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Hope To Clear The Air

Dissatisfaction over the way the Metropolitan Planning Board controls planning in fringe municipalities has been a contentious subject with Vaughan Township ever since Metro came into being. The action of the Provincial Government in creating the Metro Area with all its subsidiaries has virtually reduced the status of local municipal councils and planning boards to very limited powers. Reeve Marshall McMurchy summed up the feeling of Vaughan Township Council when he said at a recent meeting, "Whether we like it or not, we have lost the authority over our own planning, but we still get all the criticism."

Following a recommendation by Reeve McMurchy, council has now instructed the township clerk to arrange a meeting between the Minister of Planning and Development, the Chairman of the Metro Planning Board and Vaughan Council. "We've got to sit down and get these things ironed out before we go any further in our development," said the Reeve in presenting his proposal.

Vaughan Council is to be commended for taking the first step in attempting a closer liaison with the Provincial and Metropolitan planning authorities. It is a step which should

do a great deal to foster both co-ordination and co-operation so necessary for the successful future development of the area.

If Metro Planning Board is to have such strong powers over the development of areas outside of the Metro boundaries, then it is the responsibility of Metro to assist municipal councils and planning boards in forming basic policies which will avert the presently resulting conflict of decisions emanating from the two levels of planning.

Municipalities in the fringe areas are sick and tired of being scape-goats for the decisions of both the Provincial and Metropolitan agencies. For too long, critics of the municipal governments have failed to recognize the fact that many municipal actions and decisions are contingent on top level rulings and in some cases not the true convictions of the voters' representatives.

Other municipal bodies and taxpayers in general will be watching, with interest, the outcome of this conference which is intended to iron out many of these difficulties and grievances which have arisen through a lack of official foresight in setting up a powerful new government agency.

How Your Body Can Beat The Heat

So efficient are the human body's cooling units — a system of sweat glands, a network of blood vessels and a layer of insulating fat — that a man can survive in an oven that would cook a steak placed beside him. So states an article in the August Reader's Digest.

Few of us expect to enter ovens heat by heeding six rules offered in the Digest article:

1. Drink plenty of liquids. Don't rely on thirst as a guide, for sometimes it lags behind the actual need.
2. Increase salt intake slightly to replace salt lost in sweating.
3. Relax. Muscular activity is a primary producer of heat.
4. Use fans, but don't sleep with a fan aimed directly at your head.
5. Keep your child's head moist

with a wet handkerchief in very hot weather. The sweat-gland capacity of babies and small children is limited, therefore they are more vulnerable to heat exhaustion.

6. Avoid too much exposure to the sun at one time; it can lead to sunstroke.

Humidity is much more exhausting than heat, says the Digest. Student volunteers performed heavy labor for six hours in dry air, at 122 degree F., but in humid air the same work quickly exhausted them if the mercury rose above 90 degrees.

Man's ability to withstand extreme heat is sometimes amazing. A research project volunteer stayed for 26 minutes in 240 degree heat. The Digest article points out that a club steak in an oven at 240 degrees will be ready to eat in 26 minutes.

Dear Mister Editor

Re: Means of Transportation
Dear Mr. Editor:

I read your Editorial "Watch out for Hitchhikers" (June 30, 1955) and remember a previous article you published on this subject. I write to give you the other side of this matter.

I first rode up Yonge St. on the Metropolitan Street Railway on July 14, 1950. They had a farm job at 50c a day when they had the eight-hour shift twice the same day. I forget how often the cars ran then, but TTC men tell me they had the present 40 minute service 30 years ago. We get the kind of service that forces even TTC buses to drive autos to work.

The buses speed where the traffic is light, that is from Richmond Hill to Steeles, so to catch one it is necessary to allow at least 10 minutes at the stops. I have seen them get to the city limits seven minutes ahead of schedule, which they used to use in the restaurant. Are the passengers they left behind to freeze supposed to wait 40 minutes for the next bus?

Returning at night I have had to be pushed in so the doors could be shut. When a booze artist is aboard the stink of beer and peppermint would sicken a dog. The driver has far too much to do handling a two man job and what with being jerked, jolted, trampled and stopping at every post, the ride is more of an ordeal than a pleasure. The horse buses of Queen Victoria's time had two men to operate them and many a ride I have enjoyed on them.

I have thumbed my way back and forth downtown hundreds of times and never had to stand. I meet very nice people and enjoy the ride. When thanking the driver he has also thanked me and said the drive had been a pleasure. We have frequently passed the bus I missed and left it away out of sight by the time we got to Eglinton.

There is enough room in the autos going downtown and back for all the passengers the TTC carries. I am willing and able to pay for a ride. I was told there is a system of payment for auto accommodation in the States. Some official system should be inaugurated here. The motorist took care of us during the strike. The lurid horrors of hitchhiking you stress could very easily be eliminated. What about the colds and disease spread by disgraceful overcrowding, not to mention the discomfort of open air waiting.

Public Ownership is Socialism inaugurated to provide soft jobs for incompetents. It ill becomes writers who can glide around in comfort to discourage motorists willing to do a good deed for the victims of the TTC.

Yours truly,
Senior Citizen

Re: Public School Kindergarten

Dear Mr. Editor:
I take this opportunity of correcting a statement given prominence in your issue of June 30, quote "There is no provincial grant on kindergarten rooms." Kindergarten rooms share in the provincial

educational grant in exactly the same way as do grade classrooms (with the exception of the grant for text books and reference books, which are not required in kindergartens) and kindergartens have benefited from this grant in 1955.

Let me refer you to the pamphlet "General Legislative Grants under the Dept. of Education Act", where these regulations are clearly set forth. This pamphlet is obtainable at the Dept. of Education, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto, or the writer would be pleased to loan her copy to anyone unfamiliar with the present grant system.

Briefly, the Richmond Hill School Section provincial grant for elementary education is calculated by taking a percentage of the "approved cost" in accordance with the population, and as the population increases, the grant decreases, e.g. with a population of 2500 to 2999 the grant will be approximately 44%. With a population of 3000 to 3499, the grant will be approximately 41%. "Approved cost" means the total of the disbursements made from current funds by a board during the preceding year according to certain regulations laid down by the Dept. of Education. There is a grant of \$16.00 for each pupil of average daily attendance during the preceding year, two half days in kindergarten counting in the same way as one day in a grade classroom.

There is a provincial grant paid to boards for the construction and equipping of new classrooms and kindergarten rooms (up to the amount of \$20,000 per room for construction and equipment). The Department of Education will pay the same grant on a kindergarten table and chair as on any grade seating unit and both of these, to receive the grant, must be included in the \$20,000 allowed as maximum per classroom. No grant will be paid for the later re-modelling or converting of rooms, partitioning, corkboard space, or tables and chairs, in urban municipalities with a population over 2500.

The grant for kindergarten teachers' salaries is calculated on the same basis as grade teachers' salaries. "Approved cost" are "instructional salaries not exceeding \$75. for each pupil of average daily attendance" for the preceding year.

The Dept. of Education pays as well as other principal, interest and grant charges due in that year on debentures and capital loans.

In 1953, 60,730 children in Ontario attended kindergartens. There were 40 more boards operating kindergartens in 1953-54 than in 1952-53. Seldom are fees charged, or kindergartens closed.

In view of the above facts, Allencourt parents may well question a decision for a double kindergarten room in a ten-room school remote from them and no kindergarten in the 12-room school under construction beside them. Why pay taxes as well as taxes?

Yours truly,
(Mrs. J. A.) Barbara Langstaff,
106 Yonge St. N.,
Richmond Hill

Way Back When

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

JULY 19, 1894
Facts about Toronto:
Toronto has a population of 185,000.

There are 245 miles of water mains and 221 miles of sewers in the city.

There are 70 miles of railway track.

The acreage of the city including the harbour and marsh is 14,000 acres.

The city covers 22 square miles.

Three school boys appeared before the mayor in Newmarket last week charged with smoking cigarettes. They were proven guilty but were allowed to go on suspended sentence after being severely reprimanded. The mayor explained that the lightest fine he could impose was \$10 and costs or 30 days imprisonment. The person who sold the cigarettes to the boys was also liable, but the lads would not tell where they go home.

JULY 27, 1950

A new branch office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been opened. To be open three days weekly, the new bank will be under the direction of Manager Barney Brydon.

A final drive is being made by residents of Richvale for funds to complete the Community Hall. To date, \$3000 has been raised for the project.

The Oak Ridges Lions Club is holding a carnival this year, the first big carnival sponsored by this club.

R. D. Little was honoured at the Lions International Convention in Chicago recently when he was presented with a gold pin. Completing his term as District Governor, Mr. Little will now become a permanent International Counsellor.

The Lake Wilcox South Road is being completely rebuilt. Several counts have shown an average of nearly 3,000 cars per day using the road during the summer season.

AUGUST 10, 1950

If present plans to incorporate the Ball and McMahon subdivisions into the police village of Thornhill are approved, the village will then cover some 700 acres.

Radiocal changes are being made for the moving of Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill to its new site. Originally it was planned to move the building in sections, but the Department of Highways has refused permission and consequently the church is now being entirely dismantled to be re-erected on the new site.

Sam Ireland, for 24 years a constable in Vaughan Township, has resigned from the township service to go into retirement.

Dr. Frederick W. Routley of Maple, former National Commissioner of the Red Cross, has been awarded the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the French Government.

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It is hereby proclaimed by the Township of Vaughan that Monday, August 1, 1955, will be observed as a Civic Holiday.

Citizens are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

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Reeve Clerk

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BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

STORIES OF CHILDREN

I like to think that some who read this column sometimes give addresses to children and to them, I would give a word of advice — don't ask questions of children in public — because you never can tell what they will say. Here are a few illustrations intended to warn you.

A friend of mine was in church recently where the minister was warning the children against bad habits. Then he asked some questions and got the expected replies about kinds of bad habits — drink, profanity, anger, etc. The congregation was impressed and quiet until one lad put up his hand. "Well, my little man," said the minister, "What evil habit do you know?" "Eating peas off a knife," the lad replied and some members of the congregation didn't get serious again.

A man I know was trying to get the idea across that if we held on to God, we might slip but He would not let us fall. He told of a man and his boy walking on slippery ice. The lad fell two or three times; at last he took his father's hand. "What happened then?" asked the speaker. A little lad spoke up: "They both rolled down," he said. It spoiled the story!

A grandfather told me that his grandson, aged six, followed him around, watching his every move when he was cleaning his false teeth, he was fascinated. "What are you doing now?" he asked as grandpa removed his plate, then slipped it back into his mouth. The little fellow thought it over, then asked: "Have you got a saucer in there too?"

A little lad, now an officer in the air force, was to have a party on his sixth birthday. It was in August and there had been several weeks of grand weather — ideal for an outdoor party, but alas, when the big day came it rained without ceasing. "Well, never mind," said Bill's mother, "God sends the rain." Bill was in no mood for such explanations. "God ought to know that ev-

Editorial Comment

One of the most frustrating aspects of modern telephone communication is the "Wrong Number" caller. Now wrong numbers in themselves are not such an offence; most of us at some time or other have dialled a wrong number. But the thing that is the hardest to take is the person who, having called the wrong number, holds the phone for a few minutes of suspended frustration, perhaps gives a light frustrated sigh or a disgruntled snort and hangs up.

A pleasant, "I'm sorry, I must have dialled the wrong number," does much to soothe the shattered composure of a busy housewife who has rushed in from the garden or up from the basement or calm the tired office man with stomach ulcers.

We hear this a few, however, that there are a few people in the area who are using the telephones as a medium for their distorted sense of humour. A local resident received very distressing news about her family over the phone recently only to learn a few minutes later that it was only the work of some prankster. Residents of the area are urged to be alert when calls, seeming strange, are received. A prankster of this sort who is trapped in his joke soon ceases his senseless calls. It is interesting to note that it is a serious offense to use Canada's phones for anything but legitimate calls.

Just how determined some Canadians are was evidenced recently at a village pay phone. A storm had knocked out the phone connection and telephone officials had not arrived to repair the damage.

The first few customers tried — failed to get the dial tone — smiled weakly at passersby, and left. Then came a determined individual who was more persistent. After he repeated tries (to the tune of something like 40c) this individual finally gave up and proceeded to another phone, presumably to give the telephone company some free advice. The payoff came, however, when, even after an "out of order" sign had been installed over the coin slot, another customer attempted to remove the sign to use the phone.

VEST POCKET EDITORIAL

A nation's wealth and economic strength lies in industrial plants, rail transport systems, agriculture, natural resources and the people's ability and willingness to work.