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County Council Moves To Solve Hospital Problem

There is a serious shortage of hospital beds in York County. Present accommodation is quite inadequate, in fact less than a quarter the number of beds which are a minimum requirement according to accepted authorities.

York County Council in special session this week showed commendable interest and concern in this problem, and took prompt action to do something about it. A resolution, adopted unanimously at last Thursday night's special session stated that the county recognizes the urgent need of more hospital accommodation, and asked the two existing hospital boards for a complete report to be considered at the June session.

In recent years there have been rumblings of criticism of County Councils as a part of municipal administrative systems. There have been suggestions that they have outlived their usefulness and should be abolished. If York County Council accepts the challenge presented this week and takes the lead in placing our hospitalization on a sound and efficient basis, they will put an end to such rumblings and will prove they can face up to a problem which higher levels of government have too long overlooked.

County Council action was taken following representations made by Mr. Douglas H. Storms, Chairman of the recently chartered York Central Hospital Association. Some weeks ago a temporary Hospital Board was elected with representatives from Vaughan, Markham, King and Whitchurch Townships, Markham Village and the Town of Richmond Hill. The board recently received its charter under the name of York Central Hospital Association and its aim is to provide adequate accommodation for the southern part of the county. At present the county has only one hospital, located at Newmarket, where the accommodation is now overtaxed and an extensive building program is under consideration.

In his presentation to County Council, Chairman Storms made a forceful plea for action to meet the hospital needs of the county, and brought forward something new in a very practical suggestion for hospital planning and financing.

He suggested a thorough and independent survey of hospital needs of the county and a recommendation by qualified authorities as to the best and most economical means of meeting these

needs. He suggested that the old method of passing the hat to build hospitals is out of date, and that money to provide hospital beds, over and above the approximate one-third paid by the Federal and Provincial governments, should be raised by county taxation.

Mr. Storm's suggestion was well received by members of County Council, and we believe it should have wholehearted approval of the citizens of the county.

There may have been a day when hospitalization could be considered a luxury, but that day is far past. In this modern age hospitalization is a necessity, just as roads, schools and waterworks systems are necessities. This being the case, why do we continue to leave hospital construction to the uncertain support of charity? We agree with Mr. Storms that passing the hat is not the right method of financing hospitals needed by our people.

The suggestion to make the county a unit for hospital planning and financing seems to be an excellent one, and we commend County Council for prompt acceptance and quick action in asking for a survey and report at the June session.

It is an undisputed fact that there is a crying need for more hospital beds in York County. Many people suffering serious illness need hospital care and cannot get it because no beds are available. It is sad, but true, that some die while waiting for a hospital bed. Many others, sick and suffering are rushed out of hospitals too soon due to the pressing need for beds. This is a condition which must not continue in York County.

The special session of York County Council last Thursday evening may mark the dawn of a new era in hospitalization. The resolution asking for the survey and report for the June session may have marked the beginning of a new and more realistic approach to the whole problem of hospital building and administration. We are impressed by the attitude and action of York County Council and are confident the members will meet the challenge of the situation with vision and courage. If they do they will have earned the everlasting gratitude of the people of this county and will have given the lead in meeting a great humanitarian need in a manner which may well be followed by other counties in the province.

A Rose For Mother's Day

(By: Mona A. Robertson)

When I was young, my wee ones,
--- Ah Time, how fast it runs;
On Mother's Day I proudly wore
A rose of glorious red.

And, seeing others wearing white —
I asked, "Can that be right?"
And Mother answering told me,
"Their Mother, dear, is dead."

Now I, in turn, wear white this Day —
But on her narrow bed of clay —
I'll plant a rose, a lovely rose,
Of brightest, rosy red.

— Speaking Personally —

ALBERT EINSTEIN, FAMOUS REFUGEE

(By Jane Fort Manning)

Eighteen years ago we were concerned about the refugees from Hitler dominated Europe. Many of these people have enriched our lives in the years since. One of them, I remember became a philosophy professor at the University of Georgia, until in a misguided spirit of Gene Talmadge demagoguery "all furmishers" were ousted from "the State University System" over student protest I might add.

Later in New York City I attended classes taught by the eminent U. S. theologian, Dr. Paul Tillich, then a refugee, and came to know several other refugee families and heard their stories of travail.

How sad it is to realize that all these days and years have passed and there are still refugee camps.

Refugee and Education
This week, as we're all thinking of what we can do to help clear these camps, I recalled the afternoon I spent with Dr. Albert Einstein and a group of refugees he had invited to see him at Princeton, New Jersey. I wrote then:

Well-stocked with enough drama to keep a fiction writer busy on a number of stories was in meeting Saturday of Albert Einstein with "new citizens" of this country, for the most part Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria.

Dr. Einstein greeted them, numbering around a hundred, in the quiet, simple surroundings of the Chapel of Princeton Theological Seminary. Pleading his dislike of public speaking, but wishing them goodspeed in this new world, Dr. Einstein asked if they had any questions they wanted to ask him.

He stood there in front, with a black pipe in his hand until he remembered to put it in his pocket, a kindly, old, white-haired gentleman in his familiar brown tweed coat buttoned close around his neck. His forehead was filled with deep wrinkles and there were crinkles around his eyes.

His audience was composed of

persons from varied fields and the professors among them asked Dr. Einstein to answer technicalities of mathematics pertaining to the theory of relativity. He explained that the relativity theory must be seen as a whole and not taken in parts away from other theories of mathematics. He asked his questioners to begin with "the idea" and then "choose your elements."

Germany Must Be Divided
From the math the conversation went on to philosophical and political topics and in regard to the latter, Einstein appeared to believe that if there is to be peace in the world there must be central organization, and that Germany must be broken into small parts, or the problem of solidarity of action of Germany will not be solved.

He asked the group to approach their new activities in a new country with a natural reasonableness, to forget the prejudices of the past, and to rise above any prejudices they might acquire.

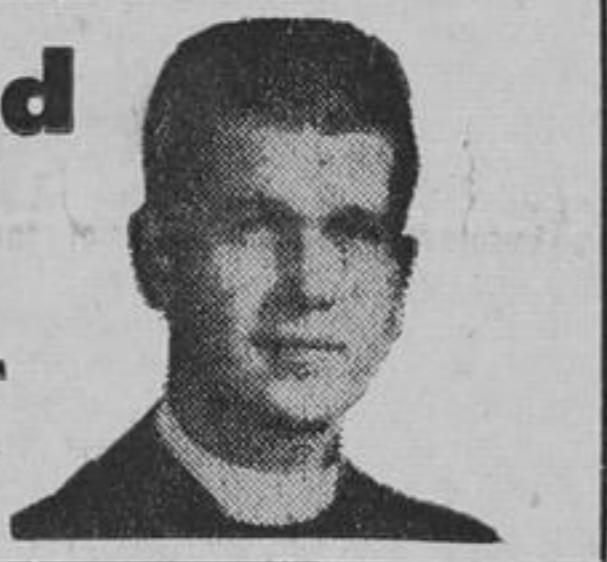
Dr. Einstein's introducer, a member of the faculty of the Princeton Seminary, spoke of his great scholarship, but his greater humility, of his interest in students, and the way in which he had adjusted himself to the temperament of the American student, and how at home he was in his adopted surroundings. He told of the great love small children in Einstein's neighbourhood have for the man with the kind eyes.

On leaving Princeton, after a drive around the historic grounds, I saw a little white frame house, such as one sees on residential streets over the country; in it was housed the remains of the non-political aspects of the League of Nations. To such a sad ending I add the postscript of thankfulness that we have the United Nations organization. It is the hope of a peaceful political future. Let us all keep such an interest in it that it won't fade away as did the League of Nations.

FACTS and FAITH

A weekly Comment On Christian Life And Action

— By Calvin H. Chambers —



JOYFUL CHRISTIANITY

Could you be joyful in jail? Paul was! I didn't say he was "Happy", because happiness has to do with happenings. And what was happening to Paul was anything but pleasant. A Roman prison was not designed to make a man feel at home. They were small, damp, gloomy. The average man would have been in the depths of despair. To put it colloquially, he would have had "a real case of the blues."

Why was Paul's reaction to the prison so different? In his letter to the Philippian Christians he never once refers to his prison sufferings, yet he speaks frequently of his deep joy. The secret lies in his relationship to Jesus Christ. Before our Lord died He said to His disciples, "My joy I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you". Paul met the living Christ on the Road to Damascus, and had entered immediately into a new relationship with God through Him. The gracious goodness of God toward him, a rebellious sinner, had touched his heart, and changed his life. From that moment on he began to grasp the meaning of religion. He discovered that it was not a technique in which we get our own need satisfied. Rather, it is yielding oneself wholly to the purposes of God, whatever happens. In this yielding of self totally to God is the secret of inner joy.

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead has said, "the word happiness is not great enough to describe what is meant by Christian joy, for joy is not the opposite of unhappiness, but the opposite of unbelief". Happiness is like a shallow river which makes a lot of noise as it bubbles along. But, Joy is like a deep river which makes little sound as it flows majestically to the sea. We can only find joy as there is commitment of ourselves to Christian belief.

How does that come about? We first of all have to meet God. Jesus and the Christian Gospel say that the starting point is the Cross. It is at the cross that we are forced to come to grips with the sin which ruins our relationship with God. At the cross we discover that although our sin is great and worthy of judgment, that Someone has assumed the burden for us that we might have the joy of forgiveness in our hearts. This is the most important discovery we can make. Describing Christ's experience on losing his burden at the cross, John Bunyan says in Pilgrim's Progress, "Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with

a merry heart. He hath given me rest by His sorrow and life by His death. Then Christian gave three leaps of joy, and went on his way singing".

The knowledge of God as Saviour leads automatically to the recognition of Him as Lord. God said to the children of Nations, "When I have brought you out of the land of Egypt, then shall ye know that I am Lord". It is through deliverance from sin that the knowledge of God's rightful lordship begins to assert itself in our lives. As we surrender to His sovereign control in our lives, we know what it is to have joy and peace in believing. One of the great hymns puts it this way: For we never can prove the delights of His love

Until all on the altar we lay. For the favour He shows And the joy He bestows Are for those who will Trust and obey.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Wants Priority For Bayview Sidewalk

Dear Mr. Editor:— At a recent meeting of the Richmond Hill Town Council, Councillor Tom Broadhurst made an interesting remark when the Works Committee presented its 1960 budget.

He asked "of all the necessary capital expenditures in this 1960 program, what item should have priority?"

Permit me, a taxpayer, to answer this question:— In my mind Mr. Broadhurst, one of the smallest items, financially speaking (\$6,801.68), should have top priority; namely the new sidewalk on the west side of Bayview Avenue.

My reasons for this are as follows:

(1) Bayview is heavily travelled by pedestrians, with children walking to school, housewives to the shopping plazas and in the fall we shall have high school students walking on Bayview to their new high school.

(2) Cars in the summer pick up speed on Bayview Avenue and have a clear run, without stop signs from the Markham Rd. to the Bayview Plaza. For this reason there have been many near accidents and the safety factor alone would warrant the Bayview Avenue sidewalk having TOP priority.

My disappointment is that this year's Works Committee did not see fit to recommend this sidewalk from the Bayview Plaza to the Markham Rd.

However the short stretch of a sidewalk from Bayview Plaza to Crosby Avenue is a step in the right direction (no pun intended) — and again should warrant top priority and quick implementation.

Sincerely,
Paul T. Harris
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Richmond Hill Ont.

Rare Flowers Of Many Other Lands Feature Of Show

Exotic and unusual flowers are being flown direct from many distant countries for exhibit at the Spring Flower Show of the Garden Club of Toronto which will be held at Casa Loma, May 17th, 18th and 19th. They will be arranged at the Show by six of Toronto's leading florists.

From England:
Donor is Edward Goodyear, by appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, florist. Mr. Goodyear is sending a shipment of English garden flowers in pale yellows, blue, apricot and crimson; Stocks, gladiolas, roses, carnations and delphinium. In the shipment will be a sprig of myrtle cut from a bush which was propagated and grown from myrtle in Queen Victoria's wedding bouquet. This is only cut on very rare and special occasions which Mr. Goodyear considers this show to be. Flown by BOAC direct from London (they leave London at 9:30 Saturday morning and arrive in Malton at 3:30 that afternoon.)

From France:
Donor is the City of Nice (arrangements were made for us by the French Govt. Tourist Office, Montreal)

From Hawaii:
Donor is Mrs. Frances Thompson of Hawaii Blossoms, Honolulu and The Garden Club of Honolulu. They will be tropical beauties like bird-of-paradise flowers, brilliant leaves of croton and H. shell ginger flowers and scarlet anthuriums with sprays of orchids.

From Holland:
Donor is Royal Dutch Airlines KLM and flown also by them. Since this is the 400th anniversary of the growing of tulips in Holland, we are expecting some rare and unusual varieties of tulips as well as other flowers. They will be coming from growers in Aalsmeer, noted for their marvellous flowers.

From Italy:
Donor, Italian Institute for Foreign Trade. The flowers will come from the famous greenhouses of San Remo, and will feature carnations in strange and unusual colours.

NEWMARKET — Discussions regarding increase in policemen's pay are continuing here. Neither council, nor police willing to concede.

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