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Wreckers At Work

In every community there are builders — dedicated and devoted men and women who expend time and money in support of projects planned for public good. In Richmond Hill we are grateful for many such citizens who through the years have built a fine community.

It seems regrettable that once and a while the good work of the builders should be threatened by the wrecking crew, persons who for some known or unknown motives try to wreck and destroy the commendable work of good citizens. A current propaganda campaign of misstatement and misrepresentation about the local Hospital project is a typical example.

A non-resident candidate for Mayor of Richmond Hill has declared that the Hospital is an issue in the current municipal election, and it would appear that some municipal candidates in the apparent hope of making some votes or getting some publicity have joined the wrecking chorus.

There is no issue about the Hospital in the present election. The Hospital project is very much in the planning stage and there is no definite proposal to the people concerning the building, financing or operation of a Hospital. The Board has had splendid co-operation from all municipal bodies.

Recognizing the need for more Hospital accommodation in York County a group of interested citizens a few months ago co-operated with members of the Medical Association and started a movement to correct the situation. From this beginning a Hospital Association was organized and a Board of Trustees elected. The trustees with many active committees in the past year have worked hard and made considerable progress. County Council has been interested and a York County Hospital Commission formed.

A very complete survey of the Hospital needs of the whole County has been completed, and the newly formed Hospital Commission working with the existing Hospital Boards will formulate a long-term Hospital building policy which should assure all the people of the County adequate Hospital accommodation.

The planning, financing, building and equipping of a Hospital is a project of major importance, and takes time. No one who knows anything of the magnitude of the undertaking would say that it could or should be accomplished in a year.

The York Central Hospital Board inspected different Hospitals, and working closely with the Medical Association of the County is carefully considering plans for construction and equipment. Possible sites have been inspected and checked with local municipalities for availability of services. The main concern of the Board however has been to devise a method of financing which will make the building of a Hospital possible.

The operation of a Hospital presents no real difficulties. The cost of a Hospital to meet local needs might run as high as four million dollars. Federal and provincial grants would amount to one million dollars leaving a balance of \$3,000,000 to be raised by the local community.

Any candidate for office, resident or non-resident who says this is a simple task which can be accomplished in a few months is talking nonsense, and merits no support from any responsible voter.

The propaganda campaign might

Need Preventive Treatment For Mentally Sick

As the mental health "picture" comes more and more into focus — 50 per cent of patients being treated by Halton County doctors are said by Dr. Archie F. Bull, Halton's Medical Officer of Health, to have mental disorders — County Council officials recognize the pertinent fact, "More preventive treatment should be available to the public."

In failing to help establish such treatment, through a Mental Health Clinic in York County — by withholding grants for its operation — the Provincial Government is remiss in its duty to the public at large. Not only does this lack of support through provincial aid affect the mentally distressed individual — child or adult — but it affects, seriously, their families and their community.

It also affects rising operational costs in our mental hospitals. Regarding this expense Reeve James Haggart stated recently, "The work of the mental health clinic is preventive, and would likely save the province money in the

leave the inference that some organization or group has offered to build and equip a Hospital in Richmond Hill if the local community supplied the serviced land. ANY SUCH INFERENCE IS UNTRUE. The only offers official or otherwise were that an existing organization would take over the operation of a Hospital if it could be financed and built and equipped by the local community.

The offers of these organizations including Branson Hospital were gratefully received, courteously acknowledged and conferences held with representatives of the organizations and Hospital Board. The offers were neither accepted, nor rejected, and the organizations were told they would be contacted by the Board when further consideration could be given the proposals. The Board turned to give major attention to the immediate problem of financing the Hospital in a manner which would be possible, and the least burdensome to the people.

The York County Hospital Commission includes, Ex-Warden John W. Rye of East Gwillimbury, Chairman, Deputy-reeve N. Garriock of Woodbridge, Reeve Sellers of Sutton, D. H. Storms, Richmond Hill, Alex Spears, Newmarket, Mrs. Elton Armstrong, Armatage, and Dr. W. B. McClintock, Newmarket.

The York Central Hospital Board includes in its membership Mayor K. W. Tomlin, Richmond Hill, Reeve John Perry of Vaughan, Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Twp. and York County's 1960 Warden, Mayor James Murray of Aurora, Reeve Joseph Fry of Markham, Brigadier D. H. Storms, M.C., C.B.E., Richmond Hill Chairman, Stuart Parker, Q.C., vice chairman, Dr. Allan Smith, W. E. Butlin, John Griffin, Dr. F. Morse, M. D. Smith, Graham Walter, James R. Reyecraft, F. R. Perkins, F. R. Corner, Donald Stewart, Reeve William Hodgson of King Township and Reeve Geo. Richardson of Whitechurch.

The members of the York Central Hospital Board, the York County Medical Association and the York County Hospital Commission are responsible and representative citizens. If anyone has any serious doubt about the Hospital situation we suggest they contact any of these people and hear first hand the story of the local effort. Space here does not permit any complete recounting of the many activities but anyone with any knowledge of the situation knows that these public spirited citizens have devoted a great deal of time and energy in the service of the community. This is particularly true of the Chairman, Mr. Storms who has been untiring in his efforts, and whose enthusiasm knows no bounds.

The injection of any so-called Hospital issue in the campaign by any candidates is unfortunate, because there is no issue. We are satisfied to leave the Hospital project in the good hands of the Hospital Board and the Hospital Commission, and the York County Medical Association, who we believe are making real progress in solving a very difficult problem. These men and women are citizens of honour and reputation, they have no axes to grind, no special interests to serve, and their only aim is to make available to the people here the necessary facilities to minister to the needs of the sick and the suffering.

Any candidates who choose to inject this as an issue in a municipal election, must be classed not with the builders but with the wrecking crew.

operation of mental hospitals." Instead of saving money by withholding such grants, more money is being spent by the province in the long run.

Mrs. P. A. Townshend-Carter, president of the local association for mental health says, "Everyone is in agreement that a mental health clinic is necessary."

Yet York County Council feels its hands are tied and that such a clinic would cost too much money, unless subsidized by the Provincial Government as well as the Federal Government.

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, York County Council member, has presented a resolution advising the Provincial Government, "York County cannot consider a Mental Health Clinic — unless the Province matches the County expenditure dollar for dollar."

We suggest the Provincial Government take positive action and approve the necessary grants needed to ensure the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic in York County.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Deplores Injection Hospital In Political Arena

Dear Mr. Editor:

Those who are always saying that they do not believe in acclamations in municipal elections should be happy this year. In the town of Richmond Hill every office on Council is being contested. In the main, those who are offering their services are of high calibre. Between them all they represent the enthusiasm of newer aspirants, the tempered judgment of those who have gone through the mill of municipal affairs, and good cross-section of the municipality, both old and new.

There are, of course, the usual grumbles from those who say — "I see that so-and-so is running. What the heck does he want to run for? He hasn't got a chance."

Too often those grumbles contain the veiled implication that so-and-so, by running, is committing some sort of a crime. But when we remember that those who do this sort of grumbling are also the same ones who grumble if there are acclamations, there isn't too much need to worry about them. Let's be grateful that those who have offered their services have shown a high degree of municipal responsibility and, win or lose, thank them for offering to do a job for the rest of us.

Unfortunately, one regrettable situation has crept into the present election. One candidate, and one candidate only, for the Mayorship, has seen fit to introduce the subject of the proposed hospital for Richmond Hill. Thousands of words which he has published on the subject tend, in my opinion, to confuse voters utterly. He suggests that, if elected, he will have a hospital built in Richmond Hill immediately, if not sooner. Those statements, to anyone with the slightest degree of knowledge of the real situation in connection with the erection of a local hospital, are ridiculous. The situation is not all black, as painted by this candidate. Neither is it all white or all grey.

There are many, many angles to be considered before a project which might eventually run into the millions can be either approved or rejected. Not the least, of course, is the financial one. The committee in charge of exploration of the project has proceeded along extremely sound lines to date. There is no reason to doubt that the follow-up will be equally good.

In the meantime it is unfortunate that voters should be confused by statements and promises which will hardly stand up under cold, sober and reasoned examination.

Even more than this, however, I regret — as I am sure other voters will — that a great work of mercy and humanity such as the erection of a hospital should be made a football to suit any individual's political ambitions. I concede to any man the right to advance his own ideas — to put a little push or a lot of push into getting things done. Yet I believe that a project such as a hospital is one on which all citizens of good-will — all those desirous of serving their fellow-men in sickness and adversity — can meet on a common ground of kindness — not on the rutted soil of political controversy and opportunism.

F. J. PICKING

WOULD BAN NON-RESIDENT CANDIDATES

Dear Mr. Editor—

This is quite an election we're going to have Saturday. All we need now is for Lumumba to file an entry. I don't know what they do in Outer Mongolia but in Canada it has been a pretty good practice to elect resident ratepayers to positions of trust and responsibility. There isn't anywhere in Canada a non-resident Mayor. If the present law allows non-residents to run for municipal office, steps should be taken at once to change the law.

Worried Taxpayer

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Dottie Walter

Over the years, when the famous Garden Club of Toronto, chose Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier, of Don Head Farms, to convene their fabulous Annual Flower Shows, at Casa Loma, they were not doing so with their eyes closed. They knew she had "A Way With Flowers" and such an eye for their artistic arrangement, that throughout the great rooms of Casa Loma . . . from the elegant Church Arrangements to the Children's Enchanted Garden, there was that serene sense of perfection, that reflected her expert touch.

So who could better help us with ideas on Making our Homes Glow with Beauty for Christmas, than Flavia Redelmeier.

Mrs. Redelmeier says we country women are so fortunate in having the most beautiful decorating material right at our finger tips. The many varieties of evergreen, that so often are as close as our own doorstep.

Every year, Don Head Farms sends a truck load of evergreens to the Garden Club; where its busy members use the branches to decorate the Toronto Art Gallery and use the smaller greens for the bases of over a hundred arrangements that are sent to charitable organizations. When they have finished every little sprig of green that is left over is gathered into separately wrapped packages and the members rush to buy them for their own use and gladly pay to take home their little bundles of spruce and pine.

So gather together any available evergreens to form the background of your Christmas decoration.

Juniper, that bends so easily into a lovely line, is at the top of the list, and if you find it with its smoky-blue berries, you have doubled its charm.

All varieties of spruce, pine, yew and cedar for festoons and swags can be kept fresh for a couple of weeks by spraying with an aerosol spray of clear lacquer, available at any hardware store.

The Gift From the Fields

A morning walk can reward you with decorating treasures. Don't overlook any dried weeds, pods and hard berries, that can be tinted, frosted, sprayed with gold or silver or merely highlighted with lacquer. Distinctive bare branches and spiky hawthorne are all effective.

It is how you use these quite ordinary materials that makes the Holiday Magic.

Begin with a Motif of Your Own

Use it everywhere throughout your home as Your Personal Signature of Christmas.

Whether your motif is frosted tipped evergreens, festooned with silver apples and aquamarine glass balls, repeat the theme of your chosen color in candles, ribbons and introduce an unexpected hint of the same shade in your table linen or china, or blooming houseplants.

Keep your mind open for the fresh delight of ornaments. The old pewter mug — the wire cake basket filled with blossoming violets . . . a figurine or the old copper kettle can add character to any arrangement of evergreen branches.

Don't be afraid to be FORMAL.

Christmas isn't all tinsel and blown glass.

Gift an urn-shaped container or use a handsome china one. Line it with a cylinder of chicken wire — by fastening your material to the wire, build a pyramid of fruits and leaves. Holly leaves and golden apples . . . real lemons and magnolia leaves. Fasten them with the little hooks used for tree ornaments to the wire, and fill in the spaces with the shiny leaves. Very elegant and very fitting for a modern coffee table or a victorian mantel.

Give your own ideas a fling. You may not want a conventional tree. You may want to stack your gaily wrapped packages beneath a Giant Wreath that almost encircles your picture window.

All wreaths don't have to be round. Try a Christmas Heart, as the Scandinavians do. Bend two coat-hangers into a heart shape and wind thickly with cedar. By cropping it closely you can maintain the true shape. Stick into this form little clipped sprigs of fresh green cedar and stud with artificial flowers and sentimental ornaments.

And all wreaths don't have to be on the door. It's the season to be jolly. So have a little holiday nonsense in the kitchen, by borrowing the Della Robbia influence for a culinary creation.

Using any evergreen wreath, fasten onto it, small scrubbed carrots (you can shape larger ones), clusters of tiny silver-skinned onions . . . walnuts and cranberries . . . spray well with a mist of lacquer . . . and a pinch of sparkle if you prefer and take a bow. My Cookie Hijackers make it impossible for me to try the adorable miniature Christmas trees, decked with cookie copies of Christmas tree ornaments, frosted in bright colors.

Mixed Greens. Discover the beauty of combining all varieties of evergreen. Add clusters of golden cones, florosa berries and make it a handsome background for your china Madonna.

Mrs. Redelmeier says your greatest decorating ally can be a tin or spray can of gold paint. But beware! This gliding of the lily business has a way of going to your head, and you find yourself looking around with a golden glint in your eye, wondering where else you can put your Midas touch. But small fresh apples are a natural for gold paint and last about a week. They are so elegant on a bed of evergreen, that you may want to forget everything else. Shells, nuts and hard berries sometimes just tipped with a suggestion of gold or glitter can enhance any table grouping or small tree.

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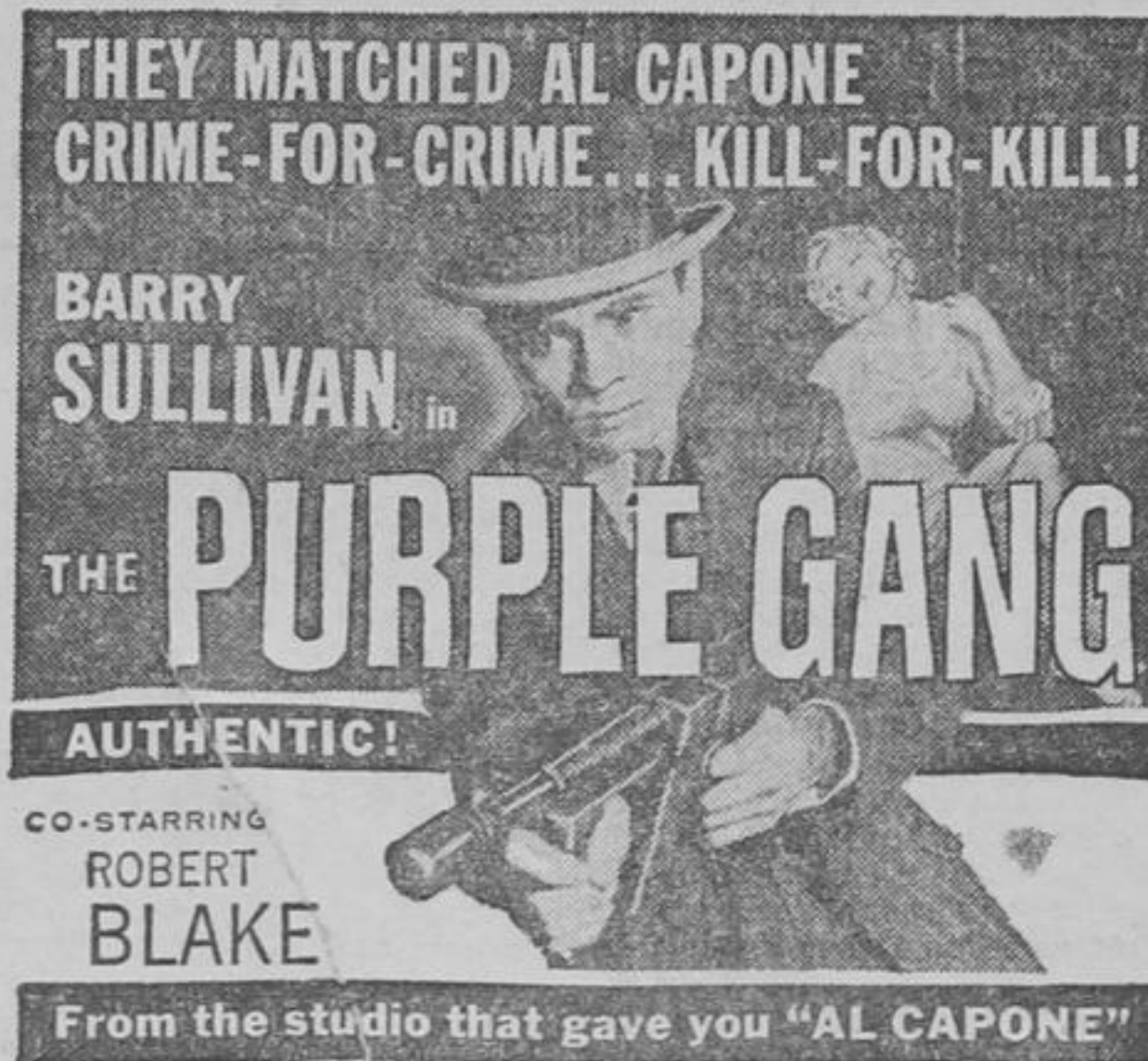


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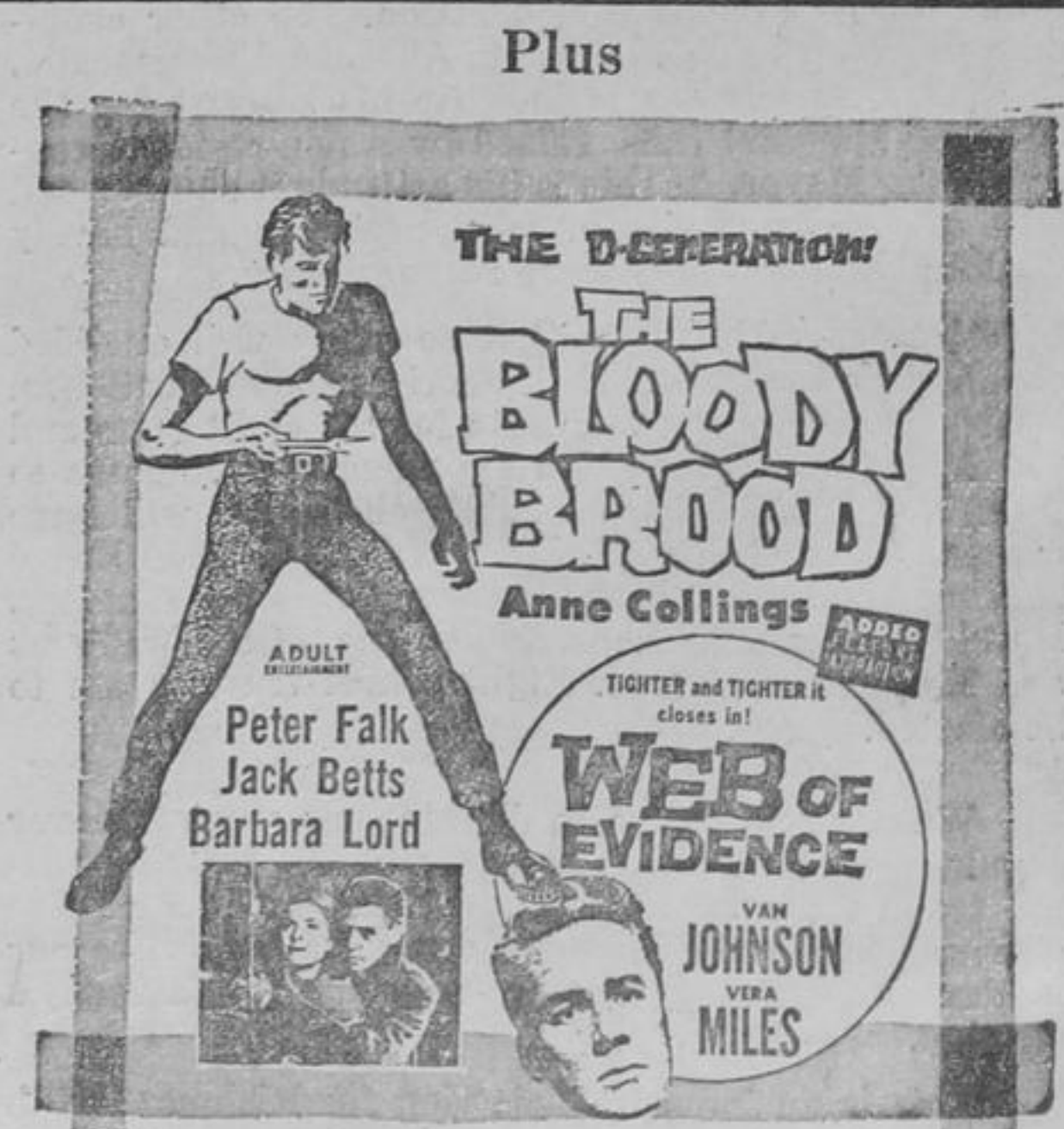
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