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## Progress With Economy

Faced with ever expanding budgets and increasing requests by growing communities for necessary services, municipal councils may well begin to wonder where it will all end. Every meeting brings additional problems requiring an answer and in some cases further expenditures of municipal funds.

The fact that our councils must keep abreast of the times no one will deny. Reactionary and time-worn policies implemented by little men have no place in the rapidly changing districts adjacent to the City of Toronto. Every public body must learn to move and march with the times.

At the same time in areas where there is a definite lack of industrial assessment public bodies need to use extreme caution in handling their finances in order that they may avoid the pitfall of over-expansion. They should keep a careful check on their yearly taxation potential and then draw their budgets up accordingly. Only so much can be accomplished each year and still keep the community in a healthy state financially. Therefore Councils must balance their outlay for

each 12 month period with the general requirements of the community on one hand and its most pressing needs on the other. Undue emphasis should not be placed on any one segment of the community's needs. After setting their course councils should then endeavour to live within their means. Everybody wants increased educational facilities, additional services, and in general everything that goes to make the community a better place in which to live, but no one wants these things at the expense of a bankrupt administration.

In many cases energetic Councils after careful scrutiny can eliminate certain features of a project at a saving to the public, and without noticeably altering its main purpose. As much as we might like to have the "extras", grim necessity often dictates otherwise. The members should examine every request and expenditure with care and wherever possible keep these expenditures at a safe minimum. The goal of every public body should be to give the citizens whom they represent efficient and economical administration.

## Mrs. G. Francy, Gormley President York East Dist. Women's Institute

The annual meeting of York East District Women's Institute was held at Zion United Church, Wexford, Ont., with the Wexford Branch as hostesses. The president, Mrs. G. Francy of Gormley, presided.

Mrs. R. J. Marshall, the Canadian Representative to the Sixth General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris, addressed the meeting.

The following reports were given: Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. G. Weldmark, Agincourt; Citizenship & Education, Mrs. J. Snider, Victoria Square; Community Activities & Public Relations, Mrs. E. Graham, Markham; Historical Research & Cur-

rent Events, Mrs. G. Kelly, Buttonville; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. W. Bartlett, Malvern; Langstaff Junior Branch, Miss S. Thompson, Langstaff; and Resolutions, Mrs. A. Toogood, Unionville.

An event of the meeting was a quilt competition in which all branches of the district were eligible. Prizes were awarded to: first, Agincourt, and 2nd, Stouffville.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. G. Francy, Gormley, president; Mrs. J. Bruce, Toronto, Mrs. J. Gattanch, Markham, and Mrs. W. H. McCowan, Scarborough as vice-presidents; and Mrs. P. Tredway, Highland Creek, secretary-treasurer.

## Passenger Revenue Increase For April

The statement for the North Yonge bus operation for April showed an operating loss of \$1,571.63 compared with an operating profit of \$861.67 for April 1951, and for the first four months of the year an operating loss of \$7,957.09 compared to an operating profit of \$6,788.71 for the same period last year.

Passenger revenue was \$25,962.75. This compares with \$24,708.17 for April 1951, an increase of \$1,254.58 or 5.08 per cent.

Passenger revenue for the first four months of the year shows a decrease of \$14,253.40 or 14.51 per cent to 1951.

Operating expenses for April 1952 were approximately \$3,687, or 15.45 per cent greater than last year due to increased wages and mileage.

## Executive Home & School Assoc. Area No. 1 Meet School Officials

The School Area Board invited as its guests members of the Executives of the Home and School Associations in the Area to a meeting at Charles Howitt School recently to discuss plans for a better balance of text-books, particularly in language and social studies, between the area schools.

The co-ordinating principal Mr. David Smith brought an interesting report of a trip he and Mr.

Hugh Martin made to Hamilton where they observed at first hand the system of primary reading and music courses being used in the schools there.

An informal discussion period followed which brought out how the principals, teachers and co-ordinating principal can work together with the Home and School groups. This will be further developed in the fall.

## York District Scout News

District Commissioner Frank Worth, District Scoutmaster Cecil Smith and District Cubmaster Mrs. Cecil Smith attended the King City's first Father and Son banquet held there recently. One hundred and fifty people were present and Commissioner Worth was guest speaker.

District Commissioner Frank Worth and District Cubmaster Mrs. Cecil Smith, attended the investiture of twelve Cubs at last Thursday's meeting of the Oak Ridges Cub Pack which has reopened under Cubmaster Miss Strachan.

The Richmond Hill Group Committee, Pennants were given to the Packs in their order of rating, A, B, C and D. Highlight of the day was the mass parade of Cubs around the grounds with all their colours as they prepared to gather for the campfire and the Grand Howl.

Fifteen Cubs and five leaders from Thornhill went to Camp Samac for the week-end. On Sunday they witnessed the parade of 1150 Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies who marched to music from five bands to the Camp Samac grounds for a church service.

## Baseball - Weekly Standings

SENIOR BOYS					SENIOR GIRLS				
Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Langstaff	5	0	10		Langstaff	5	0	10	
Powell Road	4	1	0	8	Richvale	4	1	0	8
Charles Howitt	3	2	0	6	Thornhill	3	2	0	6
Thornhill	2	3	0	4	Powell Road	2	3	0	4
Richvale	1	4	0	2	Thornlea	1	4	0	2
Thornlea	0	5	0	0	Charles Howitt	0	5	0	0
JUNIOR BOYS					JUNIOR GIRLS				
Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Richvale	4	1	0	8	Thornhill	2	0	0	4
Thornhill	4	1	0	8	Richvale	1	1	1	3
Charles Howitt	3	2	0	6	Thornlea	0	0	1	1
Powell Road	2	3	0	4	Powell Road	0	2	0	0

## Maple & District Softball Schedule 1952

Date	Home Team	Away Team
June 16	Concord at Maple	Hope at Elia
June 19	Elia at Maple	Hope at Concord
June 23	Maple at Hope	Concord at Elia
June 26	Maple at Concord	Elia at Hope
June 30		

## R.H.S. "Old Boy" Risks His Life In Mercy Flight

John Curzon, formerly of Richmond Hill, and a student at the high school here some eight years ago, was in the news this week.

John, now a Flying Officer with the RCAF, was the navigator of a crew of seven, who risked their lives flying a spinal meningitis victim from a remote corner of Labrador to Goose Bay, a distance of 400 miles.

The Canso flying boat for the mercy mission had been declared temporarily unserviceable because of mechanical defects, but the fliers managed to nurse the flying plane over the barren marshland.

Air force spokesmen said the flight, dogged by all the bad breaks in the book, was "incredible", and one of the biggest gambles ever taken in northern flying.

John's home is now on Melrose Ave., Toronto.

## Gravel Truck Crashes Through Guard Rail

A gravel truck, belonging to Alex Morning of Newmarket, and driven by him, crashed through the guard rail on Taney Hill at Kinghorn on Saturday morning, but damage was reported slight.

The truck, loaded with gravel, broke its housing as it was going up the hill. Before leaving he dumped his load over the north side of the hill. The emergency brake did not hold, and the truck raced down the hill, through the guard rail, and into the stream below. When raised by two tow trucks, damage to the truck was discovered to be slight.

## Pinecrest Speedway Is Stock Car Track

The north suburban track had been something of a white elephant until Norm Smith and Joe Cappy moved their operations there from Oakwood Stadium this season.

With a great success at Oakwood behind them, it is no wonder that the two racing promoters have been enjoying remarkable success at Pinecrest, too.

Determined to stay in the stock car business, Smith and Cappy rebuilt the track, built new bleachers and last week realized the ambition of a paved track. Remarkably, the asphalt job was completed in two days, allowing the racing dates to continue without interruption.

Future plans for the Pinecrest oval include complete paving of the infield and a covering for the stands, work which should be finished some time this month.

All summer and fall, until the snow begins to fall, the stock car pilots will be providing thrills and spills at Pinecrest.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Re: New Garage  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
It has come to the writer's attention that the new Markham Township garage that is to be built in Buttonville is to be built on a cost plus basis.

Not only is the location absurd but to be built on a cost plus basis is positively ridiculous. Once a cost plus contract is signed no one can control the cost but the builder, and the more he can increase the cost, the more profit he makes.

There are eight general contractors in the Township of Markham (all taxpayers), but our Council proposes to bring in a man from Pickering to do the work. Why? Unless the taxpayers do something about this high-handed over-bearing attitude of the council and their utter disregard for the taxpayers' money, the taxes will soar beyond all reason.

— C. Smith, Unionville.

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Would you kindly publish the following information which is the correct interpretation of two items involving the Richmond Hill District High School Board and mentioned in your issue of June 5.

(1) In the matter of the much discussed appropriation for music, I believe one of my remarks to the Council was "part" (not all) of it will be used to purchase instruments which will meet the regulations of the Department of Education and thus the disbursement will qualify for the special grant. Furthermore the board has suggested that as far as possible the instruments that are purchased for the "wind" section of the orchestra should be the type that can be used also by the Cadet band, which is not adequately equipped at the present time.

(2) Members of the board do not receive \$5 for every meeting they attend. According to the High Schools Act, they may receive \$5 for each of not more than 12 meetings attended, in any one year, which is quite a different matter. Some trustees have already attended more than 12 meetings since January 1, 1952, and in addition their own expense have made several trips to other points in Ontario in the interest of the school. This, I believe is as it should be, since genuine interest in all pertinent educational problems should be the motivating factor in accepting an appointment to such a board.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this allocation of space,  
Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs.) Gladys G. L. Hill,  
Vice-chairman

## W. Hope President Ratepayers Assoc.

Wm. Hope has been elected president of the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Association by acclamation, with E. Davidson receiving an acclamation for 1st vice-president. The remainder of the executive will stand for office at the next meeting of the association, with Richard Wark and Frank Stiver running for 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Mercer and Mrs. Helen Clark for secretary-treasurer.

Roy Kinsley, Bruce Mercer, Ernie Seal, Max Martin, Mrs. S. Cole have accepted nominations for the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Sharp and seconded by Mr. Fred Melvor that Whitchurch Council be petitioned to change the election date for council to a Saturday in December and that the polls be kept open till 8 p.m. Carried.

Mr. Wm. Hope requested that a letter be sent the Postmaster at Toronto requesting a direct delivery to Lake Wilcox and also that boxes be installed in the Post Office at Lake Wilcox.

The usual discussion about unsatisfactory roads took place and criticism of council was heard. However the remarks of Mrs. C. L. Stephenson that Mr. E. L. McCowan and the other council members were doing their best to better conditions drew a round of applause.

## Frank Worth Officiates At O. Ridges Cub Investiture

Commissioner Frank Worth officiated at the investiture of Oak Ridges Cubs on Thursday night at the Oak Ridges School. Scoutmaster Sid Sheldrake took the salute with Scout Bert Wallace as color bearer and Scouts John Appleton and Lawrence Comfort as guards.

Rev. D. C. H. Michell led in prayer. Cub Mistress Strachan tied the scarves on the cubs after the investiture. The Oak Ridges Lions Club is sponsoring the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack. Capt. Ed. Hawman is the chairman of the Scout and Cub committee. Other members who were present for the investiture were Lion Jas. Stephenson, Lion Vic. Piirto, Lion Vern Sheldrake. A good attendance of parents and friends showing their interest in the re-organization in Oak Ridges of these two groups.

## TO HOLD IRIS SHOW

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will hold its annual Iris Show Thursday evening, June 12, at 8 p.m. in the Lions Community Hall. Although the show is primarily an Iris Show, because Iris is most dominant on display, it is a great deal more than that for the various classes embrace all flowers in season. An added attraction is a talk by Miss Jane Little, daughter of C. E. Little, Richmond Hill. Miss Little is at present majoring in Floriculture at Cornell University, and will talk and give illustrations on "Landscaping the Small Lot". This subject will be of interest to newcomers and others in the village. New members are urged to enter as many classes as possible. Mr. Geo. Harte is chairman of this show.

BY... J. E. SMITH  
M. P. NORTH YORK

The Farm Improvement Loans Act has now been in operation in Canada for seven years. The annual report of the operations of this Act presented here this week showed a splendid record of service and a very small proportion of loss to the government.

Loans under this Act are available to farmers for modernization of homes and buildings and for equipment.

The report shows that the number of loans made under the Act in 1951 was 75,603, an increase of 27 per cent over 1950. The amount of loans made during 1951 was \$85,326,227.

Loans under the Farm Improvement Loan Act are available for a variety of purposes. These include the purchase of almost any implement and equipment, or the making of improvements and developments that would increase the farmer's productivity, the quality of his output or the working conditions on his farm.

The terms of repayment depend largely on the amount borrowed and are limited to a maximum of seven years.

The maximum amount which a borrower may have outstanding at any one time is \$3,000 and the rate of interest charged, cannot exceed 5 per cent. Applications for loans should be made to your local bank manager and the annual report pays tribute to the fine service and co-operation rendered by the Banks in making this Act helpful to Canadian farmers.

**Export Ban Costly**  
The export sale of Canadian livestock and animal products has declined by \$39 million in the first four months of this year, due largely to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Saskatchewan. So severe a loss in such a short time emphasizes the seriousness of the disease and there has been general relief felt following the announcement of a high official this week that the outbreak had been successfully checked.

Despite the embargo U. S. buyers of dairy cattle have continued to make purchases in considerable

numbers, leaving the stock here until such time as the embargo is lifted.

**Unemployment Insurance**  
This week amendments were made in the Unemployment Insurance Act. New provisions allow an increase in the insurance payments and decrease the waiting period from nine to five days.

**Taxation**  
Federal, provincial and municipal taxes in Canada in 1952 will amount to some \$6 billion dollars, about one-third of our total national income. As far as the federal government is concerned defence expenditures which everybody realizes are necessary for national security, account for more than half of all expenditures. Despite criticism that the government spends money too freely, actual figures show that apart from defence, the federal government expenditures increased by less than 6 per cent from 1949 to 1951 — not a bad record in the face of rising costs.

**The Senate**  
There are at present 18 vacancies in the Canadian Senate and while there are plenty of aspirants the Prime Minister is not likely to make many appointments until next year.

The Senate now has 102 seats, and the present political standing is 76 Liberals and 8 Conservatives. Six of the vacancies are in Quebec, 4 in Ontario, 4 in New Brunswick and 1 each in B.C., Manitoba, P.E.I. and Newfoundland.

**Living Costs Down**  
The cost of living index took a two point plunge downward during April, the largest monthly drop in 20 years. It is the fourth consecutive monthly decline in the index since the peak last December.

**Lilacs in Bloom**  
Visitors to the Capital this week have enjoyed Canada's most beautiful display of lilac bloom at the Experimental Farm. The long rows of many varieties are in all the glory of full bloom and make a magnificent showing. Iris and peonies also are in bloom.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

CHILDREN'S BENEFACTOR  
At the close of the nineteenth century a famous English woman, Elizabeth Haldane, was asked what she considered to be the greatest discovery of that century; she made this astonishing reply: "The discovery of the little child."

She went on to say that more honest attempts were being made to understand children than ever before.

If there is any person, more than another, to be thanked for this improvement, it is Frederick W. Froebel, the anniversary of whose death is observed this year — to be exact on June 1. He was the "Father of the Kindergarten," and it probably was of this educational method Mrs. Haldane was thinking.

Frederick Froebel was born at Oberweissbach, a village in Germany, on April 21, 1782, and after a somewhat unhappy childhood he took up the profession of teaching at a time when practically nothing was done to make school interesting or inviting. He decided to try new methods by inviting children to ask questions and succeeded in making them feel at ease.

Sometimes he took the boys out

Froebel's teaching. Often bigoted people would visit the parents of pupils attending his school and poison their minds against him, and Froebel, who was an extremely sensitive man, was greatly discouraged.

He became convinced that the education of children ought to begin early and so, in 1829, he opened a school for children from three to seven years of age. Little ones were taught in a natural and sympathetic way so that school would become more and more inviting. For a long time he racked his brain trying to think of a suitable name for these new schools for little tots. One day, while walking with some friends he kept repeating: "Oh if I could only think of a suitable name for my youngest born!" Suddenly he stood as if fettered to the spot. "Eureka," he fairly shouted. "I have it! Kindergarten (child-garden) shall be the name of the institution."

For the remainder of his useful life Froebel devoted himself to the establishment of Kindergarten schools. He was often so severely straightened for money that he had to pawn his personal belongings to raise money. He once allowed the whole of his household furniture to be sold by public auction in order to get money to carry on his work with children. For a time, when advanced in years, he was without a permanent home and endured considerable discomfort.

He died on June 1, 1852. During his life-time many people failed to understand him; often those who ought to have encouraged him showed bitter opposition. Yet his work lives on. After his death others took up his ideas, and today the Kindergarten is found in every land where education has its proper place in the life of the people.

## TODAY'S QUOTATION

Our quotation today is by Olive Schreiner:  
"The first six years of life make us — all that is added is only veneer."

## Garden Tea At Home Of Mrs. S. C. Snively

The home of Mrs. S. C. Snively, Glen Lonely Farm, Lake Wilcox, will be the setting for a Garden Tea, on Friday, June 13, held under the auspices of the York County Hospital Women's Auxiliary. The proceeds from the tea will be used for comforts and necessities for the patients at the hospital.

The committee in charge states that a most enjoyable afternoon is in store for those attending, at this historic home overlooking Lake St. George.

Glen Lonely Farm is on the Lake Wilcox South Road. Turn right at Ash's boat house and it is the first farm on the left. Tea will be served from two to six in the afternoon and there will be a one dollar admission.

## WATCH FOR THE GREATEST MOTION PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT IN HISTORY "Quo Vadis"

Two student public health nurses from the University of Toronto are being given field work at the present time in York County Health unit. They have just completed their course in public health nursing at the University and are now observing the actual work of a health unit in operation.

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