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Room For Reconsideration

It's an accepted principle, under our democratic system of government, that the will of the majority shall prevail. Fortunately, in Canadian history, that principle has been tempered with consideration for the opinions and rights of minorities. On occasion, action which might have been taken by a majority has been deferred because the size of the minority group left grave doubts as to whether a proposal would be workable with such a solid body of public opinion against it.

Such consideration might well govern the thinking of York Central District High School Board. By the exceedingly narrow margin of six to five that body has decided on the appointment of a superintendent of education-a move which would cost taxpayers of Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships and Woodbridge a MINIMUM of \$20,000 a year. Opponents of the appointment on the board recorded the fact that the superintendent would not even be able to inspect in classrooms without the invitation of the teacher in charge. On the face of it, therefore, the board would be paying out money for services which it could not

The exceedingly narrow margin practically splits the board down the middle. That is an unhealthy situation. On top of that it must be pointed out that there is strong opposition outside the board itself - opposition which, because of experience, should not be ignored. Reeve Wilfred Dean of Markham Township served on the

board for eight years, and therefore should have more than a passing knowledge of the situation. He has declared the appointment to be premature. As head of a fast-growing township whose taxpayers will have to provide a considerable portion of the large sum required for an apparently superfluous superintendent, his opinions should have considerable weight.

There would appear to be several courses of action open at the present time. One would be for municipalities to call before them the people appointed - not elected - to the high school board and thrash the matter out with them. The other would be for the board to defer action until the subject has been restudied, preferably by the board which will be in office in 1962. As board members have themselves admitted, the need for a superintendent will not be felt until the end of 1962. Therefore there would seem to be no particular benefit in steam-rollering the projected appointment through at the present time.

The board's activities should certainly not suffer in the meantime. It has a more than ordinarily capable and experienced staff of principals who are doing a good job of running their schools and who under present conditions would not seem to need a shepherd. In addition it has a capable business administrator handling its four schools. The system, under present conditions, ought to be able to struggle along without the expenditure of another \$20,000 a year.

Improved Garbage Pick-up

A letter read at a recent Richmond Hill Town Council meeting, from a Richmond Hill resident, painted a glowing picture of improved garbage collection, with modern vehicles and more efficient service taking over. The letter asking for a chance was an informative and business-like one.

Whether the glowing promises made therein can be carried out is a matter which must lie between town council and its relevant committee and the man who wants the contract. We see no reason to doubt that, when the right time comes, council will investigate the claims of the would-be disposal contractor. There is every reason to expect that the interests of citizens will be adequately looked after by the proper authorities at the proper time.

This newspaper believes that the

time must inevitably come when garbage disposal will be looked after collectively by three municipalities at least — Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham. Incineration will undoubtedly replace present disposal methods. But, until that happy day dawns - and that might even be a target for those who are again preaching the doctrine of co-ordination between local municipalities the present system must be accepted.

Surely, however, it could be much better than it is at present. Many citizens seem to think so, expressing complete dis-satisfaction with present rough-and-ready methods.

The letter received by council indicates that someone is willing to try to improve on the present messy situation. That's a ray of hope, any-

Compliments To A Playwright

That a citizen or group of citizens of Richmond Hill or its neighbouring townships should earn honours in the field of cultural activities is nothing unusual. Without undue boasting — and perhaps without any false modesty either - it can be honestly claimed that residents of town and district have held their heads high against all comers in many areas of culture from A to Z — from art and architecture to zymurgy a field of culture in which some residents are definitely interested.

Jokes to one side, it is indeed satisfactory to see that once again the Hill has scored, this time in a hitherto untried field. The Curtain Club's successes in the line of dramatic activities are well known. It is a pleasure to note that the personal achievements of a member of that body have been recognized. As recorded in the news columns, the club scored a distinct success in the Central Ontario Drama League with the best production of a one-act play by a Canadian author - the author in this case being Mr. Joseph Rabinowitch, with his play "The Trans-

Mr. Rabinowitch has contributed a good deal to Richmond Hill in his sixteen years of residence. He has rendered service to his fellow-citizens through his membership in the Rotary Club. He has been prominent in the musical and art world. Importantly, he has rendered distinct service for six years as a public school board trustee, a job which has been an arduous one as the Hill's school system has boomed with growing population, and which has been performed as a labour of love. He may not yet be threatening the supremacy of George Bernard Shaw but it's a real pleasure to see him making a start this way. May there be more from his pen - or typewriter.

Taxing Taxes Is Rough

Those charged with administering Ontario's unpopular sales tax have pointed out on several occasions lately that the system employed is the envy of a number of the United States, where a similar tax has been collected for years. The Ontario system, it has been claimed, is the most efficient of the lot. That may be.

We are not in a position to decide. Good, bad or indifferent as the system may be, there is little doubt as to its popularity. That is zero minus. The public admits that if it continues to demand more and more in the way of service somebody has to foot the bill. But it feels that simple fairer methods could have been adopted in place of the irritating, nagging sales tax.

Obvious flaws in the system have done little to popularize the tax. Take one about which this newspaper can speak with authority. It concerns

printing. As a producer of printing "The Liberal" is forced to collect and remit to the federal government a sales tax of eleven per cent. Then it is forced to add an Ontario sales tax of three per cent. That three per cent is added, NOT on the original price of the printing job but on the price of the job plus federal tax.

The Joe Blow Construction Company, for instance, gives us a printing job. The price to the company is \$100. A federal tax of eleven per cent has to be added to that figure, making it \$111. Now the Ontario sales tax has to be added. That makes it \$3.33. Thus, by charging the tax on cost plus federal tax, the Ontario Government is making an extra 33 cents.

It's bad enough to have to pay a tax on a product. But when it comes to paying a tax on a tax things are getting pretty rough.

We Travelled The Alaska

of Concord and teacher at the MacKillop Public School, the gold dust that disappeared behind their truck. They were Richmond Hill, has described a motor trip which she, those good old care-free days had toured Arizona and Califher husband and two daughters, took to Alaska this of '98, when gold changed hands ornia before heading north. summer. We left her last week at Valdez — where milk was thirty cents a glass and a steak cost \$5.50. it be known that the processing to be in Florida by the time This week the trip continues, with fabled Dawson City is worthwhile! being a highlight. EDITOR.)

Back to Alaska Highway again still there. They lean at var- or sternwheeler was brought radio and T.V. fame, that I just to continue upward from Mile ious angles, and are heaved in down the Yukon under her own HAD a finagle a way to get 1422. By now we knew we just the middle, depending where power, pulled ashore by bull- a snap of them. wouldn't have time to travel on the effect of the permafrost dozers, to be completely refur- Swap Shots

we had planned. We had to de- The Mile-Post says that Daw- itors. We were not able to go conversation and eventually I cide which routes we would el-son is far from being a ghost-aboard as renovations were not got the snap I wanted. Then iminate. We based our decisions town because nearly 1000 busy yet complete.
on what we heard from other people work there and call it These sternwheelers were in you're at it, will you take one tourists. Seward and Fairbanks home. I think it is practically a regular service on the Yukon on my camera, of me and the are large cities much like any ghost town, considering that the River as late as 1955. Since midget." Of course, I was glad metropolitan city, which for us population has dwindled from completion of the highway, the to oblige but with my tongue held little interest. We wanted 35,000 in 1898 to just over 800 need of their services had les- in my cheek. to see the country, so we head- at the present time, and more- sened and finally since steel Two young brothers and their ed off on the loop drive to over all the old forlorn, aban-bridges have eliminated use of wives travelled from Idaho on Dawson City in the Klondike. doned buildings, relics of the ferries, the huge river boats motorcycles - one couple on

drive, being just at sunset, and still in use. It is extremely dif- the rivers, as they are too large equipment down to a minimum taking us along the famous sky- ficult to distinguish the ones to go under the bridges. They, sleeping bags, fly, a few utenline road along the top of the in use from the abandoned ones, too, now belong to the past. sils, with which they camped world. We felt that if we could I believe people trade on the Follow Old Trails but look over the next ridge fact that their city is old and Continuing from Dawson City their own meals. They expected we'd surely see the sun still run-down looking and wouldn't on the "loop drive" towards to make the trip for \$400 per

this route passed into history an orderly fashion, but rather many trails of Klondike gold hiker with his little fox-terrier in 1960, when the final of three just left to age and wear away stampeders and occasional evi- on a leash. We first met him at new steel bridges was complet- with time and become infested dences of their passing remain the garage where we bought ed, crossing the Yukon, Pelly with long grass and weeds. A in the ruins of old log buildings our first new tire. Later we met and Stewart Rivers. The only few historic things have been by the roadside, some of which him at intervals, as he hitched remaining river crossing is on restored and are well-kept, such were erected over fifty years rides with different tourists, getthe Yukon at Dawson City, as the original fire-engine and ago. We travelled for miles a- ting out and walking for a where a two-car ferry offers free the cabin of Robert W. Service, long Lake La Barge, which is stretch whenever they made a

Original Buildings Go d Recovered In historic Dawson City many The original Grand Theatre ed in Service's poem. original buildings still stand - has been torn down and the Near Whitehorse we took a for him at Anchorage, at such and stand is about all. Don't ask earth underneath it, to consid-scenic trip to Myles Canyon, time as he arrived there. me why or how, but they are erable depth is being put where the headwaters of the Only Dog Left

"Dear Mr. Editor" PROTESTS HIGH SCHOOL APPOINTMENT

Dear Mr. Editor:

CONGRATULATES CURTAIN CLUB Dear Mr. Editor:-Congratulations to the theatre

or James Haggart said that the The "Curtain Club!" taxpayers were willing to con- Well established in their new cords show that 7,124 boats fellow had when he awoke was tribute any money needed for home, they celebrated their op- with 28,000 gold seekers pass- his dog. But, he said, there educational purposes. I am sure ening week, with two excellent ed this point in 1898. this is perfectly true. As one one-act plays. taxpayer both on home and bus- The charming little theatre horse to Dawson Creek was to be riding with us when the

iness property I am willing to has the atmosphere of an olddo my share, heavy as taxation world mews, complete with was concerned, mostly on ac- cond time and he proved a great is at the present time. Other mysterious doorways, and courttaxpayers, I am sure, are in yard flares.

ing of money foolishly and un-terprise.

necessarily. That is what the With seating limited to one suddenly realized we hadn't We also met three lady teaching of money foolishly and un-terprise. high school board appears to hundred, the audience becomes missed it too much and probably ers who had travelled to be doing. It does not appear one with the actors on the stage, hadn't needed it at all - in other Seattle by train, then flew to that the spending of \$20,000 most of whom have long since words the less shoe-string, the Juneau, where they took the yearly on a supervisor as the passed beyond the limitations of better! board seems determined to do, amateurs.

will assist to give better edu- "The Club," moreover, is on a cation in any way at all. All it firm financial footing - it could ists on a thoroughfare such as rented out Volkswagen Campwill do is to provide a very be firmer - but the fact that the highly paid job for a man whose thrilling costumes worn in the a house on wheels with them - ing room, bedroom and kitchen, services do not seem to be re- play "Like It Or Not," were trailers which range in price completely equipped right down quired. This money has to come made by the performers them- from 5 to 7 thousand dollars; to four fishing rods. Five or out of the pockets of business- selves, at a cost of only twelve some come by car with the in- six can travel for one low men and other property owners, dollars, shows that the members tention of patronizing motels price of \$15 per day plus 12 most of whom face considerable recognize the importance of each night; others have the cents a mile including gas, oil

Mayor Haggart spoke for me, lacks culture - here is a venture and still others hitch-hike with With this set-up they toured and I am sure he spoke for a that deserves support, and that not so much as a coat. good many other taxpayers, is fast becoming an integral when he protested this waste of part of Canadian theatre. money. Can nothing be done to Good luck, "Curtain Club!"

George Hill Richmond Hill

stop it?

by George Mayes

Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

ly decided not to lay a charge - he could probably ily in it - all set to go - and like it! The trailer was put in A U.S. scientist suggests a national food cache

tance of any American . . . Somewhere between the house and the garage? The wife of a Muskoka publisher is supposed to weather permitted it, they threw fool-proof protection against have said: "Just what I've always wanted," when her

with a little steam in the boiler?

A woman worker claiming she was fired for objecting to a compulsory U.A. contribution was ac- ed box behind the cab for black flies there were none - abtually fired for making a speech, according to a dir- sleeping. He had left home in solutely none on the whole trip. ector of the firm . . . The director is none other than "Silent Fred" Gardiner.

And F. G. says he once doubted Metro would work, but: "We must take things a step at a time. having the time of his life. tection than that from the ele-We must stop, look and listen so we don't throw a ment to our stupidity." . . . Well, if Metro can muddle. thing.

Toronto-Dominion Bank flooded the basement floor two cats on leash, who trav-time! with three feet of water . . . And less than half the staff made jokes about their liquid assets.

In a Windsor interview, Liberace says he wants to forget his candelabra and have a try at serious dramatic acting . . . Something he can get his teeth into? * * * * * *

Ontario's Minister of Lands and Forests threatens a "rude awakening" for careless hunters . . And we thought they went to the happy hunting grounds.

The T.T.C. has turned down a suggestion that its passengers be allowed to smoke . . . But they can't stop them from burning-up at the service.

If Mr. K. goes through with his 50-Megaton Halloween trick-or-treat, we won't know if we're opening our door to a shell-out or a fall-out.

A report on Canada's "Golden Mountain" of surplus butter says that 144 million pounds is a "conservative estimate" So even they aren't sure how much they have.

* * * * * * A Weston teaching authority says that the ideal teaching ratio is one-to-one - or one teacher to one pupil. And one whale of a tax-rate!

(In recent issues Mrs. Margaret Gilbert, resident through a sluice box to wash out elled with a huge house trailer the gold dust that disappeared behind their truck They were

In the fall of 1960 the "Keno" all the world, so like Gramps

one of the earlier river steamers McCoy and Tug-boat Annie of all the highways in Alaska as struck them. nished for entertainment of vis- Before long we struck up a

This was a most remarkable past, are all mixed up with those can no longer ply up and down each machine. They held their out every night and cooked

have it otherwise. Relics from Whitehorse the highway passes couple. I wonder if they did! Three picturesque ferries on days of '98 are not displayed in through country traversed by Then, there was the hitchfamous as the site of "Crema- stop. He was a likeable young tion of Sam McGee" as describ- fellow - a college graduate from Indiana who had a job waiting

Yukon River bail through a nar- He had set out from Californrow rock-cut, and where many ia with considerable gear and a Klondiker lost his life. Jack a companion, but neither lasted London made thousands of dol- very long. The companion "chiclars guiding boats down this kened out" he said and wanted canyon at \$25 each. Then a to turn back. When he refused, wooden railed tramway was the companion gathered up the built on both sides of the can-gear in the dead of night while In last week's "Liberal" May-group in Richmond Hill, called yon so that Klondikers could his comrade slept, and set off by-pass the canyon. Police re- on the return trip. All the young

were advantages - now he had The return trip from White- no gear to carry! He happened non-stop as far as sight-seeing trailer wheel came off the secount of rain, which we rather held to us in that emergency. welcomed as it settled the dust - He joined us in a well-earned Inside seating is evidence of and also we had already seen supper that night, which he But all of us resent the spend- good taste, imagination and en-finally arrived back at the point change from his daily fare of this area on the trip up. We welcomed most, I think, as a

boat to Haines. At Haines they Many Types made use of a "Do As You

There are many kinds of tour- Please" travel service, which best of tenting equipment, while and insurance. Let no one may our town others get along with very little, Free From Worry

> Alaska for 21 care-free, plea-A very popular camping set sure-packed days, at the end of up is the Alaska Kamper, which which they turned in their camis as complete as any house per at Haines, boarded the boat Mrs. R. D. Little trailer, but is mounted behind for Juneau, flew back to Seathe cab of a half ton truck. A ttle, and presto, in a few hours Arnold Crescent hydraulic lift raises the roof of they were back at home, without it for occupancy at night and any concern over the hazards lowers it to cab level for trav- along the 1500 mile stretch of elling. Many elderly people use Alaska Highway, or even the this type of camper for its con- sightest wear and tear on their

venience and comfort. car. What could be more pleas-We saw a converted bread ant! Who knows, maybe next delivery-truck, with all the mo-time we'll save a few more dern conveniences, (even to "green backs" and do it that flush toilet and septic tank), way too!

which accommodated a family As for the way we did it this Peter Whittal is in the news again with a com- to ten, father and mother, and up - original to say the least, of six, three children, ages six time, it was quite a unique setplaint against his home activities. Our council wise- grandfather. We saw the fam- as we didn't see another one there was plenty of room to storage at Mile-post 635, to be picked up on our return trip. Girls Travel Alone

I was amazed at the number it, or the comforts of the foam with two years' food supply within easy walking disof girls who travelled absolute rubber mattress and the screenly alone. They were mostly in ed in annex bought especially small cars, in which they could for the Alaska trip to keep the arrange for sleeping space if flies out of our soup at mealnecessary, but as long as the time, as well as to serve as a their sleeping bags on the those mosquitoes which were alground and crawled into them, ledgedly as big as wild ducks, husband gave her a 120-ton locomotive . . . Something That's all there was to it - as Well we did manage.

Perfect Weather One gentleman, in his late Of course, the girls gave up 60's drove from New Hampshire their air mattress to their elin a Jeep with a crude cover-ders - and as for mosquitoes and May, travelled across the U.S. Our 10 x 12 tent fly, fastened and after touring Alaska, in- to the rain gutter along the tended to drive East across the side of the station wagon, pro-Trans-Canada Highway in time vided privacy for sleeping, and to see the coloured leaves in as the weather was almost per-Ontario in the fall. He was fect, we needed no more pro-

Never did he eat alone in ments. wrench into a well-oiled machine and build a monu- camp. Someone always invited So friends, choose your sethim to join them, whether it up and head out. You'll enjoy was breakfast, dinner or supper every minute of it just as we through that metaphor, it can muddle through any- and he, in turn, always brought did. It's just as Mr. Harper said,

with him a contribution to the "It's here for us to see, so let's see as much of it as we can.' On the boat to Juneau we'll hope to go again someday, A broken water main in the head office of the met an elderly couple, with and see what we missed this

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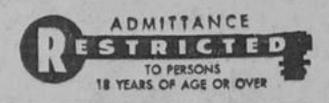
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