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Planning — Help Or Hindrance?

"Is planning becoming too cumbersome to be practical?" asked Councillor Alan Summer at a recent meeting of Markham Township Council, the township's planning board, officials from the Ontario Department of Planning and Development and land developers. "This thing gets more ridiculous as we go along," he added at a meeting which at times seemed like a conference of the "Department of Utter Confusion." Others agreed.

In essence, the Planning Act of Ontario, brought into existence some years ago, is a sound piece of legislation. Theoretically, it should ensure that the province's municipalities follow an orderly pattern of development which, in the long run, will make for pleasant living, efficient use of land and elimination of slums. In practice, it is to be questioned whether planning, so-called, is not acting as a deterrent to reasonable expansion.

This newspaper holds no brief for "get-rich-quick" promoters who buy a big acreage, rush up houses of dubious

quality, stage a high-pressure sales campaign and get out with their profits, leaving municipalities to hold the bag. But it is beginning to sympathize with reputable developers who, after apparently following all rules, find themselves stymied by a new set of suddenly-produced rules or the inertia and hesitation of planning boards and government departments.

In the Markham case, it would appear that provincial departments were responsible for the holding up of projects which, as far as a layman could tell, were open and above-board. But, as already stated, the confusion surrounding the situation was such that even men experienced in municipal government admitted their inability to tell where things stood. And, it must be admitted, Markham is not alone by a long, long shot.

Planning must be retained. But it does seem to be time for planning boards and government departments to make it a help rather than a hindrance.

Play It Safe!

Inevitably, in coming weeks, newspapers will carry stories of citizens whose money has been removed from them by well-schooled "sharpies" who know every trick of their crooked trade. Spring brings the swallows back to Capistrano. It also brings back to Canada's roads the conscienceless racketeers whose only purpose is to feather their own nests.

The methods of these men embrace a wide range of "come-ons" — all the way from radio service at prices far below the current local rate to the whiskeys chimney-fixing fraud. Bargains? There will be plenty of them.

A local instance gives some illustration of methods. A water softener salesman recently told housewives that the town of Richmond Hill had spent \$140,000 on a water softening plant, which was not being used. That money, he declared, was wasted. Housewives were indignant that the municipality had thrown their money away.

The facts are entirely different. Richmond Hill spent, not \$140,000, but \$300,000. That included a complete plant for the whole town, designed to remove iron and certain gasses. The system has worked and is working to perfection.

The salesman's purpose was obvious, of course. Let's make one thing clear. There are good water conditioners on the market, sold by reputable firms. They can be used to advantage in Richmond Hill. They do a better job from

the one the town's plant is designed to do. But, like others, this particular salesman distorted facts for his own purpose. And it's an easy guess as to what that purpose was.

It would be incorrect to say that racketeers prey on "defenceless" people. That's far from the case. For nobody — absolutely nobody — is defenceless if he or she will adopt the most ordinary, common-sense precautions. Here are a few:

Beware of strangers offering "bargains," no matter how smooth, no matter how big.

Deal with your local retailer or service or supply house. He, she or it will be there for you to go back to if goods or services are unsatisfactory.

Don't sign any documents — that's ANY — for strangers.

Don't be stampeded. The story you may be told about the article being offered to you being "the last one in stock" was told to the prospect before you and will be told to the prospect after you.

If in doubt, check FIRST with your bank, your police department, your lawyer, your nearest business men's association or your newspaper.

It may take a little longer before that "bargain" comes into your possession — if it does. But it probably took you a long time to save the money that may go out the window if you don't "investigate before you invest."

Must Set Their Own Goals

In the "Imperial Oil Review" for February 1961, there is a thought-provoking article entitled, "Are We Raising a Generation of Failures?"

Related to Bob Fenner by Robert Warren, the feature begins by stating, "The next 20 years will probably make greater demands on Canadian brainpower than any other period in our history."

It then strikes a sombre note, "one of the greatest problems facing educators today is the shocking number of mentally competent Canadian high school students who are getting disgracefully low grades. Even more disturbing, these students — known variously as "joy riders," "seat warmers," "homesteaders," "laggards," and (because very few of them are deliberate troublemakers) "agreeable loafers" — are simply not bothering to try.

The article suggests this situation has arisen because they are not allowed to think and act for themselves. The author cites cases of students with IQ's ranging from 107 to 117 — who could have been university material — but instead neglected assignments with a "So What?" shrug, and couldn't care less about becoming failures or listed as "drop outs", as soon as they have reached 16 years of age.

It further states that study of the problem — not only in Canada but in the United States and the United Kingdom — reveals, "there is some sort of respectability attached to failure . . . a strong economy, the working man's attitude to hard work, parents, teachers, the high school curriculum, some educational psychologists and the students themselves — all have fostered failure."

Among the items listed as contributing to this depressing situation are: (1) Wages, which have climbed faster than individual productivity. "More money for less work," and "getting something for nothing" have become a virtue in some circles. (2) Parents and teachers contribute to the problem — by failing to stress the importance of success . . . or of the student anticipating he'll be a success. Some parents

don't even understand what the high schools are trying to do when their boards send out warnings that a student will be "dropped" if he continues to be a "laggard". One father expressed surprise at the ultimate dismissal of his son by stating to his high school board, "I thought you were just trying to scare the kid!" Obviously the warnings received by both father and son had not been taken seriously.

Such dismissals are a board's last resource. Education costs today, and secondary school curriculums, are too "tight" to allow for free loaders in their schedules — and a warning is sounded which states, "Our high school curriculum inadvertently accounts for some of the laggards, too."

And this is where so much of the basic problem lies.

Our high schools are geared (too often) to produce university students — and do not provide interest enough, suitable or alternative studies, to keep the student who is not university material "happy" and interested in remaining in school.

The conclusion of the author is this: "The day we can get the right student on the right course, the laggard problem will be greatly reduced. I know a laggard who failed deliberately so that he could leave school for a trade school and his first love — automobile mechanics."

Studies conducted in Alberta since 1956 have shown that students capable of succeeding at university can be identified at Grade 9 level, almost as readily as in their graduating year. Here guidance counsellors could help chart a student's future, but all too often parents and students alike refuse to fully accept the counsellor's advice.

What is really needed by today's high school student is a gradual slackening-off of parental guidance as he seeks his ultimate goal in life — and an encouragement of the student's belief in himself so that he can become a self-determined individual able to demonstrate that he is "the Master of his soul — not the Captain of his fate."

Proof Of The Pudding

When daughter cooks the food today
She's most particular to weigh
The pounds and ounces, grains and grams,
In making cookies, pies or jams;
She does it all by rote and rule
As she was taught in cooking school.

Now mother, in a bygone day,
Cooked victuals in her special way;
A pinch of this, a piece of that,
A little bit of salt or fat;
One never could make Mom confess
That she cooked other than by guess.

But father heated it on his plate,
And said that it was simply great!

— Robert D. Little

Liberalities . . .

Dottie Walter

"Here is advice for all men to heed,
Don't plant more than your wife can weed."

The racks are full of colorful packages of seeds. Boxes of 'started plants' are making brilliant mosaics on the sidewalks in front of the garden markets. Planting time is here . . . and soon will come 'The Salad Days'.

Nothing brings such sparkle to a hot summer day as a bowl of cool, crisp, green salad, with a favorite dressing. No store product has yet achieved the flavor of a sun-drenched tomato just picked from the vine or a handful of freshly pulled onions to dip into a saucer of salt.

Did you ever think of giving over a garden plot to salad makings? A space designed and dedicated to the vitamin-packed ingredients that go into our summer flavors? There are many new off-beat greens with exotic flavors that are adding excitement to the old art of salad making . . . thanks to our new Canadians who have introduced us to these European specialties.

Here is a suggested garden plan. Work out your own design, if you choose. Gardens are as personal and distinctive as the patterns of a hand-woven rug:

GARDEN FOR SALADS

- NORTH (18')
- 1' Staked Tomatoes
- 3' Green Peppers
- 3' Cabbage (early, savoy, red)
- 2 1/2' Dutch Sets Multiplier Onions
- 20' 2 1/2' Radish Parsley
- 2 1/2' Lettuce (head, salad bowl, Bibb)
- 2 1/2' Endive Spinach Kale
- 2' Annual Herbs
- 1' Nasturtiums

And therein lie summer salads by the score. Only cucumber is omitted from want of space. If you have a corner for these cool, easy-to-grow beauties, add them.

LETTUCE, of course, is the mainstay of the salad bowl. But don't settle for just any lettuce. Know what you are planting.

Head Lettuce: For thick, solid green heads, try to get head lettuce plants and set them out as soon as possible. Allow plenty of room for them to spread out.

Leaf Lettuce: "Salad Bowl" is the prize award variety. It is heat resistant and keeps its deep curly green leaves almost all season and does not quickly go to head. (Planted from seed.)

Bronze: "Early Prizehead Bronze", is an unusual variety. True to its name it has distinctive rust-colored edges and curly leaves.

Bibb Lettuce: This is the smooth, buttery darling of the gourmets. It adds an interesting texture to a salad.

Radishes will grow 'like crazy' in soft warm soil. Slower germinating parsley can be planted with it in a thick row a few inches from the original radish row and will politely wait until the radishes have had their day before it will give with its green.

The Dark Greens: Spinach, Kale, Endive, Romaine, add beauty and flavour. A hint of mint and the peppery distinctive taste of chopped nasturtium leaves make a salad a symphony to remember.

The Fresh Salad Herbs — and the experts suggest using only one at a time, are chevril, tarragon and sweet basil.

Some of the farm women have told me that where they are plentiful in the woods, the first green curls of fern, aptly named Fiddleheads, the chopped leaves of the Marshmarigold, and of course the first new dandelion leaves are a dramatic addition to a beautiful salad.

Greens should be handled with loving care. Picked early in the morning, washed well in one of the wire baskets the French use, that shakes out the moisture and does not bruise the leaves, then stored in a covered dish in the refrigerator.

Then comes the dressing. Its sole purpose is to enhance the delicate flavor of the ingredients, not to overpower them. There are those who will never depart from the basic French Dressing. They make a production out of salad making and stand autocrats over what is mixed with their greenery. **Three** parts oil to one part vinegar . . . coarse salt and ground pepper, "only this and nothing more". But many of us like to add a bit of mustard and sugar and maybe gussy it up with a nip of herb vinegar or crumbled blue cheese.

The fine cooks who have a Pennsylvania Dutch heritage, know well the magic of sour cream on garden greens. The subtle, sweet-sour dressings were perennial favorites on the famed bountiful table of the Pennsylvania Dutch wife. Mrs. Wilfred Keffer, of Maple, the wife of our new Vaughan Township Councillor, has given me an old favorite that has been used in her family for generations. It is as delicious as it is simple.

- 1/2 cup sour cream (commercial cream may be used or sweet cream soured with vinegar)
- 3 T vinegar
- 2 T white sugar
- Salt — one large onion chopped

Mix well and at the last moment pour over crisp lettuce. Because creams and vinegars differ, establish proportions by tasting. It should be a pleasant sweet-sour blend.

A favorite of our house is a simple boiled dressing, made to the consistency of thin cream and as smooth as velvet. Mix with any green salad to which a cup of thinly sliced, unpeeled cucumbers has been added or it is close to perfection over slices of garden tomatoes, sprinkled with fresh basil.

Formula for a Lazy Summer Day
A great bowl of cool, green salad, some crusty French bread with unsalted butter and a deck chair under the trees.

Outstanding Students Honoured

Name Winners Of Academic Awards As Super 80 Club Insignia Given

The Richmond Hill High School Student Association announced the winners of the Super 80 Club insignia this week.

The Super 80 Club was founded several years ago by the student association. It was decided that students who received 80 per cent or higher on their term examinations should be recognized by the student body for their excellent academic results.

Insignia Given
An insignia was designed for presentation to the successful candidates. The insignia is to remain in the possession of the student until such time as his term average falls below 80 per cent. At that time it must be returned to the association. If the student can again obtain 80 per cent or better, then he or she will again receive the pin. Should the student meet the qualifications on the final examinations of his graduating year (Grades XII, Special Commercial or XIII), he or she can keep the insignia permanently.

The club does not hold meetings or have an executive. It is the title for a group of students who are outstanding in their academic work at the school.

The second term winners are as follows:

Grade IX
Craig Peterkin, Barbara Schell, Susan Kaye, Allan Howard, George Hopkins, Carolyn Sayers, Wendy Ashkanase, Jelene Goodier, Robert Sward, Albert Bishop, Mary Sward, Judith Hopkins, Annette Ostergaard, Patsy McFadden, Barbara Beresford, Janet Ransom, Marilyn Doner, Deborah Anderson, Jeanette MacDonald, Pauline Ellis, Margaret Cornell, Barbara MacDonald, Warren Quinn, Edward Jansen. (An increase of 14 members from First Term.)

Grade X
Brian Lennox, Mary Farwell, Jane Clement, Peter Hiscott, Joan Angus, Donald McIntyre, Dwight Powell, Leif Schenker. (A decrease of three from First Term.)

Grade XI
Sandra Wall, Jeff Radley, Charleen Smith, John Perkins, Ed Addison, John Lennox, Robert Paton.

Grade XII
John Partington, Larry Follitt, Bob Hipkiss, David Sale, Gail Methe, Bruce Teetzel. (An increase of four from First Term.)

Special Commercial
Shirley Milligan, Shaaron Lewis, Helen Shepherd. (A decrease of one.)

Grade XIII
Barry Boeckner, Catherine Farwell. (No change.)

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Kindergarten Registration

Children whose 4th birthday fell on or before December 31, 1960, may attend Kindergarten in September, 1961. Parents are invited to bring these children to school, and to register them in accordance with the schedule below.

Registration Forms may be obtained from the Principals of the Schools. Birth Certificates are requested as proof of age.

Beverly Acres School —
FRIDAY, MAY 5, AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. Nighswander — Telephone TU. 4-5059

Pleasantville School —
MONDAY, MAY 8 AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. Rose — Telephone TU. 4-7431

Crosby Heights School —
TUESDAY, MAY 9, AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. Gooding — Telephone TU. 4-5281

MacKillop School —
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. Newman — Telephone TU. 4-5711

McConaghy School —
THURSDAY, MAY 11, AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. McDiarmid — Telephone TU. 4-1461

Walter Scott School —
FRIDAY, MAY 12, AT 2:00 P.M.
Principal — Mr. Davison — Telephone TU. 4-2693

White Cross Sign Of Mental Health Association Work

The 40-year-old Canadian Mental Health Association's symbol, the white cross, was not simply picked out of the air. It was chosen with care, to represent the organization's ideal for which it strives, and is credited to the founder of the Mental Health movement, Dr. C. M. Hincks, and the present General Director, Dr. J. D. Griffin. The white cross symbol represents the touchstone and the rallying point for the movement's volunteers, both scientists and citizens, who devote their time, interest and dollars to this cause.

The original symbol was a grey cross, but it seemed sombre, dull and uninspiring. White replaced grey, and the White Cross for Mental Health it has remained, and is the registered "trademark" as it were, of the Association. It is used extensively in the public education work of the organization and in some localities, branch activities go under the name of White Cross Study Groups, White Cross Committees, White Cross Volunteer Services and White Cross Open Door Services. It symbolizes this year's drive for funds. The drive opened yesterday and will end today.

New Chiropractic Clinic Is Opened In Richmond Hill

G. A. Shorting, D. C., and A. Grice, D. C. who have established the Richmond Hill Chiropractic Clinic, 31 Yonge Street North, bring additional professional service in this field to the municipality. Both are graduates of the Chiropractic College, Toronto, where following four years of specialized training they did 18 months of post-graduate internship. Between them they have eight years of practice.

Mr. Shorting, 31, was born in Agincourt, raised and educated in Toronto and now makes his home in Scarborough. He is married to the former Lana Wyatt of Belleville, and is the father of three children, Kirk, 5, Karen, 1 1/2 and Kim, seven months.

Mr. Grice, 24, was born in Sudbury and raised in Streetsville and now lives in Weston. He is married to the former Ruth Wigley, Streetsville. There is a son, 11 weeks old, named Kent Michael.

Mr. Grice has an office in Weston, while Mr. Shorting has another in Scarborough. "We are working eight days a week," they said, "and are actually too busy for a hobby. However, when time permits we both enjoy bridge."

The slogan of these young men can be said to be: A straight spine is essential to good health."

THORNLEA

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Home & School News
The next meeting of the Thornlea Home and School Association will be on May 10 at 8.15 p.m.
This should be an entertaining evening as the school choir will be on hand. It is also election night, so come out and elect your executive for next year.

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