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The Need Is Urgent

"The Liberal" has been the home paper of this community since 1878, and through these years has had the great privilege and responsibility of supporting a multitude of causes and projects deemed in the best interests of our people.

Never in our long history of community service have we supported a cause with greater heart and enthusiasm than the present appeal of the County of York United Hospitals.

The need for more hospital beds in York County is most urgent. At present there are not nearly enough to accommodate our sick and injured, and there is a serious scarcity in neighbouring Metro Toronto.

This is an appeal and a need which strikes directly at every home and every family. Every family sometime has need for hospital services, and while today it is the neighbour down the street, tomorrow it may be you.

In recent years hundreds and hundreds of people in York County in need of hospital care have had to wait days, weeks, and sometimes months. Even emergencies have been met with difficulty, and oftentimes delays are costly.

Should a member of your family tomorrow be in need of a hospital bed which just isn't available, it's a pretty serious situation for everyone.

It is to correct this alarming situation that the new York Central Hospital is now under construction near Richmond Hill and a substantial addition is under way at Newmarket.

Government grants and substantial support by the County of York still leaves a gap of over one million dollars which must be raised by subscriptions from the people to complete and equip the new hospital.

This is no ordinary appeal. This is no time to dismiss the canvasser with a token donation. This is a community effort to provide hospital beds we all need. The success of the campaign will determine whether or not there will be suitable hospital care available for our own family.

We hope every individual and every family will give prayerful consideration to this appeal and that everyone will give—not just any donation but the most generous donation possible.

Dedicated members of the hospital associations in co-operation with the members of the medical profession and the best known health authorities have spent months of work and study planning the new hospital now being built. Hundreds of volunteer canvassers are now at work seeking your subscription and we are confident the people of this district will rise to the challenge and give generously.

Rambling Around

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

NOTES FOR YOUNG CANADA BOOK WEEK

Jane Maclaren, librarian of the Thornhill Public Library, is all set for Young Canada Book Week. She recommends the following books to the youth of Thornhill Area: "The Golden Phoenix and other French-Canadian Fairy Tales" by Barbeau C. Marius. These fairy tales were brought from France to Canada three hundred years ago and they were collected from French-Canadian story-tellers by the author and re-told in English by Michael Hornyansky. "The Treasure of Ur" by Marianne MacDonald is a story of four alert young teen agers holidaying in a sailboat on the Norfolk Broads. They become closely involved in a dangerous search for valuables stolen from a British museum. "The Dangerous Cove" by John F. Hayes is a combination of history and fiction concerning piracy on the coast of Newfoundland in the 1670's. For young art lovers, there is an excellent book by A. Y. Jackson, member of the famous Group of Seven, and the title is "A Painter's Country". Much of the color and vigor of his paintings distinguish the autobiography of this famous Canadian artist. The book is beautifully illustrated with twelve reproductions in full color. Check your local libraries in the hope of finding these interesting books for young people.

Mary Lee Axelson, 15 Highland Park Blvd., has two new children's books on the market. They are "Chatter Squirrel's Surprise", and "Flop-A-Long and the Honey Bear". They can be found in the children's section at Simpson's and at Eaton's College Street and downtown Eaton's store. Well done... Mary Lee Axelson!

The Christmas Gift Campaign for Mental Patients is in full swing, but time is going swiftly by. You can place your gifts in boxes which will be placed at strategic points in the community. You will be informed of this by the newspaper and radio. The dates of collection are December 4th and 5th. The collecting and wrapping and distribution will take place in and from King Township Administration Building, situated on the King Sideroad on Highway 400. Please consult your brochure on the Canadian Mental Health Association's Christmas Gift Campaign for a proper selection of gifts.

WHITE CROSS VOLUNTEERS VISIT ONTARIO HOSPITAL AT WHITBY

Thirty-five white cross volunteers from the York County Branch of C.M.H.A. visited the Ontario Mental Hospital at Whitby, October 19. This visit follows up other visits to other mental hospitals outside their own locality. Their purpose is to enable the volunteers to be better informed in the field of mental health. They hope this knowledge will help them in their own area. Although the white cross volunteers of the district are still visiting the approved homes, another feature has been added to their work. They drive local out-patients to the mental health clinic at Newmarket. So far they have visited 11 approved homes in York County. Dr. Kassey of the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, discussed the progress of mental health research during the past years up to the present time. He expressed his appreciation of the work being done for mental health by way of the press. He also answered questions from the volunteers. He stated that visits from the volunteers were appreciated because the extra sights and sounds provided by the guests brought the outside world closer to them and that it provided talk for hours afterward.

THE MUSIC BOX

By Ray Stephens

Almost Angels
Before going any further than the heading might we explain that in dealing with boys in this particular column we do so only because the subject at hand is the boys choir and naturally when speaking about boys' choirs we must of necessity relate to boys.
The above heading is taken from a movie currently playing in Toronto and it is all about the Vienna Boys Choir and the most beautiful story it is. The setting is of course in old Vienna and you'll thrill to the singing of music by Schubert (who was at one time a member of the choir himself) Handel, Bach and other famous traditional composers. You'll travel in color up the Danube and into the high mountains accompanied by chorus's of appropriate songs and all in all it's almost another world. Strangely enough it's a world of boys at that so anything can happen.
Boy troubles or boy sopranos are traditional voices of the liturgical service and one can still hear today such a choir singing in St. Simon's Church, Grace Church on the Hill, St. Jude's and several others. Apart from these choirs St. Michael's on Bond St. where only recently Mgr. Roman passed away, continues to have resident members and full time musical and academic studies for the young singers.
The actual court chapel in Vienna was founded by the Emperor Maximilian in the year 1498 but it was not until 1945 that the ancient court chapel choir began to give concerts outside of the chapel. Now the visits of the Vienna Boys' Choir are eagerly anticipated in almost every country in the world including Canada.
Despite this overwhelming background of musical activities the fact remains that boys are always boys no matter how close they may approach vocally to what we might consider the angelic heights.
I recall to some extent the views of an evidently much learned but somewhat tired choirmaster.
Boys will leave chewing gum on the pews and finger marks on the music books, they will

Have You Read These?

(Book Reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library)

Birds from Britannia, by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh (Longmans). The two main attractions of this book to bird lovers will be the accounts of visits paid to isolated places in tropical and Antarctic waters during two world tours, and the exceptional photographs of Antarctic birds in flight. Other notable features are some fine pictures of mountains and snow, and a series of beautiful wash drawings by Commander A. M. Hughes, of the many birds encountered. The text has a directness of style and a forcefulness of phrase which make the descriptions of the voyages and of the places visited refreshing to read.

Conscription Crisis of 1944, by R. M. Dawson (Toronto University Press). The shattering realization, in October, 1944, that there were insufficient trained men to fill army reinforcement requirements without conscription, the unsuccessful campaign to encourage voluntary enlistment, the eventual signing of the Order-in-Council, and the final vote of confidence in the Canadian House of Commons, are the phases of the Canadian conscription crisis.

My Samoan Chief, by Fay G. Calkins (Doubleday). A pleasant and informal story of an American with Puritan ancestors who married a Samoan studying government administration. The story of a young wife, embroiled with a large family, living a warm communal life, raising her six children in a village where all property belonged to the tribe, and possessions were inevitably borrowed, and gifts always shared, is told with humour and unself-consciousness.

Roots and Stars, reflections on the past by Lady C. C. Vyvan (P. Owen). The author's roots are in Cornwall, but her wanderlust, love of solitude and of "listening to the silence of the stars" have taken her on adventures in many lands. Here she tells the story of her childhood and youth; the awakening sense of that intense interest in nature which was to enrich her whole life; her delighted discovery of the world of books; and the circumstances of an Edwardian girl until she escaped into social work in London, and beckoned by the freedom of still wider horizons, her experiences in places as far apart as Ithaca and New Zealand.

Anger and After, a guide to the new British drama, by John Russell Taylor (Methuen). A welcome and well-balanced survey of a subject which has attracted more publicity than criticism. Mr. Taylor started with John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, and demonstrates the revolutionary effect which this play has produced on the dramatic taste and current assumptions of the theatre crowd. The author studies Arnold Wesker, John Arden, Henry Livings, Shelagh Delaney and Anne Jellicoe. He studies Harold Pinter minutely and considers him to be the playwright who possesses the most impressive potentialities of all.

Dear Mr. Editor

CRITICIZES SALE OF PARK LAND ON NEWKIRK RD.

Dear Mr. Editor:
It would perhaps be helpful if some member of town council, or even a member of the parks board, would explain just what is the purpose behind zoning.

As a residential property owner in the district affected by the proposed sale of park land on Newkirk Road, I would point out that the strip was shown on the original subdivision plans and it was suggested that since it was zoned as parkland, potential home buyers had some degree of assurance that it would remain so and that it would partially shield the residential area from the industrial plants on the other side of Newkirk.

I believe our elected representatives have a duty to protect the interests of all taxpayers. In particular circumstances such as this, it is their duty to consider the interests of each individual taxpayer, particularly when the probable eventual value of his property is involved.

There is no need in Richmond Hill for an increase in residential property; with consequently more children to add to the education load. The parks board members, with arrogant self-assurance, are convinced they know what is best for us all. Their opinion is apparently based on dollar philosophy rather than a feeling for the potential beauty of the town. This little strip of ground has real potential value for me. I can see a tall row of trees growing along Newkirk one day, with grass underneath for the children to play on.

The parks board sees nothing beyond the end of its common nose. By these "salami tactics" it will gradually take from us these strips of land which it has no right to take and lo! we shall have an urban slum before we realize what has been happening.

Something must be done by all interested residents to stop this trend before it has gone too far. One possible way might be to throw out the present town council and parks board lock, stock and barrel!

P. A. Sale
223 Beechey Drive,
Beverly Acres

OUR CIVIC LEADERS

Dear Mr. Editor:
O ungrateful Lewis Clement! Our mature, responsible and far-sighted civic leaders provide us with as fine a block of municipal offices as could be found anywhere - and all they get is a blast about "luxuries and frills".
Not one of that band of intelligent leaders would ever suggest that those offices were designed for the purpose of impressing potential locating industrialists. Our leaders well know the impression that Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, has upon anyone unfortunate enough to traverse its sleazy, sordid, ugly, chaotic and uncharacterless length. They realize that it takes more than fine offices to impress clients.
The ungrateful should re-read the last issue of "The Liberal". In that one issue there is ample proof of the intellect of our leaders: "... he is on a first name basis with heads of about eighty com-

panies" (Mr. Graham). What more can be required of a civic leader?
"... the board should try to create larger, more compact parks" (report of the parks and recreation board).
"... an interim plan was approved... in June 1961... Arrangements are being made to have this plan issued within the next few days" (Major W. F. A. Preston).

And in that last issue is pictorial proof of the goodly company kept by our mayor.
One can but hope that the electorate will keep such items in mind when casting their ballots in the near future.

Royston J. Packard,
246 Emerald Isle Court,
Richmond Hill.

MORE PROMISES FROM OUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Editor:
Last April the ratepayers of Richmond Hill were promised a million dollar hotel, and all the taxation relief which such a hotel would allegedly afford the town. It was stated categorically that the land was already secured by "a firm offer to purchase", and the engineers had determined that services were adequate, and where they were not the syndicate building the hotel was prepared to contribute to the town the amount required for installation. Construction, it was stated categorically, would begin in June; and would be finished for this Christmas.

Now the same council promises us a multi-million dollar industrial development north of Elgin Mills Sideroad, new millions of debt to install the services, and, of course a large tax yield. And on top of this we are being led to believe that we will get our million dollar hotel as a sort of bonus, with a new promoter, a new site, a new design, a new name, but still the same fabulous tax yield. And while all of these great promises are being considered and the tax rate goes up and up. The local tax rate for the town has increased more during the last four years than the education tax. This is contrary to popular belief.

It is my conviction that what this town needs to stay its climbing tax rate is not some promotion scheme. Every scheme this town has known in the last eight years has ended with a greater debt and greater taxes. What we need is more modest ideas, and a real down-to-earth careful administration. This is the kind of administration I will support for the town if I am elected to represent ward one as a councillor this election day.

Walter Scudts
295 Blue Grass Blvd.,
Beverly Acres

PROTESTS SALE OF NEWKIRK GREENBELT

Dear Mr. Editor:
The proposal by the town parks board to sell the Newkirk greenbelt property for housing will create a very unpleasant situation for the people of Richmond Hill.

This is the ONLY park in the area. Children cannot possibly use Crosby Heights School as a playground since the access to the grounds is locked after school and weekends.
The most terrifying aspect of the proposal is not the loss of the only park in the area but rather the cost of providing schooling for the children who eventually would move into the houses. I say eventually because at the present time there are over 800 empty houses in the metro area and countless more in York County.

Even if it is a good idea to do away with the only park in the area, this is a very undesirable street for homes, fronting on a busy industrial road and facing factories and railroad tracks. The houses would have to be of the minimum standard if they are to sell. This type of house has a rather small investment.

Where is the money going to come from for classrooms for the youngsters? Beverly Acres School has burst into portables and Crosby Heights already has lost much of its yard to its "additions".

We need our park. I hope our town council realizes it too. Mrs. Betty O'Rourke,
233 Axminster Drive,
Beverly, Acres

ELECTING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Mr. Editor:
Many thanks or your editorial "Free Expression of Opinion" in your November 1st issue. People do need reminding on taking public office will keep it in mind. The voice of the minority could be worth attention as the minority is not always wrong.
Regarding the transfer of Beverly Acres kindergarten children, please allow me to share with others the knowledge I have acquired during the prolonged protest. I feel it necessary to write this letter as the main purpose of prolonging the protest seems to have been lost among a lot of useless talk. The purpose was to make the public aware of the authority of the public school board, and the responsibility in electing people worthy of that authority.

Under the present system it is of no use to choose a home because of the proximity to the school, even if it is next door, because you cannot be sure that that is the school your child will attend. The public school board decides that for you.

Anyone who has the desire may run for trustee of the public school board as the position is unpaid and requires no particular qualifications, even though it involves one of the most important tasks there is. This is providing adequate places of education and approving the contracts of the teachers, thus affecting the future of our children and ultimately the country.

A public school board is responsible for the maintenance of the schools, the care of the school grounds, the planning for adequate space for future needs, etc. If the calculations do not

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No Rush For Reservations

Early this year Richmond Hill Town Council asked for a vote of the people on the question of local option in the sale of liquor in dining rooms and cocktail bars. The vote was rushed through with the maximum of haste and in a close vote the voters approved the granting of licences to dining lounges and cocktail bars. A strong argument advanced was that a "yes" vote would mean the immediate construction of a million dollar hotel and an additional tax revenue of \$35,000.

Advocates of a "yes" vote told in glowing terms of the many benefits to be derived by the town from the million dollar hotel. According to arguments heard Richmond Hill was to become a great convention centre and the amenities made available by this new hotel would solve our problem of needed industrial development. There were many who cautioned that council putting the people to the trouble and expense of a vote should have some firm undertaking or guarantee that if the people voted "yes" the prestige hotel would be erected here. Those who advocated such caution as just plain ordinary good business sense were scoffed at and ridiculed as stumbling blocks in the way of progress.

This now is November and the first hearing of applications for liquor licences is scheduled for November 22nd. The significant fact is that despite all the glowing pictures and convincing arguments of last spring there is no application for a licence for any kind of a hotel in

Richmond Hill.
As a result of the forthcoming hearing of the Ontario Liquor Licence Board Richmond Hill may have five licences for the sale of liquor by the glass but none will be for a hotel.

This week representations were made to town council about another proposed hotel on a new site on Industrial Road and statements made that it is hoped to start construction sometime next spring or summer. There are well confirmed rumors of plans for still another hotel in town but whether or not they will come to completion is just a matter of guesswork.

Richmond Hill is a town of 17,000 population surrounded by a heavily populated area and now that the people have voted in favor of licensing it certainly is a logical location for a hotel. We would welcome the facilities and services of a good hotel and expect that in the not too distant future the municipality will have not one but two or three hotels. However after the experience of the past summer we are keeping our fingers crossed and will refrain from making any table reservations until we see the hotels actually under construction. To erect a hotel in Richmond Hill now all that is required is conformity with building and zoning regulations and a standard to meet requirements of the provincial licensing authority and of course the necessary financing. The time to effectively bargain for a really prestige hotel was before the granting of the vote.

Seek Volunteers

The community campaign for the hospital appeal is now under way. Many canvassers have volunteered, but many more are required for the completion of the every home canvass. The work is well organized and only a few calls are asked of each volunteer.
This is a fine opportunity to share in a great community effort to

provide here the badly needed hospital beds to take care of our ill and injured. The response to date has been most gratifying and the campaign committee wants to make every one who has an opportunity to give. If you can help, call the community chairman R. D. Little, phone TU. 4-3736.

Second Thoughts...

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Richmond Hill's Parks Board recommends that we sell our greenbelt area and use the money to create "larger, more compact parks." Yes, the greenbelt's got to go; this trick will need a green girdle!

Radio-astronomy probing of space has failed to reveal any signs of intelligence on other planets according to a U. of T. professor... And if Earth radio reaches other planets they could easily make the same conclusion.

White students at the University of Mississippi have been warned that future racial disturbances could result in their expulsion... And blacklisting?

We didn't see anything about it in the papers but there must have been quite a frost in England last Friday when publishing professor Roy Thomson announced his \$14,000,000 NON-Profit journalistic-assistance fund for emerging African nations.

As a result of the recent switch to dial telephones, Stouffville's solitary police cruiser is being equipped with a two-way radio... Like, stereo?

Among the pages we've never turned to, was page 21 of the Star on the day the crime probe ended. A small box on the front page announced that the probe was over — after 2,600,000 words, and — "For full details see page 21"

The executive director of Metro's family services association (a woman) has called upon women to declare war on poverty... That's all they EVER need; a poor excuse.

Toronto has passed a by-law giving it the right to control excessive noise from cars and trucks anywhere in the city — except on the streets... Well, that's certainly one for the books!

... and won't the Russians be surprised when the pictures from their Mars probe reveal that the Americans got there first, and all those mysterious Martian "canals" are actually, free ways.

(. . . and) Let's hope none of the Toronto papers notice that change in our bus schedule for Thursday and Friday nights when the extra late 8.40 bus will be discontinued... "Up on The Hill where Jack Paar is STILL the late-late show..."