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Grants And School Taxes

Premier John Robarts promised tax assistance to the home owner and farmer has two serious defects. In announcing to the Legislature the amount and application of provincial grants for education to be paid in 1962-63, Mr. Robarts referred to the oft-repeated theme of the mounting burden of school taxes on the home owner and farmer. One has only to examine the figures from any year to realize the size of this burden. For example, in 1959 while provincial grants amounted to \$148 million local school taxation climbed to \$246 million. In face of the postwar population expansion provincial grants have increased but local school taxes have climbed that much faster. And the accompanying tax burden on the average home owner striving to raise his family has become more burdensome with every passing year.

In an apparent attempt to ease this burden Premier Robarts stated in the Legislature:

"The new formula for elementary schools (that for secondary schools will remain unchanged this year) is extremely simple: The school board in receipt of the school tax assistance grant, or the municipal council on its behalf, must reduce the tax rate on home owners and farmers

by a full 10 per cent below that applicable to commercial properties."

The first serious defect is there is no limitation on the amount school boards can spend and no requirements that the provincial money be used to reduce taxes. Any board can simply accept the increased grants and raise the local levy to meet increased expenditures. If Mr. Robarts really wants to help the home owner and farmer then he should ensure there is no waste of money in the schools. He should ensure that the taxpayer gets the maximum return on every tax dollar, and that the total tax bill in any community bears some relation to the peoples' ability to pay and the educational needs of the com-

The second defect is Premier Robarts decision to saddle commerce with an extra tax burden. Unusually high taxes will only hinder the recovery of many segments of the economy from the current depressed business conditions. Only a vital healthy economy can play its full part in the overall tax picture in the community. In the final analysis, higher business taxes will only be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices for goods and

The Seed May Be Sprouting

The fact that Markham Township Council, at a recent meeting, discussed the benefit of co-ordinated action with the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Vaughan is significant. It is true that the subjects were mentioned in only the sketchiest of manners. Nevertheless the fact that they were discussed at all is important, for it shows that there is a distinct awareness of the lue of joint action on the part of

Markham Township's governing body. The two topics which were mentioned were incineration of garbage and welfare services. The former is no new idea in this part of the country. It has been discussed on numerous occasions. Some years ago the Town of Aurora considered an incinerator operated by and for several

municipalities quite seriously, members of council even going to Tonawanda, N.Y., to examine a project there. For some reason the idea died.

It might well be revived. With growing population the problem of garbage disposal is intensifying. Dumping grounds are becoming scarcer. Two, three or even more municipalities might well stage a joint study of the value of co-operative action. If impracticable - not too much harm will have been done. If practical and economical, certainly considerable benefits can be derived. Such a study might prove to be a worth-while first step towards saving of money and effort by elimination of duplication. Taxpayers certainly would welcome it if it did.

School Trustee Appointments

The resignation of Trustee Lewis D. Clement from the Richmond Hill Public School Board and his almost immediate appointment to the York Central District High School Board is an unusual incident. It would only be possible for it to happen at the end of a year, when retirements create the necessary vacancy. It is especially unusual when it is recalled that his resignation is the third in a short space of time. The board had to name a trustee to take the place of Mrs. Connie Matthews on her resignation due to removal from Richmond Hill. In early 1962 it will have to name a person to take Trustee Clement's place. The third resignation, that of Trustee Williams, was filled at the recent municipal elections. The combination of events has been somewhat accidental but extremely unus-

The high school board should be strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Clement. He has rendered fine service as a member of the public school board and as its chairman, during a difficult period which saw unprecedented expansion of the Richmond Hill system. In a time when the transition of pupils from their public school studies to the high school scene is so important, particularly with recent developments in educational plans, Mr. Clement should be able to play a most constructive part. In a similar case, Mrs. Barbara Langstaff brought a wealth of public school background to her high school board duties and fulfilled them well. Her successor should be able to pick up the load capably.

While Mr. Clement will be missed on the public school board, there is little fear that the marked efficiency of that body will be lessened. Good people are left to carry on. Staff appointments in the past have been made wisely. They will now pay dividends. While the board will have an admixture of new ideas and old, there is a leavening of administrative ability and experience which should see a high standard maintained.

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LAUNDRY

BAYVIEW PLAZA - BAYVIEW AVENUE & ELGIN MILLS ROAD

Public School Art Exhibition



Viewing a modern painting which was one of the many paintings on display at the recent children's and teachers' art exhibition at the Mac-Killop Public School is Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch and Mrs. Lou Donnelly. This painting was submitted by an anonymous artist and done by music.

The exhibition featured the work completed during the teachers in-service art course. Mrs. Donnelly is a teacher at the Walter Scott (Photo by Lagerquist) Public School.

Winter Season Was Gay Time In Thornhill District Many Long Years Ago

ranked high among the pleasures of the winter season, member much about the winter Francis, on the south west cor- Charlie Hemstead's Farm on

Said one Thornhill resident, "the big farm sleighs here. I was just a boy when her of Yonge, and Centre Sts., Yonge St., before being taken

would be filled with straw, and there were lots of buf- we left Langstaff." However Mr. Thornhill. When this property on the staff of the Ontario Hos-

falo robes for warmth. The harness bells jingled mer- recollections, because he was American Oil Co. for a service Stunden who retired 14 years

rily and everybody sang as we drove along. It was born in Cook's Hotel, at the station, the house was sold, and ago, lives with his son-in-law,

freshments and dancing, sometimes their destination called the Yorkshire House, was rick. Mr. Bingham joined the to the Thornhill Cemetery to was a concert held at a school or church in a neigh-owned for a long period by the Canada Paint Co., and got a tend and visit, the grave of bouring village. A popular event which always at- Cook family, who also ran the job there as maintenance man his wife who died in 1959. They

annual supper and entertainment put on by the Rich- they were taken over by John fected his health and he sought living, and there are 51 grand-

the large stable behind the ho- Pack

Snow Often Blocked Yonge | he recalled, "used to be border- tel but thinks that there were no Back and Richmond Hill Brow- the mothers, Mrs. Bull and Mrs.

mation about winter doings in drifted so deeply between them overnight. Northbound travel- friends and the 1st Richmond of good wishes concluded this

Sometimes a party went to a private home for re- St. and the Langstaff Sideroad. It is now owned and occupied George Williams, Yonge St. Ev- This old inn, once more grandly by Mr. and Mrs. Boynton Weld- ery day, rain or shine he walks

Albert Stunden Reminisces

great fun on a frosty starlit night."

ren 15c."

(By Doris FitzGerald)

mond Hill Fire Brigade. We happen to have an old Thompson.

alone will be worth the admission to the hall . . . Tickets years old.

izen of Thornhill. "Yonge St.," were no rinks, but we had a

Proving that yesterday's news

telephone calls to a Richmond Hill restaurant for

nomic difficulties" it will soon switch to a decimal

season seemed to turn up a bit of everything

except a good contagious case of Measles.

. . . Like, settle down and stay kaput?

that they've made the pence too long.

haitch" bomb?

cate in hi-fido.

flab for landing.

become too efficient.

A family on the Maple exchange keep getting

Britain announces that "barring serious eco-

is not necessarily dead.

Second Thoughts . .

copy of "The Liberal" containing a description of one Mr. George Stunden, Albert's

planned 73 years ago, for January 1, 1888, which reads father, operated the hotel for

in part, "A torchlight procession will be formed at the Cooks for a number of years.

the firehall at 6 o'clock when the firemen, headed by the He came to Canada from England at the age of 17, and work-

brigade band will march through the principal streets. ed for a time on the Miller

A good supper will then be served in the Masonic Hall. farm on Yonge St., and for

The following talent which has been secured for the Tom Humberstone, the potter,

concert is a guarantee that the house will be crowded: in Newtonbrook, before becom-

Mrs. A. J. Hume, Miss Ida Simpson, Mr. C. Savage, Tilly Doer was the daughter of

Mr. J. Duncomb, Mr. A. J. Hume, Mr. W. Sanderson, a former officer in the German

Mr. W. D. Atkinson, and the Harmonica Club. After Army who had a mill on the Langstaff Sideroad between

the concert a magnificent display of fireworks prepared Yonge St. and Bayview Ave. It

by Professor Hand of Hamilton, at a cost of over \$20. is said that Robert Doer could

will be exploded in front of the Methodist Church. This speak several languages, and that he lived to be over 112

by George Mayes

for supper, concert and fireworks display, 25c, child- Albert Stunden remembers 2nd Richmond Hill Brownie

"Dear Mr. Editor"

THROW-AWAY ADVERTISING lived in many Canadian towns, ful convenience of the modern

GOES IN WASTE BASKET we never have read a better age and we wouldn't want to be home paper. Your very thor- without it. Dear Mr. Editor:-Now that the busy Christmas ough coverage of local news I wish however something season is over and merchants throughout Richmond Hill and could be done about people who are reviewing the holiday bus- district and your many interest- call me from my work, rest or iness, I wish to tell those who ing features are very well done recreation and give me a spiel showered our home with adver- and your advertising columns about some religious faith, or tising circulars that they wasted have been very helpful to all ask me some silly question a lot of money. members of our family.

Our own experience was that Thanks again for the best food. we found throw-away advertis- home paper I have read any- Unfortunately most people are ing on our front lawn, in the where in Canada, and sincere altogether too polite to these ditch in front of the house, on good wishes to Editor and staff distributers and intruders in the our door-step, jammed in our for continued success and much home. I made enquiries as mail box and in every other happiness in 1962. conceivable place. It all went the same way - unread into P.S. I enclose another classified the conclusion there is only

Down the street in a culvert I advertised some used furni-I saw hundreds of a throw-ture early in December and I able practice soon will stop. away jammed in a culvert. Not had more than twenty replies. only wasted money for the merchants but a hazard to town WOULD HAVE YEAR ROUND

I welcome advertising in my Dear Mr. Editor:newspaper and I tolerate it on the T.V. but I feel sorry for business people and merchants who send all kinds of odd looking creatures to shower my door-ing creatures to shower my door-ing creatures to shower my door-ing creatures. They're just holiday season.

Dear Mr. Editor:

We heard some criticism horror advertising, and police methods in combatting the danger of drinking drivers in the holiday season.

Continuous Dail, from p.m. (6 p.m. on Saturdays)

wasting money.

While on the subject of beefs
I resent also the many calls
from un-announced, unidentified people knocking on my door
asking for money for unknown
charities. I am as kindly discharities. I am as kindly dis- can be made safer by the use posed and as generous as any-one, but people who seek public of drivers, let it continue and support for good causes should let's try it all through the year be properly identified.

APPRECIATES THE HOME PAPER Dear Mr. Editor:-

bit of skating, now and then, fice Mr. Stunden helped to Farm at the south west corner

north west corner of Yonge moved to a lot on Elizabeth St. and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

never many horses in the stalls nie Pack entertained parents, Audrey Bagg and exchanging

ed mainly upon the trade of The "Twelve Days Of Christ-held at the home of Mrs. W. S.

working on the road. The toll The audience joined in singing Mrs. Andrew Armstrong, trea-

gate, kept by Henry Richards, Christmas carols until the Na- surer of the Association, pre-

stood a little south of the ho- tivity Story, directed by Brown sented Mrs. H. D. G. Currie

tel on Yonge St. and discour- Owl Crampton, was presented. with a brilliant maple leaf

aged local patronage from that Narrator Tawny Owl Redel- brooch in appreciation of her

direction because only doctors, meier read the lovely verses work as Division Commissioner

allowed to pass the toll bar lowed, beautifully costumed a- Mrs Hugh Yerex, who is re-

free of charge. Another frame gainst a background of pines, tiring after three years of faith-

building which held special in- The piano accompaniment was ful service as West District

terest for young Stunden, who played by Mrs. L. Jones. Later, Commissioner, was then pre-

for his mother, was the general by the Brownies, after which serving spoon, hand made by

store and post office kept by refreshments were served, com- Douglas Boyd of Richmond Hill.

Mr. Henry Horne near the north pleting another happy Christ- In making the presentation to

13th Brownie Pack

and on occasional gangs of men tions by Ann Featherstonhaugh. Association of Girl Guides.

lers found it quicker and more Hill Brownie Pack at a Christ-memorable party.

policemen and firefighters were and the familiar tableaux fol- for the Area.

for three years of Wm. Milne's children.

outdoor work. He was manager children and 36 great grand-

GUIDE

BROWNIE

tion of Tawny Owl Mrs. Vi Var-

dy. Thanks were given to two of

Mrs. Yerex, Mrs. Currie expres-

sed the Local Association's ap-

not just at Christmas. Twaddle Weary Householder about personal liberty doesn't stand up against a traffic record which proves the dangerous drinking driver can be driven

from our highways. I enclose cheque for \$3.50 for Congratulations to the police renewal subscription to "The on the effective work during Liberal." We do appreciate the the recent holiday season. Home Paper and while we have

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to how this nuisance might be New Reader eliminated and have arrived at ad. Please send bill for same, one solution - hang up. If ev-

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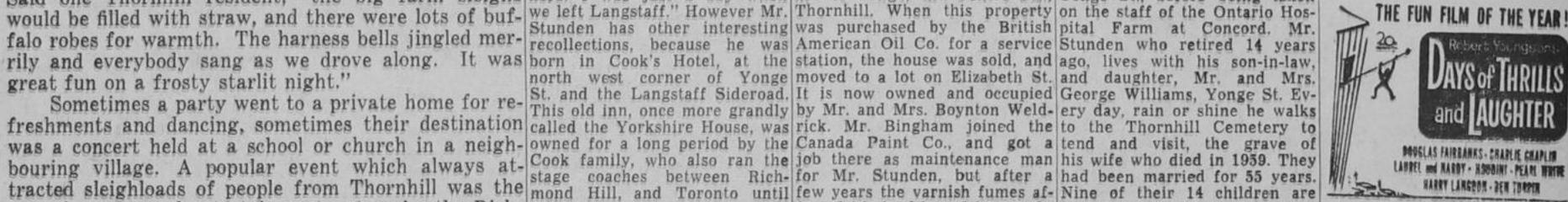
step with circulars. They're just I hope those who criticized Saturday, Children's Matinee

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got in touch with Mr. Albert the road and cut across the Stunden, a sprightly senior cit-fields in their sleighs. There farmers and their teams going mas" was sung by twelve Brow- Thomson, Vaughan Road, by the to, and coming from, Toronto, nies holding attractive illustra- ladies of the West District Local FROM 7 P.M. The story of a man,



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CANNIBALS

CinemaScope - METROKOLOR

HOLLAND LANDING: Eigh-ed, on which both Packs had With most members present teen chickens and two chinchil-spent considerable time and ef- the Pack put in a busy evening las were found starving and fort in preparation and were en- packaging canned goods, groc-Tarzan's books are being taken from the library 144 chickens were found dead thusiastically received. "Pat's eries, etc. for distribution to of a California town because of objections to Tarzan in heaps on an abandoned farm Christmas Box" by the 13th needy families on Christmas and Jane being unmarried. The publishers say they on the Holland Marsh south of Pack under the direction of Eve - as their Christmas "Good have the objections all the time. . . And don't and provincial police are in- mas Story" by the 1st Gormley of plans for 1962 concluded the Pack was given, under the direc- meeting.

and his dog's kennel. . . . Now they can communi-The persistent heavy-eaters will be adjusting their

Lenton, Weldrick Road.

Patton, Richmond Hill; Norm assisted by Guides Gloria Smart, of Richmond Hill East, when

rge Lenniville, Richmond Hill; meeting. Treasurer, Jack Sanders, Rich- All present then proceeded to gifts concluded the first annual Avenue, Yongehurst; Harold Brown Owl Mrs. Josie Fleming, 1961 for the 10th Brownie Pack

interest-free loans to settle down in West Berlin.

they have a song about the Tarzan gripes forever? vestigating.

system of coinage, . . . Well, the first difficulty is Sideroad and Yonge St. About 1894 when the Metro- "Wonderful time" was the un- preciation for the leadership politan Radial Railway was be- animous opinion of all of the Mrs. Yerex had given over the ing built George Stunden and sixty-six Brownies, plus leaders years.

deliveries of Chinese food. . . . The Wong number? often went there on errands Christmas gifts were exchanged sented with a beautiful silver

east corner of the Langstaff mas party.

Premier Khrushchev says the Soviet Union still Robert Karsh Heads has thieves, cheats, swindlers, and even murderers. Legion Branch 375 . . . This is what happens when "secret" police

West German newlyweds are being offered

The SAFETY PAYS slogan imprinted on the his family moved to a hotel in and parents who attended the During this time the area has Boltin Village. Cook's Hotel long anticipated "Christmas grown considerably, necessita-1962 drivers' license forms revives the old bar-room stood vacant for a while, and Party" of the 13th Richmond ting many added duties. The joke " . . . and when MacTavish pays - everybody eventually burned down. Later Hill Brownie Pack which was new Commissioner, Mrs. Wm. Mr. Stunden kept a hotel in held in St. Matthew's United Yeo was present at the meeting Barrie, and it was here Albert Church on December 19th. and was interested in the As-A fashion note from New York says: Spit Curl Stunden grew to manhood, married Olive Hobson, and worked Pack of 27 Brownies -- accom- ing Day" program to be given Points To New Look. . . . It certainly will, if the for a number of years in Bryce's panied by their leaders Brown by the Guides and Brownies and Bakery, and in the construction Owl Mrs. Barbara Hardie, Taw-convened by the Local Assocspit curl has been dyed in one of the new shades. business with his brother. Thir- nie Owl Mrs. V. Vardy and two lation members. Genuine Cockneys can again be born in London by years ago he returned to Packies were welcomed by the

Thornhill to live, and was em- "Grand Howl" opened by Linda 9th Richmond Hill Girl Guides now that the Bow Bells are ringing to greet them, ployed by Mr. Bingham of Lea- Robbins, who spoke the words An enjoyable Christmas Party The bells and the Cockneys were silenced simul- side whose business was mov- of welcome officially starting featured the final meeting for taneously by a Nazi bomb. . . A "dropped-their- ing buildings. One local edi- the "Fairy Ring" -- the largest 1961 of the 9th Richmond Hill in the history of the Pack. Girl Guide Company, when they Packie Charleen Rayson, as- met on the Monday prior to

sisted by the Gormley Packies, Christmas, in Pleasantville planned and conducted active School

fun Christmas games, followed Under the direction of Guide by "Silent Night" played on Captain Iva Bovaird and Lieuthe piano by a Gormley Brow- tenant Connie Link -- who ennie, and a trio singing the thusiastically contributed, Officers of the Royal Cana-"Christmas Song" also by sev- Christmas carols were sung, foldian Legion, Branch 375, Rich-eral amusing skits. The Choir lowed by the "Christmas Story,"

A rich resident of Toronto's Rosedale district mond Hill, for 1962, were re- of the 13th Pack then sung the and a piano solo by Beth Machas installed an intercom set between his bedroom cently installed as follows: "Twelve Days of Christmas" un- kenzie. Games were engaged in President Robert Karsh, Rich-der the direction of Tawny Owl, then each one of the girls sang, mond Hill; Past President Mrs. Vera Smart, who with all and two members of the Major-George Wood; 1st Vice-Presi- members of the Choir, had giv- ette Corps -- Cathy Benfield and dent. Frank Barrott, Richmond en considerable time to practice Brenda Bradshaw -- gave an in-Overweight aircrewmen at a U.S. airbase in Hill; 2nd Vice-President, Mur- and rehearsal. All joined in teresting exhibition of baton Britain have been warned to reduce or be grounded, ray Blanchard; Secretary Geo- "Taps" which concluded the twirling and dance routine. Re-

mond Hill; Chaplain, Rev. James the auditorium, which was artis- Christmas Party of the 9th O'Neil, St. Mary's Anglican tically decorated, tables were Girl Guide Company. Spot-checks by the Metro Police over the holiday Church; Executive Officers, loaded with sandwiches, cakes 10th Brownie Pack John Reid, Richvale; Stan Wood, and goodies prepared by the mo- "Good Deed" was the main Richvale; Frank Titshall, May thers. Luncheon was served by subject of the last meeting in

> Pat Gates, Leonore and Donna the Pack, under the direction of Brown Owl Mrs. B. Knight and Two plays were then present- Packie Josephine Knight.