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### A Hospital Financing

The introduction of Hospital Insurance and many other factors have combined to greatly increase the demand for Hospital care. In the not-so-many years ago comparatively few people used the Hospitals and only went there in cases of very serious illness or for operations. Now this is all changed and Hospital care is in demand on many occasions by every family. Most babies are born in Hospitals to-day, which wasn't the general practice a few years ago.

This change has resulted in crowded conditions in existing Hospitals and an urgent demand for new buildings. In the past most Hospitals were built by Hospital Associations after a drive for public subscriptions and probably some help from government and municipal

Under existing conditions and the increased demand for Hospital accommodation there is need for a new look at the whole matter of Hospital building. Hospitalization is now a number one necessity in our daily living, and the day of building costly Hospitals by

public charity is past. We agree that there is a great need for more leadership in this field by our Provincial Government and we are hopeful that such leadership with a practical policy more in keeping with present day demands and conditions may be forthcoming. However much we may press for a new and more generous policy in this regard by the Federal and Provincial governments, those of us who need Hospitalization to-day must face conditions as they are not as we would like them to be.

Here in Ontario the Federal and Provincial Governments provide grants amounting to about one-third of the cost of a Hospital.

It has been the general practice to obtain the remaining two-thirds from local Municipal grants, from the County, from bequests, and from charitable donations as the result of a campaign drive to raise funds by cash and pledges.

A campaign for funds is uncertain, time-consuming, expensive, and can cause embarrassment to collector and prospect. Donations are unevenly distributed and the amount in dollars usually comes seventy-five per cent from business and industry, and twenty-five per cent from individuals who chance to subscribe. In actual practice many in whole-hearted public spiritedness and generosity give more than they can afford, many others give less than they can afford and some give nothing.

A Hospital is not a luxury—it is a necessity. It is an institution which will afford service to everyone and it is a fair assumption that at some time or other every family will have occasion to use its healing administration and share in its comforting care.

We think the capital required to build, equip and furnish a Hospital to adequately serve the community is the business of everyone. The nearest approach to a fair way of assessing the expenditure and certainly the only method open to municipalities is to levy the cost on property the same as we do for other necessities. The amount of money needed to give York County citizens the Hospital accommodation they require can be met by the County by borrowing money by debenture and paid by a special hospital tax added to the tax bill in all municipalities.

Hospitals are the obligation and concern of all the people of the area. Payment for Hospital construction by debenture over a period of twenty years would provide an equitable method of distributing the costs.

Meeting the entire cost of building and equipping of hospitals by Federal Provincial grants and by County debentures will not preclude charitable donations and bequests by those wishing to subscribe to the added comfort and well-being of patients within the Hospital.

The plan of paying for needed Hospitalization in York County by County debentures has been recommended to County Council by the Joint Committee representing the two existing Hospital Boards. We think the plan is fair, and the only practical method of solving our critical Hospital bed-shortage in the foreseeable future. The amount of money involved is considerable and County Council members are wise in giving the whole problem careful thought and consideration. We hope in due time they will agree the debenture plan is the fair and practical way to provide the Hospital beds needed for the care of our people. If they know of a better way to raise the money, we'd be glad to hear the suggestion.

## Pay For Public Planning

In the growth and development of work in communities such as exist in ed an important role and citizens who have served as members of the Boards have rendered outstanding public ser-

Membership on a Planning Board in a municipality such as Richmond Hill, Markham, Vaughan, King or Whitchurch is a demanding assignment and calls for the expenditure of a great deal of time and energy. There will be general regret, therefore, at the announcement in last week's issue that the Provincial legislation makes no provision for remuneration for the members.

We know that no member of a Planning Board ever accepts the appointment in anticipation of the monetary return. This doesn't alter the fact that members devote much time in public service and deserve some remuneration.

Richmond Hill Planning Board, for example, has been in existence since 1912 and since that time has held more than three hundred and fifty meetings. Chairman Scrimger, past chairman Norman A. Todd and secretary J. M Brown have been members since the formation of the Board. In addition to attending meetings, members of necessity must spend a great deal of time in carrying out the duties of their office.

Planning Boards are a necessary part of municipal administration. Their

this district Planning Boards have play- this area of rapid growth and development is of the utmost importance and their decisions have far-reaching effect on the life of the municipality. Planning Board membership is a responsible and demanding public office, and we just can't agree with the thinking of the provincial government which says "planning boards are principally agencies which act in an advisory capacity to municipal councils and it is felt it is not appropriate to authorize an annual salary or other forms of com-

This is the law at the present time but it should be changed. We hope the government at the next session of the Legislature may take steps to correct what we think is an injustice to an important branch of the public service. When they are at it we hope they might see fit to bring in legislation to allow remuneration for school trustees.

Members of Town Council are allowed a remuneration and the fact members get some financial return for the time spent in serving the community has no harmful effect on the quality of candidates offering themselves in municipal elections. Public service is demanding in many ways, and the least we can do for those who offer to serve is to see that they have some financial compensation for time spent on public business. We think the great majority of taxpayers share this view.

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Reader.

- Speaking Personally -

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING

(By Jane Fort Manning)

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and 'Alice and Jerry', have been ing in reading, writing, and arith-

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September. Other publishers are will be using the new approved expected to have their authorized readers but the majority of his

written here as well. This is going on up the ladder.

bearing fruit as the Winston Markham T.S.A. No. 1

SOME THOUGHTS FOR PEDESTRIANS

Dear Mr. Editor.

primers out shortly.

Winston reader only on its "ap- using.

formerly on the "approved list".

They feel a greater choice should

be available before making any

Superintendent Gordon McIn-

tyre of the Richmond Hill Public

School System says that his

teachers have practically enough

textbooks and materials which

have been bought in the last few

years for the expanding local

Superintendent McIntyre.

introduced in the series.

Vaughan Township

requisitions for the fall.

radical change.

Richmond Hill

school system.

The racing motorists who tear boxes. With the postage we pay up and down Yonge Street may we shouldn't have to walk so far be important people, but some to mail our letters. Some sec- thought should be given to our

> ON THE BEACH Dear Mr. Editor:

Through your much appreciat- a bathing beach on a week-end. ed and valued newspaper I would I did last Sunday. The atmoslike to ask the Town authorities phere is nothing if not informal. or the Dept. of Highways or who- There are the dedicated sun worever is responsible for the traf- shippers who come equipped fic light at Yonge and Mark- with air mattresses, lotions, gogyard dash without ill-effects. | mothers with squalling young-Crossing Yonge Street any- sters and that ready-to.jump in where between lights is a haz- look, and of course the parading council to levy half the cost on

at the people. BOMBSHELL FOR

Often-Nearlyhit

If you want to see a cross-section of Canadian life, just visit ham Road about the light tim- gles, nose protectors and time Dear Mr. Editor: themselves in different positions It's no exaggeration to say that Then there are the casual ones you have to be a jack-rabbit to who just fall asleep in the sun. in the original Beverley Acros make it across Yonge Street There are the reserved type who agreement provided that any adfrom east to west on the green would hesitate to cry help with- ditional work would be charged light now. This is most unfair out a formal introduction, and as a local improvement against and dangerous to elderly people the talkative ones who want to the area. who just can't run a hundred tell you their life stories. The

ardous and time-consuming ex- | beauties. You can travel far withperience. When one makes a spec- out getting a better cross-section ial effort and goes to the traf- of humanity than on our beaches. I wonder if our Postal authori- fic light there should be a rea- When you're tired of looking in-

Observer

THE FUTURE Dear Mr. Editor:

In your last issue someone at council was reported as saying the secret clause was a bombshell at the Beverley Acres hearing. I don't care whether you call it an ace in the hole or a straight flush, the real bombshell will be next year's tax-bill.

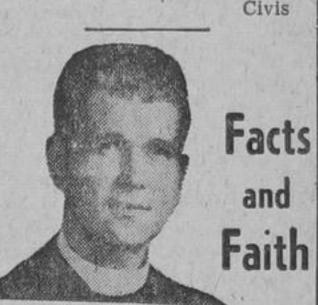
Taxpayer.

BEVERLEY ACRES DRAINAGE

I was very interested to read in last week's issue that a clause

If this is the original agreement, why not stick to it? What justification is there for a 1960 the rest of the town?

I assure you more than Councillor Broadhurst should be disappointed with the hearing, but for a different reason. The council of four or five years ago was far-seeing in making the agreement that the drainage costs should be paid by the area benefiting. The 1960 council should have stuck with it. To the First Grader's friends, dation stones of all future school



The department is listing the series which they have been A Weekly Comment On Christian Life and Action - By Calvin H. Chambers HOLY ORDER

> You have probably heard someone describing the ministry as 'Holy Order." The suggestion is that the ministry is the only occupation that really deals with sacred things. All other kinds of work are purely secular.

But, can this kind of division between the professional ministry and the labour of laymen be justified? It is right for a Christian layman to think of himself as "doing the Lord's work" only when he is teaching a Sunday The Superintendent of Curri- School class or serving on some board or committee of the tario Department of Education, Church? Is a housewife engaged in Christian service only when on education in February that she makes sandwiches for the down town rescue mission, or colscience in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 lects clothes for the Salvation Army pick up truck? Haven't we tioned that specialists in the two a false division between the secsubjects had quite a few ideas ular and the sacred, especially when we consider the words of culum might be eliminated and the Apostle Paul. "Whatsoever ve do, in word or deed, do every-Now in August a new experi- thing in the name of the Lord

the readers we are using (the has been unveiled by the presi- According to New Testament primary series published by the dent of the Ontario Teachers' Christianity, every man who con-Ginn Co.). We not only have Federation. The latter sponsored fesses Christ as Lord, is expected texts, but manuals and guidance a commission designing the new to reveal the extent of that Lordship in his everyday life. All new material for the 1,200 chil- Called mathematics for the of life becomes sacred when there dren in the first and second atomic age, the course is said is a concerted desire to glorify grades would cost around \$2,- to be able to better prepare the God in whatever we do. The min-500.00 for the texts, etc., and student for what he will en- istry is not the only place where around \$1,000.0 for additional counter in the university. The man lives under "holy order." equipment to go with them," said experiment proposes the average Every Christian is under orders pupil in the Ontario classroom by His Divine Master to live and

Who stoops to scrub a floor

The problem of the average the pupils, anyway, and the board and logical thinking will be man is how to make his work usually has to supplement the stressed. It's said one thing won't appear "holy." How can truck change: drill in elementary school driving, plumbing, book-keeping Speaking personally, Mr. Mc- addition, subtraction, multiplica- be thought of as divine work, As long as we think of the word Winston reader was considered Forty Ontario grade nine class- "holy" as being sanctimonious or an "easy" one, the new one was rooms will be in the initial ex- holier than thou, we will have on the difficult side. Its value periment. They start the course difficulty in thinking about work as holy. In the Bible when God is described as holy, it is meant fit from the larger vocabulary In Montreal, five elementary to set forth the fact that God schools are going to try the Rus- is different. He is different from As 54 per cent of his teaching sell method of teaching mathe- all the other gods which men staff has had less than two years' matics, which is in use in 1,500 have created. He is different teaching experience, Superinten- U.S. school districts. Mr. George | from man. He is unique. No one dent McIntyre believed it was Russell believes basic math can copy Him, or duplicate what

Now when God's Spirit comes | brief verbal explanation. The often thinks of the Christian man "In a few years we'll be in a children "see" what is happen- as queer, odd, fanatically, one who has gone off the deep end. ing," said Mr. McIntyre. "At The use of letters to symbolize Sometime Christians are guilty present a more successful job can unknowns are taught in the third of being "different" from their be done with the readers on and fourth grades, as are the fellow man in negative ways. But recognition of geometric figures when a man is seeking to glorify and linear measuring, while the God, he is going to be different

He will be different in the way he works. He will give an honest A. Gibson of the Vaughan Town- Mr. Russell believes the great- days labour. He won't be trying to see how little he can do withto do any en masse experiment- been in solving verbal problems, out being caught by the foreing either. Vaughan Township He says children don't know how man. He will be different in the teachers will be for the most to process numbers themselves. Way he earns his pay. He will not part using texts and materials He thinks they should learn early think of his money as being only with which they are familiar. to translate verbal problems into his, but he will regard himself as a steward, entrusted to spend some of the teachers listed the "This doesn't mean that pupils his money in ways which will best benefit him, his family and or subtract, it merely emphasizes the world. He will see his work, Superintendent Gibson said he that the human ability to think in terms of the end product, and won't "make a definite decision" mathematically is more important will give thanks that God is us-. . on which textbooks he re- than the ability to compute. ing what he makes to enrich the commends . . . "until we see Someone has to know how to lives of others. All of the things what else is coming out." He analyze problems before the ma- we enjoy today are made by added, "We won't be discarding chines can be put to work to men of various skills. If a man sees his work as a contribution toward the well being and haptinerant remedial teacher this the new text's method is: Con- piness of other men's lives, he different way.

> This is what it means to be in "holy order."

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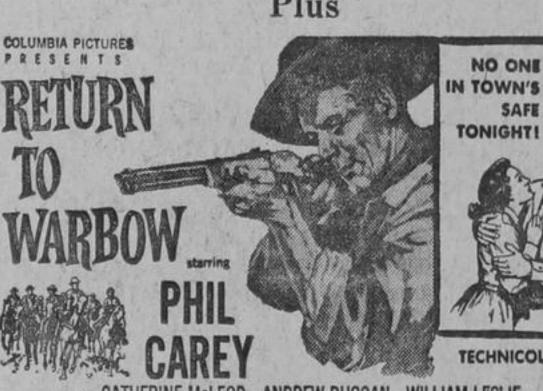
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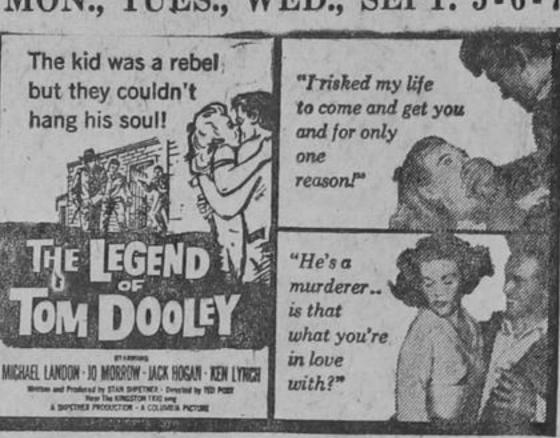
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BEAMS

STEEL Vaughan schools will have an | An example of the old versus

> out lately, the first years of be of much more use to a child elementary school are the foun- later.

proved list" this year, which I also asked Mr. Sand if he means that only these primers was going to try out any of the are eligible for provincial grant new math material. But Mr. Sand Some boards in Ontario who said he was conservative and have to make large purchases of he'd wait until some of the innofirst and second grade texts are vations had published their findfinding this a hardship if their ings after experimenting with staff has not been "sold" on the any new course. He mentioned superior value of the new ap- the enormous amount of work proved set of readers, and would necessary on the part of the like to stick with some of the teaching staff before establishing older texts. These older texts, new methods of instruction. incidentally, were written by "We'll wait and see if it is someeducators in the United States thing that is going to be proven but were published in Canada. to be really better than what we The superintendents in our are doing at present," he added. own area are not too concerned New Method for Teaching Math as they are well-stocked with reasonably new readers which were

primary staff will stick with

cula, S. A. Watson, of the Ontold the legislature's committee the teaching of mathematics and was being reviewed. He menand some of the present currinew approaches adopted.

"We are quite contented with mental course for grade nine Jesus." material as well. To purchase course.

Superintendent McIntyre point- will take at least one year of the work and play to His glory. ed out that even if additional new mathematics; the future uni- Work is devout and service is direaders were necessary this year, versity science, or math student, replacements could be made with- three years.

out worrying too much about the The course is intended to de- May worship more provincial grant as the grant velop creative imagination in Than he who kneels before a holy does not by any means take care math; the structure of the numof all the textbooks needed by ber system, spatial relationships, Intyre said while the original tion and division.

would probably be for the more next year.

advanced pupil who would bene- U.S. Math Experiment better to stay with the material should be taught starting in He has done. He is different. with which the teacher had be- grade one. In the primary grades come familiar in Teachers' Col- addition and multiplication are into our lives, He begins to make lege and from previous experi- worked out in pictures with a us different. The worldly man

position to do more experiment- ing to the numbers. With the big job of welding concept of ratios and the use of in many ways. a 3,000 pupil new area into a co- graphs are introduced in the fifth hesive system, Superintendent J. grade.

ship School Area is not anxious est stumbling block in math has Though Mr. Gibson noted that equations.

new Canadian reader on their don't have to learn how to add any of our usual primary books." solve them," he avers.

year. Mr. Gibson is quite pleas- ventional method. "You have will begin to work in a new and ed with the prospects of having forty-two apples; I give you some a specialist who will be able to more and now you have ninetygo into all the classrooms, espe- two. How many did I give you? cially the rural schools, to assist the answer is found by subtract- Master Workman of All, Jesus the teacher in aiding the boys ing forty-two from ninety-two. and girls below grade five who New method. A student puts have fallen behind in any of the problem in the form of an and the way we work different equation-42 plus x equals 92. As so many articles for par- This may seem involved for such ents and teachers have pointed a simple computation, but can