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# Wage personal battle against fire

their children in fires. The oversight sider before leaving young children. will live with those parents for the rest of their lives.

Reminder that there are various provincial penalties for neglect of children comes with the advent of Fire Prevention Week which starts Sunday and lasts until October 10. But the message should last throughout the reads:

dons or exposes a child who is under the age of 10 years, so that its life is or is likely to be engendered or its health is or is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years."

baby sitters who know what to do in Fire Chiefs, in their drive not to give case of fire, who know where to reach FIRE A PLACE TO START.

INATE left them alone for only a few you, who know the location of fire minutes." How often do we exits and the telephone numbers of the read this tragic statement made by Fire Department and police, are just parents speaking of the deaths of some of the things parents should con-

In addition to the protection of children, there are other ways to ensure that fire doesn't rob you of the lifetime investment—your home. Swat the home firebugs immediately. Throw out the rubbish that can help a blaze spread, check electrical appliyear. Section 189 of the Criminal Code ances, cords and plugs. Keep matches out of the reach of children. Make "Everybody who unlawfully aban- sure cleaning fluids, gasoline, oils are in safe storage places. Check the safety of stove pipes, chimneys and

One personal word of caution: Do not smoke in bed. In other words, join the Association of Canadian Fire Mar-Careful selection of responsible shals and the Canadian Association of

## Two clergymen pose a question

In recent days two prominent churchmen have raised the point of whether churches should be required to pay taxes. They dare to suggest that they should.

It's not apt to be a popular viewpoint but the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, a high official in the United Presbyterian Church, and Morton V. Bjorkquist, a member of the Board of Social Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, feel the paying of taxes would be beneficial to both church and state.

Dr. Blake sees in the continuing of a taxfree existence, the possibility that churches will gain a corner on the nation's wealth. The inevitable result in that case, he says, would be for the state to expropriate church property. An action of this kind always is followed by waves of anti-clericalism and atheism, he points

Bjorkquist notes that churches receive a -multitude-of services from the community-fire and police protection, good roads, use of public facilities and the like. For these facilities they should be willing to pay their share, he

In passing, it's easier to find agreement

with Bjorkquist's reasoning than that of Dr. Blake because frankly, we know too many churches who have trouble scraping together a token salary for their minister to ever worry about them going into competition with Fort

But the two men have posed an interesting question. It's not a new one, to be sure. Inevitably the matter of church taxation is raised in any debate over complete separation of church and state, usually in the form of "Well, if churches believe so strongly in complete separation of church and state why do they continue to claim special privileges from the state

in the form of tax-free status?" We've never heard a simple answer given, maybe because there isn't one. It's admittedly a ticklish point because of the differing views

on the nature and mission of the church. But it's encouraging to see that churchmen at least aren't afraid to invite discussion of such a controversial issue. If it is one that needs airing, they're the ones to do it. No politician is apt to bring it up on his own for obvious reasons.

-Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.

#### A timely inquiry

\*As reported from Ottawa, the Diefenbaker Government is setting up a wide inquiry into budgetary expenditures with a view to making

economies without reducing efficiency. The conviction that governmental costs can be reduced is widespread. Figures issued with the 1959 budget showed that personal expenditures of the Canadian people had exceeded \$20,000,000,000 for the first time, and expenditures by all levels of government had reached nearly \$6,000,000,000. The budget outlays of the Federal Government alone exceed \$5,000,000,-

With the example of the Hoover Commission in the United States as a guide, the possible reduction in federal expenditures in Canada might run as high as \$200,000,000 a year through climinating overlaps and consolidating branch-

es of government. . Many large costs of government cannot be reduced except in the long run. Public debt charges, for instance, amounted to \$644,000,000

last year, and that was an increase of 13.6%. Social service costs, such as pensions, family allowances unemployment insurance and the new hospital service represent large and growing costs. Last year defence expenditures were cut down 15%, but defense remains by a wide margin the single largest budget item.

The Government of Canada has some 70 departments and a total payroll strength of about 150,000 employes. Some recent increases have been substantial, such as a 75% jump in the Department of Agriculture, 52% in Northern Affairs, 45% in Transport and 44% in the CBC.

Budget expenditures represent services demanded by the public and approved by Parliament. The proposed inquiry will probably find that economics can be made that will add to efficiency. A thorough inquiry will take time, and it may be the best investment the Government can make at present.

-The Toronto Telegram.

#### MODERN EDUCATION

#### No bargain basement

From Dr. W. P. Percival, former deputy minister of education for Quebec, come some exceptionally timely and commonsense views about the role of education in Canadian society. Dr. Percival is no doctrinaire theorist. He does not hold with the view that equality of educational opportunity will produce equal results in a classroom of pupils.

"We know," he says, "that on this North American continent we have about 7 per cent of people who are ultra clover and about the same proportion at the other end of the scale. We know that only about 30 per cent of our people have IQs of the minimum required to perform work of good college grade. This leaves no less than 70 per cent who do not have that ability."

It is clear from what Dr. Porcival says that he believes egalitarianism in the socialist sense is just plain nonsense so far as education is concerned. And he is right.

A large proportion of Canada's educational resources are wasted in futile attempts to force higher education on many who are quite unsuited by nature to benefit from it. Indeed, ns Dr. Percival points out, many of mankind's truly great had neither the opportunity nor the attitude for learning in their schooldays, But later they turned out to be men of genius.

Trouble is, as this eminent Canadian educator points out, that people have been led to expect far too much of education, have been dazzled by talk about high IQs, and have wholly Ignored the fact that a successful life depends on other qualities as well. Among other quotients noted by Dr. Percival are the EQ, or emotional quotient, the AQ, or attitude quotient, the MQ, or moral quotient, and the SQ. or commonsense quotient.

Academic brilliance undoubtedly has its place in the scheme of things, but a stable, progressive society also needs people who are emotionally stable, morally sound, with a realistic attitude towards life and possessed of

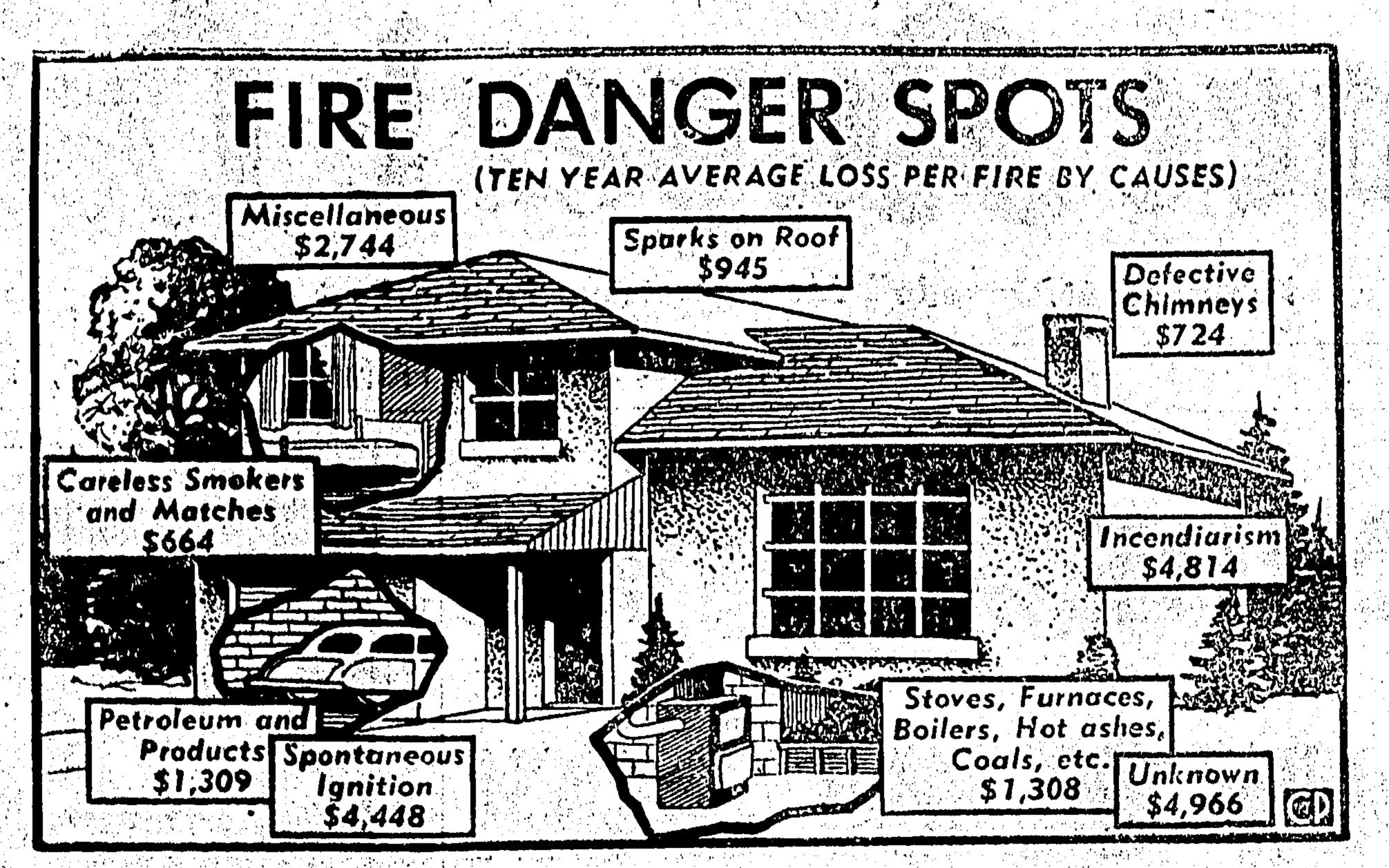
To expect the school to assume exclusive responsibility for instilling and developing such qualities in the nation's youth is sheer nonsense. Parents, religious leaders, and leaders in public life have an enormous responsibility as well to teach, by instruction and example.

Unhappily, in the realm of politics, false economic values are oftentimes set up, which when accepted by the nation at large can lead only to disillusionment and disaster. -The Toronto Dally Star.

## The good old days

Modern budget deficits which eclipse or rival old-time budgets illustrate the vast growth of government spending. Recalling the United States' New Deal era in comparison with today, the Saint John Telegraph-Journal gives an example: "The entire federal budget during ·President Roosevelt's first full year in office at the and of the 1929 collapse was only \$6,700,-000,000 ... about half the size of the current

(budget) dosicit." Canada's own figures are relative. In a comparable year (fiscal year 1933-34) total Dominion Government expenditures were just under \$458,000,000, compared with the estimated deficit of \$303,000,000 in the current budget, (The 1958-50 deficit was \$617,000,000,) A further point of comparison, of course, is that Canada horself, is mudging the \$6,000,000,000 budget class---whore the U.S. was just a genera--The Toronto Globe and Mall,



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK will be marked in Canada this year October 4-10 with the slogan "Don't Give a Fire a Place to Start!" It is a joint drive by all levels of government, industry and public-spirited organizations to cut the fire loss, of property and lives. Chart shows some of the common danger spots for fires, including the average loss per fire for each cause -CP Newsmap. during a 10-year period.

#### All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

PARIS—I took the night train from Stuttgart, and slept across the French border in a comfortable berth.

That is the ideal way to cross a frontier—in your sleep. The wagon-lit (sleeping car) attendant takes your passport and a customs declaration. you're lucky—as I was—nobody disturbs you.

Why can't all frontiers be passed so easily?

After a depressing tour o refugee camps, I feel as though I had been released from jail. The camps gave me a sense of helplessness and frustration. found it painful to try to write about them.

Now I'm in a train rumbling through the outskirts of Paris The sun is shining, and I feel properly alive again.

I was to meet my wife in Paris. We arranged our rendezvous by remote control. Peggy sent me a cryptic wire to Stuttgart saying that she would meet me at the Hotel Angloamerican, Rue St. Lazare. At the end she added: "No money left."

wire her some money If so, she is out of luck. The wire came too late for that. Our time and money are

Did she mean that I had to

running out. We'll be able to afford only a glimpse of Paris. However, that is much better than not being able to go there at all. Or is it? I had a wagon-lit compart-

ment wholly to myself, although I paid only for one berth. It was comfortable, but it had no towels. I opened a door that led—I thought—to a wash basin, and found I had let myself into someone else's compartment. Luckily for me, it was a man. Otherwise I might have been called upon to explain myself to a gend-

As we walked down the platform of the Metro station St. Michel, we heard a voice coming from the wall.

At least, I thought I heard it. My wife gave me a puzzled look. Both of us turned and gazed all around. But there were only a few people hurrying toward the exits. The train was still there. "Did you hear a voice calling

'Gem'?'' I asked.

"I thought I neard something," my wife said. "But it couldn't have been. It must have been one of the train men calling out something."

Then we heard the voice again, more loudly. It was a cavernous, distant voice, but quite clear. "I know I didn't imagine it,"

said. "This time it said

So we turned back. The train moved away. We looked across

There is a text in the Bible

that I have never heard

preached upon in sixty years,

and it seems to me it should

have been one of the import-

ant texts of that very period.

It is Isainh 5; 8, and it was

public attention in the Can-

adian Geographical Journal in

an article on our provincial

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Until about a

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"Woe unto them that join

C. R. Tilt who brought it to a

the rails to the platform on the other side. And there was our old friend Courtney Tower, who left The Colonist's reporting staff last year on a trip

to the Orient We had met him by chance in Paris. The odds against such a happening were many thousands to one. weatherbeaten.

The three of us, marvelling at the coincidence that had brought us together in a big city, strolled along the Boule-

#### Canadian suburbia nightmare

Lizabeth Greene in Liberty SUBURBIA 'A NIGHTMARE' The longest move you can make is from your own city to its adjoining suburb.

More than 1,000,000 Canadians—or 7 per cent of the population—have moved to the suburbs since the Second World War. The Greene family bought a home in the Toronto suburb of Don Millslater sold it to move into, a lower duplex in Toronto.

Eight months in suburbia gave my 30-year-old husband and me a whopping mortgage, automatic dryer, matched set of creditors and a laundry basket full of neuroses.

Incomes of suburban home owners usually range within \$1,000 of each other. Most homes have second mortgages and owners pay for furnishings by instalments.

We signed so many papers for our semi-detached house, we didn't get around to reading the fine print for a month. We then noticed that no structural changes could be made without the development company's approval.

These "fresh air slums" surround most Canadian cities. Besides Don Mills, Toronto has Scarboro; Montreal has Dorval, Lachine, and Ville la Salle: Las Beauport and Sillery border Quebec City; Tuxedo suburban development is being built near Winnipeg; Edmonton has Glenora; Halifax has Bedford Basin.

In Don Mills, our front lawn was left uncut for two weeks while my husband was out of town. The local improvement group called one evening and told me, "Surely you understand the effect this has on your neighbors. They'll let their grass get as untidy as yours. We must keep up the appearance of the neighbor-

Feeling like an escapee from Borstal, I moved the lawn with a flashlight tied to the mower

areas, of Canada, reduced the

proportion of those on the

land to something like a third

of the total. House has been

joined to house by the hund-

reds of thousands. Thanks to

mechanization, the declining

number of those on the land

have been able to join field to

field so that there is literally

no place where anyone may be

alone in the midst of the

enrth. As a child, I want on

planics half a mile from the

city limits. We took the street

car to the end of the line and

walked half a mile on the

country roads that began at

the end of the car line; and

In no time had found a pleas

of woodland that apparently

belonged to nobody, and there

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now to be alone in the midst

of the earth? Woo unto us,

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by the government and full of

- Gregory Clark

vard St. Michel to a case. It is usual to profess contempt for people who travel to foreign places and then spend their time hob-nobbing with their own countrymen whom they meet there.

And yet I am pleased and excited when I happen to see a hometown friend during a trip abroad. I do get weary of pasing among indifferent, even hostile, faces and of labobjously communicating with people of another speech.

We sat around a sidewalk table, exchanging gossip of past times and other places. Courtney told us a little about his travels, to Japan and to such wild countries as Afghanistan by himself, hitch-hiking. I had always believed vaguely that a man took his life in his hands if he even looked across the border of that bandit-infested region.

But Courtney had hitchhiked into Afghanistan and furthermore, had got into a scuffle with a policeman who tried to throw him off the top of a truck.

It was a hot. dry night. We tried to slake our thirst with cool white wine, cheaper than soda pop, and talked about Afghanistan and Canada.

Courtney was moving on to London in a day or two. We decided to join forces with him for a brief look around some more of Paris.

#### With reason and calm

From The Christian Science Monitor

It would be both unrealistic and untruthful to deny that the Board of Education transconsciousness of race operates outside the South. Or that it is often reinforced by consciousness of differing status and standards of living. And seek many of the jobs we've ality. ("Who are these strange, dark people, so unlike us, who sek many of the jobs we've always held?")

In New York City, particupressures to mix public schools, if they are not already mixed by the fact of residence, has conditioned the public to be skeptical of any transfers of pupils from one school to another. All of these influences bore in varying degrees upon that city's recent boycotting incidents.

It appears that many schools in Brooklyn's poorer sections have been badly overcrowded, while schools in certain uppermiddle class sections of Queens

have been underused. When fered a number of Negro and Puerto Rican pupils by bus from Brooklyn to Queens, five schools in the latter were boycotted-38 per cent of the" white pupils were absent for

The remainder of the story is not what some might expect. There were no threats or disorders, no appearance of larly, it is likely that minority "hate" leaflets. The next day attendance rose to 90 per cent. Within the schools all went normally. Agitation continuing comes from Harlem Negro parents pressing for more teachers and relief from overcrowding.

Incidents such as these spring from the problems of all races in all-public schools and from the difficulties of the schools themselves. The important thing is that they be met not with emotion but with reason and calm.



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