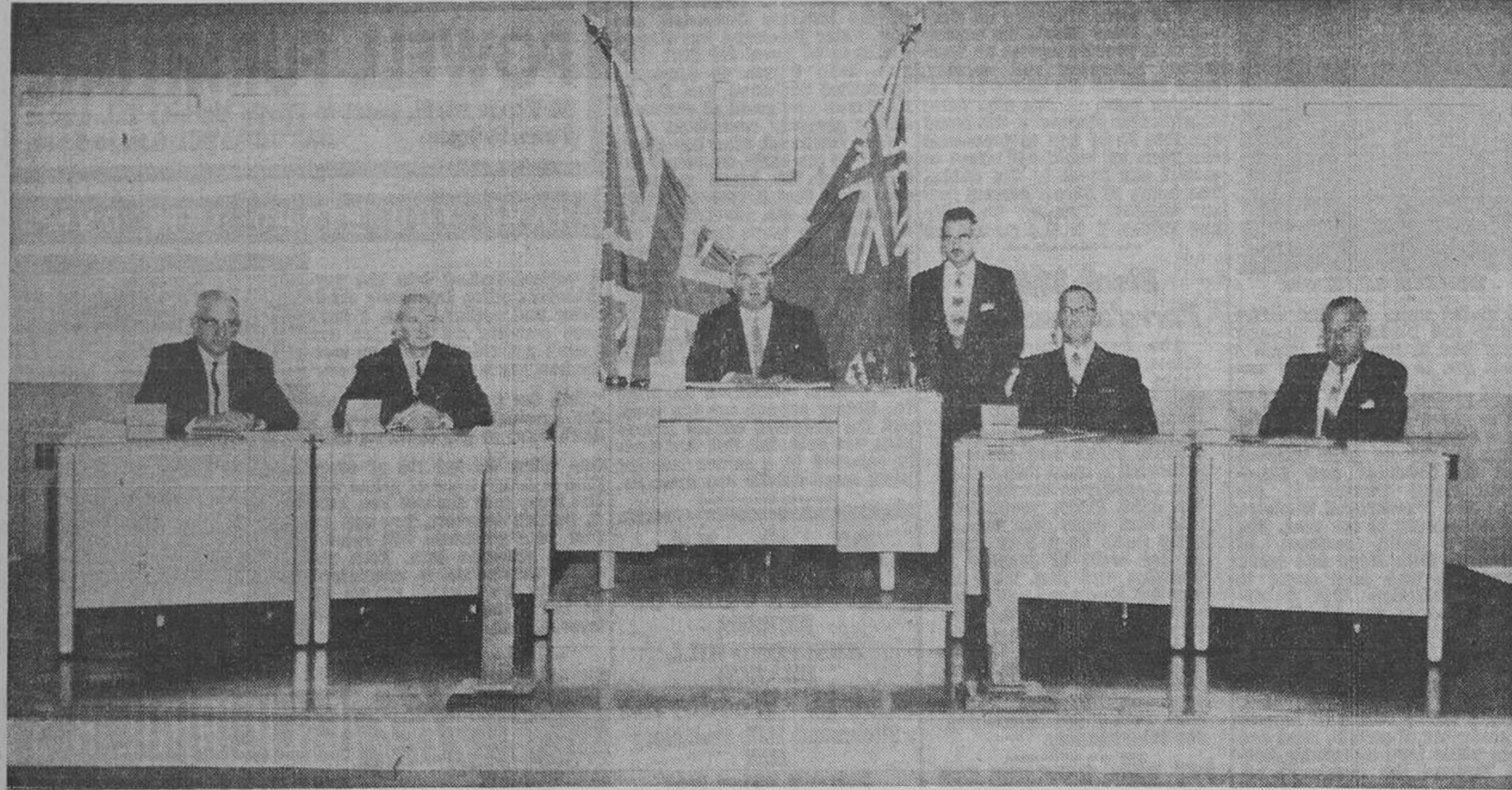


Thornhill and District News

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Markham Township's 1961 Council Members



In a business-like fashion the 1961 Council of Markham Township was sworn into office by Clerk H. C. T. Crisp on January 9th in the municipal chambers at Buttonville. Following the ceremony from left to right: Councillor Ward III, Stanley Watkin; Councillor Ward II, Charles Hooper; Reeve Wilfred Dean; Clerk H. C. Crisp,

Deputy-reeve Lawson Mumbert, and Councillor Ward I, Alan Sumner.

Following the oath of office and declaration of allegiance, the Rev. Allan A. Lavis, Unionville, called upon the new council to "Pray for humility, wisdom and integrity", before delivering a prayer of invocation.

Presbyterian Church News

Guest preacher at Thornhill Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 8th was the Rev. D. T. Evans, B.A. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ingersoll. Rev. Evans wife and three daughters, also attended the service. Preparations had been made to have

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Rev. Evans and his family spend the week-end in Thornhill and he had been invited to the home of Mr. Gordon Patterson for lunch to meet the executive of the Young Adults and Young Life Clubs. For Saturday evening, an open house had been planned at the church. All these plans, however, were thrown awry by a series of mishaps which prevented Rev. Evans from reaching here until Sunday morning. Plane reservations had been made from Ingersoll, but on Saturday morning the weather was bad and all planes were grounded, and after waiting for some time for the weather to lift, the Evans took the train and the trains were held up so that they didn't reach Toronto Union Station until Sunday morning. At some point too, the dining car had been taken off the train, and Rev. Evans had nothing to eat since breakfast on Saturday. The first thing then that the welcoming committee, composed of Mr. J. B. Mavor and Mr. Jack MacKay, did was to see that he had some breakfast. Before the morning service, Rev. Evans had coffee with the Young Adults. On Sunday evening, he and his family had dinner at the Mavers' home on Arnold Avenue as did Mr. MacKay and Mr. Alan McKechnie.

Saturday wasn't a complete loss however. Over 100 people turned up at the open house on Saturday evening, at the church and all enjoyed themselves in spite of the absence of the guest of honour.

Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met at the church on Tuesday afternoon, January 10th and held the election of officers for 1961. Those elected were: President Mrs. A. McClumpha; Vice President, Miss E. Francis; Treasurer Mrs. L. Diamond; Secretary Mrs. R. A. Cam-sell. The meeting took the form of a Birthday Tea in honour of Mrs. W. Cole, who will be 80 years old on January 18th and who holds one of the longest membership records of the W.M.S. Mrs. Cole was presented with a gaily decorated birthday cake which was cut and served with tea.

Fortnight Club

On Monday evening, January 9th Dr. Donald V. Wade installed the officers of the Fortnighters Club. These were, President, Mrs. C. Atkinson; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Arnold; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Kitson and Secretary, Mrs. A. Mackenzie. Mrs. John MacKay will be in charge of organizing the members to supply the weekly dinner for the Young Life Club meetings.

Guides

On January 23th, the Guides will hold their enrollment ceremony, when new members, who have up to this time been "on probation" will be formally enrolled in the Guides. The parents of the girls to be so enrolled will be invited to be present.

Choir

On Thursday evening, January 12th, following the regular choir practice retiring organist and choir leader Mr. Walter Stothers was presented with a new recording of Handel's Messiah, with Sir Robert Beecham conducting the orchestra.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church News

On Thursday, January 5th, the Women's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church was hostess to the members of the Junior Auxiliary, the Girls Auxiliary and their leaders at a delicious buffet supper. The meal was enjoyed by approximately 140 persons.

The girls of the G.A. and the J.A. were introduced to the meeting, as well as to their leaders, and then 15 girls did a tableau representing the work of these groups. They also gave a report as to where their pledge money has been sent. The girls had an opportunity at this meeting to say farewell to Mrs. Aske-w who has been a leader of both groups.

The W. A. held their regular meeting at the Church, on Thursday of last week, it was their first meeting of the year and they began their course of study.

The Parish Guild held a meeting on Monday evening, January 9th at the home of Mrs. W. G. Chase, 150 Newton Drive, Willowdale, when the formation of a youth group was discussed and decided on. There were 13 ladies of that area at the meeting. The new group will work along with the Guild, attending one general Guild meeting each month, but will also work on a separate project of their own, and meet with their own group each month. There are now six groups in the Parish Guild. It is felt that the small groups are more friendly and less unwieldy than the one large group, and the new arrangement has worked out very well at other places.

Close to 100 people attended the farewell reception held at the Church for Rev. and Mrs. Aske-w on Tuesday evening, January 10th. In order that the Aske-ws would have a permanent remembrance of the words of appreciation of the various groups in the Church had a recording made of their voices, expressing their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Aske-w for their wonderful services to the Church.

The record was played at the reception and then presented to the Aske-ws. Among the voices heard on the recording were those of Rev. Vary, Pat Trant, Kay Shaw, Betty Priestman, Joan Iddon, Ann Houlton, Keith Leis, Bob Tyson, Dorothy Sowdon, James Kiddell, Jo Byford, Mr. Ball, Mr. Bob Napier and Mr. Mac Hunter.

Mr. Napier was the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, and the various persons represented on the recording sat in a semi-circle on the platform with the Aske-ws in the centre. The Aske-ws received a beautiful silver tea service as a gift from the congregation, while Eira Trant, on behalf of the Altar Guild, presented Mrs. Aske-w with a charming bracelet. Rev. Aske-w thanked all the congregation for the kindness and service they had shown him during his stay at Holy Trinity. The evening ended with the enjoyment of fancy sandwiches and coffee.

United Church News

The Sunday evening service on January 8th at Thornhill United Church was under the direction of the Y.P.U. Their special speaker was Mr. Joe Spadafora, an elder at the Peoples Church, Assisting him were Mr. Leonard Lee, Miss Susan Elliott and Mr. David Corkill, of the Thornhill congregation. Special vocal and instrumental numbers were presented by the Stouffville Youth for Christ. The Hi-C's met separately following the evening service and the topic of their discussion was "Would I Date Me?"

Neighbourhood Notes

On Sunday, January 8th the Trudel family was increased by the safe arrival of twin boys, Ruth and the babies are fine and I believe Vic will recover. The wee boys weighed in at 6lbs. 4 oz. and 6lbs. 3½ oz. One is quite fair and the other dark like the older boys in the family. They are to be called Joseph and Mark. Too bad one couldn't have been a girl, but I am sure Lucille and Bernie can hold up that side of the family quite well. Grandmere is here as usual to help out. I was in to visit Mrs. Mueser this week and found her remarkably well, trying hard to catch up on all her correspondence. Looking forward to getting out to Church in the near future.

I met many neighbours at the supermarket last Friday evening, this I discovered is where I can really catch up on news. I've been shopping at the wrong time at 1 place it seems. Had a nice chat with Elizabeth Jennings who told me about her holiday trip. It sounded like the perfect solution to a query. Elizabeth rented a car and drove to her home town of Montreal, stayed with her brother and family and had at her disposal the car to visit around as much as possible. They left on the Wednesday before Christmas and returned a week later to be in time for the "Christmas Carol" production at Holy Trinity Church on the 29th. The children really had a chance to become acquainted with their cousins and it provided a real boost to Elizabeth's morale, but she sure deserves some credit driving all that distance.

A thought for this week - Someone said "grumbling is a certain sign of weakness" - don't grumble, change the condition.

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James Timmins '61 Head Thornhill Village Trustees

(By Margaret I. McLean)

Wasting no time over formal inaugural services, the 1961 Trustees for the Police Village of Thornhill waded right into the business at hand at their first meeting of the year, on Wednesday, January 11th. All the trustees were present, Mr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan (the senior member), Mr. James Timmins, and Mr. B. P. Roberts. Mr. Alan Sumner, last year's chairman, and now a member of Markham Township Council, was also present to tie up any loose ends left from last year and help get the trustees off to a good start.

As returning officer, Mrs. J. W. Lambert was chairman at the beginning of the meeting, her first duty being to attend to the election of a permanent chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Timmins and seconded by Mr. Roberts, nominating Mr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, as chairman. Mr. McTaggart-Cowan declined to accept the chairmanship with regret, on the grounds that his work would cause him to travel a good deal during the next year, and he felt that the chairman of the trustees should be in the village constantly to deal with problems as they came up. He suggested that Mr. Timmins' legal talents would make him a suitable chairman. After consid-

erable bantering and much exchange between Mr. Timmins and Mr. McTaggart-Cowan of highly flattering, not to say flowery recommendations of each other, Mr. McTaggart-Cowan "with profound regret and some embarrassment" firmly declined the chairmanship, and Mr. Timmins modestly accepted it.

After conducting some little village business, the trustees recollected somewhat tardily that they had no official secretary and hastened to make a motion to the effect that Mrs. J. W. Lambert, who had been quietly taking notes, just in case, be formally appointed secretary, her honorarium of \$200.00 yearly to remain the same. Mr. Roberts agreed to be the trustees' representative on the area recreation committee and the secretary was instructed to write to the A.R.C. advising them of his appointment.

Several small bills were introduced for payment, including one from MacFarland's Meat Market for two turkeys which were presented to the two permanent employees of the village at Christmas.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Vaughan and Markham Township Councils, informing them of the members of the village trustees and the new chairman. It was also suggested that a letter be written to the two village employees informing them that Mr. Roberts is now a member of the trustees and that they will receive instructions from him about their daily work. Mr. Sumner advised that he had already introduced Mr. Roberts to both men, as well as to various road superintendents of the townships, etc. He also stated that they had begun a complete inventory of all property belonging to the village, both large and small.

Mr. Sumner reported that there has been some abatement of the skating facilities at the pond, in that

several boys consistently play hockey on the section reserved for pleasure skating, in spite of the posting of signs designating the various sections. One small child has already been badly hurt by a puck. The trustees were much concerned over the problem, the more so as it appeared that the most consistent trouble-makers were the same boys who had caused trouble and damage at the pool last summer. These boys had used profane language to Mr. Sumner, defying him to send them off the rink. He promptly called the police, who answered just as promptly, and the boys were sent off the rink. In order to avoid this type of defiance in the future, the names of the offenders were given to the trustees and a letter is to be sent to the parents of the boys in question to the effect that if the boys continue in this manner, charges will be laid and they will be taken to court. The trustees were unanimous in their decision that this type of behaviour would not be tolerated in the village.

Mr. Sumner suggested that it might be well to write letters to both Markham and Vaughan Township councils, reminding them of their approval for the paving of the roads in the village,

those on the Vaughan side to be done immediately and those on the Markham side whenever the decision has been made with respect to sewers. He reminded the trustees that the paving had yet to be approved by the Department of Highways and by the Municipal Board, and unless the townships made their move promptly, the project might be held up. It was mentioned that there were some residents of the village who were not particularly interested in seeing the paving done, but the trustees felt that and consequent heaving to the roads, these people would be more than glad to see the roads paved. Mr. Sumner insisted that any increase in rates resulting from the paving would be only very little more than the present costs of road maintenance, and the trustees agreed with this opinion.

Some discussion took place with respect to drawing up the budget for the year but it was pointed out that the budget could not be completed until the roads estimate had been received, so the discussion was postponed.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m., after the next meeting had been set for Wednesday, February 8th.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Even the mold off a jar of preserves can start one thinking about plant life. Plant life invades the storage room and the pantry. It takes hold on loaves of bread, the tops of preserves, pickles and jellies. "Mold," we call it. Were it not for this invasion of our domestic privacy by plant life, we would have no yeast and no vinegar.

Plant life extends over the entire surface of the globe except on the crests of the highest mountains, the highest regions of the glaciers and the places of everlasting snows. Even the waters of the Polar seas, under the perpetual icecaps have their algae or seaweed. The seas are full of seaweed from the most minute to the largest known plants. Under the snow of the Arctic region are beds of lichens and upon the surface are the tiny algae known as "crimson snow".

In the spring and summer one can often see the faces of great rocks filmed with lichens. If observed under the microscope they would look like groves and forests. The long-dead logs and ancient rails in fences are clothed with fairy gardens, knobs of gold, cups of scarlet, frost work of gray, white, black and green.

Parasites and epiphytes (plants growing on plants) hang high on the branches of trees; gray-green mistletoe, flaming orchids; white about grasses and little shrubs twines the dodder also a parasite; and from the spreading roots of white pines are the wax-like beechdrops. Deep down in the wells, climb the lichens and the algae; the marl-pit and the lime kiln are no sooner abandoned by men than nature prepares to send her plant-hosts to take possession. In the floating waters of the ponds are covered with a smothering bed of strange plants and some people call it "green scum stagnation." Water lilies and other aquatic plants spring from the mud-beds of ponds, and along the margins of rivers.

If the fifty cities in the world were abandoned by men; within fifty years the houses would be draped by lichens, vine and fungus; the streets would be a tangle of weeds, creepers and briars; great forests would rise on every side. The battalions of birds and the cohorts of the wind would bring the seeds and superintending the re-converting of the abode of man to a tangled wilderness. Wherever man abides, plants accompany him, even to the mold on a jar of preserves.

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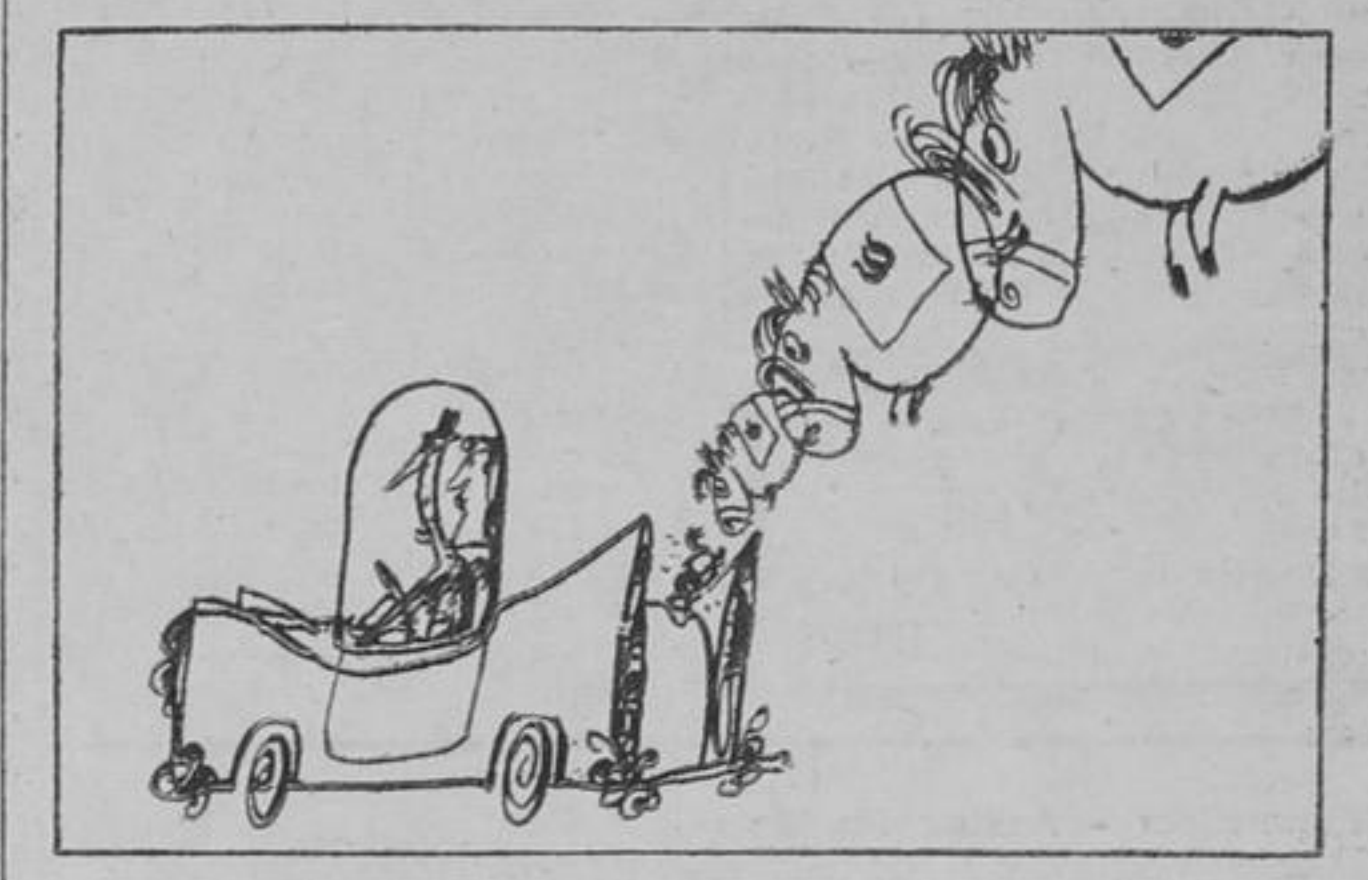
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