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Let Mail Delivery Go Ahead

The inconsistency of the Diefenbaker Government's austerity program is borne out by its decision to halt, for the time being at least, the planned introduction of house to house mail delivery in the Richvale-Yongehurst area. Word was received last week that Ottawa had cancelled this extended service just on the eve of its introduction.

Announcement of house to house mail delivery was made just prior to the June 18th Federal voting. Residents accepted the announcement in good faith and followed post office instructions in preparation for the start of delivery. Ottawa's decision to cancel the service at this late date created an unnecessary hardship for area residents. Citizens had already sent out notice to their correspondents telling them of the new service. Four area post offices, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Richvale and Yongehurst, were all involved in the change-over.

Ostensibly the service was cancelled in order to save money. Yet the new-Postmaster General Mrs. Ellen Fairclough didn't hesitate to waste over twenty thousand dollars in public funds in tearing down a perfectly good brick wall in the newly constructed Hamilton Post Office rebuilding it with stone. Following the austerity instructions senior officials in the post office had decided to use brick instead of stone in the new building. But Mrs. Fairclough intervened and ordered the wall rebuilt with stone. Mrs. Fairclough was wrong in her action, while her departmental officials were right.

Now postal officials in Ottawa say house to house delivery can't go ahead in the Richvale-Yongehurst This badly needed service should be allowed to proceed and the Federal Government make austerity savings in other ways than restricting such a basic necessity as mail service.

Oral French Is Desirable

At Easter, Markham Township School Area No. 1, which controls multi-roomed elementary schools, introduced teaching of Oral French in the senior grades. Reports at the end of June indicated that the children receiving this instruction were most enthusiastic and appeared to be rapidly acquiring a sizable vocabulary in their second language.

Recently home and school associations in Vaughan Township appointed a committee to investigate the introduction of Oral French into the schools of that township. Receiving a very favourable reaction in a canvass of parents throughout the township, they have recommended to Vaughan Township School Area Board that Oral French be included in the curriculum for all schools in that township. These parents feel their children will be handicapped in the study of French in secondary schools which they will attend along with pupils from Markham Township School Area No. 1. The group also opposed introduction of the subject on an after-hour, parent-contribution plan, such as North York is using They claim this would be discriminatory as some parents would not be able to afford the necessary fees.

This paper agrees that in Canada, a bilingual country, the teaching of the second language should be en-

couraged. If introduction of the second language on an oral basis in earlier grades will assist in arousing interest and increase the proficiency of French students in later grades, we feel that it might well be included in the Ontario elementary school curriculum. (Tests conducted by Oakville and some areas in British Columbia over a period of some years indicate that such a plan is most

beneficial.) Adding Oral French to the curriculum of schools in this area is, we repeat, very desirable. On the other hand, it could well prove quite expensive, especially in Vaughan Township where all schools are under the jurisdiction of one board. To introduce the subject in multi-roomed schools only would be discriminatory - and to include all grade 7 and 8 pupils could lead to expensive problems of staff and transportation.

All school boards are fighting a not-too-successful battle to keep the mill rate for school purposes within reasonable limits. Demands on the budget to provide school buildings, transportation and an efficient teaching staff increase alarmingly from year to year. The yardstick for this addition to the curriculum in Vaughan Township will necessarily be, "Can We Afford It?" We hope that the answer will be in the affirmative.

Don't Be A Hindrance

ident in lavish displays of color, years.

best and there was also a sec-bloom. A foundation planting of replied.

ed and arranged the displays, lety of sweet basil.

The August show of the hor- There were gloriosa daisies in He so patiently answered the shall.

It featured the many nias were almost incredible in is that stand of spruce trees?" tables - Mrs. E. Titshall.

throngs of curious sight- and thrillseekers pouring into disaster areas constitute a threat to the safety of themselves and citizens of the district involved.

The noise of the first propane explosion at Maple, August 4, had scarcely died away before the roads leading to that village were clogged by cars. This hampered firemen, police and trained rescue workers in their attempts to reach the scene and carry out their duties.

A few persons who arrived early were able to give assistance to the people fleeing their demolished homes, but the majority of those who speeded to the spot from areas up to 50 miles distant were not interested in helping. Their only interest was in being able to say, the next day and for days thereafter, "I was there."

Hillsides and roads overlooking the blazing propane tanks were packed with people who placed their lives in jeopardy as the blasts continued to occur. They were indeed fortunate that only minor injuries were

suffered. Several days later a tire blew on a large earth-moving machine working on the CNR right-of-way north of Steeles Ave. The blast shook the ground over a wide area. Im-

(By Elisabeth Grant)

A lesson we all might learn from mediately cars collected from all dirrecent disasters in this area is that ections, effectively blocking area roads. An ambulance, called to carry the injured driver of the vehicle to hospital, was delayed for a lengthy period. Fortunately the man survived, but the delay might have been

Perhaps it is natural that to Canadians, who were spared the horrors of wartime bombing, the sound of an explosion is only an invitation to go to "see what we can see," without any consideration for the safety of ourselves and others.

What if these explosions had been only preliminaries for much larger blasts? At Maple such might well have been the case.

What if in the future an atomic attack occurs? Will we jump into our cars and hurry to see what damage has been done? A frightening thought, isn't it?

Police, firemen, St. John Ambulance, Red Cross and E.M.O. personnel are trained to act in such emergencies. If you really want to help, volunteer your services, now, to such a group, take the necessary training and be ready to swing into action in an emergency. If you are not able to help, you can best serve yourself, your family and your fellow-men by staying at home, and not hindering the trained workers.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

September will witness volunteers of many social activities establishing themselves into committees and boards so that they may make their ultimate contributions to our democratic way of life. The volunteer is the answer to the mechanization and automation of our society. The volunteer is human being who helps to keep others "human".

and encouragement of the arts.

result is self-fulfilment which is on a higher plane than self-interest. The volunteer can help shape the ing in thoughtful work with and for others. The end world with his ideas, opinions and ability to contrib- up as follows:

It is through action that we become a part of Balances of taxes for 1861 \$3,771.69 various lengths of \$1.00 a week each. the setting around us and participate in the transac- On account taxes tion of living. If we wish to develop fully into par- for 1862 2,153.56 ship were listed at \$24,399.10, ticipating human beings, we can do so by locating a Tavern licenses (28) . 1,058.34 with a balance of \$20,535.28 social need and offer our help that is in our powers | Shop licenses (8) ...: 280.00 above the liabilities, but the to give.

MISTER! CAN YOU SPARE A MATCH?

The next time you strike a match, whether it is permit to show a against a box, a stove, or the seat of your pants, you circus) are doing just the same thing that primitive man did Non-resident taxes thousands of years ago.

The common match is probably the most univ- Debentures ersally used of manufactured products. Because they | Expenditures in 1862 amount- is the financial statement of are produced in such large quantities, they are taken ed to \$12,247.43 and included: the Municipality of Vaughan for granted. Fire-making in ancient times was just as Appropriation money important as it is now. It was essential to many on roads \$1,735.71 Eddis & Company, chartered phases of daily living. In primitive times, the caveman was believed to have made fire by striking two Returned taxes stones together to touch off brushwood or leaves. The Selectors of jurors .. method of making fire by rubbing dry sticks together, School sections, (20) still practised by Boy Scouts, was practically unknown to the ancient Egyptians and Babylonians. The term match as we know it was first recorded as being used in Ghent in 1313. It was made from hemp. In Latin America, waxed hemp matches are still in use.

When European explorers began to penetrate the New World in the fifteenth century, they discovered the Indians making fire by working stick against stick, and also using flint for the same purpose. The Europeans already used to flint devised tinder boxes dard fixture on every colonial fireplace mantel, but it was a hard task to get sparks from them and fan them into a workable blaze.

In 1669, Hennig Brandt, a German alchemist, seeking a cheap way of making gold, produced instead a glowing material called phosphorus. He sold his formula and it took 160 years for it to find its way to the head of a friction match.

One English experimenter brought out special phosphorus light-makers at \$250 an ounce. Only the wealthy could afford them. Another discovered that fire could be made by drawing sulphur-tipped splinters of wood through a fold of paper that had been coated with phosphorus. Other impractical gimmicks followed. One was the Ethereal Match, a sealed glass containing wax paper or string dipped in phosphorus. When the glass broke it was supposed to cause a flame. Five years later, the Pocket Luminary, a bottle with an inside coating of phosphorus was introduced in Italy. A splint tipped with sulphur pushed against this lining, ignited when pulled out.

Meanwhile, many experiments with friction matches were going on. Finally on April 7, 1827, John Walker, an English apothecary, recorded the first sale of a box of matches. Walker called his lighters "Congreves" after Sir William Congreve, noted English inventor. They were three inches long, and tipped with antimony sulphide, gum arabic and starch, and were drawn through a pleat of sandpaper. Soon they were manufactured on a large scale with the trade name of "Lucifer".

Phosphorus matches were introduced in America in 1836. In 1855, a Swedish scientist conceived the idea of painting red or amorphous phosphorus on the striking surface of boxes and tipping the match heads with chlorite of potash. Without the box, the match wouldn't light. Thus the safety match was born.

The paper book match was the third major type of match to be developed. It was invented in 1892 by Joshua Pusey. Book matches with their advertising covers now sell every conceivable product. For years, Sweden and Germany monopolized the match manufacturing. The United States and Canada did not become major matchmakers until after World War I. Now most of the world's matches are made on this side of the ocean.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

by arrangement with the Cham-been laid on the wrong side of

WISHES TO CORRECT WRONG IMPRESSION

feelings following a recent visit I made to the United Kingdom.

Dear Mr. Editor:

"I'm Not English Anymore", which appeared in last week's texts in which they were used. edition of "The Liberal", is en- These have resulted in giving tirely inaccurate as to my true an entirely different picture to that which I wanted to convey.

A plant sale was conducted by

tuberous begonias was set off "The visit is an education and ber of Commerce, the Ontario the scales and the true balance

I emphatically deny having said 'I'm not English anymore". and further, there are a number The report under the title of instances where statements have been culled from the con-

In an interview which lasted 63 Ontario Rose Show To Be Held Richmond Hill an hour, there were inevitably many examples given and comparisons made to bring out ceran hour, there were inevitably tain points of interest; but your Vegetables - Mrs. E. Tit-reporter, in condensing all the facts to 21/2 minutes of reading, ticultural society, held as usual yellow and bronze which match-numerous questions ranging Court of honour - Specimen, has unfortunately seen fit to in the Lions' Community Hall, ed exactly the tones of a border from "What is that vivid purple Mr. Douglas Boyd; arrangement stress some of my comments by proved to be the largest of the of bushy marigolds. The zin-flower?" (verbena) to "How old - Mrs. George Barker; vege-simply quoting them without the modifications used at the time. garden flowers now at their their size and perfection of "I planted those in 1936," he The president announced that By doing this, emphasis has

Mrs. Freeman Barker conven- by a border of the new red var- an inspiration," said President Rose Society would hold its has been completely lost. Spence Urquhart as he thanked 1963 show here next June. He The judges were, for speci- Very interesting were the the host and the owners of the also announced the next general Since I am utterly disgusted mens, Mr. St. Clair Tennant, many unusual plants, the seeds garden for their hospitality. meeting and flower show for with the article which appeared our district director, and for ar- of which Mr. Kohler had Returning to the hall, the September 13. Speaker will be in your paper and as the overall rangements, Mrs. John Dedlow. brought from Europe and grown members heard the reports of Mr. John Budd, horticulturist, impression given is quite erron-The attendance was correst to perfection in their new set- the judges, Mrs. Dedlow and Mr. with the Metropolitan Parks eous and contrary to my personpondingly large and, while the ting. He makes frequent trips Tennant. Mr. Gerry Longworth Commission and in charge of al opinions, I trust you will imjudging was being done, all to his homeland, Switzerland, announced the prize winners, their greenhouses. His subject mediately rectify the situation travelled south to the famous and has just returned from a Specimens - Mrs. E. Titshall, will be "Indoor Plants for by bringing this letter to public

Yours very truly,

Pauline Bracey-Gibbon

Vaughan 1862 - 1961

Past Century Sees Many Changes

(By Doris M. FitzGerald)

financial report is often a rather dry document but we fees. have two, issued 99 years apart, which make very interesting reading, if only for comparison. Both were published by the Municipality of the Township of cation, including debt charges, Vaughan, and, between them, show something of the \$299,049.01 for public works; a minimum of 104, and in There are social and personal values in voluntary progress and great changes that have taken place in \$121,284.42 for fire and police his department J. M. Mcservice. Personal values will be first of all what the this little corner of the world during the last century. protection, warble fly and weed Donald, the township clerk volunteer seeks when he joins an organization whether it be for the relief of need, treatment of the ill

The first, printed in pamphlet form, covers the year staff of 10 to handle the health; and \$173,133.08 for mass of detail work. and the care of the deserted or for the participation | 25th year of her reign, and Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States then divided by a bitter civil First of all, the volunteer appreciates the oppor- war. Closer to home Robert J. Arnold, a Thornhill tunity to share viewpoints with others, to work with | farmer, was reeve of Vaughan, and the other members them in the pursuit of both individual and common of the council were Wm. Cook, John Brown, H. S. Howgoals. Volunteer work can give you a sense of accom- land and A. Jeffrey For each township meeting attendplishment; for the adventure of something new; for ed in those horse and buggy days they received \$1.25, a change of pace from the workaday world; for self- or a possible salary of \$15.00 a year. The township expression or only to find that sense of belonging. clerk and treasurer was paid \$320. a year, and the two There is no better way to banish the blues or to auditors, Matthew Teefy (Richmond Hill postmaster), counteract the poison of world crises than by engag- and John Nattress, each drew \$6.00 for their services.

than self-interest. The volunteer can help shape the totalling \$14,965.06 and made hall; and \$255.00 for the relief of destitute persons who were cared for in private homes for

various lengths of time for

Interest on debentures 1,403.57 auditors respectfully suggested Instalment from Clergy Reserve Fund 1,055.60 sertion among the assets of the Fines, (including \$10

Treasurer of East Nissouri for redemption of 4,995.00 The second report mentioned

Councillors Inspectors Assessor Returning Officers. Auditors Clerk and treasurer

Debentures Incidental expenses . The incidental expenses in- ago.

for 1961 prepared by Wilton accountants. It occupied a full Treasurer 2,074.00 page in "The Liberal" of June 79.26 7th, 1962, but, being a condens-18.00 ed version deals with totals rather than individual items. and assessments 2,780.36 However, one glance is enough to show the reader that Vaugh-70.50 an Township has advanced in

The assets of Vaughan Town-

to the council that annual in-

large balance of unpaid taxes

since 1851 conveyed a some-

32.50 what erroneous impression of

114.80 the real assets of the munici-

Becomes Big Business

56.00 to a field of business calculated 100.00 in millions, rather than hun-23.00 dreds of dollars, and is provid-12.00 ing services such as water, fire 320.00 and police protection, health, 4,086.00 welfare and recreation that

cluded \$7.60 for printing; The revenue for 1961 was holding flint, steel and charred linen, fungus or moss \$16.61 to clerk for postage, \$2,161,248.39 of which \$1,710,- Saturday Matinee, Sept. 8, 2 p.m. only to catch the spark. A large tinder box was a stan- stationery and journeys to Tor- 839.32 came from taxation;

Second Thoughts.

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

Big heading in last week's "Liberal": Vaughan Board Agrees To Investigate Oral French . . . Come now, surely SOME of them have tried French kissing!

A coroner's jury has found that many kinds of life jackets approved by the Department of Transport are not safe, and some of the newest approved types are worse than the old . . . So the problem of which life jacket to buy is a puzzle — a DOT puzzle. * * * * * *

A stereo phonograph is being run continuously at the Richmond Heights Centre in a guess-when-it-willstop "Marathon Contest" . . Workers within earshot are more likely to consider it an endurance contest.

York County's 21 fire brigades have asked the county council to equip them with a short-wave radio network . . . They want either short wave or long

A Star report on the successful growth of a skyadvertising firm says "one of their first accounts was with John Diefenbaker who had them ask for votes in five languages over the exhibition grounds" . . . But they kept quiet about it!

A Toronto paper says "3,000 Fire Chiefs and their wives from all over the world will convene here late this month" . . . and their wives from all over the world? . . . Like sailors?

We were amused at the efficiency report of the English furniture-moving firm supplying its crockery wrappers with foreign-language newspapers until we had the second thought that around Toronto the innovation could easily be reversed.

Gene Autry's 30,000-acre Melody Ranch has been completely destroyed by fire . . . Man, what a singe

U.S. Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell, being interviewed prior to his Berlin trip, said: "A foreign government is helping to get me over there part way" . We sort of hoped they had somewhere about mid-Atlantic in mind.

Quebec Provincial Police are investigating the use of "pep pills" by football players. The pills are said to induce feelings of "elation, boldness and friendliness" . . . Friendliness? . . . Well, that certainly describes the way our Argos play.

CKOC in Hamilton is keeping abreast of the times with announcements like: "Stay tuned for the news. There's plenty of interesting things happening in the world and surrounding districts!"

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\$257,714.55 from Province of general government.

Ontario subsidies, and \$17,117. No longer can the affairs For those not mathematically inclined an annual 25 from license and permit of the township be con-

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and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh In Technicolor

gardens of the Shouldice Sur-visit there and to other coun-who was complimented on hav-Show.' gery at Thornhill. There they tries of Europe. There he visited ing 50 entries in the show. were welcomed by the presid-many gardens, none surely more Arrangements - Mrs. George Mr. W. J. Ankenman and the ing genius, Mr. Ernest Kohler, beautiful than the one of which Barker. rerywhere his artistry was ev- he has had charge for so many Novice Class - Mrs. Casement. of the show.