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Congratulations Commissioners

York County has a unique form of government. Like all counties in Ontario, it has a county council which is composed of the reeves and deputy-reeves of the various incorporated towns, villages and townships. As in every other county in the province, county council is headed by a warden. But, unlike any other county in Ontario, it has two commissioners who, with the warden, form an executive body which carries on the day-to-day government of the corporation. Those commissioners are elected by council itself at its first meeting each year, and elections are usually keenly contested.

Normally the two commissioners go to reeves or deputy-reeves of municipalities which are some distance apart. The reason is an obvious one—to give representation to all parts of the county. This year an unusual event has occurred in that the two commissioners come from neighbouring municipalities, both in the southern part of the county. Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township and Reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill have been elected 1962 commissioners, serving

under Warden William Sellers, Reeve of Sutton.

Both of the new commissioners are men of long and varied municipal experience. Both are seized with the idea that York County is no longer a rural community where needs are not too pressing, but a dynamic and rapidly growing area where the problems are both vast and immediate. Both have imagination enough to see what is happening and the will to serve the county in which their family roots are deep, with vision and integrity.

Both have another unusual attribute—both call "The Liberal" their home-town paper—a happening which has never occurred before in connection with county commissioners. We doubt if it has ever happened that any pair of commissioners of York County have both been served by the same area newspaper at the same time.

Therefore it is a special privilege for this newspaper, on behalf of all citizens of their municipalities, to offer congratulations and good wishes to Reeves Rutherford and Perkins as they begin their term of office.

"Miss Bonny Blue"



Barbara Peirce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peirce, Rockport Crescent, who was recently chosen from child models in Toronto as "Miss Bonny Blue". She represents blue chip stamp plans which are at present in operation in British Columbia and will in the near future be used all across Canada.

Barbara, accompanied by her mother, has just returned from a trip to Vancouver, where she was feted by the president of the blue chip company. Image dolls have been made from her photograph which appears on the cover of the blue chip catalogues, and during her visit Barbara was presented with two, one of which was proudly brought home for her younger sister, Laurie, who has also modelled in Toronto.

With a very busy future ahead of her, a return to Vancouver in a few months, and trips to various parts of Canada, Barbara, due to her parents' intelligent handling, remains completely unspoiled by the resultant publicity, and her inborn naturalness contributes a great deal to her success in the modelling world.

Spare The Peace

O greedy, conceited, arrogant man,
Where and how far do you think you will go?
The road you choose is dark and hopeless.
Think of the past conquerors, long ago,
Then measure your strength, retreat your pace,
None of yesterday's conquerors did gain,
Only hate and contempt from the world which
in blood they stained.
Neither of you must, or will conquer.
There's was but emptiness, yours will be in vain.
Their faith and hopes were doomed, they became dust,
By God's right they did gain their last round:
The sole right of six feet of ground.
How foolish and inhumane to intimidate humanity.
By threats of wars, which are the "roots of all evils".
Let the wars be outlawed and cursed
Or the profits out of them will be worsed.
You talk of peace, but your talk is only hypocrisy,
"Faith and labour without deeds is but dead".
You must search deep in the inner of your hearts,
To find there the hidden flowing fountain, the
fountain of peace.
Which must and will, by virtue, sustain.
To love and be loved, be an example of King Osoka,
Share the wealth among the maimed and crippled.
Feed the tensions, the sorrows of the present world,
Heal the desperate and the hungry, water the thirsty;
Encourage the hopeless, take care of the orphans
and widows.
It is not too late to change heart and mind.
To sit 'round the table, to have patience and be kind,
Learn to give and take, to reason from the start,
What are the obstacles that keep you apart?
Behold and spare the falling crown of the peace,
For the sake of yours and all children, please!
Or, if you are a simple like Genghis Khan,
Go! Strike with your monster, deadly bomb.
Nonsense! We need not build shelters nor a catacomb,
We will dispose into the hands of the unknown,
And that would be a much better safe known-way.
Go! Scorch the earth, destroy all you can,
Push the nuclear button, feel not sorry,
You have no hearts, why should you worry?
Strike! There is no law to hold you responsible,
Stain the world with blood; what will be the gain?
Mankind will die, but shall not perish in vain.
Justice shall prevail, even if we die, again and again.
You are not as wise a ruler as you think you are,
I do not mean on purpose to pain you, sire,
You are intoxicated with madness and lust of war,
Wrath, and curse will fall on you,
If you start a war and drown the world in blood,
Your names will bear an account to the future race,
On a towering statue of disgrace,
- - - - - "The Murderers of Mankind".
- Christo Lazarov Kapov
194 Yonge St. N., Richmond Hill

Dear Mr. Editor:
I feel impelled to write this letter in regards to the statements of Dr. King in your paper of January 11th.
Dr. King states that "to the best of my knowledge there is no bootlegging of meats from sick or unfit animals in York County at the present time."
He also states that there are some 18 slaughter houses intermittently in operation in York County without meat inspection.
I thank him kindly for trying to put all at ease over this meat situation but his own facts are very conflicting and can only at best give us a very false security.
He also informs us that anti-mortem and post-mortem inspections of meat only affords a relative degree of additional protection to the consumer. After 25 years in this industry I personally disagree with this statement on these grounds.
This is not an additional degree of protection but the very first stage of inspection afforded the consumer by the Department of Agriculture of Canada Meat Inspection Branch in government approved establishments to assure the consumer that animals slaughtered for human consumption in these premises are free from all known types of diseases.
After this thorough inspection by these government employed men the authorization is given for "Canada Approved" to be stamped on each major cut.
My intentions in writing this letter has not been to under-rate Dr. King in any way but only to bring these facts out to the public.
J. P. Flannigan
Richmond Hill

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes
● Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Bayview High School's principal says that kissing a girl goodnight after their forthcoming "Prom" is absolutely optional . . . It is also, even more absolutely co-optional.

Publisher Roy Thomson says he hopes employing Lord Snowdon will help sell more copies of his Sunday Times. And he's probably right. He should get a big boost in circulation with subscriptions from the Royal family alone.

A 100-year-old retired Toronto doctor boasts that he has never lost a patient to pneumonia . . . Or maybe—just maybe—he may have had trouble spelling it.

A couple in Tulsa, Oklahoma, made the news when they were granted a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility. They have children aged 12, 11, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 . . . and a TV set they bought in 1951.

Steps to pave the way for a national flag were outlined in the Speech from the Throne on the opening of Parliament . . . Like, a flag-poll?

Supermarket chains are said to be threatening the druggists' \$39 million vitamin market. Which is something of a bitter pill for them to swallow.

An announcement from Cape Canaveral says the U.S. hopes to make this week the West's greatest week in the space age . . . Unless Detroit announces another "compact".

"Canada's Justice Department is launching an all-out attack on juvenile delinquency," says Justice Minister Fulton . . . And he's launching 10,000 J. D. imitations of Richard Widmark sneering: "Big man! Pickin' on kids!"

Dear Mr. Editor

SLIPPERY CONDITIONS OF SIDEWALKS
Dear Mr. Editor:
The town council would be well advised to help provide local employment by engaging extra manpower to help keep the sidewalks of Richmond Hill clean of snow and ice. They are a disgrace to any community. Two of my friends have sustained injuries due to the icy conditions of the sidewalks and I personally have had to change my hairdresser because of inaccessibility to his salon. Glamour isn't worth the price of a broken neck!

Slipping Around
(THE FOLLOWING LETTER ON THE VITAL PUBLIC ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION WAS RECEIVED BY YORK COUNTY COUNCIL FROM YORK PRESBYTERY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA.)
Dear Sir:
We have learned of the heavy pressure being brought to bear on local municipalities to share the enormous costs in the financing of hospitals. In our rapidly growing area the need of hospital facilities is obvious. To raise our taxes is never a pleasant decision for elected representatives. But to finance this needed service, falls in part on councillors and officials who already feel they have used their tax money to the full.
As a Presbytery we would like to say how much we sympathize in this problem. We feel that adequate hospital facilities are a vital service in the community. And we are sure our taxpayers will agree to take their part in providing for this need.
We want to congratulate the county for proceeding with plans for enlarging and extending the present hospital services. And we want to support the municipalities in the difficult task of sharing these costs.
Sincerely,
Rev. Gordon Winch,
Oak Ridges
Committee of Evangelism and Social Service
York Presbytery, United Church of Canada

SALE OF TAINTED MEAT IN YORK COUNTY
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ETCHINGS ON THE WINDOW PANES
The other morning I woke up to find that the panes of my bedroom windows had been transformed overnight. Someone had been busy with a master brush and delicate hoar frost crystals. Every pane had a different scene. There were exquisite ferns, and boulder bracken on one; lace patterns and perfect oak leaves on another. There was one that boasted a forest of tiny firs, and another that had an assembly of ostrich plumes, moss and sea weed. They were all masterpieces, but here was one pane that possessed the greatest and most startling picture of all. It represented a perfect etching of an elm tree. There was no other frost on the pane except for the pure outline of the tree. Like the real elm it towered lonely as a cloud. Its long trunk reached upward and the sweeping fan-like branches spread out in true elm tree style. I'd like to share a secret with you, and you may think what you like about it. There is an elm outside that very window, and it reaches up past that very pane. The real elm looks very much like the etching on the pane. I know for I took the trouble to look. Do you suppose the unseen artist used it for a model?

Horticultural Happenings

(By Elisabeth Grant)
The Horticultural Society begins its year's activities with a meeting on January 25 at 8 o'clock at the Lions Community Hall.
They are happy to have as their speaker an old friend of the society, Mr. Don Wain whose subject will be, "Living With House Plants." Mr. Wain will cover their care, propagation and special problems, as well as their arrangement in planters for decorative effect. He will answer any questions which the audience cares to ask.
One problem which confronts us at this season is the after care of Christmas plants—the gay poinsettia, the rosy azalea and cyclamen. By some magic of the grower's art they are delivered to us at the peak of perfection, gladden the holiday season and are too often discarded when the blooms are gone. But with correct care they will carry over to brighten another Christmas. Of this correct care we may expect to learn more from the speaker.
Are you hoping for a gift of red roses from your Valentine? There will be a demonstration of the arrangement of these beautiful flowers.
Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to attend.
Year in and year out the aim of the society is to promote interest in gardening and to encourage this interest by providing good speakers, by discussions and by garden visits and flower shows. It has also a plan for civic beautification of the results of which can be seen and enjoyed all about town.
In order to maintain and enlarge these programmes there has been found necessary to raise the membership fee to \$2.00 but new members will be welcomed at the previous rate of \$1.00 per person.
In 1960 work started at the

Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson
NOBODY KICKS DEAD DOGS
Verbal abuse or the insult as we know it almost always conjures up ugly visions in one's mind. Is it all bad for the insulted one? I'm gradually coming around to the conclusion that, although the insulter isn't one to whom you would ordinarily give a medal, he may be the greatest factor that contributes to the insulted one's success. Many people in public life have to get used to being criticized, and they may welcome it if they can believe that "every knock can be a boost". I suspect most of them do believe this and that is why they weather the storms of public life so successfully, often turning affronts to their advantage. On other levels too, it might pay not to take insults seriously. Even children going to school can learn common sense from "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." Unless they let it, of course. From my point of view, if I hear someone criticized in a disparaging manner, I'm more inclined to think better of him and less of his backbiting friend. It just could be that the person maligned has some very outstanding traits of character or he wouldn't even be noticed, much less derided.

KAY HUTTON — POLIO VICTIM SINCE 1952
In September 1952, young and lovely Kay Hutton, graduate nurse, while carrying out her duties in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, was stricken with the dreaded polio. Kay only remembers that she didn't feel very well the week before she was hospitalized in the Hamilton General. Paralysis set in three days later. She remained in the Hamilton General from 1952 to 1954. She was moved from there to the Norah Frances Henderson Hospital on the Mountain. She was a patient there until 1957 when she was taken to Lyndhurst Lodge. On February 9, 1958, she was brought to the Villa Private Hospital on Bathurst Street and has been there ever since.

In spite of being completely paralyzed save from her left elbow down, and for a slight action in her right knee, Kay keeps herself too busy to waste much time feeling sorry for herself. She helps others as much as she can. She writes letters for the patients, sometimes helps to feed the children and occasionally reads to them. She earns her spending money by sewing. With a machine that she bought from her own earnings, she turns out aprons, blouses and dresses and sells them to the visitors and the people who work at the Villa. It was just lucky for her that she did have enough feeling in her right knee to operate a machine with knee control. Kay does a lot of reading, likes to listen to the radio and watch TV. She knits, embroiders and does needlepoint. She enjoys making conversation with the visitors and the patients. In talking about Polio, Kay expressed thankfulness that the Salk vaccine can now help prevent cases like her own. She thinks the March of Dimes is a wonderful movement which brings hope and help to those who already suffer from paralysis. "I'm grateful to the Polio Foundation for supplying me with my chair and braces," said Kay.

Yes indeed, the March of Dimes helps the Polio Foundation to pay for many things. There are many other patients beside Kay Hutton that you may be helping when you give your contribution to a Marching Mother who calls on you. Won't you see if Marching Mothers are still needed for the job of collecting this money. Phone the Chairmen and Chief Marching Mothers of your area and offer your services. Phone Mrs. Norman Todd at TU. 4-1863, Mrs. Len Shore at AL. 7-1150, Mrs. D. C. Stephens, Richvale, AV. 5-1011; Mrs. K. E. Walker, Elgin Mills, TU. 4-1146, and Mrs. J. T. Stephens, Thornhill, AV. 5-5137.

Older Cemeteries Are Cared For By Markham Tp. Board During '61
Markham Township Cemetery Board, of which Trevor Watson is chairman and Frank Brumwell and Nelson Smith are members, Mr. Brumwell being secretary, has reported on the care of older cemeteries in the municipality.
In 1961 the board was sorry to lose Mr. R. H. Neil, Q.C., as one of its members. Mr. Neil was a good help to the board in its work, but felt it was too time-consuming for him. The council appointed Mr. Nelson Smith, R. R. 2, Markham, who has had experience in cemetery work, to replace him.
In 1961 care of the pioneer Reesor cemetery was continued. This cemetery is situated some 80 rods behind the Locust Hill School on the 10th Concession. The board cared for this cemetery from funds received from a trust account. The first Reesors to come to Markham Township rest here. There are about six stones enclosed by a cement fence. This fence does not have a gate and the mower must be lifted over the fence. Because this cemetery is on a river bank, erosion will be a problem in the near future.
Up the 10th Concession on the Ezra Brownsberger Farm is situated the Boyle Cemetery. It also is some distance from the road. This spring forty stones, all that could be saved from the cemetery, were placed in a cairn. This fall the cemetery was reseeded, and next year should be very beautiful with its large elm trees and sycamore grass.
In 1960 work started at the

The Richmond Theatre

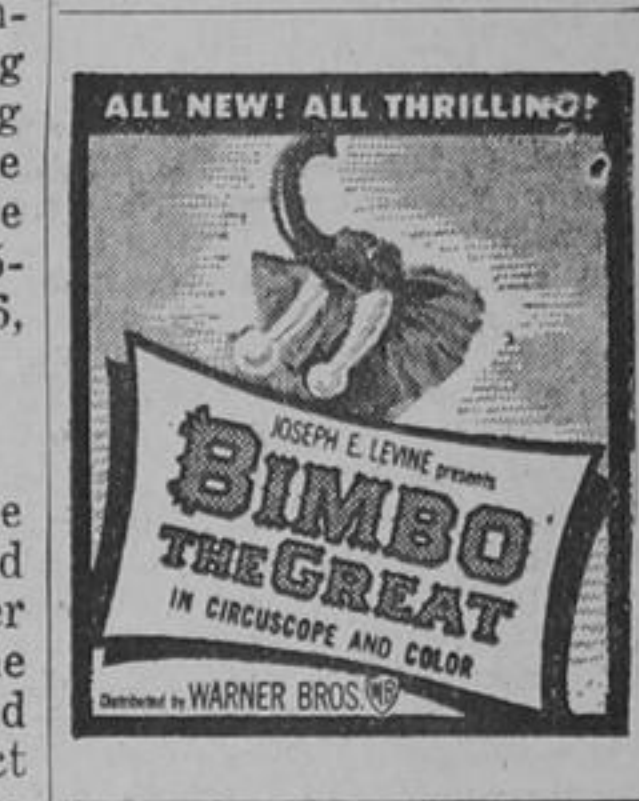
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