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## Your Family Counselor

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"We have a baby boy, and I love these two more than anything in the world. I just cannot keep on living if they do not come back home.

"Can you suggest any way to get them back?"

JOE"

**UP TO YOU**

Face the truth: Your wife is determined not to live with a man who takes even a few beers. She demands nothing less than total abstinence.

Knowing how many homes have been broken up, and other heartbreaking tragedies which have resulted from drinking, she has made up her mind she will not run the risk. If you think her decision fanatical, remember that many a man has started with a few beers and ended by drinking excessively. It is this fear that persuades your wife to take her stand, and I expect she will stick to it.

If your wife and baby mean as much to you as you claim, there is only one answer: self-control.

Stop taking any alcoholic drink at all. Other hardworking men have found ways to relax from exhaustion; your doctor can help you there.

. . . Let your wife know that you have ceased drinking. When you have been without it long enough to show her you intend to stay that way, she should believe in you again — and what a happy day that will be for you both!

It will take longer this time to prove she can depend on your promise. After all, you should have learned that she meant what she said the first time she left you.

It is alcohol — or your family.

How can you hesitate?

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**A GIRL'S RIGHTS**

"Dear Anne Hirst: I am 17, a high school senior and an only child. My parents won't give me any of the privileges all my girl friends have! They won't let me go to church with the girls, and of course I can't have dates. I just go to school, come home and do some work and go to bed. It is a lonely way to live.

"They have no reason to treat me so coldly, and it worries me. Why are parents so strict? I know it isn't love. I've even considered leaving home, but that is a bad idea and might get me into trouble. Please help me.

IRENE"

A girl 17 and a senior, too, who has never given her parents any concern deserves a wider social life, in my opinion, than you have.

The discipline that parents practice is based on their love for their children (whether you believe it or not) and their anxiety to protect a daughter, especially, from the wrong friends and activities until she is old enough to use good judgment. Because you are an only child you are peculiarly precious to your mother and father, and they lean over backwards to shield you from any possible harm.

If you have been frank with me, I think you should be allowed to visit your friends, go with them to movies and sports events, and have dates with nice boys whom your parents approve. Your personality will be developed, and you will learn how to get along with people, and so mature earlier.

Show this opinion to your parents today. If your mother would like to write me her side of the question, I shall be glad to have it.

**A husband proves his love not by words, but by living the kind of life which pleases his wife most. — And anything which contributes to her contentment is worth whatever sacrifice it costs. . . . Anne Hirst is here to help you out in any time of trouble. Write her, frankly, at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont. She never betrays a confidence.**

**HIS BRAIN 'SPRANG A LEAK'**

George Hardyman, 66, of Chorkee, U.S.A. drove 18 miles along a busy highway on the wrong side of the road — and did not know it. He was driving along and suddenly lost the ability to tell left from right after a blood vessel in his brain "sprang a leak."

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# *Stuff Bird With Two Dressings for Double Taste Treat*

By DOROTHY MADDOX

Just to make life more interesting, why not use two different kinds of stuffing for your holiday turkey? Use one for the chest cavity; another, more exotic one, for the neck cavity.

If your family goes in for stuffing, eating lots of it, bake extra amounts in greased individual molds. That's much better than trying to cram too much into the turkey, because turkeys should be loosely stuffed.

Some stuffings are simple and straightforward; others are fairly complex. Here are three recipes using enriched, yeast-raised bread as a base—each more than enough to fill the neck cavity of a 15-pound turkey, with enough left over for the casserole dish.

**Toasted Almond Stuffing**

Eight cups soft bread crumbs, ½ cup melted butter or margarine, 2 cups chopped toasted almonds, 1¼ cups green celery tops, 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 2 eggs, 2½ teaspoons salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, ¼ cup grated onion.

Combine all ingredients thoroughly and use to stuff cavities of turkey.

**Sausage Stuffing**

Eight cups stale bread cubes, ½ cup melted butter or margarine, 1 cup finely chopped onions, 1½ cups chopped celery stalks and leaves, ¾ pound bulk sausage, 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 3 tablespoons minced parsley, 2 teaspoons salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 egg, 1 cu chicken stock or milk.

Cook sausage. Combine with remaining ingredients and use to stuff turkey cavities.

We used to have oyster stuffing every Christmas when I was a small girl, and this one reminds me of the way my grandmother's used to taste.

**Oyster Stuffing**

**(Yield: about 10 cups; enough for a 12-pound turkey)**

One half cup butter or margarine, ½ cup chopped onion, ½ cup diced celery, ¾ teaspoon Tabasco, 8 cups soft bread crumbs, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 2 cups drained, chopped oysters or 1 can (16 ounces).

Melt butter, add onion and celery and cook until onion is yellow, but not brown. Stir in Tabasco. Add to bread crumbs with parsley, salt and poultry seasoning. Mix lightly. Add oysters.

**Not two-face but twice-stuffed is this turkey, a new taste-treat for you and yours during the holidays.**

## THE FARM FRONT
by John Russell

Since the introduction of DDT in 1945, hundreds of pesticides have been introduced for a wide variety of end uses. After their benefits have been amply demonstrated, some people in Canada (and the United States) have made claims that pesticides are slowly poisoning the human race. Naturally, others became jittery about their use. Just what is the right answer insofar as Canadians are concerned?

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Perhaps the alarmists and the alarmed both can get comfort out of what S. C. Barry, director of production services, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, had to say recently before the second annual conference of the Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association in Montebello, Que.

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Mr. Barry pointed out that before an industrial firm can place a pesticide on the market, it must first register it with the plant products division of the production service as called for by the Pest Control Products Act. Before a product is endorsed for registration, various scientific sections of the Department of Agriculture or the government are consulted. The Science Services test the materials to see if they live up to manufacturers' claims; guidance of animal pathologists is sought with respect to pesticides intended for animal purposes; discussions are held with the Department of Health and Welfare and the National Pesticide Committee regarding safety from the human health factor.

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Assessing the human and animal health hazard, according to Mr. Barry, is more difficult than determining effectiveness. Animals or humans that take in DDT, apparently, store some of the material in the original or less toxic form in their tissues. But it has been well established that even **abnormal exposure to DDT results in tissue deposits which are only a very small fraction of the amounts necessary to produce any ill effects on health.**

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A fair appraisal of the situation, he said, is that all pesticides registered in Canada are effective for the purpose claimed and present no hazard to health **if used as directed.** With the combination of the serious desire of the agricultural chemicals industry to fully test and stand behind its products and the safeguards provided under the Pest Control Products Act, the Canadian public has quite adequate assurance that pesticides are effective and safe for the purpose for which they are intended.

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Cattails — the graceful rush-like plants common to most Canadian swamps and sloughs — may soon become a favorite dish on our menus. Two Syracuse University scientists have been exploring the possibilities of utilizing this wild plant economically. They have already found that cattail roots can be eaten like potatoes. They've made cattail flour from which they've baked cattail cookies. They've used the fibre from the stem for caulking barrels to make them water tight.

Other industrial uses for the plant are being investigated.

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While the last 40 years have been taken up with adapting tillage practices to the tractor, the next decade will see greater emphasis on the adaptation of tillage to specific crops and soil conditions.

This forecast comes from C. S. Slater of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who says that present day tillage — plowing, harrowing, packing and cultivating — has been applied too extensively and too intensively. From the standpoint of soil structure maintenance, tillage is apt to be more harmful than beneficial in that it sets up erosion hazards and exposes the soil to deterioration by freezing and other climatic factors.

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Mr. Slater foresaw an overall decrease in total tillage to protect the soil. Minimum tillage requirements will be established for different crops. Weed control with chemicals will be more widespread to reduce total tillage.

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**Greater use of chemical nitrogen will help reduce the need** for tillage merely to increase soil nitrification. Increased use of mixed fertilizers for higher crops yield will call for better utilization of rainfall in non-irrigated regions. Tillage will have to go deeper in shallow soils to enlarge the root zone and provide increased water storage capacity. Problems of compaction caused by heavy machinery will also call for development of deeper tillage practices.

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To meet the food and fibre needs of an increasing population, more intensive use of land is impending. The future will see more short rotations with summer cash crops. Developments will take place in tillage practices and equipment to solve the problems of growing two or more crops in one year, maintaining the soil at the same time.

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**DO'S**

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3. Face ladder when either ascending or descending.
4. Secure ladder when on roof so ladder will not blow down.
5. Make sure a step ladder is fully spread and locked with all four legs resting on level base.
6. For tree work, be sure top of ladder is supported by a firm limb so ladder is stable.

**DONT'S**

1. A ladder is meant to carry only one person at a time. Do not overload.
2. Never stand on top of a step ladder.
3. Don't climb a ladder when shoes are covered with snow, mud or grease.
4. Test-loading may result in damage to side-rails, so do not test ladders.
5. Never use in a horizontal position. Extension and single ladders are not designed for such loads.

## Wonder-Working Acid

One of the miracles of modern chemistry is the usefulness of sulphuric acid. In some way or another, it has had a hand in producing almost every single thing we use every single day. Did you know that each person in Canada uses about a a hundred pounds of sulphuric acid in a year?

Not in its pure form, of course. Like so many chemicals, it almost never appears as a consumer product. Instead, it is used with other products to produce new materials, things like synthetic detergents, steel for automobiles, rayon for clothing.

The kitchen refrigerator is just about the last place you would expect to find a corrosive acid. But the frig itself wouldn't be there without it. Sulphuric is widely used for cleaning the steel before the white coating is put on and for making the fertilizer which helped grow the food inside. Even the milk we drink has been tested with sulphuric acid to determine its butterfat content.

In clothing, every pound of rayon consumes its quota of sulphuric acid. And we'd be a pretty drab-looking lot without chemical dyes, which again are dependent on this acid for their manufacture. It is important in paper making, in manufacturing colors for paints, in refining glues, in tanning leather and making the alum used to clarify drinking water.

But by far the greatest work of this powerful acid is in producing the food we eat. Hardly a food product is grown today without the help of fertilizers and the fertilizer industry is by far the largest user of sulphuric acid. More than half the sulphuric made in Canada today goes into the manufacture of food for the crops of this country and of many foreign lands.

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Stumbling blocks and stepping stones are one and the same; it all depends on how you use them.

**Watch The Birdie** — Peggy Dolan illustrates the enormous size of one of the world's largest cameras, as she sits outside the 135-inch bellows. It is 25 feet long, nine feet high, and eight feet wide. The 42-inch lens is used to expose a picture four feet by four feet. It will be used to photograph all types of original copy, art work, photographs, and type-set matter to make printing plates.


THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

● There are presently only fourteen 10-year players in the National Hockey League. And, considering the high speed and heavy bodily contacts of hockey, it's a wonder that so many have survived 10 or more years of ice warfare.

And it's even more surprising that in the present season, the most amazing player campaigning today is getting closer to the day when he can say he broke into major hockey 20 years ago.

For it's almost 20 years since the name of Milton Conrad Schmidt first appeared in a Boston club's line-up. It was in 1936 or early 1937 that he was called up to relieve some Bruin situation, and played enough games to bag a couple of goals.

**Schmidt weighs around 189 today, but he was a skinny 18-year-old when he first played for Bruins. He grew fast and he learned fast. Three seasons of absence from the major league hockey front, while he wore an air force uniform, didn't halt Schmidt's hockey career. The hub of the Kraut Line came back in 1945-46. And in '46-47 he enjoyed his biggest scoring season — 27 goals.**

Among players currently active in the Big Top, only six had scored 200 goals or more when the present campaign started. Schmidt is, of course, one of these, with 225 to his credit when the season opened. In points-making, he exceeded all but one of the current top figures. Rocket Richard started the season with 651 points, 394 goals and 267 assists. Schmidt had the greatest number of assists of any active player, 338 — a points total of 563.

Schmidt, Woody Dumart and Bobby Bauer, all natives of Kitchener, Ont., became hockey partners early in their careers at Boston. They lived together, played together, and as the Kraut Line, became one of the great threesomes of all time, a clean-going line with tremendous scoring punch. In one season (1939-40) they led the scorers in 1-2-3 order.

**The Krauts were broken up when Bauer retired to a business career in Kitchener after the 1946-47 season. Schmidt and Dumart carried on. Dumart was still with the Bruins last season, and, like Schmidt, one of 26 players to score 200 goals in their careers in NHL history. For durability they rate high in the tough winter game.**

**Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.**

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## His Downfall Shocked The World

**A few weeks ago a ceremony was performed in Chelsea, London, that recalls a famous author whose dazzling career was brought to an untimely end in 1895 by a scandal that shocked the whole country.**

On, the wall of No. 34, Tite Street will be unveiled one of those blue porcelain plaques that the London County Council fixes to the houses in which great men once lived. The name on the plaque will be Oscar Wilde's.

A disgraced and ruined man at the age of forty-six, Wilde died in a third-rate hotel in Paris in 1900. Since then no less than a hundred books have been written about him. Which raises the question: has he remained the centre of such interest for more than half a century, because his plays are performed everywhere and his books sell in their thousands?

This can scarcely be so, for Wilde's literary output was comparatively small. In fact, it is probably true to say that nowadays his literary reputation rests on nothing more substantial than a single play and a poem.

His play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," is certainly a masterpiece, and has been filmed. His poem, "The Ballad of Reading Goal," is still frequently quoted. Other works he wrote, however — among them a once celebrated essay entitled "The Soul of Man Under Socialism" — are for the most part forgotten.

To what, then, can we attribute Wilde's increasing fame? How is it that his name is known to millions of people who have never read a book he wrote, or seen one of his plays acted? Perhaps the answer is to be found in what the man himself once confided to a friend:

"Shall I tell you the great secret of my life?" he said, smoking one of the perfumed, gold-tipped cigarettes he never liked to be without. "It is that I put my genius into my life, but only my talent into my work. Writing bores me so!"

Bored, or otherwise, he was forced to write in order to live. But there can be no doubt that life, as he chose to live it — extravagantly, and with unbelievable recklessness — turned out to be far more dramatic than any plot he ever invented.

Born a hundred years ago last month, Oscar Wilde achieved considerable notoriety shortly after leaving Oxford University where a great future had been predicted for him. As the leader of a poetic cult in London, he was frequently caricatured in the pages of "Punch" wearing long hair and satin knee-breeches.

But this poetic phase did not last. In a remarkably short time Wilde had become the idol of smart society.

This position he achieved through his charm and his exceptional wit. As an entertaining conversationalist he was considered second to none, and on more than one occasion Edward VII (then Prince of Wales) enjoyed his scintillating company.

Examples of his witty remarks he was always throwing off in the course of conversation are the following:

"Work is the curse of the drinking classes."

"Genius is born, not paid."

"Her capacity for family affection is extraordinary. When her third husband died, her hair turned quite gold from grief."

"I can resist everything — except temptation."

How strangely prophetic was that last utterance of the ugly shape of things to come. For if Wilde had not been tempted to bring an action for criminal libel against the Marquis of Queensberry (the creator, incidentally, of the famous boxing rules), his life might not have ended as disastrously as it did.

What happened was this: Wilde's morals had been frequently criticized, the climax coming when Queensberry openly accused him of indulging in unnatural practices.

**Recklessly** — since his private life at this time did not bear investigation — Wilde took the marquis to court. And he lost his case. Not only that, but he was himself put in the dock and charged with a number of serious offences.

After two lengthy trials (at the first the jury disagreed), Wilde was found guilty and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

The wit he indulged in when under cross-examination by the prosecuting counsel (an Irish barrister who was later to become Lord Cashen) availed him nothing. His brilliant career ended with the suddenness of a light switched off.

Wilde made plain in a pathetic letter he wrote in Reading Prison just how completely changed his life was:

"On November 13th, 1895, I was brought down here from London. From two o'clock till half-past two on that day I had to stand on the centre platform of Clapham Junction in convict dress, and handcuffed, for the world to look at . . . When people saw me they laughed. That was, of course, before they knew who I was. As soon as they had been informed, they laughed still more."

There could be no greater contrast than that between the gay farce "The Importance of Being Earnest," which was produced three months before he was sent to prison, and the sombre "Ballad of Reading Goal," written after his release.

Particularly interesting are the circumstances surrounding the latter composition. Exercising in the prison yard one morning, Wilde noticed in front of him a new young prisoner. This was Charles Thomas Wooldridge, a trooper in the Royal Horse Guards.

He was to be hanged for the murder of his flighty wife, who had been passing herself off as a single woman. Stung by jealousy when he met her on the road between Windsor, and the village of Clewer, the husband had cut her throat.

Deeply moved by the pitiful story, Wilde wrote his great ballad, which has long since become world-famous.

But is one classic farce, and a single ballad (even a ballad which ranks with the best in the language) a sufficient achievement to keep an author's name as much alive as Oscar Wilde's is today? Opinion on this question is divided; a popular theory being that Wilde has established himself in the permanent memory of mankind by reason of his personal tragedy.

Certainly his trial brought into the open a subject which up to that time had been unmentionable. Since then, Wilde, its central figure, has been looked upon as the victim of a law relating to sexual offences that at this very moment doctors and others are seeking to have changed.

Because it is felt that a hospital, rather than a prison, is the place where those who commit unnatural offences should be sent for treatment. Wilde has come to be looked upon as something of a martyr.

Only in the years to come will the change, or otherwise, in public opinion with regard to these matters, decide whether it is as a distinguished author, or notorious convict, that Oscar Wilde's name lives on.

**And Away We Go** — Four persons seem to fit comfortably inside the "Minicar," a three-wheeled automobile, on display in London, England. Designed along modern lines, the car can supposedly get 90 miles to a gallon of gas.

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