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## York County's Hospital Crisis

York County is a rich and prosperous county. It boasts fertile agricultural lands and well equipped and prosperous farms. It has many fine towns and villages with considerable industry and many thriving commercial enterprises. York's population is well over 100,000 and citizens here enjoy a standard of living second to none in the whole world.

York County boasts many valuable assets. We have fine well equipped schools, many beautiful churches, splendid parks and recreational facilities, modern homes, and in fact almost everything that goes with a good life in this land of plenty and prosperity.

Unfortunately we have only one small hospital located at Newmarket with 113 beds. This is only a quarter of the minimum requirement for our population.

A hospital has become an accepted part of our society, and no citizen can feel comfortable with the shortage of hospital beds in this district. No community such as ours is complete without adequate hospital facilities.

At present a large percentage of our people needing hospital care must go outside the County to Toronto Hospitals. These outside institutions are over-crowded and have no facilities to take care of their own people. The result is that people in our district needing hospital care have to go on a long waiting list, and must wait three or four months for a hospital bed.

It's all very well to line up for a ticket to a movie house or a ball game, but it's just not satisfactory to be forced to line up for a hospital bed. Sickness is no respecter of persons, and sometimes strikes with startling suddenness. Delay often may be dangerous, costly and sometimes fatal.

The need for more hospital beds in

York County is urgent, and should have the serious concern and attention of all our citizens. It is the responsibility of everyone but is a special problem for elected representatives.

A recent report by the two existing Hospital Boards recommended a substantial addition to the hospital at Newmarket and the construction of a new hospital at Richmond Hill. The amount of local financing required is in the neighbourhood of six million dollars. This is a large sum, and municipal representatives are hesitant to assume such a substantial obligation in the face of already increasing tax levies.

However, it is a crisis which must be faced. There is little to be accomplished by suggesting that hospital construction should be financed by sweepstakes. Desirable though this might be the simple fact is that it is not permitted by law in Canada. Neither does it do much to provide hospital beds to suggest that the federal and provincial governments should shoulder a larger share of the capital costs.

At present there are two ways to get the hospital beds we need. We can pass the hat in a fund raising drive, or have the money raised by debentures and paid by a levy over the whole county.

We regard hospital accommodation as a necessity which should be provided for by public levy the same as education, police protection, or public highways.

Citizens of York County are face to face with a crisis as far as hospital accommodation is concerned. We haven't much time to make up our minds as what we are going to do about it. Undue delay may mean that many will suffer and some may die because of the lack of hospital accommodation.

## Railway Commuter Service

The perennial question of a railway commuter service for the fringe areas has once again been raised. Toronto Township Council has asked its development committee to study a request for commuter service submitted to council by Malton Councillor Frank McKechnie. Mr. McKechnie told council if a commuter service was available people who now drive to work in Toronto would leave their cars at home.

For some time now people throughout the fringe areas have been calling on the government owned C.N.R. and the privately owned C.P.R. to provide a commuter service similar to those available in many parts of the United States. Repeated representations have been made to government and railway officials asking for the inauguration of such a service. So far these pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

An advanced system of public transportation is the only real answer to the paralyzing rush of cars that hit

our large urban centres each working day. Clogged arteries and limited parking facilities are the bane of every motorist. Public transportation can take different forms. Bus and subway systems are the more common forms.

The majority of the municipalities adjacent to Metro are served by rail lines which could easily be converted to a commuter service. A metro wide service of this kind would aid tremendously in cutting down on the traffic problems facing authorities today. It would also eliminate traffic snarls during the rush hours and soothe frayed nerves.

Senior and Metro government officials should confer with the railroads in an endeavour to find some solution to the problem. There are obstacles facing the inauguration of such a service but surely with determination and foresight such a badly needed service can become a reality.

### Guest Editorial—

## Pioneer Days

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

Pioneer Village in the Black Creek Conservation Area has made me conscious of pioneer life. One of the most notable characteristics of pioneer times was the spirit of co-operation. Differences in opinions, religion and politics disappeared when trouble loomed on the horizon. In case of fire, neighbors would offer time and money to repair damage (which they could scarcely afford in those days); in sickness, harvests were rescued by a band of concerned farmers and their wives left their own households to render the necessary aid.

It was co-operation that really made pioneer life bearable. Roads were built by the subscription and labour of those who lived in the district; settlers took turns in getting mail and supplies for each other; but the most remarkable effort at co-operation was the "bee" or gathering of neighbors to help with the farm work. All bees provided entertainment and fellowship as well as hard work. Besides large quantities of food and drink, it was customary to provide a dance as the main amusement.

In pioneer days almost every activity was an occasion for a bee. The logging bee was the most typical of pioneer co-operation. All the settlers living within a radius of fifteen miles brought oxen and implements to assist in the enormous task of clearing the virgin land. After the logs were hauled away and burned, the stumps had to be removed from the land. This called for a "stumping bee". Some of

the stumps were chopped out and others dragged out by oxen, and many were burned out. The few remaining stump fences in Canada are a reminder of the old time stumping bee. The raising bee is one that has survived to present times. Grist mills, saw mills, houses, churches, stores and barns were raised by the united efforts of the inhabitants.

There were numerous other occasions when the settlers assembled from far and near to help with the farm work... and at the same time to enjoy themselves. They were hauling bees, ploughing bees; bees at hay-cutting and harvest time; bees to build stone or rail fences. Butchering day was a busy time, when several pigs and some cattle were dressed in one day. Among the women, there were paring bees, preserving bees, quilting bees and spinning and weaving bees. Dried corn and pumpkin were important sources of pioneer food... so the corn husking bee and the pumpkin bee were favorites with young and old. In addition to the bees which had work as their main purpose, there were "house warming" bees, spelling bees, maple sugar eating bees and other occasions when no work was done. Except among families who disapproved of dancing and music, the invariable end of every bee was a dance in the house or the barn.

In the pioneer period, the bee lightened the burdens of severe and unremitting toil, of privations and hardships by providing sociality and diversion that was as necessary to the life of the people as the work accomplished.

## — Speaking Personally —

Russia's Educated Masses

(By Jane Fort Manning)

Nikita S. Khrushchev will probably be the last peasant to achieve topmost leadership in the Soviet Union, says Nate White reporting in the Christian Science Monitor after a study of Russian education.

Why? Because there soon will be no more peasants in the U.S.S.R. Khrushchev's successors will be highly trained, thoroughly indoctrinated Communists, such as the mass directed educational system in that country is turning out today.

Moscow Education Centre  
Moscow is the centre of an educational network which reaches into every corner of the U.S.S.R. In that city alone some 400,000 students are in universities and special education institutes.

Moscow University graduates 40,000 specialists from its forty colleges each year. In Leningrad sixty educational institutes have more than 100,000 students. In every city, in fact, there are educational institutions for higher specialization.

And these Russian schools are not fly-by-night affairs but could be termed luxurious; study rooms are large, libraries are abundantly stocked, dormitory rooms are carpeted, and 96% of the students are fully sustained by state scholarships.

Mr. White says the Russian universities are up with the best in the United States. He compared the Academy of Sciences to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Carnegie Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute rolled into one. Here the spunkies were developed.

Lenin maintained that through technical competence communism will win the world.

Lack Here Being Felt  
(Here in Ontario we're hearing warning signals that the University of Toronto cannot accommodate all the high school graduates who are eligible (over 60% passing in Grade 13) who want to enroll there this year! Officials say that they cannot accommodate 13,000 students—that just over 12,000 can be taken care of. Remember the war-time babies are not quite ready for university either but will be in the next few years. (What then?)

Before being accepted for higher education the Soviet boy or girl, of course, completes secondary school. Then all must work for two years. They can choose the type of work they want to do—in the field, the factories, construction, distribution, production, engineering, etc. Following the compulsory work period a comprehensive selection examination is taken to determine individual fitness and qualification for higher education. Some, of course, are weeded out and are given jobs. Others are sent to special training centres and become skilled technicians. The intellectuals go on to higher education.

Communism's Power Plants  
"The power plants of World

Communism." Mr. White calls the universities "the 'elect' class of the so-called Soviet classless society."

But it must not be assumed that the education they receive is a course in how to propagate materialism only, no, they receive a fine university education and are permitted to go into and develop any specialty they choose.

After university graduation the Soviet citizen is expected to continually study and upgrade himself. It is said new ideas are respected as long as these "ideas can be turned into hard physical accomplishment."

The chief booby trap in the system, says Mr. White, appears to be many educated bosses, considering the internal struggle for power which is in constant motion. "Too many young Lenins may one day confront each other."

How they will resolve their personal ambitions, their determination to control the world may be rocks on which they will wreck themselves.

"EDUCATED MASSES, WITHOUT SPIRITUAL RESTRAINT, ARE A NEW THING IN THE WORLD. THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ANYTHING," THE WRITER CONTENDS. HOW WE IN THE WEST MUST BECOME AWARE OF HIS DANGER, NOT ONLY FROM THE EAST BUT FROM WITHIN OURSELVES.

How long has been battle for the spiritual concepts of truth and freedom. Are we inculcating our young people with the burning desire to maintain individual dignity, to allow an individual to develop spiritually without coercion, and to have government based on law and order. We do not want for ourselves, or our children, manipulation by the government, or anybody else, in the cause of material progress.

At the same time we cannot dig our heels in and simply maintain the status quo; we have a long way to go before we get a perfect educational system, if ever we reach such a goal. But, speaking personally, neither the state nor its educational system is the be-all or end-all of existence.

Albeit we are faced with a dynamic, brilliant people with a burning zeal to propagate and extend their way of life, and to those who have been deprived it especially holds out enticements. The communists expect to accomplish their goals through education.

And we must not fall into a trap of belittling the power of an educated populace. What if Canada had spent the \$15.3 billion she has poured into defense the past ten years on pure research and the continuing education of her adult population? Adult education? Yes, it is considered the last frontier in education and this month and the first part of September six major international conferences are being held on adult education, five of these are to be in Canada.

### "Dear Mr. Editor"

CUT THAT RAGWEED

Dear Mr. Editor:—  
In an effort to appeal to home owners to cut down ragweed, flourishing on their properties, I submit the following which appeared recently in a magazine.

Yours sincerely  
Beryl Erwood  
308 Richmond Street  
Richmond Hill

HAY-FEVER MARCHING SONG  
(Season officially opens August 15)

We are the allergic ones,  
A most responsive crew,  
Our flower is the ragweed;  
Our password is "Kerchoo";  
We love the passing breezes,  
Their irritants unseen,  
The countryside. (Now where'd I hide  
My antihistamine?)  
Hail to the sneezin' season!  
Are you suffering, too?  
Come join the merry pollen count.  
Gesundheit. God Bless You!

—L. H.

THANKS FOR POLAROID

Dear Mr. Editor:—  
Please accept my sincere thanks for a wonderful gift. It always seems that somebody else wins at a "Lucky Draw," but let me tell you, it is a very pleasant sensation to be the winner. And more particularly when the prize is a Polaroid Land Camera.

Good luck to you and to the sponsors - our local merchants, who do a grand job serving us all in Richmond Hill.

Sincerely  
Bill Leishman  
190 Centre Street West  
Richmond Hill

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Fire  
Firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McRae, Garden Ave., on the morning of Friday, August 12th. Mrs. McRae was away at her summer cottage and Mr. McRae had left for work. Extensive damage was done to the kitchen but the exact cause of the fire has not been determined.

Socials  
Barbara Glassey has been visiting with her grandmother in Rockwood, Ont. for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and family, No. 7 Highway returned home on Saturday, August 13, after spending a two-week vacation at Hermit Island, Maine U.S.A.

Friends and neighbours of Debbie Harris, Garden Ave., are sorry to learn she has to spend a month in Branson Hospital under observation for rheumatic fever. Debbie would like to hear from any of her friends who could send her a card or maybe some comic books, etc.

Callista Henderson of Garden Ave., has got started on this project by holding a dog show on Saturday morning.

She charged 5c admission, proceeds of which is being spent on comic books and cut-outs to send to Debbie. John Glassey and Elizabeth Henderson were the judges and apart from doing a very worthwhile job, everyone, young and old, had lots of fun.

Mark-Vaun W. I.

The first meeting of the fall season for the Mark-Vaun W.I. will be held on Thursday, September 1st at the home of Mrs. Page, Garden Ave.

The roll call will be a Table Centre from the home garden. Every member is asked to bring a friend and introduce her. This meeting is to be a Social and Contest Evening commencing with the Annual Roll Call of the Tables Centres. There will also be an Essay Contest, subject being "My Summer Activities." This should prove to be a very enjoyable evening. Ladies are reminded to bring their dressed dolls to this meeting.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Mildred Maclaren, have erected a barricade on part of Lot No. 8, Plan 3267, Richmond Hill, at the westerly limits of Highland Lane for the period of August 24, 1960, to August 26, 1960.

All persons are hereby advised that the land beyond the said barricade is private property.

MILDRED MACLAREN,  
Owner

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