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Ash trays in classrooms keep school tidy

LATEST development in "free expression" education is reported in a United Press International dispatch from London, England, in which the principal of the school defends smoking in class by his pupils aged 5 to 15. The principal, Jimmy East, a Cambridge graduate, who believes in letting children express themselves, said "some smoke 10 a day." He even keeps ash trays handy for them. Mr. East said about a dozen of his 40 pupils like to smoke and he lets them light up in the classroom. "We are producing sociable self-reliant children untroubled by hidden fears," Mr. East said, adding that it was better to permit cigarettes openly "than for the children to sneak out to smoke."

This is very interesting. We are all for "sociable, self-reliant children untroubled by hidden fears." Too often you find seven and eight-year old children who won't take the trouble to buy their own cigarettes, won't make the effort to fill their own lighters, never offer their parents and parents' friends a smoke for fear that they'll lose half a package. But under Mr. East's system you can hear one of his pupils saying: "Have a fag Father? Sorry they're not your brand but I've been smoking Players since I was five and just can't change.

And think of the educational value of Mr. East's "free expression" program. In a couple of years you'll be able to drop in on any one of his classes and find "sociable, self-reliant" little groups (aged 5 to 15) who won't have to sneak out to express themselves if they want to "make book" on the dog races, neck with their favorite six-year old, take a "fix", play strip poker, shoot a fast game of crap, discipline a reactionary by cutting off his ears or see how long it takes to burn down the chemistry lab.

Naturally there'll be curbs if they become unruly, such as reducing their quota of cigars, cutting off their supply of heroin, cancelling wire service privileges to the race tracks so that things won't get out of hand.

One thing is certain—these children won't grow up hampered by complexes and frustrated by rigid regulations imposed by narrow-minded society. No sir. They'll be ready to face the world, confident, sophisticated and well-versed in the facts of life by the time they are 12. Of course there'll be the odd 11-year old with lung cancer and probably a 10-year old or two who have become sex-maniacs, but Mr. East has to expect a couple of failures along the line somewhere.

The garden party

EXCEPT pehaps for some habitual garden party guests who qualify by signing the register and who may this year be disappointed, the broad list prepared by Lieutenant-Governor Ross for the royal occasion at the new Government House this week will win much acclaim. Actually this annual fete is the private affair of His Honor, underwritten and arranged by him as the host but made available each year to all those who care to sign the visitors' book. The presence this year of Her Majesty the Queen at the garden party has given it a new aspect and the lieutenant-governor has altered the norm of the guest list.

Quite patently he has made a sincere attempt to invite as representative a gathering as possible. Only those faced with a similar kind of selection will perhaps appreciate the delicacy and difficulty of choice involved. His Honor has played no favorites. The guests will come from all parts of the province and from all stations of life. The assembly will probably be the most varied—and therefore more truly representative—of any gathering in B.C. during the whole of the Queen's visit. Both Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross are to be commended for the wisdom of their decision and for the impartial distribution of invitations.

The annual Government House garden party is an event of distinction in the social calendar each year. It will be doubly so this week, when as the first and priority guest of the new Cary Castle the Queen will be in residence. Given good weather the occasion will be a gala one, especially so since among those strolling the laws will be citizens specifically drawn from all walks of life. This will be one instance where validity is given to the "meet the people" theme of the royal tour. Through the courtesy of His Honor the varied population of B.C. in miniature will have the opportunity of close proximity to Her Majesty in a setting that is unsurpassed.

—The Victoria Colonist.

Coats and ties, please

Why such a furore occurred when press photographers accompanying Queen Elizabeth on her tour of Canada were asked to wear coats and ties while photographing the royal lady is most confusing to us. Photographers, like reporters, represent their papers, and since newspapers speak for the public, those who meet the public should be dressed with reasonable neatness. Merely to require coats and ties does not strike us as an outrageous demand.

As a matter of fact, on this newspaper the photographers and reporters on assignment wear conventional clothing and our circulation department employes do likewise—along with anyone else who acts as an agent of the paper in dealing with its subscribers or advertisers. It seems only simple courtesy to dress properly; certainly we doubt that any photographers or reporters show up at President Eisenhower's press conference coatless or tieless. As the visiting head of an allied state, the Queen is certainly entitled to the minimum amenities, such as a press entourage that is neatly and conventionally clothed.

—Newsday (Garden City, N.Y.)

Dunning by truck

A sure-fire way for making housewives pay bills they owe stores, has been suggested by the president of the National Union of Shopkeepers in England. Whether his idea is as brilliant as he believes may be open to doubt. It is this:

A brightly striped struck labelled "Debt Collectors" would pull up in front of the house. The theory is that most housewives would pay earlier to spare themselves the embarrassment of a call by the unwelcome vehicle.

What would the neighbors think?

—The Cape Breton Post.

Ready to buy

Because a few "foreign" firms—including some excellent ones in Great Britain—have been successful tenderers for important contracts in Ontario and other parts of Canada, a squall of complaint is going up from one or two sections of this country.

The protest cannot be justified unless it can be shown that the "foreign" competition is unfair and improper.

For we in Canada want to do business with Britain and many other nations. So, if we want to sell, we must be prepared to buy.

—Brantford Expositor.

A Bible Thought for Today

The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Psalm 121:5.

LOOKING RELAXED after a three-day holiday of fishing and sunning at Pennask Lake, southeast of Kamloops, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are shown Tuesday as they prepared to board train at Kamloops for a whistle-stop trip down to Vancouver. Yesterday royal couple visited New Westminster and Vancouver and today are in Nanaimo. Tomorrow the Queen and Prince Philip will be guests of honor at Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross' garden party at Government House in Victoria and Saturday they fly from Victoria to Terrace, on their way to Whitehorse, Y.T. —CP photo.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

ABOARD CNR CONTINENTAL—Small things chiefly caught our attention, from the train window. The boys exclaimed over speedboats on the Red River; youngsters hopefully offering bouquets for sale at Portage; an odd-shaped church; a heron beside a wild lake; a bright orange flower that appeared in many places near the track, through the Ontario bush.

John had just gone out of the compartment when I saw a cow moose and two babies standing in shallow water at the end of a lake. I shouted to John, but he came back just too late. He cried with disappointment for a long time afterwards.

We rolled past innumerable lakes and swamps and hundreds of miles of lonely forest. I thought of this huge wilderness, the lungs of the world, drawing in the foul air of the cities and breathing out fresh.

We were in the dining car at Ottawa. For us, the capital was only a cavernous station, a vista of river and a glimpse of towers. . . . Later, the fields of Quebec.

There was an Englishwoman in our carriage, returning for a visit to her native land with her little daughter, aged about 11. She was married to a Canadian, and she liked Canada. Its vast distances had frightened her at first, but now she was adjusted to the dimensions of the land.

She liked the atmosphere of frontier mining towns, friendly and co-operative. But some things still irritated her: The careless way that people threw garbage around, for example. Canadians appeared to have no idea of keeping their country clean for the benefit of their fellow-citizens; they just let fly with bottles and grapefruit rinds, as the mood struck them. When the snow receded from northern towns, the debris was enough to turn the stomach.

She was amused by the way that a churlish Scot had welcomed her to Canada, saying aye lass, she'd soon lose yon accent, or words to that effect, spoken in the broadest Scots, with all seriousness.

Dominion Day, 1959

From The Christian Science Monitor

Millions of Americans will have noted with approval the eloquent simplicity of Queen Elizabeth's television address to the Canadian people on Dominion Day, feeling that she spoke for them as well as for the British and other peoples of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Whenever the differences between the American and British people suggest that their partnership for peace may be tenuous a vast third factor imposes to reaffirm the compact. This is the British-led Commonwealth. It now comprises many races and languages. But it operates mostly on traditions which are the very sinews of British and American institutions.

The Commonwealth, moreover, is made up of millions upon millions of people who seem to Americans to be more like themselves than are the British, and who seems to the British to be more like themselves than are the Americans.

Among all these peoples none qualifies as Old-World-New World go-between better than the Canadian people. Canada engages both American and British sympathies for another reason. The American looks upon Canada as a sort of economic younger brother—a nation now at a point in its tumultuous development that the Americans passed half a century ago. The British find in Canada an example of what the projection of British political ideas and financial enterprise once meant to the United States as well as Canada.

It is significant that citizen movements working in both the United States and Britain for Anglo-American unity are more and more seeking to rescale their operations to a Commonwealth-American scope. In this broadening concept Canada remains pivotal.

Right of way

Here lies the body of William Jay,
Who died defending his right-of-way.
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,
But he's just as dead as if he was wrong.
Drive as though your life depends upon it—it does!

SHIPMENTS INCREASED

Motor vehicle shipments of "made in Canado" units for the first quarter of 1959 were up 12.7% over 1958.

Vacation time brings hazards to health of children

Vacation-time is here and, unfortunately, with it come some hazards to the health of children. The British Columbia Automobile association urges parents to take precautions in guarding their family's health when they are travelling or visiting in places away from home and the family doctor, and especially in places where no medical help is available.

As a result of consultations with public health authorities, BCAA makes the following suggestions for preventing the mishaps that take their heaviest toll during summer vacations.

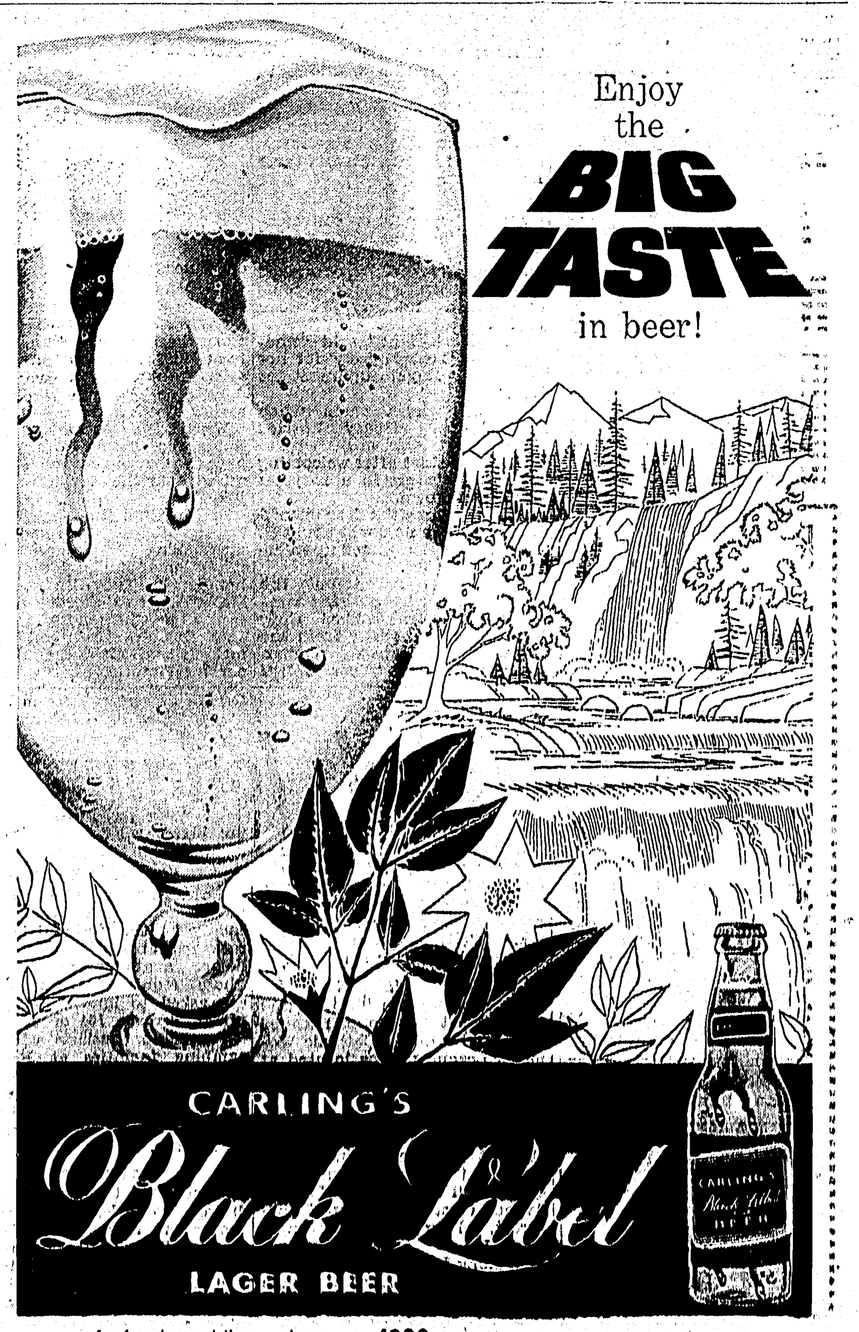
Before starting on a trip, it is advisable that children have injections of Salk vaccine as protection against poliomyelitis. For anyone under the age of 40, there is no charge for the vaccine itself, just the cost of administering it.

Sunburn has hospitalized many a vacationer. It can be prevented by a gradual exposure, starting in the late afternoon with a 10 to 15-minute sunbath and slowly increasing the time and intensity of the sunning.

Poison ivy causes much misery to the unwary. The best preventive is to obey the old nursery rhyme: "Leaflet three, let it be." For victims, there are various types of soothing applications, but extensive rashes and blisters call for medical attention.

BCAA also suggests that swimming be avoided directly after eating or when tired. A swimmer with sinus or ear trouble should keep his head out of the water. Swimmers should be certain that the water is deep enough and free from rocks and other obstructions before diving.

Taking heed of some of these precautions will help to assure a family a wonderful and carefree holiday.



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Watch Car Instruments To Avoid Being Stranded

By Martha Johnson
Dodge Safety Consultant

So your neighbor ran out of gas the other day while purring along the highway on route to visit her Mother.

That'll never happen to you!

You're right. It won't. If you play it smart.

It wouldn't have happened to your neighbor, either, if she was a smart driver. If she was in the habit of periodically taking a quick check of all those gadgets and gauges on the instrument panel to make certain the car was in top-notch operating condition.

Whenever you are driving the car, whether it be to the corner grocery or to a neighboring town, check the gasoline gauge frequently—to save a long walk to a filling station.

Keep an eye on the temperature and oil pressure gauges.

Watch the ammeter. If the pointer shows "discharge" when the engine is running rapidly, something is in need of attention.

By being alert to the position of all gauge indicators, you can save yourself a lot of time and inconvenience.