



RIGHT FROM THE HORSES' MOUTH

By Anne J. Currie
 "No longer will the clip-clop of horse's hoofs awaken the local citizenry. As the photo graph shows, the last two equine milkmen have retired from active service.
 In an exclusive interview, these "Noble" steeds were asked, "How do you feel about yielding the road to the automobile?" "It really doesn't bother us at all," they retorted, "after all what keeps these metal monsters going? Horse power, of course."
 After much heaving and hawing, Rex admitted they were fifteen and sixteen years old respectively. "To what do you attribute your health and long life?" they were asked. In unison they responded, "To being on the wagon all our lives."
 Head, bloody but unbowed, your reporter doggedly continued, "What do you plan to do now you have retired?" "Well, I might try running for the 'mare' of the town," drawled Jim, but Rex snorted in his disgust. "Mr. I'm for some of those

wild cats I keep hearing about."
 Rex has worked for Mr Iwila Noble for five years, and for another five years prior to that worked for the Royal Dairy in Guelph. In all he has probably delivered between one and one and a half million bottles of milk. Unimpressed by his record, he merely commented, "It ain't hay."
 In the five years they have been here each horse walked ten miles a day, five days a week. "That's 13,000 miles," Jim calculated rapidly. "You're quite a mathematician," the reporter commented cautiously. "Just simple horse sense," he reported gleefully.
 To the question "Did they have families?" Rex answered

impatiently with all this talk, they galloped off, "to pitch a game of maushoes," so they said. Feeling the interviewer left, wondering why Richard III was willing to trade a kingdom for such as these

Plans Underway For Night School Classes

The Night School Committee has been organizing the Night School courses to be offered to Georgetown residents in the fall of 1960. Due to a decrease in government grants, it has been found necessary to increase the enrolment fee to six dollars.
 Application forms will be available to the general public shortly. They will be delivered to homes. These forms will appear in the Herald, and may also be picked up at the Herald office.
 Courses to be offered are similar to last year's courses, with several new additions. A group of the new courses will be found in the Herald in the immediate future.

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SILVER-WOOD

September Meeting Silver-Wood W.I.

The September meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Miller with the president Mrs. William Norton in the chair. The meeting opened with the Institute ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. Correspondence and business was dealt with. The meeting was then turned over to the program convener Mrs. Harry Scott who read the motto Citizenship is like charity, it begins at home, which was prepared by Mrs. R. Corbett.

Miss E. Moore then gave a reading and Mrs. Anne Carmichael gave current events. A small penny sale followed with each member taking home a small gift. Arrangements were made for a euchre and penny sale to be held Oct. 8th at Stewarttown Hall. A committee was appointed for putting articles in the fall fair. Mrs. William Norton, Mrs. Harry Marchington, Mrs. Dave Williamson, Mrs. Burt Jones and Mrs. Clare Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was also appointed delegate to the convention in Guelph September 29th and 30th. Mrs. Dave Williamson and Mrs. Herb Jones will accompany her. A social hour followed with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Williamson as hostesses.

The park circle met at the home of Mrs. Clara Wilson last week.
 Several families in the district attended Elmira Fall Fair last Monday.

Herbert Wilson spent last weekend in Brantford and Port Sydney visiting friends. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsay on the birth of their daughter. Friends and neighbours of Mrs. Hans Landauer are pleased to hear she has returned from hospital after a recent operation.

Mrs. George Henderson Sr. has returned home after spending several weeks in Guelph with her daughter who has been nursing her after her recent stroke.

George Henderson is still taking treatment at the Toronto Hospital for back injuries he received in the accident last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Smith have returned home from a trip to Norway and other parts of Europe. Mr. Smith has retired from his position on Financial Post in Toronto and is making his home on the 8th Line.

The community is sorry to see the doors of the Stone School closed with so many small children starting for the first time. The parents think it a crime to make the small children get up so early to catch the bus to Stewarttown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hawes, Milton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson and family.

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Reprinted from the Toronto Telegram

Suburban homes are monotonous, drab and lack privacy, according to a report issued today.

And the reason for the "bizarre mishapen assemblies of walls, wires, signs and stoops" is because of the home builders, home buyers and money-lending agencies.

These are the findings of the committee of inquiry into the Design of Residential Environment, sponsored by the Royal Architectural Institute and released at the group's annual convention at Winnipeg.

The committee comprises three top Canadian architects, John C. Parkin, of Toronto; Peter Dohush, Montreal; and C. E. Pratt, Vancouver.

15-City Tour
 During its 15-city tour across Canada, the committee heard 1,000 briefs, and received 1,500 delegations in 15 weeks.

Housewives, town planners, builders, elected officials were among those interviewed.

Cost of the study was paid by a \$30,000 National Housing Act grant.

The inquiry was undertaken because "there has been a widespread dissatisfaction with the character of the suburban growth since World War II."

In the report, the committee aimed most of its criticism at the "monotony, sameness and mediocrity of new housing developments and the distance by which they fall short of adequately meeting family needs and wants."

Other criticisms are:
 The regard of local government in the housing field.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corp., a Federal lending agency, for part of what the committee found wrong with houses built in the last 15 years.

Public taste, and by implication, builders, town planners and even architects.

The report indicates that many local governments are "zone happy" in restricting certain types of housing to a specified area.

One way to break the monotony of the subdivisions — and create a better social environment — would be to allow a mixture of row housing and high-rise apartments to go along with the mass of bungalows.

"This would bring about a mixture of age groups — something we don't have in the suburbs," said Mr. Parkin.

House buyers were found to be unrealistic and the home building industry unresponsive to the discriminating buyer.

Prospective buyers tend to arrive at a new project with a minimum down payment and a colossal dream home, fitting their minds eye, the report said.

The committee recommended:

- Use of the National Housing Act to encourage variety in new home construction.

- A rather mixture of family and other type dwellings in new urban areas.

- Establishment of graduate schools of design and a Canadian Institute of Urban Studies attached to a metropolitan university.

- That the Federal Government must draw up "superior machinery to that now existing for the coordination of the work of various departments in the same city."

- More study of the effect of zoning, service arteries related to private land values, tax assessment based on land volume, optimum housing density, the preservation of historic buildings and others.

Another recommendation touched on by the report was for an increase in privacy for suburban home owners.

It suggested better placing of houses on lots, the use of shrubs and even erection of fences.

"People left the older areas for privacy and now they find they have less in the suburbs," said Mr. Parkin.

"Now the man who builds a fence in the suburbs is considered an oddball," he added.

But the one objection that was common in all centres where the committee conducted hearings was that of monotony.

"Monotonous, boring, dull, rubber-stamp similarity," was the way the National Council of Women described today's subdivisions.

"These places look like slums almost before they're occupied," charged the University Women's Club of Ottawa.

"And how could they help it being ugly, unimaginatively planned with garish colors, shouting for attention?"

the committee found that the square-foot cost has not risen substantially for some years.

The big boogymen in the higher house cost is the land speculator.

To curtail his profiteering the committee called for increased Federal Provincial taxing of farm land and the installation of services and selling it back at cost or near cost for housing development.

The committee also rapped municipal governments where by-laws say roads must be six feet wide and all buildings must be set back 25 to 35 feet.

These provisions sterilize 1,000 square feet of land that some family should be allowed to enjoy.

Overhead hydro and telephone wires were criticized and the committee called for a "concentrated" study by utilities to determine if it were economical to place the wires underground.

More emphasis should be given to NHA loans based on individual properties as "present appraisal methods are too indifferent and tend to view housing en masse."

More inducement should be given to build quality into the huge amounts of housing in prospect, the report urged.

Present NHA lending encourages people to move to "remote areas because a high down payment is necessary for older houses."

"Only those couples with inherited wealth or thrifty habits can afford to take used accommodation."

The committee recommended that deliberate use be made of NHA to encourage variety in dwelling types and combinations.

Steps should also be taken to use NHA and other lending institutions to build pilot projects for Canada's varying climates and cultures.

Municipalities were urged to plan and make public location of roads, industries and institutions.

"Private developers must lean on municipal decisions to reduce their areas of risk" because, the committee was told, "the lack of firm and reasonable municipal plans is increasing their risk."

The Federal Government was urged to encourage builders to improve the quality of project and individual home design.

"The majority of NHA loans made in 1959 were within a few hundred dollars of the maximum allowed, which suggests that projects of poorer quality went through the evaluation process relatively unscathed."

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