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Library Week

Although library services have been expanding rapidly in Canada, there are still sections of the country which are either inadequately served or not served at all.

Canadian Library Week will be devoted to stressing the importance of reading, and of all kinds of libraries, in Canadian life. A substantial increase in activity over last year will come from individual cities, towns and villages which help to strengthen the campaign through the formation of local groups.

The chief purpose of Canadian Library Week will be to further the already marked increases in the number of libraries and books available to Canadi-

The Canadian Institute of Public Opinion surveys indicate that only 26 per cent of Canadians asked were reading a book recently, compared to 31 per cent in 1953 and 40 per cent in 1945. Women are slightly ahead of men in this respect; 27 per cent of the women asked were reading a book, and 25 per cent of the men.

The experience of public libraries, however, shows an unprecedented increase in numbers of books circulated and borrowers. The most recent figures available show a more than 50 per cent increase since 1945 in the circulation of Ontario public libraries and association libraries. The number of borrowers has risen by some 60 per cent in the same period.

The answer probably lies in the fact that where library or book store facilities are available. Canadians are reading more. There is still a major job to be done in making these facilities available to all Canadians.

Of the centres in Canada over 10,-000 population, more than 95 per cent of the population is served by public libraries. The combined services of regional and co-operative library systems and municipal and association libraries in centres under 10,000 reached, according to most recent figures available,

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nearly 40 per cent of their population. We still fall short of reaching all Canadians, however, with something under 80 per cent of the population receiving some form of library service.

Usage of libraries is increasing, but only one Canadian in eight is a registered borrower. Even counting those of reading age (six years and up), only about one-seventh of the reading population are registered borrowers. In Toronto 43 per cent of the population are borrowers; in Montreal, about 8 per

There are an estimated 850 public libraries in Canada, with some 11,300,-000 books in stock — about five books for each borrower, or 1.5 books for each Canadian.

In centres over 10,000 libraries maintain a stock equivalent to 18 books per borrower, or four books per person

Library facilities across Canada are growing at the rate of four per cent each year, with an unprecedented building program. Between 1950 and 1957, 25 per cent of all Canadian libraries were constructed. One hundred years ago Canada had fewer than 15 libraries.

Visit the Library in your community during Library Week. Make good use of your Library all through the year and you will find it enjoyable and rewarding.

Hospital Financing

People in this part of York County where there is a very apparent need for hospital accommodation will be interested in the announcement this week that in the neighbouring County of Peel, the County Council has undertaken the financing of all future hospital construction in the County.

The plan has been referred to as most practical and progressive legislation, and it is one which should have the careful and serious consideration of York and other counties of Ontario.

The plan was recommended by the Finance Committee after a long study of the hospital problems of the county. The money required for county hospital construction will be contained in the county's general budget, and levied against all the municipalities.

a grant of \$8,000 per bed where the per bed construction cost is not less than \$12,000. If construction cost is less than \$12,000 per bed, the grant will be

proportionately less. If construction costs are higher than \$12,000 per bed, the county will consider an additional grant if it is satisfied all other means of obtaining funds have been exhausted.

To be eligible for the county grant, hospital construction must qualify for the \$4,000 per bed provincial and federal grants and have the need, plans and specifications for the construction approved by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

A year after the first grant is made under the new plan, the county will take over the existing debenture debt of its 11 municipalities on the two existing hospitals.

Port Credit Reeve Cyril Saddington, chairman of council's finance committee, said it was no longer possible Under the plan the county will pay to finance hospital construction by public subscription. He said the plan was the only sound means of assuring ade. quate hospital accommodation for Peel's residents.

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FOR

A course of weekly classes beginning April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in hygiene of pregnancy, how baby grows, food for the family, feeding the baby, the hospital stay, and other subjects of importance to expectant mothers.

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Community Flashback - -

For Home And Country - - - And A New Library

The observance of Library Week, April 3rd to 9th, is an appropriate occasion to recall the following important event in the history and development of Richmond the item, I am sure, hey will Hill's Public Library. It reveals that the Women's Insti- wish to know the cost. tute played an important role in the progress of Library service in this community.

branch of the Women's Institute objective. many of you do not know that grew, more bonds were bought. our library then was in the room Then the second World War

Plans were soon made by the Library for the village. Institute to hold a supper and In May 1948, Mrs. R. D. Little, of a Library in a community. vice. This inspired us to settle down In October 1948, exactly 22

ties, Suppers and more Suppers, to be used at their discretion. where we were paid so much for Fund amounted to \$1,752.54." each person attending. We cater- In the Women's Institute hised at Bowling Club tournaments, tory there is a picture of Mrs. at Picnics in the Park, Teacher's H. H. MacKay unveiling the Children's Story Hour.

In 1929, Mr. Carson, then In- The part that the Women's Inso many needed food: however Richmond Hill."

Mrs. O. L. Wright gave the fol- we did apply to Council for a lowing address on the occasion of Building Site. A joint meeting Unveiling the Women's Institute of the Library Board and the Plaque in the Library of 1952. Women's Institute was held and "Since the inauguration of our we decided to carry on with our

have tried to live up to our mot- a more suitable room on the seto, "For Home and Country." In cond floor of the Municipal been a member since 1915 moved room. About this time we inthat we hold a carnival for the vested some of our Library mon- considered. benefit of our library. Perhaps ey in a \$500 bond. Later as funds

Hall. It was small, dark and din- brary was suspended in favor liquor store or brewery waregy and entirely inadequate Our of Red Cross and War Work. house would have been establish-Librarians did their best, but However, largely due to Mrs. ed in the Township as a result they were working under ser- Phipps influence, we still held because of the close proximity our aim before us - A suitable of existing outlets.

Dance; then the Dickens Fellow- then Chairman of the Library ship gave us an evening. By Board explained to us the pro-April 1927 we had \$170 in our posed move to make a permanent Library Fund. We then held a Library on the ground floor of Public Meeting under the joint the Municipal Building. I had auspices of the Institute and the the honour of being officer be-Home and School Club, with a tween the two organizations, and stirring address on the benefit had much pleasure in this ser-

in earnest to raise funds to build years after our project began, a motion was passed to turn over We had Tag Days, Card Par- our funds to the Library Board We compiled Recipe books, and In January 1949 our bonds took trips to places of interest were sold and our total Library

and for a time carried on a Library, and Miss Izzard representing the Library Board.

spector of Librarians addressed stitute played through this conus, and a committee was appoint- tribution, in extending the Lited to investigate the possibility brary facilities, was recalled by of building a Library. Then de- Mrs. P. C. Hill at the opening "from design," may not convince pression struck the country and of the present Library in her adit was felt that it was impossible dress "One Hundred and six to ask money for a Library when Years of Library Service in

Speaking Personally -

STREETSVILLE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE (By Jane Fort Manning)

the summer courses, and the con- man. ferences with their workshops Wide-reading Important and lectures.

ited States high school were com- language.

you'll find it interesting. "The interdependence of the

Mathematics, and the Skill Sub-Streetsville conference and it gives a glimpse into the philosophy underlying the teaching of these subjects.

The Humanities Problems of the education cannot be solved by the invention of a new jargon, warned Dr. Hobbies Essential Sanborn ,Professor of English at the University of Western Ontario. He deplored each generations new terminologies such as iation skills," and went back to Newman for the distinction between liberal education, learning worth possessing for what it is and for what it gives in taste and insight, and useful education, which is justified in terms of what can be done with it.

Dr. Sanborn added that a subject could be studied both ways at once. For technical education is a condition of survival for mass man, and we must all acquire a pre-fabricated body of methods in order to earn a living in a material world. But there is another world to which education should introduce us, this is the world of intellectual excellence where humility is learnt in the presence of great minds. To this world the humanities, literature, and the pure sciences introduce

Education in the highest sense can only lead to maladjustment in the ordinary world, for all the late talk about the function of education being to adjust the student to life in society, the speaker pointed out. The Utilitarian takes society as he finds it, the liberal looks more deeply in-

by the intrusion of jargon. The first lesson in kindergar-

spiritual and moral heritage. gon that literature, not being a "on."

Language is the most import- that the whole Body might be ant step in human history, pro- built up, until the time comes Our nigh school teachers were claimed Dr. R. R. McLaughin, when, in unity of command faith granted a day off by Lie York Dean of the School of Practical and common knowledge of the Central High School Board on Sciences at the University of To- Son of God, we arrive at real March 18th to attend either the ronto. He acknowledged that maturity - that measure of de-Ontario Secondary School Teach- each discipline developed its velopment which is meant by ers Federation, District 1? at own language often with symbols "fullness of Christ." (J. B. Phil-Streetsville, or to go to a pro- and formulas. But, he warned, ips) fessional development conference the specialist must never forget | What a majestic understanding

Mr. N. R. Clifton has kindly enough in a person's life today, vellous insight into the purpose ference at Streetsville. I'm sure must at all stages provide an in Christ. This letter shows us jects" was the topic of the by wide reading feed it the great erence to Him. Just as the se-

The industrial arts teach flex- which God has for all things.

the craftsman knows why. tial part of education, consider- in Christ. ing the increasing leisure time Group Discussions

teaching subjects of value in and a tower, whose top shall themselves was felt to be present reach to heaven, and let us make attitudes of many adults. If par- us a name, lest we perish from ents considered the acquisition of the earth." This man centered money to be prime objective, plan ended in confusion and how was it possible to induce a chaos. History witnesses to the desire of learning for its own fact that all man centered plans sake in the children?

ents should be encouraged to be chequered career, its unfaithfulto the values of society, and critical of the values of society ness and sin, has still held close HOME WALLS. SEE OUR questions them. The liberal is an and not to accept them blindly, enough to Christ to reveal that aristocrat; he does not seek a Other subjects discussed in- true unity can be found in Him. life the same as every one else; cluded extra-curricular activities, In the Ephesian letter, Paul he seeks the best life. He in- starting languages and the hum- points us to this great plan which fuses the most menial classroom anities in elementary grades, God has for humanity. Right now talk with intellectual excitement. whether sciences and maths are we may find purpose and fulfill-Dr. Sanborn warned that for best left for high school to start. ment in our own lives as we this reason the division of Eng- The desirability of frequent yield to Christ who is the cenlish into reading, a "skill subject," meetings of teachers to be re- ter of all things. Our lives can and literature, a "subject matter minded of the highest objectives only find meaning as they are area" was a darkening of counsel of their crafts was the note on committed in faith to Him. Each

> ten, Dr. Sanborn advocated, WOODBRIDGE - The Wood- God's plan for the unification of should be taught in the name of bridge theatre has employed el- mankind, as we surrender heart literature and should begin the ectronics to provide an answer- and wih to Christ. introduction of the child to his ing service" regarding programs being shown. A recorded an- AURORA - Aurora will consi-The function of the humanities nouncement of the theatre man- der eliminating its present fire was being undermined, he believ- ager's voice tells 600 persons alarm box system. Two recent

"Dear Mr. Editor"

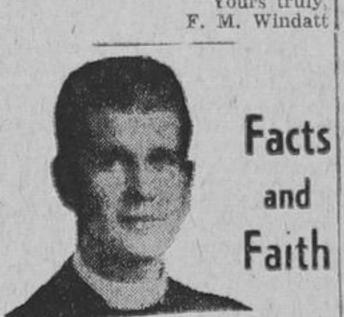
Wants To Know Cost Vaughan Liquor Vote P.O. Box 66 Pine Grove, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor:-This correspondent would now ask the Vaughan Townsnip Counci. to publish in this paper a reasonably detailed statement of the cost of the recent abortive liquor plebiscite. As the residents of the Township will be paying Phone TUrner 4-1212

It can reasonably be assumed that had Vaughan Township Council insisted that those requesting the plebiscite obtain a petition signed by 25% of eligible voters, as required under Section 69 of the Liquor License Act and had such a petition been obtainable, the result in Richmond Hill in 1913 we In 1932 the Library moved to would have been substantially different. My concern is an endeavour to point out to our elkeeping with this, in October Building and the W. I. bought ected representatives that it is 1926, Mrs. A. L. Phipps who has tables and chairs for this new people that count and that in this instance they should have been

It should be pointed out, in passing, that had an affirmative vote been registered, the betting later the kitchen in the Masonic came and our work for the Li- is fifty to one that no new

Yours truly



A Weekly Comment On Christian Life and Action - By Calvin H. Chambers

God's Plan For The World One of the classical arguments conventions, Farmer's banquets plaque in the Library, which for the existence of God is the and held Bake sales innumerable. commemorates the contribution of principle of order and design We had many talks on books the Women's Institute to the which seems to govern the whole universe. The whole creation, from the lowest form of inanimate life to the highest form in man, points to an Intelligent Mind who has brought all things into existence. The argument an unbeliever that there is a God, but at least it is a fac which must be considered. As far as the Christian is concerned, he believes that God has a plan and purpose for the entire universe, and as the Master Architect, He is at work bringing that

plan to fulfillment. This is the theme of Paul's letter to the Ephesian Christians. He is concerned to show, that God not only wants to redeem men from their sin, but He longs I don't believe there is any skill, was a luxury item, that un- to see in every believer a sense group in our community today der pressure of time or other- of maturity, and an appreciation who work with greater zeal than wise, was more dispensible. A sin of the meaning of life in terms our teachers to gain further in- to which the physicist was liable of yielding to His plan. The key sight and knowledge. Witness the was the viewpoint that the know- statement in this letter of six in-service training courses which ledge of material was more im- chapters is found in 4:13. "The take place after school hours, portant that the knowledge of gifts of God were made to Christians, that they might be properly equipped for their service,

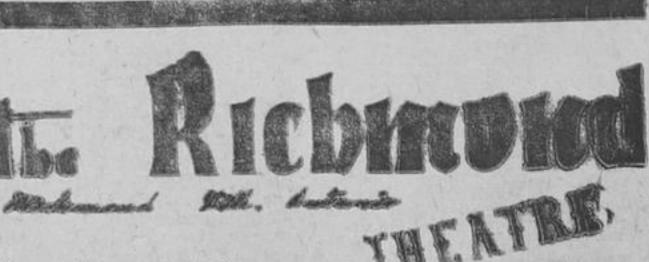
at Buffalo at which I am told that he has a responsibility to of life is given to us, whenever curriculums of Canadian and Un- translate to the common base we enter into living faith in the God and Father of our Lord Je-Since specialization comes soon sus Christ. We are given a margiven me a resume of the con- Dr. McLaughlin felt education of our creation and redemption antidote to it in the cultivation that at the very center of all of wide interests. Since often the reality stands Jesus Christ. Ev-Humanities, the Sciences and solution of problems comes from erything that God purposes with sub-conscious processes, we must regard to His universe is in reftest variety of materials. Know- cret language of the Great Pyraledge is sub-divided artificially mid in Egypt was unlocked by for convenience but is indivis- the discovery of the Rosetta able. For instance history cannot Stone, by which all the ancient ignore scientific ideas nor can symbols of Egyptian writing was science be studied adequately deciphered; so Christ is the sewithout a knowledge of history. | cret by which we can come to an understanding of the purpose

ibility in an ever-changing world There are some scholars and which is important in training Christians who think of God's students for democracy, said Mr. plan as something which will be today's "skill subjects," "apprec- J. Spry, Professor of Industrial completed at the end of human Arts at the Ontario College of history. But Paul emphasizes that Education. He believed small in- God's plan for humanity already dustrial arts classes accomplish- exists, even though imperfecting concrete work using common ly, within the life and fellowship equipment, and giving experien- of the Christian Church. God has ces in seeing something grow created the Church to be the from plans, provided such train- point of integration between men ing. Such a teacher should not be and women who by origin and satisfied with merely teaching background are separated from skills, but craftsmanship, and ac- each other. Already within the curate thinking and expression. Hife of the Church, we see this The workman knows how but principle at work. The Church with its universal fellowship of Mr. Spry felt that in years to believers from every part of the come knowledge of a hobby world, is a glorious witness to would be considered an essen- the fact that men may find unity

At the Tower of Babel the nations of the world were separ-In the afternoon the teachers ated from each other, because meet in groups of twenty for of their man centered attempt to create world unity. They said, One obstacle in the way of "Go to now, let us build us a city for human brotherhood have fail-Dr Sanborn suggested stud- ed. The Church, in spite of its

which the conference concluded. day we may have the joy of knowing that we are part of

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