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The Eastertide Theme

If Christmas is the most joyous religious festival of the year for Christians, surely Easter is the most significant as they behold Jesus Christ born of a tomb so that man may rise unto God's life.

The theme of Easter is graphically depicted in these words of a young man found seated inside the tomb where the body of Jesus had been laid on the day commemorated as Good Friday:

"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. . . . But go, tell His disciples . . . that He

goes before you." The spirit of hope pervading the Easter message seems to have a deeper meaning in this part of the world as nature plays its wondrous role. As the sombre purple shrouds are removed in places of worship, nature seems to be carrying out a a time of world tension and conflict.

mission to purge out the old life for the new. Warmer weather takes away the last traces of snow, the good earth burgeons in fresh colors and trees burst forth in buds.

The faith of Christians is strengthened through Scriptural readings which attest that Jesus overcame death. No sceptics, agnostics or rationalists ever doubted more the truth of Jesus proving His divinity by resurrection than His own disciples. Thomas, the prince of doubters, would not believe until he had put his hand on the side of the body of Jesus.

A truth that has particular application today is that Jesus gave up His life for all peoples, regardless of race or color. Eastertide is a fitting occasion for renewed efforts to bring about understanding, tolerance and brotherhood among people living at

Threat To Markhamites

Markham Township Council and Planning Board recently received, for the second time, a proposition from subdividers which would lead to the erection of a thousand homes in the area on Yonge Street to the south of No. 7 highway. In place of the usual payment of \$625 a lot for the provision of services by the municipality, the subdividers offered to construct a sewage system and disposal plant, at an estimated cost of around \$700,000. This, it was claimed, would brighten the picture in connection with the large acreage of industrial land on the former jail farm, which the City of Toronto endeavoured to dispose of some time ago.

There is a degree of validity in the suggestion that an improvement in the industrial development picture might result. But - dare the township take a chance without something a little more substantial as a guaran-

Members of Markham Township's Council and Planning Board showed commendable caution in dealing with the proposal. Speaking plainly, it was left in the air.

One simple fact should be remembered. A thousand homes will unquestionably result in at least a thousand new pupils having to be educated that will call for at least thirty new school rooms. Beside the original cost of the school or schools, a very large sum will be required annually for upkeep. It is now a wellrecognized fact that low-assessment residences do not provide enough taxation to cover all the costs which are created - schools, police, fire protection and many others.

Municipal tax rates are now being struck. As one after another appears it reveals the height to which school costs, both capital and maintenance, have climbed. The need for balanced assessment, residential, industrial and commercial, becomes more apparent from day to day. Richmond Hill provides a striking example. Need Markham became an-

This paper has repeatedly urged - and will continue to urge - the need for a strong and enforceable bylaw which will control development of subdivisions on balanced lines, and will not leave property owners to carry a crippling load of taxation after the subdividers have left town with their profits. It has been proved that there are a few subdividers who will "play ball".

There is no need to encourage the other kind. We repeat that it is time to worry about taxpayers and not the profits of subdividers who have no permanent stake in the community.

We're Second Class Citizens

Whether they realize it or not, Richmond Hill residents are, in one way, "second class citizens". They are not alone. Citizens of other municipalities such as Markham and Vaughan Townships are in exactly the same position. In their cases the supposed right to direct their own affairs is non-existent. All three municipalities - and others on the fringe of Metro - are keenly concerned with planning and development. Their councils and planning boards are working constantly at the job of building stable and balanced communities, standing on their own feet, paying their own bills, developing their own character, shaping their way of life to their own desires and standards.

But over them all is the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. And back of it is the famous "Bill 80" which created Metropolitan Toronto and, at the same time, told the fringe communities that they were, whether they liked it or not, subservient to the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. In the plainest of English, if the Hill or Vaughan or Markham want to make any planning move they must go, hat in hand, to Metro to get its permission.

Realizing that planning, to fill its role properly, must extend over a

wide area, that might not be too serious a point. But what is serious is the fact that fringe municipalities have no say in the matter. Richmond Hill, for instance, has no representation on the board which can place an absolute veto on any of its plans.

A fundamental of democratic government is the principle of representation of the governed. In the case of the fringe municipalities it has been gravely abused in connection with planning. Municipal heads have objected to this situation, but without results to date.

Canada has a "Bill of Rights". It almost looks as if somebody should remind the Ontario Government that it's time to adont one for the fringe municipalities in connection with their planning, restoring them to first class citizenship from their present second class rating.

In a recent public address the Hill's Planning Director Harold Deeks pointed out this situation to a group of responsible citizens. They were shocked and surprised to learn that they were, in effect, second class citizens and without the control of their own affairs they thought they had. The sooner the general public becomes aware of this fact the greater the hope of getting the situation

Spring Plowing

The reason for spring plowing, the countryman will tell you, and look you in the eye when he says it, is to turn the soil and prepare a seedbed. He will go on, perhaps, and say that you plow as soon as the frost is out of the ground and it's dry enough to "get in" so you will be ready to plant oats early, or corn, or grass. He believes that.

Then he gets on his tractor and starts plowing, and if you watch him closely you will know that he told only half the truth. Spring plowing is to prepare the soil, yes, but it is also to prepare the man. He, too, has to get winter out of his bones. He has to get the sun into him again, and the wind. He has to know April if he is to know May and July and September.

So he plows his land. He turns the clean, straight furrows and something of the soil is plowed into him, the smell of it, the look, the feel. It isn't quite the same as it was when he walked the furrow behind a team of horses and felt the earth beneath his feet. But he still feels it. as he feels the morning, as he hears the blackbirds, as he smells the freshturned earth.

He plows, and the mild sun beats down, the robins strut, the brook just across the way prattles and shimmers. He is working with the soil again, the soil and the season. But and this is the other half of the truth - the soil and the season are also working with him. The earth belongs to him again, but he also belongs to the earth - N.Y. Times.

If you should see the tomb Shut with a stone And the rock with ancient vines Overgrown,

Look again, Agnostic, And understand The hand that seals the door Is your own hand.

No derrick's needed here, No cosmic shove: Only a seed of faith And a breath of love.

By Elisabeth Kelson WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO EASTER?

First of all, we have gone quite a long way with the commercializing of Easter. Like Christmas, the certainly seems to be true of The Naturalists, under the held in London on April 14th. it is an affirmation. It means that Jesus Christ is alive and he does speak to us when we open our hearts to Him. How many ways do you hear him? You can hear Him when you open your heart and mind to Him in prayer. You can hear Him when you read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures. You can hear Him when you share in the fellowship of His church . . . when you join in worship and when you come to His Holy Table. And as you hear Him, He gives you strength and guidance that you can walk The right to vote is also a in His way . . . and therein lies the great affirmation sacred responsibility for which ... your hope and your salvation.

ESPERANTO WOULD BE A GOOD INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE -SAYS DOROTHY HENDERSON

Mrs. Dorothy Henderson of King City is the author of two books, one being a character study of ballot thoughtlessly. half a dozen well known people, called "FOR THE GREATER GLORY" for which she received an honorary diploma from the United Mexican States Social Action Administration signed by the Director- On the one hand, the "Vote General of Social Action and her other book is a col- Yes" campaign has attempted lection of essays called "I LIVE AND MOVE". Her widely read article, "The World Of Esperanto," was a vote to allow the licencing of published in the February 15th edition of the United liquor retail outlets Church Observer.

"Esperanto has been a pleasant hobby for me," "Vote No" campaign has injectdeclares Mrs. Henderson, "I find it a pleasant tonic to not a real issue to most voters. the last call in their local pub. the mind and spirit in this confused age in which we | Before marking each ballot

If you've never heard of Esperanto there is a pleasant surprise in store for you. Mrs. Henderson United Nation Association to help promote the cause of Esperanto. Under their sponsorship, Mrs. Henderson launched her first Esperanto course, and already people from Newmarket, King City and Aur- here. This issue was resolved man who paints the .9 on the gas-price signs. ora are excited over this wonderful language. Incidentally, the meaning of Esperanto is "One Who hopes".

need for a language like Esperanto. Language diffi- on my considered judgement? out that way" joke: "Officially, the organization is culties have been the main barrier between the nat- ther a hotel such as projected ionalities. The movement of Esperanto is strong in or other potential licenced out- makes a profit." Europe and Japan, but Canadians and Americans are lets alter the present atmosbehind because they are only beginning to realize the phere of our town by need for closer international co-operation. The ad- business by outside interests, vantage of Esperanto over the English language is with possible lack of local civic that it is easy to learn, and can be learned in a short |concern? time instead of over a period of years. All it takes is to learn a little Esperanto, buy a pocket dictionary in ties? Esperanto and you can go to any of these countries, Argentina, Italy, Jugoslavia or Poland . . . write or phone the Esperanto Association or a local Esperanto club, and make contacts with people who might share your vocational interests. This certainly would make paired drivers which may contravelling in a strange country much easier. Mrs. Henderson feels that the time is coming when the need for a world language will be one of the topics of discussion at the United Nations, and it will be up nomy involved? Can the Liquor to the governments and the people to spur them on.

Esperanto is already being taught in 400 schools of 37 countries to over 4,000 pupils. Thirty-one univ- are adopted? ersities have lectureship chairs. One of the big advantages of a language like Esperanto is that it is the only neutral language extensively in use today that pervades all realms of thought and communication dently of more crucial factors? and is easy to learn. Studying alone, individuals have been able to acquire a working knowledge of it. Isolated groups in the countries less naturally developed the case. We are offered a bright than ours have mastered it.

There are three stages in learning: (A) A gen- linked to a new hotel. But beeral working knowledge that enables you to correspond with people in other countries, to visit them and understand them if you travel. Allow 40 to 60 hours. (B) A satisfying linguistic ability that will help you to converse and write with fluency and ease in all normal situations. Allow 60 to 200 hours. (C) You will acquire the artistic touch that will make it possible to create Esperanto works yourself and enjoy translated works from almost every country in the world. Esperanto is a distinguished language, capable of great dramatic power. Allow 200 hours and up.

When she attended the 46th Universal Esperanto Movement in England in 1961, Mrs. Henderson was much impressed by the quality of leadership in the World Esperanto Movement. Many men and women of prestige in law, medicine, education, business and government were there. A number of people have Our Registered Warehouse No. asked Mrs. Henderson if there is an Esperanto Movement in Canada. Her answer is yes, and the address of the Canadian Esperanto Movement is Box 8, Mc-

Master University, Hamilton, Ontario. Whoever makes a garden grow in beauty for the passerby. Whoever plants a little plot of color open to the sky. Whoever spares an hour of leisure watering some little seeds, or works upon the soil with | CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE pleasure ridding flowers of binding weeds. Whoever wool growers limited lets the rosebush ramble on an outer wall so that the scent will bring a fragrant memory to all. Whoever sets a daffodil to flourish in the open grass has been of service in a quiet way to all who pass.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

OTHER TOWNS GET MORE INDUSTRY THAN RICHMOND HILL

Dear Mr. Editor:

build a hotel over twice as and Wright St, intersection is large as it needs to be just be- the cross-road for much of the

cause we need the taxes? Mr. John Graham, chairman of our Industrial Commission said that the towns west of Toronto seemed to be in a favourable position when enticing industry to their area. This

Yours truly. R. O. Kerslake 16 Knollside Drive

APRIL 28 LIQUOR VOTE Dear Mr. Editor:

citizen of Richmond Hill. many have paid dearly.

take it for granted all too often. While responsible for the exercise of this right, we are also responsible for intelligent examination of issues and candidates. We do not discharge our responsibility by marking a

It is imperative that each voter carefully weigh both sides of the argument concerning the to make the issue one of a vote for a prestige hotel, rather than

On the other hand, ed a moral argument which is - and there are two SEPAR-ATE proposals - let each voter

munity? (Note: the issue of with the establishment of a packaged liquor store.)

(2) Which arguments pro-

(b) squeezing out of business restauranteurs with strong local

(a) control of a major local

in Metro free from the operation of call girls, gambling, etc.)? (d) supplying a source of imstitute a threat, however small. to the safety of pedestrians and

(4) Is the issue of local auto-Licence Board arbitrarily decide where and when a licence may be granted if the proposals

(5) Dare potential financial duction per household has been mentioned) be viewed indepen-I hope that the posing of these questions will not be interpret- one is, and one has, ed as an attempt to prejudice package as the proposals are fore we buy, may we consider

Lutheran Clergyman

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WHY NOT AT YONGE and evening); the separate AND WRIGHT STREETS? school, two churches, the lib-Dear Mr. Editor: rary, the municipal offices, the In your issue of April 12th. C.T.C. store, the gas station and it is reported that the installa- the fire hall; with a bus stop It was with a great deal of tion of four traffic lights is plan- and an angle cross street thrown interest that I read the report ned for North Yonge Street; viz: in for good measure. What othof our Industrial Commission's at Crosby Ave., Levendale Rd., er corner in Richmond Hill preunanimous endorsation of the Industrial Rd., and Elgin Mills sents such a combined traffic

attempt to approve the opening Road. Undoubtedly the traffic hazard for both pedestrian and Thursday, April 19 of public drinking premises in hazard may be a problem at mortorists? A school hour cross-Richmond Hill. I can well un- 'some' of these locations, on ing guard is not sufficient, the derstand their glee at the pro- 'some' days of the week, at situation needs 24 hour safety spect of such an increase in as- 'some' hours of the day; but protection

sessment. Does our town council how does it compare with the We have already had one acnow have a definite undertak- corner of Yonge and Wright St., cident which caused three ing on the part of the syndicate where there is a traffic hazard months' hospitalization. Let us that such a hotel will be built, most of the day, six days a week have municipal action before -M. E. Drew, Elgin Mills. or are we still just assuming and to some extent during the another occurs. that the syndicate intend to church hour on Sunday. Yonge Sincerely yours,

Gladys G. L. Hill, traffic from the high school (day) Wright Street

Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

radio blares out, "only so many shopping days until Brampton, which recently ac-direction of Bob Campbell, once The theme was "Man's Place Easter." The Easter Bunny hasn't yet come up to branch of C.I.L. and other sub-mond Hill Spring Fair. Bob's Club was well represented in the selling status as Santa Claus, but he's not doing stantial industries. But these ingenuity in planning the trout the photography contest. From so bad at that. Easter sometimes has a rough hand- important industries decided to stream was a new and very 172 pictures submitted only 45 ling in the church as well. Some Easter sermons that locate in a dry town. Mr. Gra-successful part of the show. The were chosen and Richmond Hill ham also said that communities tree-trunk, with the gigantic had seven accepted. Two from I've heard are just reflections on the re-awakening such as Richmond Hill, Aurora hole gouged out by the pil- Ott Devitt, three from Bill Adof the earth in the springtime or an argument about and Newmarket are going to eated woodpecker in his search dison and two from Edward Adimmortality. Surely Easter ought to be more than the pious musings of our own life after death, though we industrial development. Ostrich and senitive ferns were — picture stories with commen-Certainly should be concerned about it. One minister Aurora seems to have done brought into the greenhouse tary attached. It was not comtold me one time that the thing that many of us for- pretty well, considering they five weeks ago to make sure petitive but Bill Addison had get is that we have to do with a "Risen Christ".

Remember the story of that Easter morning when Hill, yet they seem able to at
Remember the story of forced his herring gull series of six. the women went to look for the body of their Master. tract industries. Isn't it possible growing period and the hepatic- Thirty spring migrants have He was gone but they were told by two men in daz-zling raiment "Why seek we the living among the well? Is it fair to use the lack bloom in five days. On the 8th, of the cold weather. The woodzling raiment, "Why seek ye the living among the of liquor outlets to excuse our five members went on an expl-cock can be seen performing dead? He is not here but risen." This is not an inability to secure industries oring trip to find some ever- his aerial flight near 19th argument or a commentary on the beauteous spring, while our dry neighboring town green ferns (Christmas, mar- Avenue and Bayview; a western

ginal shield,) and club mosses, meadowlark can be heard sing-As usual there were some un-ing at Don Mills and 17th Avenexpected discoveries. A poly-ue and two pair of bluebirds pody fern was growing on a hill-have taken up residence - one side in a place very different on the 7th concession of Vaughfrom its usual habitat. The an and another at the public group was entertained by hear-school just east of Bayview. ing the raucous calls of crows— Because the third Friday is all forty of them besieging a Good Friday, the April meeting Saturday, April 28 should be lone great-horned owl and they has been advanced to April 27th, circled on the calendar of every didn't stop until they had chas- Mr. J. H. V. Bayly, assistant deputy minister, Department of ed him from the vicinity.

Lands and Forests, will speak The Federation of Ontario and show movies on "Forestry Naturalists' annual meeting was As It Is Practiced In Europe.

by George Mayes Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Metro's Police Commission is looking into Honotwo liquor licencing proposals. lulu's tax-saving system of eliminating police cruisers and having each officer patrol in his own car. Or-"Car 54, WHAT are you?"

> Britain's new attack-warning system will provide a nation-wide alert in 20 seconds as compared to the present time of one minute. . . . This will be almost as fast as Britons alert to the warning of

All the door knobs of New Toronto's new town OSCAR SAUL & CECT DAN HANSEN 20 hall will be engraved with the town's crest. The (1) Will either proposal allow crest is comprised of the motto "Intelligence-Induswas approached by the North York Branch of the for issuance of licences to out- try-Integrity", a savant and a worker, an airplane lets that would have a demor-topping a plaque with a beehive, a train, and a man's muscled arm holding aloft a sledgehammer "temperance" is not involved and the engraving will be done by the same little

Last week's "news" of another internal quarrel pounded are really to the point in the Miss Canada Contest would be definitely dead Mrs. Henderson points out that there is a real - and what effect do they have if it weren't such a live example of the old "it turned profit-making," says a director, "but it just never

> The new publisher of the Muskoka News has announced a ban on cigarette advertisements in his paper. Now-unless HIS weekly is the exceptionall he needs is some cigarette advertisements to ban.

Now that the Hill has a good-as-new mechanized (c) drawing undesirable elem- street sweeper, residents on dusty streets will be ents into our town (are hotels mad if they call the works department and DON'T get the brush!

> Considerable surprise was expressed by Toronto's dailies over discovering that the city's welfare rolls included a number of high school and university graduates. . . . So what's to surprise? A few more years of our education-required trend and we may HAVE to have a diploma or degree to even get on

Something in the nature of eye-for-an-eye justice relief (slight property tax re- cropped up in Whitby Court when a non-striking worker of a strikebound Whitby firm was given a suspended sentence for inflicting a three-stitch head wound on a striker who called him a scab. . . . Now

A new amendment to the Ontario school acts specifies that any school trustee must be a Canadian citizen. . . . Next thing, they'll be insisting on them being "English speaking"

Last Thursday was Yuri Gagarin Day in Russia, the first annual holiday commemorating his trip into space. . . . You'd almost think he volunteered!

A headline on a news item from Vancouver says: "More Pay, Less Work, CLC Policy". . . . This is news?



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