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NOTES and COMMENTS

Good Dads

Few fathers will quarrel with the specifications for a "good dad" as set forth by a boys' club. The boys think dad should have a sense of humor. He should also be firm. He should get out and play ball with his son and occasionally go with him on a fishing trip. If a baseball accidentally goes through a window, dad should not lose his temper and order the boys away!

Of course, this will not sit well with many fathers who might be of the opinion junior and his pals should try the playground or a vacant lot when they are batting a hard ball or tossing high flies.

Companionship, a firm hand on the boy's shoulder, understanding enough to allow the boy to join his companions in play rather than always be doing chores, these are the qualifications for "good dads" as suggested by the boys. After all, they make sound common sense.

No Sunday Work

While many may find themselves at variance from time to time with the words and actions of Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec, they can likewise commend him for his views on the preservation of Sunday as a day of rest from industrial work. His views were made known when he announced that Sunday labor by Quebec pulp and paper companies, which had been suggested as a means of overcoming the newsprint shortage, will not be permitted by the Quebec government.

In making the announcement, Premier Duplessis had this to say:

"This suggestion has been made under the pretext that more newsprint would help various countries in the fight against Communism. The first law, the divine law, will always remain a bulwark against subversive ideas and workers must not be deprived of church-going habits. Workers must be able to spend at least one day with their families — Sunday."

In this statement, the Premier voices a principle in which this newspaper can concur; that Sunday should be kept free from industrial pursuits as much as possible, with only those services which are absolutely essential to human needs being maintained. The Quebec Premier is to be commended for taking a bold and courageous stand on this question, and making it clear that his government is not favorably disposed towards Sunday industrial operation.

Death Seems So Final

A splintering of wood, a dull thud and tragedy descended upon a little group of children who, but a moment before, had made the playground re-echo with their happy shouts.

The heavy beam which had formed part of a playground swing was lifted from the broken body of a little child. Death drew a curtain across a life scarcely begun.

The shock and grief which darkened the child's home may be imagined; the loss to the community was inestimable.

Such an accident could happen here. Playground equipment, even in perfect condition is something of a hazard. In poor condition it invites disaster.

What have you done to protect your child from such a fate? Have you ever looked at the equipment on which your child plays, either in your yard or in the community playground? Do you know how often school playground is checked or if it ever is?

If accidents are to be prevented the best in equipment must be provided and we must insist on its periodic inspection. Also there should be competent playground supervision.

Now is a good time to see to it that our children at play are as safe as is, humanly possible.

Closing Rural Post Offices Removes Old Landmarks

Announcement that numbers of rural post offices are to be closed foreshadows the disappearance in many hamlets of an institution linked to the earliest pioneer days. Invariably these small post offices were located in a cross-roads general store, shut off from the drygoods and groceries by partition walls around which on the inside were ranged little pigeon-holes into which the postmaster, who was also the merchant, thrust the mail of the families in the community. Outside ends of these mail boxes were covered with glass and sometimes numbered so that the boxholders could peek in to see if there was any mail.

If there were two stores at the cross-roads, rivalry arose between their owners for the possession of the post office. It brought in customers in addition to providing a small remuneration for the services rendered. Usually the possession of the post office was decided on political patronage lines. When the Government at Ottawa changed, the location of the post office often changed too. Everyone in the community had to call for mail, and he was a poor merchant who could not turn the opportunity to good account by making a sale from the assortment of merchandise which filled the glass-covered counters, adorned the walls or hung from the ceiling.

The combined country store and post office was a wonderful place for the country boy. There was romance in the blended atmosphere of spices, new clothing, coal oil and binder twine. When the lad grew tired of inspecting the merchandise there was always the mystery of the rows of glass-end boxes in the post office partition. On a rainy or blustery day the combined store and post office was on a par with the local smithy as a meeting place to thresh out the world's problems.

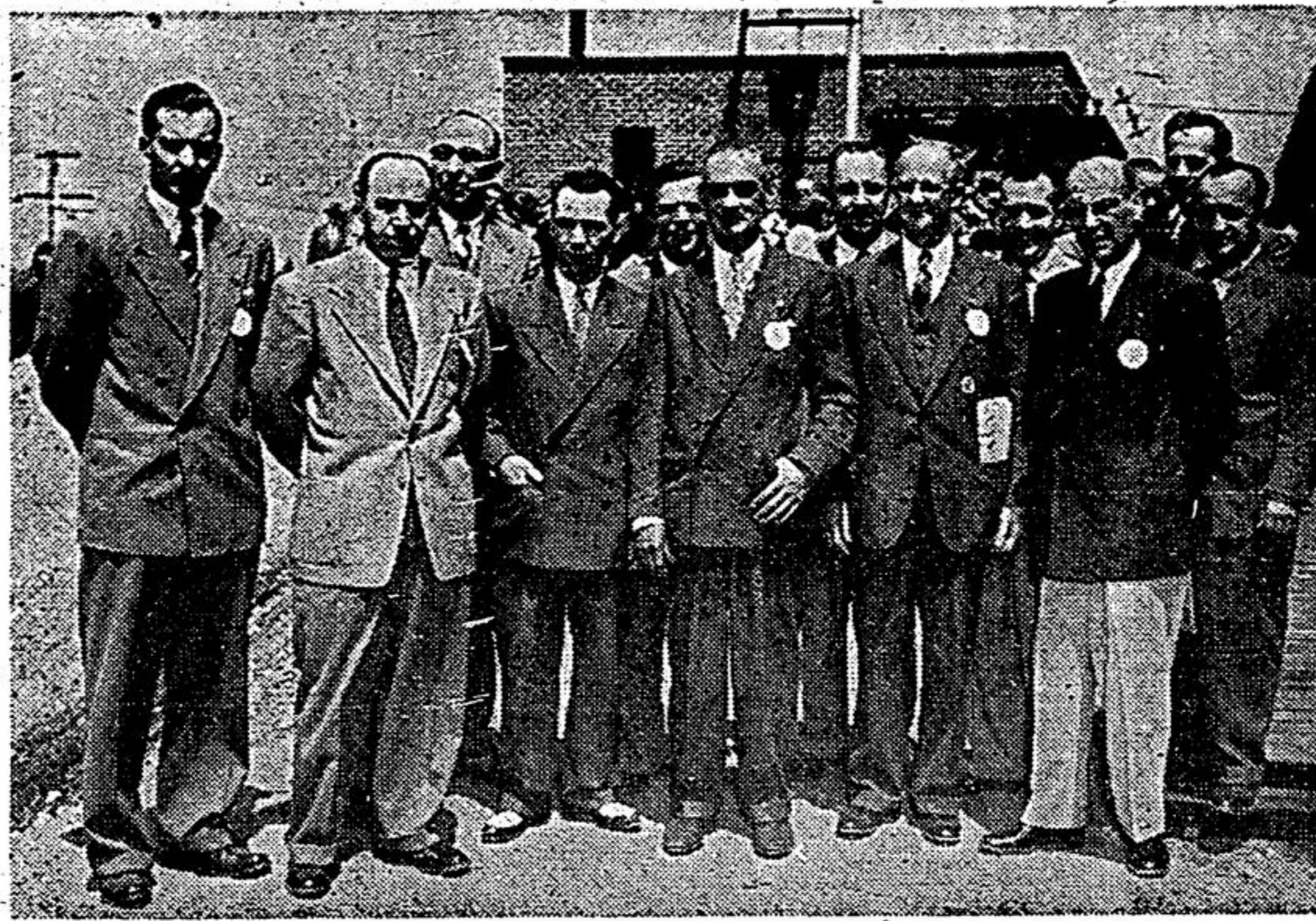
Suggests License for Boarding Houses

Judge Mason Horner, K.C., of Cannington has suggested in a letter to Ontario County Council that it consider a by-law for the licensing of boarding homes for children. As judge of the Juvenile

and Family Court, His Honor has noted that in the southern part of the county there are a number of boarding homes which accept children from Toronto and other places. Sometimes, the parents leave their children there and soon "evaporate" leaving the county with the responsibility of paying the Children's Aid Society accounts. More control over such places would enable the charges to be allotted to the municipality which should legally bear them. Reeve Thomas Harrison of Thorah added that boarding homes for aged people should also be considered in such a licensing by-law.

Annual decoration service in the Stouffville Cemetery this Sunday

Weekly Newspaper Executive Views St. Luc "Hump"



Weekly newspaper publishers and editors of the Ontario and Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association took time out from their convention in Montreal to visit the Canadian Pacific Railway's St. Luc freight terminal, the most modern in North America. Shown here at the hump office of the yard are a group of the newly-elected

officers of the division, led by president E. A. Spence (centre), of the Strathroy, Ont., Age-Dispatch. Left to right: W. James, of the Bowmanville, Ont., Statesman; J. P. Pickell, Paris, Ont., Star; C. Chaus, Chesley, Ont., Enterprise; C. Nolan, Stouffville, Ont., Tribune; V. Farrow, Bracebridge, Ont., Gazette; Mr. Spence; R.

Shearer, Blenheim, Ont., News-Record; R. A. Giles, Lachute, Que., Watchman; George Cado-gan, Durham, Ont., Chronicle; D. R. Wilson, Shawinigan Falls, Que., Standard; G. C. Craven, Ridgetown, Ont., Dominion; and L. Guertin, Shawinigan Falls, Que., L'Echo de St. Maurice. Col. F. J. Picking, Aurora, (absent).

FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

EVERY FAMILY WANTS A DAD

A home is started when two people care enough for each other to think in terms of "we" and "ours" instead of "I" and "mine." It is built on mutual love and trust. A home is much more than a place to eat and sleep—it is a place where each member of the home finds happiness, security, and a chance to grow. In all good homes there is a sharing of work and of play between the husband and the wife, and the children in the family have their part too in the tasks and the fun of the family group. The members of the family enjoy each other's company—Dad is more than the money maker, Mother is not just a housekeeper, the children are not just "boarders!"

A father of a large family was asked how in the world he ever managed to keep up with his work and still have some time and energy to enjoy some leisure with his boys and girls. He answered: "Each child has his own daily task, and when the day's work is over their mother and I try to do something with the children which they all enjoy."

This family lived on a farm and the problem of giving each child a chore was much easier than in a city home. However, there are jobs in every household in which boys and girls can help. The time to start children sharing in the work of a home is when they are young and eager to help. Mothers of 'teen-age daughters who complain how little assistance in the housework is ever volunteered by Mary or Helen, often forget the time before their little girls started to school, when Mary or Helen used to ask "Can I help you, Mummy?" But unfortunately, mother could do things so much more quickly and efficiently, and it was much simpler to say "Not today, dear. You run along and play and don't bother mother." Father should see to it that mother's load in housekeeping is not too heavy! Keep an eye on the youngsters and encourage them to do their share.

Families need to play together as well as work together. Here again the habit of doing things as a home group should be begun early. It is too late to wait till a

boy is in his teens before his father suggests a fishing trip. What fun a little fellow can have with his dad fishing on a Saturday afternoon! How much a dad is missing who does not give his son some of his play time. Fathers can be a wonderful help at bedtime by reading aloud to a small son or daughter.

What good times families can have on walks in the woods, or by the lake, or along a country road! Not long ago a small girl was overheard saying to her mother, "I wish we belonged in the Blank home! They have such good times. They are the 'picknickest' family you ever saw. Mr. and Mrs. Blank don't make any fuss at all about packing up a meal to be enjoyed out-of-doors — and sometimes they have a marvellous time just eating a meal in their own back yard!" What boy or girl doesn't enjoy a picnic? And surely a picnic is a very inexpensive form of family recreation. It is excellent training in sharing responsibility if all the members of the family help in preparing the picnic meal and cleaning up afterwards.

The most important thing about a home is not the size of house, the furnishings, the convenient equipment, but the family atmosphere. In a real home, even a stranger can feel the bond between the members of the family. There are occasional conflicts arising from the clash of one personality against another, that is all part of life in a group. But, because mother and father are united in their ideals about a home and their desires for their children, in spite of some frictions between individuals, there is an underlying serenity in the family atmosphere.

Mother and father believe that a democratic nation is the best kind. In the home their children through having a voice in a "family council" are being prepared for adult life. It is quite true that a good parent takes time to work and play with a child. Both mother and father enjoy building a real home with a serene family atmosphere in which their children can grow into useful, happy citizens. Fathers sometimes are so busy they forget their part in making a house a home. Every family wants a Dad!

LOCAL HOLSTEIN WAS FIRST TO MAKE 30,000 LB. RECORD

Only two Canadian cows have ever produced over 30,000 lbs. milk in a year on twice-a-day milking. The first of these was the Holstein Doncrest Pep Top Burke who made her record of 31,935 lbs. milk and 1108 lbs. fat in 1945 in the herd of Mrs. E. L. Brown, Stouffville. The second is Inka Pluto Vale, another Holstein owned by H. J. McFarland, Picton, who has just finished her record of 30,712 lbs. milk containing 981 lbs. fat.

Inka Pluto Vale is no flash in the pan producer having milked heavily throughout her lifetime. First started on official test as a

three-year-old she produced 20,200 lbs. milk and 723 lbs. fat; then as a senior four-year-old she established a Canadian Record for milk production of 28,893 lbs. milk containing 942 lbs. fat; this was followed by a six-year-old record of 20,870 lbs. milk and 778 lbs. fat.

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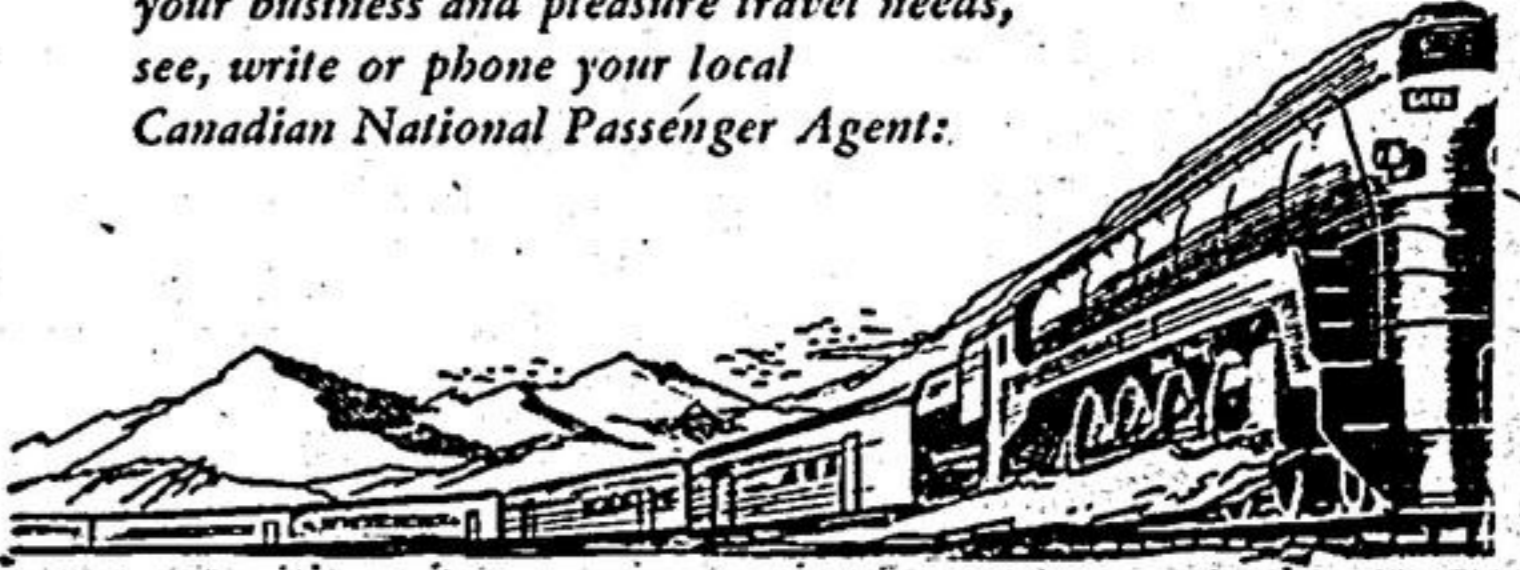
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