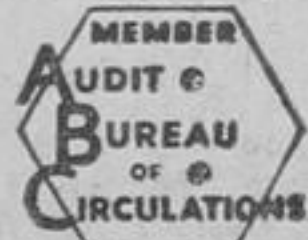


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York County Hospital Plan

The joint report of two Hospital Boards presented to York County Council was most graciously received and County Council members have shown commendable interest and concern about the Hospital problem. Consensus of comments indicated agreement that the report was clear and concise and based on the best information available after an exhaustive survey by recognized authorities.

The report is a lengthy one which merits careful study by Council members and citizens generally, and County Council wisely postponed a decision to allow for such study and consideration. Most of our citizens now contribute to Hospital Insurance and therefore are paying for hospital maintenance. It's just plain common sense that we might just as well have the Hospital accommodation within our own County boundaries and within reasonable reach of our people.

The number one problem in providing the people of York County with hospitalization is the cost of building and equipping the necessary Hospitals. In Ireland this need is taken care of by the operation of the Irish Sweepstakes. In some countries Hospitals are built from the proceeds of lotteries. In some provinces there is a special sales tax, in others a tax on meals. We must be realistic and face up to the fact that none of the foregoing methods are available to the people of York County, because such methods are not permitted by the laws of our land.

We have two alternatives, a canvass for funds or the plan suggested by the joint committee that the funds necessary in addition to the government grants, be debentured and paid for over a period of years by a special tax levy over the whole County.

The need for Hospital accommodation

in York County is urgent and if we are going to have hospital care when needed, we must decide which method of raising the money is preferable.

We think the great majority of the people of York County agree with the Hospital Committee that the only fair method is to raise the money for Hospital needs by a tax levy.

The committee report points out that a nine million dollar building program is needed now to provide the people of the County with required Hospital accommodation. Of this amount approximately one third will be paid by grants from the provincial and federal governments.

Through the years we have become pretty accustomed to credit buying where it concerns motor cars, washing machines, T.V., and many other of the necessities and luxuries of every-day living. If the County decides to issue debentures for new Hospital beds we are simply buying our hospital care on credit. We could decide to wait until we had saved up six million dollars and then build the necessary hospitals, but it would be at the expense of a lot of inconvenience and suffering.

This is a problem not only for municipal representatives and County Council. It is a real problem for all people of the County, and we believe that after a serious and thoughtful consideration of the whole matter they will agree with the Hospital Committee report. We must face up now to the fact that we must pay for Hospital accommodation. The only alternative is to find a way to stop all sickness and injuries from accidents.

Remember in the next twelve months one family in three will require some kind of Hospital care. If something isn't done soon, the needed care just will not be available.

Lights Pay Dividends

Richmond Hill Town Council, at a recent meeting, decided that the Municipal Building would be flood-lighted permanently, rather than just at Christmas. Action was taken as a result of a suggestion made to the Hydro Commission by members of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association, which has a committee working on improved lighting and decorations for the downtown area.

Decision of Council was a wise and constructive one. Cost of maintaining permanent flood-lighting is next to nothing. The results are far-reaching. The town has a particularly good-looking "Head Office", worthy of a bit of extra display. The new lighting will help to make Richmond Hill even more attractive to the tens of thousands who pass through it at night. The move is in keeping with the steady growth of the town.

Yonge Street business men, in recent weeks, have shown a distinct awareness of the value of lighting their premises. Undoubtedly lighting pays

dividends, not only through its attractiveness to the night window-shopper who can be tempted back during daylight business hours, but also in 'selling' Richmond Hill as a whole to the thousands who travel up and down "Ontario's Main Street" — No. 11 Highway. High on its hilltop, the town enjoys a commanding position. Its setting is such that night lighting has a value far beyond the average.

While speaking of lights, it's perhaps only proper to mention one public building which certainly does not fall into the class which earns dividends through additional lighting but which, through making use of it, is playing a part in making night-time Richmond Hill more alive and interesting. For some time now, St. Mary's Anglican Church has provided a bright spot during evening hours, with its Yonge Street aspect and spire effectively illuminated. Those responsible have set an example which might, in the interests of the community as a whole, well be followed by others.

Hospital Insurance

With seventeen months operation behind it, the Ontario Hospital Insurance plan has demonstrated that the cost of hospital care can be met without families financial chaos or hospitals showing large operating deficits. Every month since it started, the plan has paid more than 80,000 hospital bills totalling over \$13 million a month.

The introduction of the hospital insurance plan by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission on January 1, 1959, was one of the most important government measures taken by this province in many years. Through it, over 93 per cent of our residents are no longer fearful of what an enforced stay in hospital will cost. Also there is the fact that the Commission, composed of experts in the hospital field, doctors, and laymen, is conducting the most in-

tensive research into Ontario's real hospital needs and at the same time guiding the most active program of hospital construction this province has ever experienced.

The insurance plan is not a welfare program. As with other insurance we carry — life, fire, automobile, etc. — we must personally assume certain responsibilities to keep insured. These entail such things as prompt payment of premiums, taking the proper action when entering or leaving an insured group, and making sure that our children are registered on their own within 30 days after they reach age 19.

Hospital Insurance has proven a great benefit to the people of Ontario, but we still face the problem of making sure that Hospital beds are available when needed.

The Happiest Man

The happiest man in the world is the common everyday chap who has a little money as he goes along, but does not strive to get a corner on the local out-put, and is a slave neither to ambition nor society. He loves his God and his fellowman; thinks "there is no place like home"; the haven of rest; prefers the company of his family to

that of anyone else; never has to sit up nights to poltice his conscience; believes in the doctrine of "live and let live"; and when he encounters one of the needy, he does not stutter with his pocketbook. The plain man is happy to be satisfied and does not spend the rest of his life wishing for things four sizes too large for him.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

TAX PAYMENTS

Dear Mr. Editor:-
I wish to express appreciation to our Town Council for their public service in positions of great responsibility.
I want to make a suggestion for a different set up for the payment of taxes from last year. Installments are alright, but there is no encouragement for payment only as installments become due.
Why not give the taxpayer a break and allow a liberal discount on the whole amount payable. I think a great many could and would take advantage thus relieving the town of large interest charges.
Some towns and townships allowed 3 per cent on above basis

last year with a good response. Thanking you for the valuable space.

A 48th Year Taxpayer
Note: Richmond Hill now gives a discount for pre-payment of taxes. One per cent discount on second instalment, and 2 per cent on the third when payment of the whole amount of the current year's taxes is made on or before June 20th. Editor.

SHOULD ENCOURAGE BUILDING

Dear Mr. Editor:-
I was shocked to read in your last issue that our planners were holding up a large commercial development on Yonge Street on the pretext this property at

Yonge and Wright should be retained for some glorified city square.
I understand this was the advice of a planning consultant. If taxpayers are paying good money for this kind the advice I think it's just wasting good money which might better be spent fixing our roads.
Planning is necessary and all to the good but let's be realistic. Our continually mounting tax rate is a matter of real concern. As you so truly stated in a recent editorial the only answer is increased commercial and industrial assessment.

I would like to see our public representatives give more attention and show more concern for people interested in investing money here. Let's have planning, but please — no roadblocks in the path of commercial and industrial growth. Civis

SPARE THE ROD

Dear Mr. Editor:-
I am sure many of your readers recall the days when we got a strapping at school we would get another when we got home.

But times change. Today, the teacher who strikes a student is apt to feel the entire class rise up in puerile wrath. The parents, instead of administering another licking, are likely to complain to the school board that their sweet little son was strapped.

The trend to avoid corporal punishment at all costs in all cases has, we believe, gone too far.

Not so many years ago the child psychologists were warning mothers (and fathers) that it was harmful to spank a baby. Mothers who tried to follow through on this advice became nervous wrecks. Eventually most mothers learned there is nothing so good for the soul (baby's and mother's) as a flat hand applied to the padded spot provided by nature.

In the life of a growing child, too, there are occasions when such therapy is demanded. Some little hellions will persist in taunting their elders until they get their share of corporal attention. Old Fashioned

EXPRESSES THANKS

Dear Mr. Editor:-
I would like to thank all the wonderful people, who came to our aid when we had the fire. Especially the ladies for bringing tea, coffee, and things to eat, while working for the men and company, who were helping to clean up the very dirty rubble left by the fire, also for trying to make a place for us to live again. A special thanks should be given to the girls and boys who helped too. One lady was on the job very soon, hunting up things for us to wear. Many thanks, the lady will know who, we do thank her very much. Also all those who donated other things too, including money, which will be very gratefully accepted, when things are straightened out with those who have this in hand. If I can help these very good people in any way, I will be only too pleased to do so. I am sorry I was tardy in putting this in "The Liberal", but there has been so many things to do, and I had to go a few times to the hospital Clinic, which took time and the time soon went by. Also a big thanks to the President of the Ratepayers Ass., for all the running about, he has done. For such a new association they all really out shone themselves. We give a big thanks from the bottom of our hearts for all your wonderful help, without which, we would not have got very far. Yours truly,
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Slingsby

Roads in Elmwood Area

Dear Mr. Editor:-
If the Town Engineer claims the roads in Beverley Acres are not constructed according to the basic plans of the town, the taxpayers in the Elmwood and Harding Park area would like to know what the town has in mind for our roads.

This is the second summer that we have tolerated dusty and bumpy roads. It has however one blessing, Traffic on Elmwood would not dare exceed the speed of ten M.P.H. or the motorist would ruin his car. This includes Chrysler Products Mr. Mayor.

If the town is accusing Mr. Bailey of not agreeing to his contract in regards to road standards they are living in a glass house and throwing stones.

The town promised the taxpayers in this district properly drained ditches and hard surfaced roads upon completion of the sewer installations. Guessmen Ditch are not properly drained if 2 and 3 inches of water remain after a rain storm.

People who used to cut the towns ditches with their power lawn mowers in order to make the street look more attractive, refuse to do so anymore because of the mud, stone and boulders moving in from the roads.

We are urged to get out and vote to get to know your candidates for public office. But one despair when letters and phone calls to council members bring promises but no action. One council member promised faithfully that all roads would be hard capped last October. But unfortunately winter came as usual and spoiled all the plans.

It is now June 9, so before winter sets in again lets set on with the job or have council tell us why all these delays.

A patient taxpayer

AURORA — According to recommendation made by York County assessor Ed. Jones, Aurora's equalized assessment, recommended is some \$12,249,000 compared with Newmarket's \$12,015,622. This is the first time that Aurora has topped its neighbour in assessment on which the county levy will be based. The recommendations will be studied at the June session of York County Council.

Speaking Personally — HOME INSTRUCTION UNIT PROVES VALUABLE (By Jane Fort Manning)

David Miller is a very special person who enjoys being just one of the gang.

David has a rare blood disease called haemophilia which prevents regular school attendance, for the bumps and bruises in a day's activities by most ten year old boys cause David to bleed easily, and his blood does not clot at a normal rate.

Just a month ago he returned to his home on Glen Cameron Ave. in Markham Township after six weeks in the Hospital for Sick Children where he underwent numerous blood transfusions after he hurt his knee. The knee is still in a cast down to his ankle to keep him from moving the leg and starting up the bleeding.

However, such a stay in the hospital is a natural part of David's life and he says he really enjoys his visits to the hospital. "We have lots of fun with six children in one room," confides David who is an alert youngster, quick to respond to his surroundings. "We make lots of things."

His mother, Mrs. A. Miller, proudly showed a well-woven, decorative basket David had constructed recently.

An elementary teacher on the hospital staff comes around to help the children, who are able, with their lessons. "There are two teachers," said David. "One for girls and one for boys."

Two Way Unit Vs. Visiting Teacher
When David lived in North York township a visiting teacher came to instruct him three times a week for a short part of the day, and he was on his own in between times.

Being a special boy, yet one who is able mentally and emotionally to stay with his own class if given the chance, the School Board of T.S.A. No. 1, Markham township decided he should have that chance.

In February on the recommendation of Supervising Principal E. J. Sand the board of trustees agreed to install a Bell Telephone Home Instruction Unit in his home and in the Grade 4 classroom he would normally attend.

Due to the bout in the hospital David had to wait six weeks to use his new outfit but early last month he started flicking the dial which put him in contact with the rest of his classmates in Miss Evelyn Clark's room at Henderson Ave. Public School.

Today David sits on his bed, or when he is ready to discard his cast at his desk, and for all intents and purposes is part of the class's daily routine.

When he wants to ask Miss Clark a question, or she wants an answer from him, he does so by again flipping the controls to "out." At recess David takes his own time out "from the grind" but is ready for the class to start when the bell rings.

In general he follows along with the class work, reading, spelling, social studies, arithmetic, but so far he hasn't done too much art work though his copy of a dinosaur was right up with the best I saw! For the few times he can't join in completely with the class, Miss Clark has marked out special work he can do.

But David is adept with hand-crafts and had a fine array of plastic airplanes he has constructed. He also enjoys reading and a well-filled bookcase stands near his bed.

When asked what he liked best, David answered, "airplanes and horses."

Principal Alan Martindale, of Henderson School, who was also visiting David, then told him about the wonderful Shetland pony he and his nine brothers and sisters had owned as youngsters. The pony was also enjoyed by the boys and girls of the neighborhood.

Principal Martindale asked Mrs. Miller which she felt was of the most benefit to David, the visiting teacher or the instruction unit. Mrs. Miller told him that she felt her son would be able to keep up with his grade better with the Home Instruction Unit, as he had the continuous presence of a teacher and not just several times a week.

Each day now one of the children from his Grade 4 picks up David's workbook and at the same time, leaves another one which Miss Clark has already corrected, and in which she has also written any necessary instructions.

How does it affect a class of thirty-one Grade 4 and 5ers to be joined suddenly by a classmate who in reality is several blocks away?

According to Miss Clark the effect has been all to the good. Each child seems to sense that sudden or unnecessary noises can be startling, or even prevent one from hearing, over the air, and as a group the class is quieter and more well-behaved than before the event of the unit.

"All pull for David getting the right answers to questions I ask him, for they all want to make up for any lost time," said Miss Clark. "It has made them more considerate and thoughtful of others, I believe."

As always with children the first week was a bit unsettling, getting used to a new gadget, and various members didn't miss any opportunity to try to make their individual presences felt to David. But now the unit is viewed more soberly, and there is a quiet pride in being in the class which has the Home Instruction Unit.

There is a special thrill in being asked to visit a well-ordered, busy classroom, and an extra special delight to know a bright, ambitious youngster, who hopes someday to be an engineer, is being helped to lay a good foundation of knowledge even though it requires some ingenuity on the part of the school trustees and staff to achieve.

FACTS and FAITH

A weekly Comment on Christian Life And Action

— By Calvin H. Chambers —



"Making Restitution"

Quite often the Gospel of unlimited forgiveness has been criticized for making salvation cheap and easy. It is argued that if all a person must do is repent of his sins and believe in Christ, that this opens the door to ease and easy living.

When we look into the New Testament, we discover that Christian forgiveness is not cheap and easy. There is not the slightest suggestion that a person may continue to sin willfully and then presume upon the grace and goodness of God to wipe out his sin. True commitment to Christ always results in a changed life, with a new desire to do the will of God. Being reconciled to God means that we must also make restitution, where possible, to those we have wronged.

This fact is clearly seen in Paul's wonderful intimate letter to Philemon. This wealthy Philippian Christian had a slave who ran away from him to the great city of Rome. Onesimus, the slave, had probably stolen from his master, and thus was guilty as the Roman Empire in those days was concerned. But, in Rome, this run-away slave came under the influence of the Apostle Paul. Through the preaching of the Gospel, he had come to Christ and had found forgiveness of his sin. But this was not the end of the matter. Paul knew that Onesimus had a responsibility to his master, and so he encouraged him to return. This was an exceedingly hard thing to do, but Paul aided Onesimus by writing this letter, explaining the

whole situation to Philemon. He makes it clear that Onesimus is now a brother in the Lord, and therefore related to Philemon in the spirit. He is to serve the Lord by serving Philemon's household. His conversion to Christ has given him a desire to put things right as far as his relationship to Philemon is concerned.

Thus we see that true conversion leads to restitution. When Jesus dined with the infamous publican, Zachaeus, the impact of Christ's love compelled this much hated man to say, "whatever I have taken falsely, I shall return four fold." When the woman, taken in adultery, found that no one took up stones to kill her, Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee. Go and sin no more."

Where-ever the free grace of God's forgiveness has been accepted, it has always led men to make amends for the evil they have done. Men who have stolen have tried to give back what they have taken. Young people who have cheated in school have confessed their sin to their teachers. People who have lied have confessed to the truth, people who have slandered others have sought their forgiveness. Salvation is not cheap and easy. It compels us by the inner compulsion of Christ's love to bridge the gulf which has separated us from others because of our sin, and thus robbed our own hearts of peace. A Christian can never know the fullness of God's grace until he is willing to make amends for the evil he has done. When this effort accompanies his repentance, the joy of forgiveness floods his soul.

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