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## Hospital Appeal

The new buildings rapidly taking form on the Vaughan Road just west of Richmond Hill are a welcome sight to the many people in this district who for a long time have felt the urgent need of hospital facilities to serve this area.

In our issue of January 28th, 1960, we urged attendance at a public meeting sponsored by the medical association to discuss local hospital needs. We drew attention to the existing shortage of hospital beds in the county and emphasized the need for immediate action to remedy the existing situation.

We commended the proposal of a new hospital here for the careful consideration of local councils and the county council and all citizens interested in seeing that this growing area does not lag in providing necessary service for the care of our ill and injured. We endorsed wholeheartedly the proposal for a new hospital and pointed out that the proposal was a challenge and an opportunity for all to share in laying the foundation for a local institution which through the years to come would contribute to the health and welfare of our people.

The public meeting was held February 11th, 1960, when provisional directors were appointed and this was the official start of the movement for a new hospital although there had been discussion of the need for a local hospital reported in our files back as far as 1953.

Today, thirty-four months after that first meeting a new 126-bed hospital is under construction on the Vaughan Road at Richmond Hill, and an extensive addition is well under way at the York County Hospital at Newmarket. When construction is completed next year there will be in York County 389 hospital beds and 102 bassinets which will be a creditable start on the challenging task of providing York County with adequate hospital accommodation.

This has not been accomplished without a lot of "blood, sweat and tears" and this newspaper has counted it a great privilege to have lent support at every stage of our hospital planning.

Space will not permit a detailed recounting of the many steps taken in the past thirty-four months, suffice it to say that enthusiastic public spirited and dedicated members of the hospital boards at Richmond Hill and Newmarket have persevered and overcome many difficulties in reaching the present stage of hospital development.

At the outset extensive surveys

were made with the assistance and co-operation of the Ontario Hospital Commission and a notable step forward was taken with the organization of the York County Hospital Commission. Then for the first time hospitalization was recognized as a county problem and the members of York County Council with commendable vision and public spirit made a special grant of \$2,360,000. This along with federal grants of \$831,000 and provincial grants of \$975,000, left \$1,085,000 to be raised by public subscription. The action of York County Council in making a grant brought the hospital project within the realm of possibility and was a major turning point in the drive for needed hospital accommodation.

We cannot too highly commend the work of the York County Hospital Commission headed by Ex-warden John W. Rye of East Gwillimbury, the York County Hospital Board of Trustees headed by W. A. Spear and the York Central Hospital Board of Trustees headed by Douglas H. Storms. They have had splendid co-operation from the York County Medical Association and have been supported by two very wonderful hospital auxiliaries in which have been enlisted the volunteer support of many hundreds of men and women. The York Central Auxiliary is headed by Mrs. Robert J. Miller and the York County Association by Mrs. A. W. McLennan.

At present the County of York United Hospitals appeal is under way with an objective of raising \$1,085,000 for the two hospitals. An organization has been set up under the able chairmanship of Ray Marshall and soon every citizen of the county will be contacted and asked for a donation.

To raise more than a million dollars by public subscription is a formidable undertaking and to reach the objective the support of all is needed. Thousands of volunteer canvassers will be needed and we hope there will be no scarcity of volunteers, and that when they make their calls they may receive a generous reception.

York County Hospital Commission, York County Council, the federal and provincial governments and the two hospital associations all have done their part in making possible the urgently needed hospital beds in this county. The issue now rests with the people on whose behalf all this effort has been expended and we have the utmost confidence they will accept the challenge, give generously to the appeal and that the objective will be over-subscribed.

## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

### IS THERE MORAL CRISIS AT THE FALL-OUT SHELTER DOOR?

Thoughtful people have been saying so. Even before the Cuban crisis sent many people back to the problem of the fall-out shelter, they were saying so. They do not deny that the fall-out shelter may be useful but they are saying that there is a question of whether it is moral. The press from time to time have made us aware that there are families who believe in the every-family-for-itself idea. Some families keep their shelters closely guarded secrets, and others have given public warnings that they will defend their shelters by force of arms, if necessary. It has been said that one of the reasons for the fall-out shelter dilemma is that it brings into conflict three moralities which taken by themselves are all good and are unchallenged in Christian ideology. But they do conflict at the shelter door. The first is the law of self-preservation and there is the morality of Christian love that says that the supreme example of Christian love is the one who lays down his life for his friend, and hand in hand with this is the morality of Christian social responsibility. What do we do about these important questions? Perhaps if we all worked a little harder we can hope that the crises of the nuclear age can be met and solved above ground.

### LIBERAL DATED 1903, TURNS UP IN 1962

This ancient Liberal is really full of interesting items. It is yellowed with age, but the print is still very legible. It has four pages printed on both sides. You have to open it up and turn it around and around in order to read it. (It must have been before cutting machines.) And it is only 3c a copy or \$1 a year. Think of that!

On the first page, it tells that the Liberal is published every Thursday morning at the Liberal Printing and Publishing House in Richmond Hill, but there the similarity to the present day "Liberal" ends. At that time in history, the editor and proprietor was T. F. McMahon. There is a very long letter from Mr. A. E. Keffer on a matter of public works. The second page seems to be entirely devoted to columns. "About The House" is a cooking column. One of the recipes tells you how to make Janacks. (I'll gladly share the recipe.) There are columns on Farm, Field and Garden, Etiquette and the Care of Children. Page 3 has a gloomy serialized story titled "Abyssal Depths" or as the sub-title declares, "Blindfold on the Brink of Precipices." (We've come a long way in the evolution of titles.) Jokes, fillers and anecdotes are scattered throughout the paper. Page 4 has for a headline, King Edward VII Crowned Emperor of India. Next to it is some news on the liquor question of that day. Headline is BIG VOTE FOR LIQUOR ACT and the underlying statement says that it lacks only a few thousand of being carried. (Well, well, we've still got the liquor question but where, oh where, are those thousands gone?) The markets are discussed: Prices of grain and cattle in the trade centres. There is a little treatise on . . . of all things . . . "Man's Digestion". The good doctor says that these faculties are not what they once were. (And that's news?) And dear me, Australia must have been having a bad time. It wanted two hundred thousand tons of breadstuffs.

That was the year when the Liberals won three seats. The paper said that the Ross government and the Liberal party of Ontario were to be congratulated on the great victory of yesterday. LIFE IN THE HILL was just LOCALS. Thornhill, Hope and Concord had very short columns of personals. The back page is totally devoted to advertising. Among them is Fred Meyer's who opened his blacksmith shop in Cooper's Old Stand in Richmond Hill. At that time "The Liberal" had a clubbing rate. You could get "The Liberal" and the Farming World for \$1.75 and a beautiful art calendar free. I'd say "The Liberal" was very chummy with other publications in those days. You could buy "The Liberal" at special rates if you took one of the following newspapers: The Weekly Globe, The Weekly Mail, The Weekly Sun, The Montreal Family Herald, The Morning Globe, The Evening Mail, The Mail and Empire, The Daily World and the Toronto Star. (The only ones I remember are the Family Herald and the Toronto Star and they are still with us.)

And now that the hockey season is approaching it might be well to mention the fact that Richmond Hill played their first hockey match with Aurora, January 8, 1903. It was recorded by "The Liberal" that the play was fast and clean and the result was in doubt to the end of the match. Mr. W. Clifford was referee and gave the score at the close 8 to 7 in favor of Richmond Hill. There was a good attendance! How about that!

### 1000 GIFTS NEEDED FOR APPROVED HOMES — Y.C.B. - C.M.H.A.

Mrs. John Large, R. R. 2 Maple, who so ably managed the Christmas Gift Campaign last year is going to do so again this year. Three hundred Christmas gifts will be needed for the Ontario Hospital and 700 for the patients in the Approved Homes and the outpatients of the Newmarket clinic and other needy and deserving mental patients. There are 17 approved homes in York County plus the Ontario Hospital at Aurora. The approved home is the first step taken by mental patients after they leave the Ontario Hospital. This is a very big and important step for them as the next step leads them back into community living again. Help cheer these people along the way by giving them a little gift this Christmas.

### A special bouquet to the Doncaster Ladies' Club this week.

This grand service club served the tea and cookies at the Retarded Children's Bazaar. Heather Morrison, the president says the club will be having their final marathon euchre November 19, in the Buttonville Hall.

### Remember Bob Haynes! Bob is a judo expert and lives at 37 Idleswift Drive in Thornhill.

He is teaching the art down at the Hatashita Club situated at Queen and Jarvis. This is his home club. He is still perfecting the art of karate. As you may know, his dearest ambition is to start a school for teaching the art of self-defense in or around Richmond Hill. The art of self-defense is more important than you think!

### CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE YORK COUNTY BRANCH, C.M.H.A.

October 20 marked the opening day for the Christmas Gift Campaign under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. J. Large of Maple. Once again, Y.C.B., Canadian Mental Health Association's Christmas Gift Campaign is under way. Will you bring joy to the world of the mental patients at Christmas time? Will you share your Christmas joy with someone who has nearly forgotten what Christmas means? Watch your local newspaper regarding collections!



YOUR M.P. REPORTS  
By John Addison

This has been a stirring time in world affairs, a time of tension and great concern. We, who are in Parliament for our first terms have been thrown into an exciting arena where everything seems to be happening at once. We are, thus, gaining much experience in a very short time.

The Cuban situation is perilous. For Canada it may prove to be more important than many have thought. It will force us to make up our national minds on our world position in a very positive way. We can no longer linger on the sidelines.

### Question Period

While world tensions have naturally taken major attention recently in Parliament, you will have noticed that The Speaker's rulings in the House of Commons have brought on a variety of challenges. This has resulted from what some Members consider to be strict interpretations of the rules which limit the question period. Members of Parliament in Canada have been jealous of the privilege of the question period, which is their chance to speak directly for their constituents; it is their way to direct attention to many public matters which might not otherwise be brought to light.

On the other hand, the Speaker is under difficulties because of the variety and size of the opposition groups and wants to get business expeditiously.

### An Old Budget

We, in the Opposition have been critical of the Government's failure to bring down a new budget so that the public can know what is happening, what is being done, to the economy. As I said in a radio talk from Ottawa, we object to a "warmed-over budget," prepared by a man who is no longer Minister of Finance. The Government does not, of course, agree with us. While I do not want to take partisan positions in this report to constituents, I report this as being a fundamental issue on Parliament Hill.

### Maiden Speech

The various national and international excitements may have caused less personal worry to the M.P. for York North (for one evening at least) than his own situation. I had the honor and privilege of making my maiden speech to the Commons on Thursday, October 25, 1962. That is a great and exciting event for any Member of Parliament. I attempted not only to put the position of my own constituency before Parliament and before the nation, but to make some contribution to the national picture.

What concerns the nation concerns us here. As I pointed out, York North is an Ontario in miniature and in a time of growth and change we have many problems requiring attention.

I was given much encouragement that day in Parliament because more than 40 women residents of York North, members of the Women's Liberal Association, were visiting Ottawa. It was my great pleasure to show them around Parliament Hill and to introduce them to Hon. Lester B. Pearson, leader of the Liberal Opposition. Their moral support in the public gallery was helpful to a Member rising for his first speech.

### Impact of New Men

Among the many speeches in the House, in recent weeks there have been some notable ones from young new M.P.'s who will be heard with increasing influence in the future. As you know, a great many new faces appeared in Parliament after the last national election. Some of the newcomers have outstanding talent and ability. Many are in the Opposition. They come from various parts of Canada and their contributions give much encouragement and great hopes for the future of government in this country.

### Farmer's Advocate

A new M.P., Mr. Eugene Whelan (Essex South), made a powerful farm speech in which he maintained the Farm Credit Act should be amended to benefit farmers of Eastern Canada as well as those in the West. He maintained that loans are too small for farmers' needs. Mr. Whelan pointed out the limitations of farmers' incomes and the competition for markets. He spoke of the heavy investment by farmers and the need to expand markets for Canada. Loan assistance in these circumstances, he said, would not only help farmers make a decent living but would help Canada.

### Canada and Russia

Many Canadians were shocked by the position taken by the N.D.P. in the Cuban situation. As indicated by its leader, Mr. Douglas, that party was not on the side of the United States . . . at least it held that



"LEST WE FORGET"

## Dear Mr. Editor

### JUST TRYING TO IMPRESS THE GIRLS

Dear Mr. Editor: Now that nominations are coming soon we now will hear more of these herculean heroes of mythology who try to impress us with rosy promises if we elect them for a further term of office.

If as taxpayers we re-elect the present office holders we will deserve what we get in the way of higher taxes and municipal government. Like many more I have seen my own mistakes. I nominated the present mayor but I assure you I will not make that mistake again.

### High Taxes in Richmond Hill

Dear Mr. Editor: While qualifying our town council's position with respect to a subdivision's proposal to proceed with an industrial development, Mayor Haggart stated that they (the incumbent town council) have no intention of repeating the mistakes of previous councils, which have cost this town plenty of money. According to the figures on my tax bills for 1958 to 1962 inclusive Mr. Haggart surely must include himself as a member of these previous councils.

I would urge you, the ratepayer, to make a comparison similar to mine.

Year	Residential Town Rate	X	My/Your Assessment	Total Tax
1962	.0128	X	\$6585 equals	\$126.96
1958	.01029	X	\$6585 equals	67.76
Total Increase	.00899	X	\$6585 equals	\$59.20

The tax rate for town purposes ALONE has almost doubled. The council of this municipality has failed to stabilize the town rate in spite of overwhelming increases in the costs of education. Other municipalities have succeeded. Why hasn't Richmond Hill? You might also note that the Province of Ontario increased its grants to

Year	Total Taxable Residential Property	Total Taxable Ind. & Commercial
1962	\$24,063,965.	\$6,251,970.
1958	\$17,764,370.	\$3,123,717.
Total Increase	\$6,299,595.	\$3,128,253.

NOTE that the total increase in residential development not only EXCEEDS the 1958 assessed value of taxable industrial and commercial property but it is more than double the total increase in industrial and commercial development since the same period.

The writer appreciates the fact that the 1958 and even the 1959 councils were bound by subdivision agreements entered into prior to 1958 but I will never be convinced that a real effort to curtail further residential development has been made by ANY of the previous councils.

This municipality's financial

den of high taxes. The cruel hoax now is revealed when there is no application for a licence from the much praised imaginary hotel.

We weren't told who was going to put a million dollars into this project, but I did point out to the mayor that we should have a firm underwriting or bond as security, but apparently they didn't think we needed a bond or firm agreement. I wonder what they think of my advice now?

Now near election time we hear of another promotion and talk of taking in hundreds of more acres of new territory to add to the town. A trip around town will show much vacant land not filled now. Taxpayers must be on guard against promotion schemes unless they have all the facts from sources in which they have confidence.

Two years ago we were told we should call a halt on expenditures but it was just another promise and taxes have continued to increase. Thousands of dollars have been spent on luxury offices, wall-to-wall carpeting and fat salaries. We have been told these fancy frills are needed to impress prospective customers. All I can see it is a place to sit and dream up where the next convention will be held.

The mayor and council remind me of a recent personal experience. In my work I had to serve a summons on a young man who was behind in his payments on a new suit of clothes. His excuse was that he had to make payments on a new car. I asked him why he bought a new car when he could not pay for

his suit of clothes. His only answer was that he wanted to make an impression on the girls.

I am afraid this is what our council is doing with the result for us of high and higher taxes and more debt.

Levis Clement  
Centre Street East,  
Richmond Hill

One basic reason for this increase can be found by further analysis of your tax bills. Compare these figures:

Richmond Hill for highways, welfare and other purposes from \$76,695. in 1958 to \$140,646. this year and in spite of this we still have an appreciable increase in the tax rate.

Robert Saunders,  
22 Benson Ave.,  
Richmond Hill.

## Second Thoughts . . .

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

Opinions on the Cuban situation indicate that Fidel Castro's big problem is to "save face" . . . He could also have a small problem in finding it.

Proof that Richmond Hill might need an Emergency Measures Organization comes in the news that Metro's EMO plans to evacuate their people to the NORTH — if they have a week's warning . . . They must figure on using the Red Bus.

The trustees section of the Ontario Hospital Association was told that a patient who has a leg amputated, legally owns the leg and can take it home with him if he wants to . . . And it would be just the thing to prop open the lid of the freezer.

With Barrie collegiate students going on a sit-down protest over "The Queen" as a national anthem it looks like it should be slightly changed to "God Save God Save the Queen".

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## Don't Wait Until Nominations

Don't wait until nomination night to choose your candidates for the municipal elections which are just around the corner. This is an important matter and one which should not be put off until the eleventh hour. This newspaper has urged for years that office holders should declare their intentions prior to nomination night in order that the electorate can be aware of what candidates are seeking re-election. More and more council members and other elected officers are doing this very thing so now it's up to the ratepayers to do a little pre-nomination planning themselves.

Sometimes, well-qualified men and women who would be willing to serve, are overlooked. A word of appreciation to self-sacrificing individuals who have served the community well, might induce them to run for public office.

The progress in a great many municipalities can be traced to the calibre of those serving in public office. All too often those who are best qualified to serve fail to offer themselves for public office. Local government badly needs the services of intelligent, dedicated men and women.

## THE MUSIC BOX

Ray Stephens

This week is more or less aimed at the matter of publicity for music locally.

If you happen to be in a choir, band, orchestra or any musical activity and do not receive coverage or some form of notices of forthcoming concerts, special affairs etc., please arrange with someone in your group to get in touch with this writer and we can work out a pattern for all musically interested to read about and attend.

From this area we have concluded that we have an orchestra, two choral societies, about 30 churches of all denominations, two high schools and some 26 or so public schools both rural and town, one trumpet band and who knows what else we really have performing some musical interest or other. With all of these churches and schools one immediately realizes that there is no doubt quite a bit of musical work going on and practically unheard of.

We are somewhat akin to the average choral singer and group instrumentalist who digs in deep to the part being played or sung without ever stopping to

realize that there are other parts being performed by other members of the group.

We must stop concentrating now and then on our own part and listen to what goes on around us and in this way the final result is a more musical performance without paying. The copy-one, and after all it is the musical result we are really after.

With the aid of this column we can hear the other parts in action and it is with this aim in mind that we partake of these views each week.

Many comments have been passed welcoming such a column as this and since we are of a peaceful community nature there is no point in writing anything controversial in order to take readers write "letters to the editor", so if you have notices we can use, bits of musical chit-chat, etc., then please let us know or tell someone in your group to keep us posted.

Without the advantage of competition to keep us aware of each other we must resort to the medium of this means to bring together all parties.

There are many questions to be asked. Only this week a friend of mine asked "what would be involved if he made

up a sing-song sheet for office parties and what would copyright have to do with it" and I had to assure him that in actuality and according to law it would be equal to walking into a store and taking things off the shelf without paying. The copy-one law is still a law.

Perhaps we can answer a few questions.

By the way if you happen to like good modern swing there's a good group at the Lions Club Saturday night, the 10th. No more can be said about this and it's doubtful if one can get in now unless tickets have already been bought but for what it's worth this quintet is peak-performance wise.

The Richmond Hill Recreation Committee is preparing the new brochure on local recreational and instructional activities, so make sure that if your musical organization fits the bill to see that you get the name of your group, etc. inserted in this brochure. This is a free service for the benefit of better recreational outlets here so don't delay, do it right away. The deadline is this November 10. Call Mrs. M. F. Thomson - 884-4455.

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