of Farm Products Marketing Board. He will speak on "Milk Industry Report."

Tickets may be obtained from local directors or you may contact Mr. Frank Brumwell, 887-5536. Get yours early.

Cooking School The Women's Institute is sponsoring Hydro Showtime on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. There will be door prizes, cooking demonstrations, lighting hints and laundry tips. This is a two hour show full of information.

Tickets available from Mrs. Reid Brumwell, 887-5349 or any Institute member.

Neighbourhood Notes Birthday greetings to Gail Sanderson, 12 years Jan. 24th. A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Harriet English who suffered a heart attack last

week and is now in the Branson Hospital, Willowdale; also to Miss Olive Glover who has been ill in bed.

Miss Teresa Rogers had the misfortune to fall last week and break her left arm. A speedy recovery is wished for her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 20. Congratulations. We hope that they may have many more years of happiness together.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, Mrs. Desmond Meed, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan, Miss Cathy Wright and Mr. Allan Nichols attended the christening of Donald Cecil Ross Nichols, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nichols in our Lady Queen of the World Church, Bayview on Sunday afternoon.

Gordon Beria entertained a number of his friends on Friday evening, the occasion being in honour of his 16th birthday.

Miss Robyn MacDonald spent Sunday with Miss Barbara Empringham.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lehman, Penn., Mrs. J. Kennedy and family of Aurora spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steckley and the MacDonald children.

Special birthday greetings to Mrs. Boyd Sr. who will celebrate her 81st birthday, Jan. 20. Friends are pleased to hear that she is able to be up again following her recent fall.

BETHESDA

One very early Sunday morning temperature reading was 20 degrees below zero in Bethesda.

The January meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Pugh, Wed. Jan. 13th. Mrs. Howard Ratcliff gave a piano selection and Mrs. Cecil Banks a reading. Slides of local interest were shown by Mrs. Pugh.

Thursday night supper visitors with Maurice Pike were Mr. and Mrs. A. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pike and Mr. and Mrs. C. Burkholder.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. Burkholder were Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman and Carol, Bruce and Miss Greta Smith of Queensville, Miss Reta Chapman, Aurora, Miss. Alma Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burkholder.

Miss Elsie Williams and Mrs. H. Neabal from Listowel, sisters of Mrs. Chas. Clubine spent from Friday, Jan. 15 till Monday with the Chas. Clubine family.

Recent travellers from the community have been the E. Clubines and Mrs. E. Longfellow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clubine flew to Jamaica to spend an 18 day visit including Christmas and New Year's Day with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clubine and children, returning early in January. At present, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutchinson are with the Clubines in Jamaica.

Mrs. E. Longfellow flew to New York, then to Madrid, Spain, for a 23 day vacation. The trip included a week in the Canary Islands, several days in Casablanca and Tangiers, Morocco and a cruise from Malaga, Spain along the coast in the Mediterranean Sea. Madrid and Seville were the principal Spanish cities visited, where ancient architecture and customs are still attractions.

A group of young people from the community enjoyed Bowling on Saturday night at Markham and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Patten-den Stouffville for refreshments after.

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BOYS' SPORTS

Basketball

Herbert Otto, 12A

On Monday Jan. 11th, the Stouffville High School Middlets played their first game, and the Seniors their third game in an exhibition match against Aurora, at Aurora High School. Although we lost both games, we were given the compliment of being as tough as any of the schools in their area. The score for the Midget game was 28-7 and the Senior score was 45-26. It should be noted that one of the Senior's team's key players, Paul Grose is in a cast and will not be playing for a while. The senior team played with six men only.

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At night, the Seniors travelled to Woodbridge for revenge. However, after a spectacular comeback and a thrilling overtime, the decision stood at 26-24 for them.

On Friday, Jan. 27th, the Juniors and Seniors will meet Bradford in our gym, commencing at 7 p.m. A dance will follow.

Sr. Girls Defeat Woodbridge

The senior girls opened the season in fine style last Thursday by defeating Woodbridge 21-10. The Stouffville guards held the defenders to a minimum number of points while Stouffville forwards provided the points needed to defeat their rivals. Donna Knox was the high scorer with 9 points and Sharon Wideman was close behind with 8. The team looked good and everyone from S.D.-H.S. wishes them luck for the coming season.

Jr. Girls Lose To Woodbridge

In a hard-fought battle, the Junior girls dropped the first game of the season to Woodbridge by a score of 23-9. The absence of Yvette Malloy, a fast moving forward, was a loss to the team. Beth Paisley, Diane Hammerston and Marg Sheridan were the top scorers with 2, 3 and 4 points respectively. Although they lost this game we know that they will win as the season progresses, and we wish them luck.

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GOODWOOD

Several ladies of our community have enjoyed quilting at the home of Mrs. Jack Todd this week.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. May recently were Mr. and Mrs. Newton Laukin and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Petty of Cherrywood, her nieces and her nephew Mr. Gordon Hodgson of Brougham and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Percy of Markham.

Mrs. C. Jones has returned from a visit with her daughter and family of Beamsville.

Bitter cold weather moved in last Wednesday. We seldom miss a day we don't either see or hear a flock of crows who decided not to travel south last fall.

Mrs. Reuben May and Leonard and Mrs. Baldwin spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lance Couling of Georgetown. Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin and family spent the evening with his mother, it being Mrs. Baldwin's birthday.

The B.H.F. group are planning a hay ride for next Saturday night. Contact a member for particulars.

The January Women's Institute meeting will be next Monday at 2 p.m. Motto: The person who is always beefing is

Membership Drive Urged by Oddfellows Lodge Grand Master

"Hold The Line," the theme for this year's International Order of Oddfellows was stressed by Grand Master Arthur Burch at a district meeting held Monday night at the Masonic Hall.

The Grand Master, visiting District 39 on a provincial tour told members that more effort would have to be made to initiate new members into the organization. He asked that each lodge add one man during the year, and this would increase membership by 1,000. There are presently 28,000 members throughout the province.

The retired fire chief from St. Catharines explained the origin of the group. He said its history dates back 146 years with records of the organization back as far as the Roman Empire.

It was formed in North America by five men and has grown to one and a quarter million members.

The Oddfellows were the first organization to provide homes for the aged.

Six lodges from District 39 were represented at the meeting and banquet. Members were present from Stouffville, Aurora, Brougham, Sutton, Mount Albert and Thornhill lodges.

166 members and guests attended the meeting, the third largest crowd the Grand Master has encountered in 44 appearances throughout the province.

Mr. Burch was presented with a desk set from the members of the district. Five toasts were offered. Executive members offered toasts to the Grand Lodge; Rebekah Assembly; Subordinate Lodges; Rebekah Lodges and friends.

The Grand Master presented Brother Ross Knox with the Past District Deputy Grand Masters Jewel.

Two high school students representing the district in New York at the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth were also honored.

The students, Joan Tomlinson of Sutton and William Bridel of Newmarket were presented with pins and certificates.

The banquet, a roast beef dinner was served by members of the Rebekah lodges in the district.

Following the meeting, a dance was held for the members and their guests.

Lloyd Bryant; Treas., Mrs. Geo. Coppins; Ass. Treas., Mrs. Bert Maye; Pianist Mrs. Gladys Norton; Assistant, Mrs. Coppins and Mrs. H. Dickinson; Friendship and Visiting Com., Mrs. Robt. Nesbitt, Mrs. Elson, Mrs. Bert Maye, Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Ruttan; Cards and Flowers, Mrs. Clayton Hill, Mrs. M. Feasby; Birthday Box, Mrs. Gordon Symes; Missionary program convenor, Mrs. Howard Forsythe, Mrs. John Maye, Mrs. Ross Pew; Manse Committee, Mrs. George Coppins; Rep. of Building Committee of Stewards, Mrs. Ross Pew; Rep. to official board, Mrs. Len Pilkey.

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