

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

During the last few weeks we have been profoundly shocked by the revelation of the widespread use of narcotics among the young, the high school children and teenagers. Such a revelation principally concerns New York City, we are assured by those who are in a position to know that there is no wall around New York confining the tragedy to that area. We have seen it as close as Buffalo, and it has entered Canada at Crystal Beach. How much further it may spread, we tremble even to guess.

This wanton destruction of mind, soul and morals is aimed at the youth. Such a fact is appalling. More appalling still is the statement made by one witness that in the high school he was attending about 35 per cent of the student body took drugs in one form or another. If such an organized movement is ruthlessly crushed, it could easily mean the degradation of a nation.

Seldom has anything so vicious been brought to the public's attention. The deliberate attempt on the part of dope peddlers to corrupt the young is one of the most heinous attempts at planned debauchery that could be attempted. It means not only the moral degradation of the users of the drugs, but also that a widespread crime wave is inevitable.

What could lead people to such lengths? One thing only, the love of money. It is done for gain and it would be hard to imagine gains which would be more sordid. These scavengers of profits are dealing in ruined lives and scarred souls. If ever there was filth, it is here. The dollar sign as a sign of value was never more repulsive. The worst feature of all is the fact that as soon as others elsewhere realize that such traffic is lucrative, they will imitate the dope peddlers of New York. To prevent this we must be on our guard.

The problem is not even a national one. It is a world problem. This month the United States Commissioner of Narcotics is going to ask the United Nations Economic and Social Council at Geneva to reduce the manufacture of drugs by 75 per cent. China, which is now in the hands of the Communists, which is the principal source of heroin, might refuse to abide by this suggestion. In fact, it is almost certain that the Communists would foster this habit among the youth of the democratic nations.

One result of these revelations has been a flood of recriminations. The police departments have been blamed. The schools, the social agencies, hospital boards which have failed to provide adequate facilities for the cure of addicts, etc., have had their share of blame.

There is little doubt that the reason a great number have fallen is due to parental delinquency. Parents have failed to train the characters of their children so that the possibility of falling under this vice would be remote. That kind of training can be given in no place except the home. That is almost a perfect example of the fact that the homes are either the bulwark or the weakness of the nation. Parents should be frightened and it is to be hoped that their fright will lead to a more conscientious fulfilment of their duties. Widespread juvenile delinquency is almost always caused by parental delinquency.

Whatever else might be said, there is one thing in this case that needs saying and repeating, viz., that we need to bring God back into the lives of the people. This scandal is a good indication of the godlessness of so many human lives today. If we insist on taking God and religion out of our educational systems, we can expect such godlessness to extend to that other and even more important educational agency, the home.

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ENGAGEMENT - Mrs. Betty MacInnis, Charlottetown, announcing the engagement of her young step-daughter, Eleanor Lona, to James Lloyd Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cameron, Charlottetown. Marriage to take place in August.

NAMES OMITTED-In the recent obituary of Mrs. Earle Hume, P.E.I., the names of the following relatives were omitted: A step-sister, Grace, Mrs. Holden McLeod of Iris (now attending Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N.B.) and a step-brother, Robert McPhee, who resides in Colchester, England.

CITY POLICE COURT - At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, four men charged with being drunk and disorderly appeared. Two were each fined \$20 and costs or 20 days, two fined \$10 and costs or 20 days each. Five drunk and incapable also appeared, one being sentenced to 10 days in jail on an old commitment, one fined \$10 and costs or 16 days, another fined \$5 and costs or five days and one remanded until today.

Card Of Thanks Mrs. Reuben Large wishes to extend sincere thanks to her doctor, and all the nurses and staff of Prince County Hospital for skill and kindness while a patient there; also those who sent letters, cards, flowers and other gifts, which were very much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Sylvia Jean MacKay, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. MacKay, Parkdale, who died this date, 1949. "She lives, whom we call dead."

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur It may surprise most people to learn that the camel, the proverbial ship of the desert of Biblical lands, originated in North America.

For some unknown reason, it became extinct. At what period this took place we do not know. What we do know is that the southwest hunted it on occasions. In 1890 wild camels were found in Siberia which leads one to believe they must have wandered to Asia via the "Bering Bridge".

For further data about the American camel, refer you to Frontier's Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. See also Uncle Sam's Camels, edited by L. B. Lesley, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1926.

The traditional emblem of the medical profession consists of a serpent coiled around a rod. The serpent has always been regarded as a wise and subtle creature, hence the emblem of the medicus may have been of Biblical origin.

The early kings and emperors of Germany could neither read nor write, so they used monograms to sign official documents. The great Charlemagne used a monogram whenever his signature was required. Elaborate crests, seals, and monograms were at one time considered an essential part of social correspondence.

Never omit the pronoun "Yours" in closing your letter as it leaves the phrase unfinished and is not complimentary to the person receiving it.

Whether formal or informal, the social note should bear the name of the person to whom it is addressed. For instance, do not write "Dear Madam," but "Dear Mrs. Jones." And believe it or not, flower-crests are no longer used in correct letter writing.

Monograms were quite a craze in the 15th and 16th centuries and many examples of the period are still in existence. Monograms came to mean to the middle classes what the coat of arms meant to the "elite."

From very early times men used emblems to indicate their nationality. The Egyptians bore images of bulls and crocodiles into battle. The Romans of British Columbia had crests of a frog, or wolf, or eagle. Each of the 12 tribes of Israel carried its special ensign. Indeed, crests have been popular among many races scattered all over the world.

According to Genesis 1: 29 - Adam and Eve were vegetarians. We read "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the earth... to you it shall be meat."

But after the flood permission to eat animal food was granted. In Genesis 9: 3, God said to Noah and his sons: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herbs have I given you all things."

Primitive man made gifts to his wife, because he was afraid of him. If he didn't come across. Modern man often makes gifts because he is afraid of what his neighbors will say.

In ancient Greece lovers courted their gals with expensive gifts. Flowers were a popular gift for a maid and some of the maidens of that country must have been very popular judging by the numerous bouquets they received.

Switzerland has four National languages, namely, German, Italian, French and Romansch; a dialect of the Alpine regions. Nearly every child in Switzerland speaks at least three of these languages. Little linguists.

Emeralds were once believed to be beneficial to the eyes and amethysts were thought to prevent drunkenness. The belief in lucky stones, horsehoes, and rabbits' paws still exists.

It was a custom among our pioneer parents in this province to have their ears pierced to prove their sight and not a few of the men wore large gold earrings.

"Early to bed and early to rise and you'll never meet any prominent guy."

A hair on the head is worth two on the brush.

There were 32 major airplane accidents between 1921 and 1948 with a loss of life numbering 1,062 souls, and major shipwrecks from 1833 to 1945 included 16 ships with a loss of 13,123 persons. Tornados, typhoons and hurricanes killed 795,106 persons between 1864 and 1945 - and caused damage to property amounting to over two hundred billion dollars.

Turning to floods and tidal waves we learn that, beginning with the Deluge mentioned in the Bible, about 2104 C. B. down to 1941 the world suffered 16 flood disasters with a loss of life amounting to over 17,000,000,000 which, of course, does not include the number drowned during the Biblical Deluge of which we have no records. Nor does the above figures account for the homeless and disabled persons caused by these great disasters. Nor does it include the hundreds of thousands who perished in earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

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Girl Guide News



Queens County Camp

Notices have been set out by Miss S. MacKinnon regarding the camp at North Rustico on July 30th. If you wish to attend this camp send your application in now with \$1.00 registration fee. We must have the total number to arrange for food supplies and staff, so please hurry. North Rustico is a lovely camp site and the swimming splendour as those who have been well know. Do not forget that if you want to have a chance to attend the National Camp near Ottawa in 1952 you must have at least 14 days camping experience.

Fernwood Camp Prince County Guides are having a wonderful time at Fernwood, that gem of a spot given to Prince County Guides and Scouts by Mr. Harrison MacFarlane, for camping. It is one of the loveliest places for a camp site, a half circle surrounded by woods, and the sea right ahead. All Guides and Leaders are under canvas although when we arrived on Wednesday not a girl was in sight—they were all enjoying a swim. It was so hot that they were in no hurry to get back, and Miss Lucille MacQuaid encouraged them to make the most of the fine weather. Miss MacQuaid is Commandant and well known to all of the Guide world.

She is just "top" at camp, her fun loving personality reflects all around and she makes camp what it should be. The cook who is another very important person at any camp is Mrs. Irvin Jay of Kensington and the supper we had with the girls was a splendid sample of meals. She even makes cinnamon buns and muffins and there were always some for camp fire. Miss Dorothy Smith of Kensington is nurse, but by the look of the healthy faces around she should not have many nursing duties. Adelaide Glover, Quartermaster with Hazel Hughes as her assistant, Geraldine MacLean and Martha Gallant, assistant commandants, and Irene Gaudet of Tignish, life saver. That comprises a very fine and capable staff with all working together for an enjoyable camp.

Guides from Tignish, Summerside, Kensington and two Lones making a total of 32 Guides. Little Patsy MacNeill of Summerside proudly told me that she only flew up to Guides in the Spring and was thinking of camp then. Guess she will be a real camper in a few years.

Ball games, swimming and supper parties on the shore were the highlights of this week. The list of daily chores posted up was not listed as the usual duties, but as "Daily Kapers", and there seemed to be lots of "Kapers" time allowed for on the list, no wonder the Commandant is popular. For the benefit of the visitors Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, Prov. Camp Commissioner, Miss Gladys Hart, Int. Comm. and Mrs. F. Jenkins, Guides in Florida last year. It was most attractive, jacket and shorts in green with a wide white tie embroidered "Camp Chownewaw". Miss Carrie Holman, Prov. Lone Commissioner was a very welcome visitor also and the chocolate dips that she so kindly provided for all were much appreciated. Miss MacKinnon also gave a cookie treat but they were saved for camp fire. She inspected the camp and reported everything high-galantly satisfactory. The girls were reminded of the National Camp in 1952. Lots of fun girls, and Happy Camping!

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Napoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford McBride



Dorothy Dix Says--

Continued from page 2 We could have my children for the summers, and the girl is happy at the prospect. Do you think our marriage would be successful? J. A. S.

ANSWER: Any girl, and especially a young one such as your girl friend, takes on a tough job when she acquires a ready-made family, especially if the first wife, and mother, is still around. To be successful at the job requires infinite patience, sympathy, understanding and a deep love for children. If your young lady has these gifts, and loves you enough to work along and do without things until your indebtedness is paid, I'd say she was the one for you. Try to look at the situation objectively, and be sure the girl understands just what she is walking into. You are apparently facing the future with a deep sincerity to do the right thing for everyone concerned, and I hope you accomplish your purpose.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I have been married for ten years. My husband always has been good to me but when we go out to parties and he likes to dance and most of the other men don't, so while my husband is enjoying himself on the floor, I'm left at the sidelines. I'm getting to the point where I don't like to go out with him. S. S.

ANSWER: There isn't much you can do with a good-time Charlie except wait for him to grow up. In time those gay blades put away their adolescent antics. Refusing to go out with him won't accomplish much—he'll just go ahead by himself. Be as good a sport about it as you can, try to see the situation with a sense of humor and bide your time. DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.