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The Drop-out Problem

A report presented to York Central District High School Board that two hundred more students than had been anticipated had chosen the technical option for next year, indicates clearly that parents are very appreciative of the board's attempt to do something to solve the problem of drop-outs.

There have always been drop-outs in our educational system, and although the numbers have increased rapidly in recent years so has the student population, so that the percentage of drop-outs is no larger, if as large, as formerly. True nearly half of the children entering first grade do not graduate from high school, and about one-third of those who get as far as the ninth grade do not complete their twelfth year.

Reasons for deepening concern about the problem are many, but primarily are connected with the rapidly changing world of today. School authorities are concerned about:

1. The disappearing market for unskilled labour which formerly absorbed most of the drop-outs;
 2. The concentration of drop-outs in large urban centres, and the surrounding suburban areas;
 3. The growing numbers likely to accumulate there as more and more families of limited background move to the metropolitan areas.
- In one American city a recent survey in a slum area revealed that 70 per cent of the boys and girls between 16 and 21 years of age were out of school and out of work. This situation is "social dynamite." Such a large group of unhappy, idle mis-

fits may be easily led into organized crime, radical political thinking and action and bigotry. Seeds of dissatisfaction and hatred find fertile ground and violence on a small or large scale may result.

At least 20 per cent of persons currently unemployed are under 21 years of age, authorities say. They add that keeping pupils in school longer is not the simple answer to the problem. Better job preparation is an essential factor in the solution, and the introduction of vocational training in this high school district is a giant step towards the fulfillment of this.

Without some kind of salable skill, today's drop-out (or graduate) does not fit easily into the changing economic pattern, where automation and other labour-saving processes are rapidly taking the place of unskilled or semi-skilled workers. Even where such jobs still exist, the tendency is for employers to hire youths with more education and therefore greater potential, so that they can move up in the organization as openings occur, officials report. Broader preparation is required throughout the schooling period, officials explain, since more than ability to perform a job is required of young people.

The youth who is unable to read well, who is belligerent and uncooperative, or who lacks a proper sense of responsibility and discipline is unlikely to hold a job regardless of his training in a specialized skill.

In fact, the chances are that a pupil with any of these handicaps cannot qualify for vocational training in the first place.

Too Much Delay

Adjournments, remands, postponements, call it what you like, but it is occurring with entirely too much frequency in local courts of law. We are true believers in democratic principles and fairness for all concerned but we feel that in too many instances the temperate hand of justice is being taken for a weekly walk down the garden path. Remands have become so common that the ritual consumes almost as much time as the actual cases that are heard. People are being continually inconvenienced. Off-duty officers give of their free hours for nothing. Witnesses come and go.

The plaintiff or the accused bide their time.

Some of the reasons put forward in seeking adjournments are so strange, they're almost funny. "I haven't had time to get a lawyer." "The officer has gone on vacation." "A witness must be contacted," and so on. One officer told The Tribune last week that a particular case on his department's files had been adjourned no less than fifteen times. Is it any wonder that our court dockets are continually crowded?
— Stouffville Tribune

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(Inserted by the York North Liberal Association)

NOTICE

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Thank you,

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Country Churchyard

Here in a corner of the fields they tilled
Their tired bodies at long last are stilled;
Far from their homeland on the Isle of Skye,
Mackay, McDonald, Alexander, Kerr —
One almost seems to hear their soft Scotch burr,
And glimpse their bonnets as young marching men
Follow the pipes from out the distant glen.

These are the pioneers who cleared this land,
And built the kirk, the school, and also planned
The row of silver maples in whose shade
The cattle rested when the sun had made
The wheatfields glisten to the valley's rim.
Now with the lantern of their life grown dim
Their sons have laid them in this quiet place,
The furrowed land they loved above each face.

While green of springtime turns to autumn's sere
A bit of Scotland lies forever here.

— Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts...

by George Mayes

- Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Twenty Ontario teenagers were flown to Cuba last week for a three-day swim meet despite warnings that they might be used for propaganda purposes. . . . Like coming home to swim with the Fidel Ca-stroke?

A short-circuited switchboard left a Toronto office of the National Employment Service without telephones one day last week from 8.30 to 10 a.m. — when the staff discovered they couldn't call out for coffee.

Etobicoke is spelling-out its name in 20-foot high letters on top of its municipal building as an advertisement to airline passengers flying into Malton. . . . But the sign will be visible from both sides — and even from the right side E T O B I C O K E looks like something else spelled backwards.

Britain is in the midst of a serious potato famine and an Ottawa report says Trade Minister Hees has "succeeded" in selling them some of our surplus. . . . There could be a clue here as to why we have a surplus.

A Barrie hairdresser, returning from a trip to Japan, says Japanese women are now attempting to go blonde. . . . Sle-eyed, slant-eyed and perox-eyed!

The Toronto Young Men's Christian Association has opened a charm school — for girls! A staff spokesman says, "We found out we can't hold dances without girls." . . . And presumably they must have also found out that in the "Y" they can't hold girls without dances.

Canada's Guards regiments still need black bear skins as headgear material, and the Department of National Defence announces it will pay "up to \$30 for a single prime skin from young adult bears" . . . And how much for double-skinned bears?

Britain's official hangman recently had his wedding ties unknotted when his wife sued for divorce. A sidelight on the story says that, between hangings, he operates an inn. The Inn Between? (Surely he wouldn't call it the Drop Inn.)

In a court coincidence, two motorists were each fined \$25 in separate courts on the same day for the same offence: kissing their respective wife and girl friend while driving, and allowing their car to swerve across the road. The moral here is that EVERYBODY should stay on the right . . . and any man who drives with one arm on the wheel and the other around a woman isn't giving the proper attention to either!

Toronto may get another Sunday sport — billiards. At the moment there is nothing really definite on it — just a pool-rumour.

TENDERS FOR SCHOOL ADDITION THORNHILL, ONTARIO

Sealed Tenders (stipulated sum) will be received by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1962.

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TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN

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Quotations will be received by the undersigned up until 5.00 o'clock P.M. Monday, May 7th, 1962, for the supplying and application of the following materials:

- (a) D.H.O. Primer
- (b) Liquid calcium containing a 35% brine solution.

Application of these materials will be under the supervision and direction of the road superintendent. Immediate delivery upon request is imperative.

J. M. McDONALD, clerk
Township of Vaughan

Rambling Around

By Elisabeth Kelson

HEIGH-HO! COME TO RICHMOND HILL FAIR

Richmond Hill Fair will be coming our way on Saturday, May 19. Be sure to keep that date open. Fairs are a very important part of our way of life. We have come a long way from the little rural fair perhaps, but it is only because in the name of progress we have begun to take a much larger view of what a fair should be. The people behind these fairs are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts to make them a success year after year. Our own Richmond Hill Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society which was founded in 1849. At this time, the president is Milton Savage Jr. from Richmond Hill . . . the first vice-president is Lloyd Beatty of Markham Township . . . and the second vice-president is Art McKeown from Vaughan Township. This fair is financed by grants from the Province of Ontario and York County and it is also supported by Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan. Some individuals and corporations also donate toward it.

The events will be well worth coming to see. There will be the midway rides and the sideshows. This is always exciting, especially for children and youth. And I suspect many of us older folk are glad of the opportunity to capture the spirit of childhood even if it's only for a moment out of time. Animal lovers will be glad that the Jersey Cattle Club of York County are again sponsoring the York County Jersey Show. And don't forget the horse show! The hunter and jumper competition sponsored by the York County Federation of Agriculture and the York County Club will be an exciting event. What drama there is in the sight of horse and rider performing! Heavy draught horses will be shown. You won't be able to look at these fine animals without remembering those others who played such a part in the development of our country.

The dairy princess competition is a special event also. What a joy it is to see those lovely fresh-faced young girls with smiles on their lips and unspoken hope in their eyes. Their very presence adds a great deal to the happiness of others who are fortunate enough to be able to see them.

This year, the Richmond Hill Fair hopes to have an art show, and a rabbit and cavy (guinea pig) show. Last, but not least, there is talk about a horse-shoe pitching competition. Take the day off from all your cares and worries. You'll be pleasantly surprised to meet so many of your friends there. And can you doubt that your children will love the fair? The price is right, only 50c for adults and 25c for children. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

THE CLINIC THAT HELPS TO REBUILD MENTAL HEALTH

The first steps to the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic in York County were taken by the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association several years ago, after the need for such a clinic was established. In July 1961, Dr. S. E. Jensen, LMCC, took over the position as director of the clinic that was established in Newmarket, and which was to serve all of York County. In his annual report, Dr. Jensen stated that he was pleased that the clinic had met with such favor in York County and that it was now necessary to establish a waiting list.

The York County Mental Health Clinic is run by the York County Health Unit under Dr. R. M. King, M.O.H. The services provided by this clinic have to do with child guidance and include the rehabilitation of emotionally disturbed children and teen-agers. Psychiatric care is available to anyone in the county that is referred to the clinic by the family doctor.

Mental health clinics are here to help people out of their emotional troubles. They enable people to meet life capably and hopefully and even save them from serious breakdowns. The thing to remember, is that sickness of the mind, like other sicknesses has its best chance of cure in the early stages. The important difference between physical and mental illness is this; most physical illnesses get progressively better or worse, while there is a whole range of mental ailments which if left neglected might not reach the mental hospital stage.

Mental health clinics are being used in growing numbers by people from all walks of life who are seeking sympathetic, expert guidance out of their emotional difficulties. It may be serious husband and wife trouble; a business man who finds that he's losing his grip and can't concentrate or make decisions; a child brought in by parents as very "difficult"; people crushed by fears they can't explain or suffering from aches and pains arising from disturbed minds; the excessively shy ones as well as those so aggressive that they always "rub people the wrong way". And many others with specific emotional problems can be helped by the mental health clinic.

Generally speaking, mental health clinics are staffed by a team of experts in mental health led by a psychiatrist, who is also a medical doctor with specialist training in this field. On arrival at the clinic, the patient is usually interviewed by the psychiatric social worker who gathers all the facts about the case. (Everything discussed at the clinic is treated with utmost confidence.) Then the clinic psychologist chats with the patient, possibly giving a personality and aptitude test. The psychiatrist enters the picture and the clinic group decides the best way of helping the patient.

The aim of the clinic experts is to get to the bottom of the trouble and find out what's really causing it, which is something the patient's family is rarely able to do. And then with this knowledge they can usually help the patient back to good health. The actual steps to be taken will naturally vary with each individual case. The clinic group may be able to do its job in just a few visits, or it may take a much longer time . . . more talks . . . instruction in mental hygiene . . . visits to the home and interviews with the other members of the family. In other words, the whole aim of the clinic group is to have people reach the clinic for treatment in time so that there will be no need of ever needing mental hospital care.

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Dear Mr. Editor

FORMER SUPPORTER OF MAYOR EXPRESSES VIEWS
Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper to express my views on the coming liquor referendum. Don't let anyone tell you we have ample fire and police protection and sewer facilities to accommodate all the hotels and liquor selling outlets which could spring up here. Remember it will be the outside authorities which will tell us how many liquor licences can be issued and what we have to do.

This whole thing smells to me. I am sorry I must disagree with the Mayor who I think appears too anxious in pushing this thing. Everyone knows I formerly supported the Mayor, but it is only a few months since the election, and nothing was said then about outside interests wanting liquor licences in Richmond Hill.

Don't be fooled by misleading promises of outside interests whose only thought is to come here and reap profits. We have been fooled before by promises of projects which were going to reduce taxes. We all know the result — increased taxes.

This is not a wet and dry issue with me. There is no one in this town knows better than I do the position and difficulties of people who bought homes here and are having difficulty selling them. I certainly will do all I can to help them. There are many ways taxes could be reduced. We are filling our office space, and building more, with men on fat salaries and what has it got us — always higher taxes. Why haven't they brought us some new industry to justify all this expense?

I ask my fellow taxpayers to think this matter over very carefully before the vote. Don't be fooled by all this talk about lower taxes. Don't let anybody chuck this down your throats. If they build a hotel or hotels and we haven't the fire protection and equipment for such buildings our insurance rates will jump. We are told the police force can handle the situation with the men they have. Why did the Chief ask for two more men a year ago.

The Mayor and council have told us the names of certain men who made application regarding the securing of a liquor selling licence. We are not fooled by the liquor interests who have names on formal applications. We are concerned about the big fellows at the back who seem so desperate to get into the liquor business here. In closing I want to say I am not writing this letter because I am for wet or dry. That doesn't concern me at all. We have a liquor store here and if I want a bottle of wine there are plenty of police to stop the traffic for a mile to let me in or out.

Lewis Clement,
Centre St. East
READER REPLIES TO MR. D. THOMAS
Dear Mr. Editor:

My family and I have lived in the Hill for only a few years, but long enough to have acquired a real affection for this fine town and also long enough to appreciate the excellent job that "The Liberal" does as an important part of our community life. In your issue of the 12th of this month in your "Letters to the Editor" there appeared an item signed "D. Thomas" in which were some interperate comments on some aspects of Canadian temperance. With your permission I would like to add two small paragraphs. 1. The description of "degraded, gluttonous drinking which is attributed only to Canadians, on further investigation by an impartial observer, would probably turn out to be an unpleasant characteristic of approximately the same fraction of any of the national groups which took part in the war. Included would be one from the U.K. despite it being a "society where social drinking is a part of everyday life". 2. Mr. Thomas, in favouring liquor outlets in the Hill, is advocating opportunities for us Canadians to show how we can handle the stuff. He has already indicated what a spectacle we would likely give, since we still lack a "wise education in the home" and vilify it (social drinking). Perhaps Mr. Thomas would show our readers that there is no paradox in recommending opportunities to drink to a group he deprecates as gluttons.

Sincerely,
G. MacKenzie,
305 Richmond Street

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