Editorial Page

It's Now or Never

Any analysis of the arena program brings but one very definite conclusion—the whole brolect is Now or Never.

For too many years we have sat back and waited for some miracle to occur which would give us satisfactory recreational facilities at the arena.

It should be obvious to everyone by now, that miracle is not going to be handed to us on a silver platter. The only solution is to do. if ourselves. It should be also very obvious that no council is going to debenture the cost . of the alterations and ice installation, therebyraising municipal taxes for a period of five, ten or twenty years to pay for it. There is only one solution, and that is to raise the money necessary by public subscription. We've waited long enough for someone else to do the job - now we must do it ourselves.

The policy set by the Community Center

Fund Committee, to either raise enough money to complete the whole project, building and ice installation, or refund all the money collected-is a sound decision.

The two points that stand out as a result of the decision are something we must all consider and think about very seriously.

. (1) Either sufficient money is raised to complete the whole project; building renovations and artificial ice Installation, or the money is returned to the individual contri-

(2) If this situation arises and the money is refunded, we must realize it will be impossible for any group or organization to appeal ever again to the public on behalf of an arena project. We can foget about our arena and sit and watch the rest of it fall

"We have a choice. It's NOW or never.

Maintaining Public Property

We've read of the ingenuity that is required to protect parks and public property from vandalism with growing concern.

In Toronto after hundreds of saplings had been destroyed, the parks department decided its young trees must be protected by wire fences. Last summer floodlights had to be installed around floral displays not merely so they could be enjoyed at night, but left on to discourage after-hour plunderers. Workmen have had to pack solder in bolts of park benches so they couldn't be dismantled. Now a nearly footproof circular bench has been! designed for relaxation at the foot of large trees. its frame is of steel and the steel is embedded in concrete.

These commendably inventive but expensive meas fees boride the usual sad comment on the added tost of vandalism arought by the destructive few.

It has baitled many folks why the good

citizens of Europe maintain these public "luxuries" which in Canadian cities must be feared as largets of destruction and defacement by hoodlums.

No fown is without examples of this type of vandalism. It seems to run highest in the summer when more of us are on the outside. In Aston there are some who will know how difficult and finally impossible it was to keep windows in the arena. Then there always seemed to be a park picnic bench floating merrity along on Fairy Lake until a method of chaining them was developed. The old grandstand was disappearing a board at a time, and we can well remember surveying the filth and damage that was perpetrated one night in the new washroom facilities.

No town is without its vandalism but perhaps, this summer Acton park and public buildings can be treated more kindly to minimile maintenance costs.

Expensive Reports

Who were the 6 000 individuals who left British Columbia in the past year to make their homes in the United States? "

Who were the 25,000 who left Canada permanently in the past six months, all headed in the same direction?

Whey did they go? What were their occupations? How many of them were professional people, skilled workers, graduates of Canadian schools, dollege and universities?.

We're not just curious. The questions, we believe, are a national concern.

Canadian authorities don't know the answers. Even the figures only come to public attention through the courtesy of U.S. government agencies.

Washington offers some general clues: "Most of those coming from Canada are professional 'people,' especially engineers, draftsmen, nurses and teachers," that 5,150 of last year's immigrants from Canada were in these -Uxbridge Times-Journal.

On Getting Older

the 1901 census there were 413,000 persont. or 7.7 per cent of the population, in the 60years-and-over age group in 1959 the estima ate was 1,870 000 or 10 7 per cent, and the proportion will rise rapidly in the next decade Of course 1 is a source of satisfaction that more Canadians' are living longer, but it raises questions as yet largely unanswered as to what we should do for and with this trapidly growing group of closer people.

Some answers are suggested in an article in the Month , Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada: Our difficulty issue the arrive, is to that many of the ad latter possions of ag' ing result rice from per 1 ing lepton tes put from social rules requiring the molecular to give up certain forms of party percy, when he reacties a prescribed age me a experted. to behave in terms of an at soriety her defied as proper for the agence setegory without regard for his needs or copercies

"One of the problems of arlanging por a lation is to retain in the stream of everyone in productivity and scientific discovery tracted men and women whose wears of soon ledge, wisdom and constructive work ran contribute so greatly to the welfare of Car. ada . . . In our literature our advertising. and most of there sectors of our culture, youth

We, that is the people of Canada, are not is looked upon as the golden age to which as young as we used to be. At the time of I all else must be sacrificed. This, in addition to threatening to pamper youth into unripe manhood, creates undue hardship for the aged. The cid are sometimes tolerated, but too seigom valued. They are pushed off the busting main road, and find few side roads

> "With the heavy accent on caring for children, there is slight emphasis upon any rec procal obligation. Parelits are reluctant to assert demands leven when urgent need -ar ses. Children are completely unaware of ary obligation, indeed their upbringing itsals to think of older persons as existing col, for the satisfaction of the needs and

provided for their happiness.

We may hope that the disregard seen in , cur scenty for the health, social and econcome commands of life and in its later years is a temporary, transitional phenomenon, it will tie so I people now in their middle years see this that the young are educated in understanding and sympathy, and that what can the distre by church, community, industry and government is done at once to meet the reeds of our aged people. By proper means, eartiestly pursued, society and machines can the adapted to gray-haired men, and grayhaired men and women can be adapted to

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war is of young people . . .

he grew up to be a business tycoon, or a brilliant politican, or just a plain, ordinary, miserable adult that nobody had any sorier, and to machines " i Nowadays, when you encounfer some vicious lattle brute you can scarcely keep your hands off. you are quickly told that there's he Acton Free Press really nothing wrong with him. except that he's emotionally disturbed He's never forgiven Mom

> have more amateur psychologs, one else had to go to ceptral for ists in Canada than we have long distance calls.

for slapping him on the bottom to

hates his Dad because the latter

has rejected him - wouldn't join

him in a game of kick-the-cat.

Do you know what we're get-

ting to be a nation of? We're get-

ting to be a nation of child-wor-

shippers. And personally, I'm be-

coming a bit nauscated by the

When the ancient Hebrews

began feeling their oats, they

built themselves a golden call,

and you know what happened

then. We're in the process, of

building ourselves a golden

kid, and we'll-deserve every-

thing that's coming to us.

when the Lord grows tired of

I keep reading things that

make my hair stand on end with

sheer horror at the idolatry we're

committing. Just the other day,

I wad in the paper some remarks

claimed that a disturbed child

becomes delinquent because he is

convinced he is meant to be.

a professor of psychology at

University of Montreal. He

The professor said: "For in-

stance, a child is sent on an er-

rand with the admonstion to

bring back the change. There's

an insinuation there that the

worst is expected of him. Slow-

ly he builds up this image of

himself and accepts himself

as the black sheep of the fam-

ily." From there, apparently,

it is only a hop, step and a

Now, isn't that the damnedest,

poppycock you've ever heard 'Ot-

course, a child is warned to bring

back the change! It's the first

thing. You do when you give him

a dollar, and you tell him at least

three times more before you let

him out the door. I'd rather have

a kid come home with the change

and feel like a black sheep, than

come home with six come books

and new proof that the old man

child was a mean little beast

that nobody, including his par-

ents, had any use for, every

body steered clear of him, and

switch blade knife to a crimin

al gang.

is an easy mark.

whole perverted business.

our silliness.



Sugar and Spice..

Not a chance. Children now ed respect and awe once reserved for such dignitaries as the Royal Family and the Dev-

And the kids revel in it, of course. There's nothing a modern kid enjoys more than having an old man who drinks, or an told lady who rims around a bit. It qualities him at once, for the. Broken Homes Club, and gives him an Open Sesame to any kind of conduct he feels like pursuing. No longer is he lazy, bad-mannered, surly, greedy or ill-tempered, He's Disturbed.

All J can say is, look around you, chaps. There are certainly some children who have a rough deal and are upset about things. But it has always been my contention that kids are tougher than a 60 cent steak. "And if they're not, look at all the rich emotional experience they're piling up.

our time.4 The women who old lady,

mis that there might be any- should be enjoying the marital thing wrong with the kids, delights of young middle-age, gaunt and haggard as they occupy the position of mingl- 'scramble for new sacrifices to heap around the feet of the golden kid. The torn-down, wornout fathers, desperately trying to be a chum to their children. It is to them that my heart goes out.

I don't know, maybe I'm just jeafous because I was born 30 years too soon. I was never able to hate my mother for more than 20 minutes, even wifen she walloped me with the vardstick. Nor did I ever feel rejected by my Dad, because he never paid any attention to us except to give us, a dime once in a while. And thought he was a dandy fath-

Perhaps if I'd been a product ol- a Broken Home. I might have amounted to something. I never got a chance to be Emotionally Disturbed until it was too late to cut any capers. But just because I didn't have the opportunity _doesn't mean that I'm going to deny my children the chance of No, it's the parents I want you being delinquent. You'll have to to look at. They are the really excuse me now, while I go downemotionally disturbed people of stairs and start a fight with the

G.A.D. About

Without Government Aid

member when there was no un-.. I kept store for an hour, put the employment insurance, no haby linish on heels and soles of shoes bonus, no old age pensions, no 'which had been repaired, and workmen's compensation, no . hospitalization plan, and no taxes except municipal levy on the swerage citizen. When you got your pay, it was the full-amount. Back in those days, I got my first job. True, it wasn't a bigone, but it was a job. I took cows to and from pasture. There were four cows in our neighbor hood, Joshua Norrish' had one and John Ritchie, and John Walters had two, and of course,

there was our own cow. I got 50 cents per month for, It used to be that when a each head except John Walters, who claimed it was just as easy to take two cows as it was one The job entailed getting the cows into town before seven o'clock in the morning and then returnme them to the pasture before school: There was the same trip after school and again after supper. It was a seven day a week choic. However, I should tell you that father made that

first trip in the morning, but the other three were up to the. I gave up the job when I was offered 25 cents a week to go for tive o'clock thain each evening and get the evening papers and take them to Brown's make him go in the potty. Or he. Drug Store, I occasionally 'yo an extra afternoon to be at the store and deliver messages toparties who were wanted on the delephone I think there were ab-With the aid of the Reader's out 20 phones in Acton business Digest and Liberty, we now places and homes, so that every-

improductive gold mines. And My third job while still a geridthey're all agreed that it isn't ing school was with George Stothe fault of The Children-Poors vel, who had A shoe store and Things, it's the parents who repair shop, howas my highest are to blame. It never seems paid tob. For a dollar and a half to occur to these modern swa- a week, I kept the store open for

Some of my readers may re- half an hour at noon. After four, swept around the cobbler's benches, I also went back on Friday nights and spent all day Saturday at the store for a dollar and a half a week. I was able to pick up the extra quarter in helping a traveller or by filling the box of coal in Lawver Mc

Kinnon's office next door At 15 years of age, my term in High School was nearing an end. was due to write my exams for Junior Matriculation in midsummer. In those days, you wrote all the necessary papers in the course and you either passed or dailed and you paid five dollars for the privilege.

I was rescued from the dilemma by the offer of a job in the Free Press at a dollar and a half a week and an opportunity to learn the printing trade. I was to seceive an increase of a dollar a week each year for a four year prenticeship. I took the job and of back my five dollar deposit on the exam tees. That ended

my school day jobs. After four and a half years, I went to the city and after five years in Toronto and other in the United States, Mr. Moore made an offer for me to return to the free Press office and he installed the first Linotype machine to be operated in this county First as foreman, then r-partner, and finally as Youner, I have been with the fice Press

Some of the school class of my final year graduated that year, some took another year or two to complete their school studies and went on to participe are, and graduate from Colleges.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS -

BACK IN 1911

Taken from the lastic of the Free Press, Thursday, March 23, 1911. Georgetown council has generously offered to supply Toronto ctly schools with drinking water free of charge: Georgetown water is equal by point of purity to any of the water with fancy names being sold in Toronto at fancy

prices for drinking purposes. Miss Mayallawthorne, who has onened a millinery establishment on the premises formerly occupled by Miss Plorence Murray, Main St., will hold her spring, completely destroyed a farge onening this weekend.

A great deal of interest has already been attracted throughout Canada to the Clean Mouth League, although it was only started in Pebruary. The league has for its object the purifying of the language and all who sign the league cards pledge themselves to refrain from profunity, blasphemy and unclean language.

Rev. G. Clifton Gifford of Victoria University, Toronto, occupled the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Dr. Antiff. His sermons were able, forceful and logical, and were listened to with much of Rev. Dr. Gifford of Stratford, who was pastor here in 1888-1890.

Morris Saxe is preparing to He was in his 82nd state erect a new metal clad store 'of his property on Main St. next Il-Jowing last weeks "stored and Ross Brothers' bowling affect, high winds, repairing the posture, The new thatteling will certainly add to the main business section and be a big attraction to cus-

The past winter was one of the best shipping seasons Rockwood ever had. The turnin buyers have made many shipments while the shipment of cattle and

hogs has been unusually heavy. During the council meeting this week, permission was given to Beardmore and Co. to build a railway siding into their plant, The by-law approved at the meeting conveyed certain portions of Guelph and Queen' Sts. to the

tanning company. Large shipments of logs have been received at the sawmill and team trails a decided \$2 win on a workers are beginning to turn the machinery to provide an ab- ing a regular school of fame in undant stock of lumber for the the Guliph Committee seemed

BACK IN 1941

Taken from the laste of the Pres

Press, Thursday, March 27, 1941. When a drawbar broke on a freight car just east of Acton early title morning, one car was deraffed and traffic on the line between here and Toronto, was delayed for several hours. The morning trains to Toronto was held over a few hours while an anxillary and crew from Toronto -put the derailed car back on the

Fire of an wikingwn origin - barn on the farm M sheriff W. J. 1.. Hampshire on the second time south of Acton on Sunday evening. It's said that no one had been in the building since carry morning and the cause of the blaze therefore is not known, Burned in the fire was a quanthry of hay, straw, 1,000 bushels of grain and two cows out of a head of 46 which were in the barn. The other animals were driven out in the open "

One of Acton's most prominent businessmen and citizens, Wilham R. Kenney thed at his home in Actor on Wednesday, of Jast week. Up to three works before interest. Mr. Gillord is the son his death, Mr. Kennes, engined great health and was able to be about although gradually fashing

Workmen have been busy to. of the Word Combing and which blew off. The partion after option quite a large area but becomes Is no one was man, the section when the freakrayadent tapped,

Extensive afterations are being made at the Boardman, Col plant an remodelling and rebuilding the office section and main office of

The Tregular meeting of the Mars R. Moore Outs Good nos held Tuesday evening of the home of Mass Dones Blow Attack the meeting was opered with is valute to the flay and a two min the silence, Mrs. H. L., Bernie track the installation with a

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