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Public Tenders

This newspaper holds the Richmond Hill Public School Board and Vaughan Township Council in the highest regard. It believes that both bodies conduct their business with a maximum degree of integrity and that the staffs of both bodies rate equally highly. That point is made because of a desire to avoid any shadow of reflection while constructive criticism is being offered.

Both bodies on recent occasions have opened tenders in private. While it is true that facts and figures eventually become public property we suggest that it would be much better to have tenders opened in public - a rule which is now pretty generally followed. At the same time opportunity should be offered to tenderers to be present when theirs and other tenders are opened.

This may appear to be leaning a little backward, but it must be re-

membered that on a number of occasions in recent years criticism has been directed at semi-secret opening of public tenders. Most notable example is that of the Ontario Department of Highways, where a nearscandal resulted and where, in consequence, the utmost publicity and openness now accompanies the opening and examination of tenders.

Tenders, publicly advertised for, are public business. It is well to keep them as far as possible in the open. It is certainly a mistake, and unfair to employees, to have them opened privately by two staff members.

We repeat that there is no shadow of wrong-doing involved. We are jealous of the reputation of well-run public bodies. We believe that every effort should be made, in their interests, to remove even the slightest opportunity of criticism.

The New Police Court

A police court isn't normally the sort of thing over which one gets enthusiastic. But, accepting the fact that such an establishment is a necessary part of today's picture, there is considerable satisfaction in the fact that one is to be established in Richmond Hill in the early part of the coming year. This newspaper has on more than one occasion, pointed out that citizens of the southern part of York County have been put to considerable and unjustifiable extra expenditure of time and money by having to travel to Newmarket in connection with court cases. The system has been a wasteful one for both police and "customers". Both should save time and money-the latter unfortunately having at times a distinct need for it after the man on the bench has said his piece.

A great deal of credit is due to Mr. James Haggart and members of his 1961 council for consummating the arrangement. The former, it can

now be revealed, has put in a great deal of time in dealing with court officials and others in the Attorney-General's Department. The court did not come into existence voluntarily. It had to be worked for-and worked for hard. Mayor Haggart, in pointing out the need for consideration of the requirements of the growing area. did a first-class job. His council deserves credit also for willing co-operation in readjusting space in the municipal building to provide for court accommodation. That, with a growing staff due to the growth of the town itself, was no easy task.

It should be pointed out again that rent will be paid for space occupied.

It's true that a factory would be more acceptable than a police court. Nevertheless, under the circumstances, there is room for satisfaction that an arrangement which will add to the convenience of at least some citizens, and will be beneficial to local police operations, has been effected.

County System-Benefit or Block?

Is the county system of government worth preserving? It's an ancient and honorable institution which has stood the test of time since Confederation without a change. But therein lies one of its principal shortcomings. Completely inflexible, its structure does not permit it to adjust itself to changing conditions. It can grow only by swallowing and govern only by absorption. Something of an octopus, it tends to ingest whatever good comes into its path and then to create within itself growths which cannot be dislodged - growths which at times become so firmly implanted that they take control.

What the future of the county system will be is hard to tell. It is now under study by the provincial government. From that study may emerge a more flexible pattern, better geared to the times, better adjusted to a province which no longer has the similarity of existence which marked the Ontario of Confederation

Yet, whatever its shortcomings, the county system has decided values. It permits cooperation in larger matters which cannot be handled by any

one or two municipalities. The recent action of York County Council which made possible the extension of the Newmarket Hospital and the starting of one at Richmond Hill is a case in point. It will possibly set the stage for unification of police forces within the county, in part if not entirely, which will give the men charged with maintaining the law as good a chance to do their job as the criminal has to carry out his plans. It provides a connecting link whereby problems of several municipalities can be lumped, with an economical and efficient solution being found.

It's easy to call the county a "fifth wheel". In some ways - perhaps too many - it is. But it still has an inherent value - that of providing a meeting place where co-operation can start.

Undoubtedly the county system should be reorganized and its "Model T" complex eliminated. But it is to be hoped that whatever solution the provincial government evolves will maintain those qualities which are distinctly worth while in achieving efficiency and economy through un-

Whose Life Will It Be?

Vaughan Township, it is quite apparent, is on the verge of prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the municipality, except for the extermination of vermin. Considerable publicity has been given to the township's intentions. No adverse reaction has been heard, therefore it must be taken that the move is one which is generally popular. As a matter of fact, what comment there has been is decidedly in favour of the ban.

This newspaper warned years ago that a ban on hunting within Vaughan, Markham, Whitchurch and King Townships was inevitable. It is, in one sense, sorry to see that it is nearing, regretting to see worthwhile outdoor fun spoiled. But it must be conceded that the responsibility for such a ban rests squarely on the shoulders of those who have been completely unmindful of the rights and safety of others. Members of municipal councils have been subjected to rather uncomfortable experiences themselves and have heard, at lurid first hand, of the experiences of others. Therefore they know that there is absolutely no other course open but to prohibit the discharge of

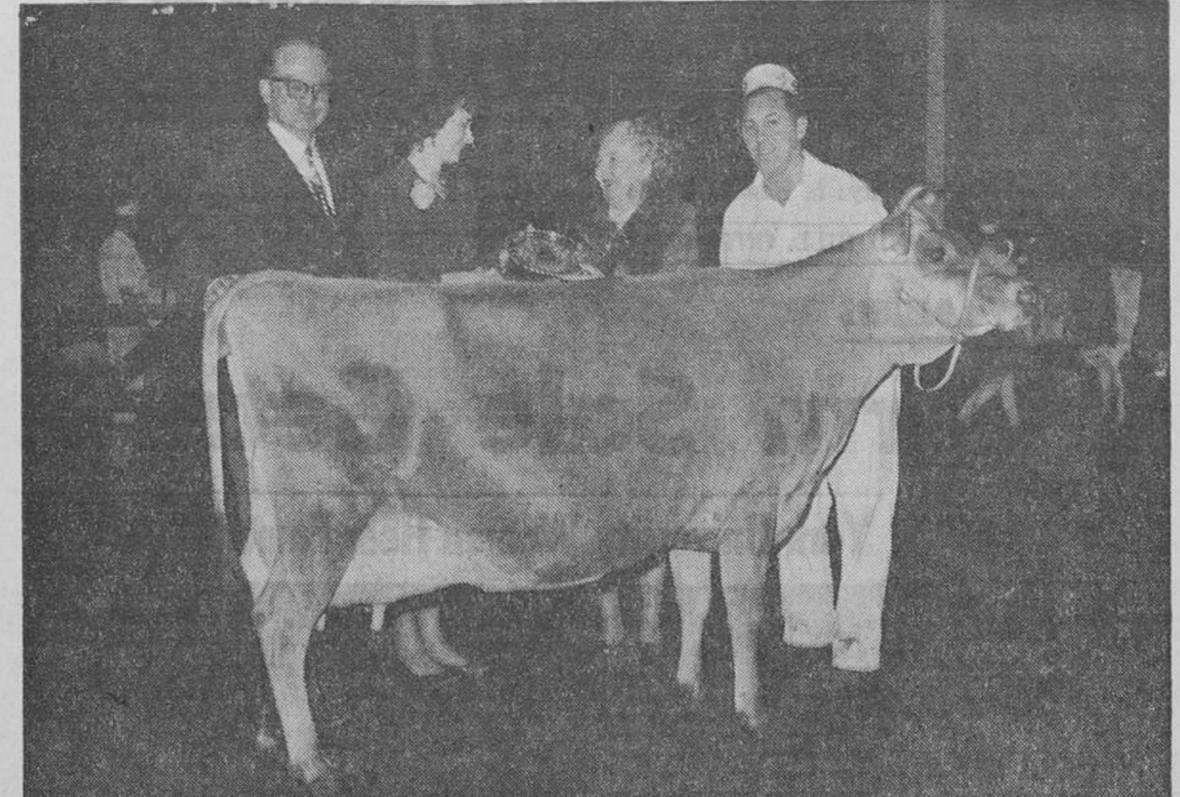
firearms entirely. The whistle of a bullet taught many a young soldier to keep his head down. The rattle of gunshot is having a not incomparable effect on municipal legislators.

Again, the innocent must suffer. It has been proven beyond any question that those who are responsible for the dangerous situations which have come into existence are not local residents but city transients. A situation in Whitchurch Township on a recent week-end, where people of foreign extraction kept up a steady barrage of fire after sunset, some eighty shots being fired at anything and everything in half an hour, was only a specimen of the sort of thing which is

occurring constantly, in all towships. It is only a matter of time, with the mad performances which are going on in all townships, before a life will be lost. Then, of course, there will be a public outcry. A ban which should have been put on long ago will, following the time-honoured principle of locking the stable door after the horse is stolen, be slapped on without delay.

Whose life will it be?

Don Heads Farms Winner At Royal



Our district was again prominent among prize winners at the Royal Winter Fair. In addition to 1st and 2nd prizes, Don Head Farms won no less than three trophies in the Jersey classes - the Erle Kitchen trophy for Highest Producing Prize Winner; the Ivrin Embleton trophy for Best Udder- Don Head Farms.

two present year kits. Once a

Nature Notes By Richmond Hill Naturalists

Richmond Hill Naturalists' Club, mainstay of the Indians (runs ekle, three redpolls, three song Mr. R. Stanfield gave a concise roughly to one million dollars sparrows, herring gulls, brown and instructive talk on wildlife a year, beaver making up half creeper, red breasted nuthatch. management in Northern On-this amount), intensive work is The blue heron, with the intario. "North" means north of being done on the fur-bearing jured wing, is still at Mill and the transcontinental line where animals. In the period from Bathurst Sts. It is slowly imthe population is practically all 1930 to 1935 the beaver popu-proving but will hardly get too Indian and less than I per cent lation was extremely low. There far south before winter really of Ontario's whole population, were closed seasons and trap sets in. It is known as the Patricias, ping followed the quota system East, Central and West. Patricia until, by 1940, the population West, from the Severn River had risen to a high density Acclamation \$2,000 Gift to the Manitoba border, has level. Widespread disease again permafrost 30" deep all year lowered the numbers in 1951 round. All three areas can be but it was back to normal in described as spongy, soaking 1956. We learned that the life wet muskeg. The one exception of the beaver is rarely breakdown of Expenses is a row of hills, rising abruptly above six years. The average out of the continuous flatness, family consists of six-two parcut deeply by the Sutton River ents, two one-year-old kits, and

only mammals. They are most new colony. important because they are of All this brings up the quesland caribou has an approxi- Mr. Stanfield will come back provided the answer. mate total population of 10,000, and let us know.

gorge, in central Patricia.

for 75,000, but it hasn't been pleasant field trip to the Bot- ering deputy returning officers, didate. Democracy costs money witting exposure to possible indiscovered as yet why there terrell Woods on November 9th, poll clerks, poll constables and - but not very much when the fection, the family physician aren't more. Forest fires may Two ruffed grouse were seen, caretakers at the public schools costs are broken down - less than should be immediately conbe destroying some of the food, along with the usual cold-wea- would cost \$1,075. but not drastically so. Wolves ther birds. The Kingfisher is Twenty-two of what is known for the ensuring of a free ballot anti-rables vaccine is required are relatively few, there is the still with us at the creek below as "poll packages" would be re- in the town of Richmond Hill. to prevent possible fatal illness. usual disease and some over the Mill St. Pond; a flock of quired. These contain the hunting, but these do not add meadowlarks and also some somewhat extensive kit required up to major causes. The clock- pine grosbeaks were seen on at each of the polling stations. wise currents in Hudson's Bay the 21st. Anyone travelling, Their cost runs to \$150.92. With bring down white whales, wal- across country, from here to no elections being run this year, rus and seals, and even polar Oakville, might quite easily see the supply purchased will be bear during the summer. Even up to 20 hawks. A shrike and carried over to next year. though they are not permanent purple finch have also been re- Election officials' certificates, residents they provide a change ported. Rather unusual is the miscellaneous supplies, ballot reported appearance of two papers, cost \$270.34. Again, of diet for the Indians.

by George Mayes

Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

to demand the name of anyone caught blowing their to be done next year. Not in- friends to enjoy an evening of ed.

show the names of an awful lot of people named able "sundries" which always ment and good fellowship. "Snnufff". Pollution Control Centre . . . Well, a rose by any other sideration.

name still smells as . . . sweet? phone deep in the North Sea, to learn that the lovecall of the herring consists of "Peep-Peep" . . . Both | mal "peeps" were presumably from the male. The female

Scarboro residents drawing welfare assistance for more than a year will receive an extra \$5 or \$10 | 16,000 population - proclama- McLatchy. this Christmas . . . From "Seniority Claus"?

either doesn't answer or she is hard of herring.

Ontario's minister of lands and forests says that some campers in the provincial parks are complain- items are the cost of democracy had delved in the files of the 65,000 were school children so ing about the lack of electricity, showers and laundromats . . . And no fallout shelters, either!

One of the topics discussed during a seven-day telephone-talkathon by U. of T. students was: Is chas- Christmas Gatherings tity its own punishment? . . . It looks like the kids have discovered a fate worse than a fate worse than death.

Etobicoke's Dry forces have formed a Civil Libis beginning to bring seasonal banquet business to Summit banquet business to Summit banquet business to Summit building.

The approach of Christmas building.

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Thousands of sea gulls have taken over North k's rat-infested garbage dump and the rats are York's rat-infested garbage dump and the rats are tleby, which will be held on by our own parks commission-which was passed unanimously. Thursday, December 7th, with er, Mr. Russell Tilt, Mr. Arth-Hon. President - Mrs. W. Red-"North York is by no means free of rats. There were |70 present. 101 complaints last month." . . . One thing we can't Other functions held at Sum- work since 1954 when the sea- H. H. MacKay; President - Mr. stand is smart rats.

for Toronto's open-air orators; but this seemingly had a banquet at which 40 per- treasures would be lost, and so Little, R. H. Keith. 1st Vice democratic gesture has a catch to it — they'll have to supply their own soap-boxes . . . And trying to talk from the top of a determent contains about at which 40 per treatment in 1955 the Ontario - St. Law- President - Mrs. D. Boyd; 2nd ber 30th the Women Teachers rence Development Commission Vice President - Mr. Reg. Willed to supply their own soap-boxes . . . And trying to Federation of Ontario held a was created to plan, construct, liams. Secretary Treasurer talk from the top of a detergent-carton should make dinner. for some mighty short speeches.

A Windsor woman, driving to the hospital in a held a dinner at Summit View, were to be dedicated to the pre- MacGregor. Directors 1962-63 race with the stork, was forced to stop in a service with over 70 present. On Tues- servation of their historic past Mrs. W. J. Large, Rev. Wm. Please Note: Wed., Thur., station to have her B.A.by.

County's Warden Wants Interview

torney-General of Ontario some time ago, York County Council declared its strong objection to being forced to share in the cost of the projected To-ronto courthouse, to occupy the site presently occupied by the University Avenue Armouries. The building is estimated to cost over thirteen million dollars. While York County, under present plans, would be expected to pay a large amount towards cost, it would not own any part of the building in its own right, title belonging to

County council advanced many objections, chief among them being the expense and inconvenience for York County citizens and lawyers. They would have to travel considerable extra distances, through heavy traffic, at their own ex-pense, to have their cases heard.

Warden J. V. Fry of York County has now asked Attor-ney-General Kelso Roberts for an interview to explain why York County wants its own courthouse. The matter will be aired again when York County Council holds its final 1961 meetings on December 12th and 13th, and it is expected that Warden Fry may have a report to make at that time.

from Canadian Bred Dam. Our picture shows presentation of the last-named trophy by Mrs. Margaret UXBRIDGE TWP. : Reeve Earl Schulman to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Redelmeier. The Dowswell has been re-elected. defeating Isaac Catherwood, former welfare officer who was prize winning cow is DON HEAD BIJOU HELEN, held by Elmer Pembleton, longtime herdsman at dismissed by council, by 520 to

ner 4-2787, Mrs. Addison, if they are again seen in this Rabies Hazard On Increase-MOH On November 17th, at the Since fur production is the on the 25th and 26th are Gra-

The slowly increasing hazard positive cases of rabies have of rables infection in wild life been reported in York Counand some domestic animals ty. Similar large numbers have should not be under-rated by been reported in neighbouring town and country folk in the counties. Simeoe had had 23 County of York, warns Dr. Ro- rabid animals, Dufferin 16 rabbert M. King, Medical Officer id animals, Ontario County 5 of Health for the county. rabid animals.

Since January 1 this year, 14

of the club know or phone TUr-

Saving lowed to run at large and possibly lack annual anti-rables

ed Cow; and the Schulman trophy for Best 4-year-old

Wildlife is often thought to beaver is two years old it is Following the statement in last week's "Liberal" Young children and young include birds, but actually it is forced to go out and form a that \$2,000 had been saved because of Richmond Hill adults should be warned by important because they are of All this brings up the ques-positive value and will continue tion: What kind of mammal acclamations which resulted in no elections being held, observe a "hands off" policy in to provide livelihood and recre- population will be established some citizens expressed curiosity as to how the amount regard to stray dogs and cats. ation to many people. The wood- ten years from now? We hope could run that high. Members of the municipal staff Carcasses of small animals that

Actually there is enough food The club had a cool but Salaries for the election, cov- for a single, dictator-picked can- be handled. In the event of un-

these will be available for an-Advertising of advance polls

and polling stations, required by law, would total \$467.04. The total of those items is \$1,936.30 - not such a long way from the \$2,000 which it was claimed would be saved.

Savings For Next Year

Start At Summit View

regular dinner meeting.

gray (formerly called Canada) Suggest "Hands Off" Policy

Heaviest infection has been

revealed in the fox population with skunks a close second, Heaviest casualties in domestic animals have been farm cattle

with dogs and cats next. Risk To Humans This represents a seriously growing risk of human infection on the farm and in the urban areas. The risk increases where pet animals may be al- Saturday Continuous from

may be discovered on walks or hikes in the country should not

25 cents per inhabitant, per year, sulted to determine whether



The Annual Dinner Meeting The task was undertaken with of the Horticultural Society imagination and energy and In addition, work of repairing was held on November 23 at how much has been accomplish-Toronto's by-law against nose-blowing on the ballot boxes and booths is not the Summit View Gardens af- ed in less than 5 years was street is being held-up until police have the authority included. This has already been fording an opportunity for old illustrated by the many fine done but, again, will not have and new members and their slides which Mr. Arthurs show-

nose improperly . . . And police records are going to cluded, either, are the inevit- good dining, good entertain- They showed not only the process of work in Upper Canrun into a few dollars. No al- Mr. J. A. C. Auld M.P.P. who ada Village but the developlowance is made for the time was to have been the speaker ment of a modern parks system of civic employees - the actual was unable to come due to the of 6000 acres extending 170 A newly-opened sewage disposal plant in Lake-view will masquerade under the name of a Water sideration The election a year ago cost St. Lawrence Development ed 61/2 miles east of Morrisburg approximately \$4,600 but a con- Commission, Parks and Histor- is another development. The village itself has been

to be advertised, resulting in MacKay at the head table were community, 1784-1867. It conan outlay some \$600 above nor- His Worship Mayor Haggart, sists of some 35 buildings cov-The \$2,000 spent on the elec- Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, of the social history of that Please Note, Sunday, Due tion, whether actual polling Mr. and Mrs. Spence Urquhart, time, the everyday life of the takes place or not, is eaten up Mr and Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Mr. pioneers, the homes they lived by the voters' list - now a big and Mrs. G. Longworth and the in, the tools and implements Last Showing of "Can Can" affair with Richmond Hill's over- secretary-treasurer, Miss Gladys they used, the crafts that playtions, legal advertisements and Dr. MacKay gave a witty and tence, the clothes they wore

matters of that kind which, ac-entertaining account of the ear- and the food they ate. clamations or no acclamations, ly days of the society and its Of the 212,000 who visited have to be looked after. Those progress through the years. He the village this year, some - democracy which sees every Liberal back as far as April its educational aspect can not be elector able to vote for the can- 1914 when a meeting was called over-emphasized. didate of his choice and not just to organize a Horticultural Soc- Mrs. Douglas Boyd thanked

iety - "Ladies especially invit- the speaker and gave expression to the pleasure which his Mayor Haggart conveyed talk and pictures had brought greetings and spoke apprecia- to all. tively of the work of the soc- Miss McLatchy was presented liety in beautifying the town, with a token of appreciation

He mentioned particularly the for her never-failing assistance rose beds at the municipal and the president received flowers for Mrs. MacKay who was

urs gave a brief resume of his elmeier; Past President - Dr. mit View included a Willowdale way and hydro developments W. S. Urquhart; Hon. Direc-Gospel Tabernacle gathering were started. The Ontario Gov-tors - Mrs. B. L. Anderson, Three "Soap-Box Corners" have been set aside the York County Holstein Club Eastern Ontario's historical P. E. Angle, D. Boyd, R. D. manage and operate parks and Miss G. McLatchy; Directors

and future generations,

historic sites in the areas affec- 1962 - Mrs. I. Grant, Mrs. E. Last Saturday Northminster ted by the development. The Redelmeier, Mrs. J. Dedlow, United Church Couples Club basic intent was that these lands Messrs. W. J. Ankenman, A. day the Richmond Hill Junior and to the educational and re- Patterson, Mr. G. Caldwell, Mrs. Chamber of Commerce held its creational enjoyment of present F. Barker, Miss D. Leno.

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