Annexation

The suggestion has again been made that Richmond Hill annex more land. Either by design or by coincidence the matter has been raised on three separate occasions. It was first raised by Planning Director Harold Deeks in a speech to the Rotary Club on January 14. It was again raised by Ward 2 Councillor Alex Campbell at a meeting of council on January 28. This was followed by the appearance of Toronto land developer Mr. Murray Mehlman before the planning board on January 29.

The land in question covers approximately 260 acres lying north of the Elgin Mills Sideroad between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue. Mr. Mehlman's annexation scheme was first discussed at a secret meeting of council last October 1. The 1962 council authorized the preparation of an engineering survey of the annexa-

Before it can even attempt to make an intelligent assessment of Mr. Mehlman's proposal council will require a great deal of information and in conjunction with its officials make a thorough investigation of the whole scheme.

One question should be answered at the very offset. Has Mr. Mehlman some industries that are ready and willing to locate in Richmond Hill, or does he simply want the land annexed in the hope it can be sold later?

The major expenditure in developing the annexed area would be in providing the necessary services. In the past this expense has been borne by the developer without any cost to the present property owners. It is expected sewage facilities for the annexed area would be connected to the existing sanitary sewer system. The present system, however, can only receive a limited flow of sewage from an industrial area. The residential sewers in Beverley Acres are already over-capacitated. The sewers for the industrial area would connect into the present system at four points, Ohio Road, Newkirk Road, Blue Grass Boulevard and Neal Drive.

It is estimated it would cost at least \$150,000.00 to provide reserve capacities in the present residential sewage system. Who would be called upon to bear this cost? The people of Richmond Hill or the developer?

Any annexation scheme presents many questions and problems. Sometimes the problems remain to haunt the municipality for many years after the actual annexation takes place. One thing Richmond Hill doesn't want is some grand speculative annexation scheme at the expense of the present property owners.

Day of Accomplishment

We wish to congratulate those responsible for the organization of the seminar on the emotionally handicapped child held in Newmarket recently. Designed for the benefit of teachers, public school inspectors and superintendents, public health nurses and school board members in York County, the seminar was addressed by a number of outstanding experts in this field. All stressed early recognition and proper attitudes on the part of the teachers and parents as important in the successful treatment of children with emotional handicaps. In this regard, classrooms in York County schools are bound to benefit greatly from the Newmarket seminar.

Such an undertaking on the part of the York County Mental Health Association is further evidence, if any were needed, of the value of this organization and its clinic to our community. A report in a Toronto daily on a recent address by our Provincial

Health Minister was headlined "Dymond Assails Public Apathy to Mentally Sick". York County residents may take pride in the fact that in their support of one of the first mental health clinics of its kind in the province, they are helping to spearhead a drive to overcome this apparent indifference to one of our major health problems.

We are fortunate indeed to have busy men of ability such as Mr. Russell MacDonald, Vaughan Township elementary school inspector, devoting their time and talents to the organization of a project such as the Newmarket seminar. Mr. MacDonald is Chairman of the Y.C.M.H.A. Education Committee. We are fortunate, too, to have as teachers for our children a group of such dedicated people, interested enough in their pupils to turn out in such large numbers and spend a full day, unpaid, in learning how to help them more fully.

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Sincerely yours,

R.R. 2, King.

Robert C. Ritchie, M.D.

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"Dear Mr. Editor"

ENJOYS NEW OUTDOOR pate in on a competitive and er of a football on the windequal basis with the more for-shield stating something about COLUMN Dear Mr. Editor. tunate. Constant legislation "Argos pulling together." I had It was gratifying to read without a constructive commen-reason later on that afternoon "Outdoors with John Power" tary like John Powers might to return and make a note of

Respectfully,

Thornhill.

n this week's Liberal. He cer-endanger this sport critically. the licence number of the car. ainly should be commended Hoping to read further artic- About half an hour later, my or his fine article. So many les by Mr. Powers, or a re-run 14-year-old son brought to me well meaning but ill-advised of the same at some future date one of his fancy pigeons. It had and short sighted folk are con-might enlighten many of your been found recently dead on tantly crusading anti-gun leg-readers.

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wners, the biggest killer there years). s today. I know from being a pistol shooter what he has list- HEARTLESS HUNTERS with fresh blood. And in the ened to and how people think. Dear Mr. Editor:

centre of the patch was a bullet If these same people could see On the Saturday afternoon hole! crippled, malformed and para-before New Year's I returned Boot prints in the snow in

plegics shooting a pistol for to our farm home at about 2.30 our woods nearby matched sport in a revolver match they p.m. and noticed a grey con-those prints which we observed might think differently. Many vertible parked a little way around the grey convertible of these boys fought for this down the sideroad. It was obvi- heavily ribbed across the heel country and this is the only ac-ously the property of someone and the ball of the foot. tive sport that they can partici- of means and had a large stick- It must have been abundantly bird was domesticated and a

In Pears Gone By Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal",

the home paper of this district since 1878. William Harrison, Richmond to me and I would teach him only that, it was sitting on a

Hill's second reeve, and a pro- how to say it. minent citizen and well known At the end of the Good Fri- wire-netting enclosure. nistorian writing in an early is- day program I called on him sue of "The Liberal" told of for the closing address.

his experiences as Sunday Making his best bow and with was whether or not my boy was school superintendent at the great emphasis on the last sen-Methodist church for forty tence he delivered the follow-ly is, tending to the pigeons

This is how he told the story Mr. Chairman, Ladies and We grieve for the bird, but I of the first public address by Gentlemen: Finally brethren, am relieved that I did not have one who was to win promin-Whatsoever things are honest, to find it while looking for a ence in the field of national Whatsoever things are just, son who might have been misspolitics. Mr. Harrison wrote: Whatsoever things are pure, ing. After all, he is a larger 'At one of our Sunday school Whatsoever things are lovely, target than a bird. oncerts a great Canadian made Whatsoever things are of good engaged in preparations for the lift there be any praise, Think report, If there be any virtue,

Good Friday evening, I noticed on these things. Returning with another ela- AURORA : Ron Wilbur, Frank very little lad belonging to he infant class hovering a borate and impressive bow he Wims, and John Cheley were ound my chair and I asked brought down the house with elected recently to fill three

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Anxious to please and willing public life. He became Deputy- QUEENSVILLE : Rev. Norman o humour the little fellow I Postmaster General for Canada Rowan has arrived in Queensold him to look up and learn and was known far and wide as ville to take up the pastorates he 8th verse of the 4th Chap- a famous orator. He was Dr. of Maple Hill and Queensville er of Phillipians, and to come Robert Coulter."



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Book Reviews From The Richmond Hill Public Library

This week we devote this lectual, the salon leader, and column to reviews of new bio- the courtesan. Especially vivid graphical books added to the are her portraits of theatrical Library's collection. people such as Tristan Bernard Joan Sutherland, by Russell and Lucien Guitry. Highly rec-

Braddon (Collins). Miss Suther- ommended. land's many admirers will wel- The Baroness and the Genercome this account of her rise al, by Louise Tharp (Little). to fame as a prima donna, a Mrs. Tharp presents two littletriumph of hard work over con-known characters and illumintinual ill-health. This telling ates the part played by German of her transformation from a soldiers in the American Revogeneral operatic singer to a lution. The Baroness van Riedspecialist in bel canto, makes esel as the wife of the general fascinating reading. Mr. Brad- in charge of troops rented to don, also born in Australia, has George III of England, followed had the benefit of close and ex- her husband to Canada where tended consultation with Miss he served under Burgoyne. Sutherland, and with Mr. Neither battles, captivity, In-Bonynge, her husband and dians, exposure, nor childbirth defeated her purpose to make a

Mark of the Lion, the story home for her husband wherever of Capt. Charles Upham, by he was. Frederika charmed Kenneth Sandford (Hutchinson), German and English soldiers Captain Upham is unique in and officers as well as the Ammilitary history as the only com- ericans she met, and Mrs. Tharp batant to win two Victoria cross- translates that appeal to the es. An exceedingly modest man, present audience,

his consent to this biography Uneasy Lies the Head: the was granted reluctantly. He was autobiography of Hussein I of among the first to volunteer in the Hasemite kingdom of Jorhis native New Zealand in 1939, dan. (Heinemann). An apt title and his personality, strength of was chosen for this fast-moving will and complete dedication to memoir of the young Middle the task in hand soon brought Eastern monarch. Attempts on promotion and active service in his life via airplanes and acid, the Middle East. The author, assassinations of those around a novelist, who served in the him, intrigues and revolts - all New Zealand forces, has fash- are recounted to form a story ioned an intensely personal that puts the average thriller

story of unflagging interest. to shame. Hussein's early years Elegant Wits and Grand Hor- are here: Harrow, Sandhurst, izontals, by Cornelia Otis Skin- and the influence of a remarkner (Houghton). Paris in the able grandfather. Interspersed 90's is the setting of Miss Skin- with the action are straightforner's gay book. In a style rem- ward statements of Jordan's iniscent of her famous mono-stand against communism and logues, she brings to life the the Arab viewpoint on Palespersonalities of the high society tine and the refugee problem. of "La Belle Epoque", the intel- A fascinating autobiography.

The Weather

The weather is a subject that Is good for conversation In ships at sea on planes and trains In this and every nation, This year old England has become Our Lady Of The Snows While down in Florida they wept As grapefruit slowly froze.

The middle west has battled with Some months of flood and ice; The western plains have had some rains That cost a pretty price; Hawaii has a hurricane; Vancouver's piled with snow; Hoar frost is on the Rio Grande; In France it's ten below.

The weatherman just shakes his head. And looks far out to sea; "Just blame it on this Nuclear storm, But, Brother, don't blame me." - Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts ... by George Mayes

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Richmond Hill curlers who "celebrated" Robbie Burns night by winning a Canada Dry Trophy don't seem to have fully grasped the spirit of the occasion.

And with curling becoming popular right down to California, we like this definition of the sport: Grown-ups using freezy kid-stuff.

Toronto school children are going to get a Reading Improvement Clinic - even though their regular teachers have a team of 12 experts to assist them in teaching the modern reading methods. The clinic will have two more - presumably super - experts ... Probably Dick and Jane in person.

Perry Moss, suddenly-fired coach and general with a pattern of pale brown manager of the Montreal Alouettes, is described as "a well-travelled American" . . . And not necessarily the head was a curled crest. Not through choice!

> A report on Richmond Hill's increased snacktruck license fees from \$30 to \$125 says: The town is served by three trucks registered to non-resident owners Is, or was?

> "99% of all home cooking these days involves the opening of cans," says a South Peel Educational Director in defending the home-ec use of canned soups and cake-mixes . . . And if it isn't one can, it's another — the garbage can.

Whipper Billy Watson must have figured the out free of charge to any person who may be in need Progressive Conservatives are really on the ropes when they tried to tag him with the party nomination for York North. They may call him "The Whip" but he's not cracked!

The O'Keefe Brewing Co. has canceled plans for | cause in the community, regardless of what type of a \$10 million brewery in Scarboro because the 21acre site was too small -- they need 40 acres. If our planning board has 40 acres available they could go after the plant with the selling feature that O'Keefe's could pipe their stuff downhill right into the Toronto

Speaking on a teen panel, a Toronto psychiatrist | deavour to give aid. (The C. P. & T. programme was says: "Going steady might be a good way to prepare for marriage" . . . It might be a way, but not always "good".

From a Telegram story on "Jack" Fraser: The new president of the Canadian National Ex- order. hibition was out in rubber boots at 9 a.m. yesterday helping thaw out frozen water pipes in the barn of his Streetsville farm.

Three hours later, in dark suit and tie, he was aid in more needy cases. In the last year and a half behind his desk at the C.N.E. . . . Trying to think of an alibi.

News heading in the Star: TORONTO MEN TO OPEN WAX MUSEUM IN FLORIDA . . . Well re- orders live in our area with many members living frigerated, we hope.

Have You Read These? The Music Box... By W. Ray Stephens

Of Frills and Fings

We are all aware of the meaning of 'frills' with regards to education and, quite naturally, our concern is with the musical "poppycock' end of the matter. On January 26 I spent the

day at Cooksville T. L. Kennedy High School, where several hundreds of Ontario music educators spent their time in improving their knowledge of one of the frill subjects. It seems strange that despite the fact that most of these educators teach other subjects such as History, Science, etc., they seldom seem to gather in such crowds for the betterment of any subject but music. Are there any other similar educational associations devoting their spare time to the improvement of their special subject as do the music educators? This convention was the Ontario Music Educators Association. It covered choral, band and orchestral methods and music.

about asking Premier Robarts a question and he will give you an answer. This particular question came from someone at Uxbridge and as usual with radio quesno exception and without any too much decoration he asked "Why wuz so much spent on frills in edycation when them kids should be doing them other things schools is for?" The word music wasn't specified and it was quite evident the speaker's knowledge of anything let alone music was limited. Mr. Robarts never-the-less proceeded to apologize for the frills and went on to assure Mr. 'Wuz' that these frills such as sports, music, driving, cooking, reading, etc., were definitely relegated to the rear end of daily studies. In the U.S. of course the music classes are established in a very big way as part of the routine studies

education is getting bigger and bigger every year. You'd be surprised if you were told that the biggest business of all others in the U.S.A. is the music and musical instrument. That's a fact. It heads the list of types.

Another name should be employed for the use of specifying frills. This might assist the many Mr. Wuz's to appreciate the effort being made by educators in these fields. Max Ferguson recently on his morning radio show poked fun at everyone from the U.S.A. sticking their noses into our nuclear situation and he portrayed an Idaho potato farmer holding a press interview about what he felt Canada should do So The other morning I heard it is with the frill subjects. on the radio a short report Many who make comment shouldn't and many who should don't but still the premier of a province should not make excuses for educa-

The O.M.E.A. Convention tionnaires the characters was a good one and the band chosen to put forth the quer- of the RCAF was in attend- the percussion section of the ies are quite intelligent so ance playing a programme RCAF Band alone. Still say the most. This one was of new material for high that's a pretty big percussion school and band in general. Now this is not only a good I've ever heard and believe me I've heard nearly all. This band comes quite often to our high schools here in Richmond Hill and district so the next time they do come along please listen to one of the best in the world. He's nuts, you say - well after all just how good can a musician get and how good can a group get? For years I spoke of the CBC Symphony as one of the greatest for in my line of promotion had plenty opportunity to hear them at all times. When I mentioned this fact to folks who were also in the same game it was usually with a and it is well realized by any certain amount of reserve

Rambling Around

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

LET'S GO BACK FIFTY YEARS

IN COMMUNITY LIVING

ed by all the voters together assembled in town meet-

ings. There, they elected officers, decided what im-

provements they needed and could afford to make,

divided up the work and rendered judgements in dis-

putes. As the country grew, and the towns began

to act together on matters of common concern, they

set up a central representative government. Since all

the citizens could not travel the distance, or even meet

in one place when they got there, each settlement

sent at least two citizens to speak for their neigh-

bors. Rivalry between the towns, sometimes friend-

ly, sometimes most unfriendly, was one of the things

that drew people closer together. Few could imagine

feeling about the township or county as they did ab-

out their community. Even today, few think of the

nation or even the province as their community.

Many in the district will remember when the com-

munities in this area were much smaller than they

are now. Size seems to have some bearing on how

one feels about his community. It would be inter-

esting to hear the opinions of people who have watch-

ed the phenomenal growth of population in the areas

of their own communities and how it has affected

their outlook toward them. (Letters should be sent

THE GREAT HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMES OF

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS

AND THE REBEKAH LODGES

There are some 250 service groups located within

the province from Sioux Lookout to Cornwall and

from Windsor to Kapuskasing. The majority of these

service groups of the I.O.O.F. and the Rebekah lodges

have hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches

and kindred hospital equipment available to be loaned

of such aid. The Oddfellows and Rebekahs have

close to 2,000 hospital beds, 3,000 wheel chairs and

several thousand pairs of crutches in constant use

across the province. In addition to this programme,

they extend their services by aiding any worthy

asssistance such cases may involve. Wherever

homes have been stricken by the dreadful diseases

such as cancer, polio or tuberculosis, the groups have

gone forward to do whatever could be done to help.

Quite often when a parent suffers any of the above

diseases, the remaining family is often in real need,

and in such a home, the I.O.O.F. and Rebekahs en-

originated by Wilfred Dean, reeve of Markham Town-

of the thousands upon thousands of dollars expended

in this work comes within the memberships of the

sponsor something in their communities to raise ad-

ditional funds to purchase hospital equipment and to

the local lodges of Northcrest and Northview have

supplied emergency materials in cases of fire in the

(Continued on page 5)

Some of the committee members of these local

Richvale and Richmond Hill area."

It may be clearly stated that a very large portion

"Occasionally," said Mr. Bailey, "our groups will

ship in 1946.)

to E. Kelson, 207 Centre St., Thornhill.)

a member of Northcrest for five years.

In pioneer days, the public business was conduct-

clear minded Canadian that they agreed, then last year sooner or later this method the great Stravinsky conwill be established here in ducted and said 'This is one Canadian schools on the of the world's greatest orsame basis. It isn't that we chestras'. I could have told copy from the U.S.A. but him that and now I'm saying simply the influence of Am- the same about the RCAF erican ways gradually envel- Band under F/O Ted Robops us and this field of music bins many of whose musicians live here in Richmond The T. L. Kennedy High School in Cooksville appears

to be one of Canada's most monumental efforts in an educational building and have not been impressed so much by any other. Of course I have not seen too many apart from Bayview and Richmond Hill High Schools and despite my continual cries for better facilities and 'frill' subjects we would do well not to copy the T. L. Kennedy affair for size and expense. The gymnasium could well double for an armoury complete with transport and troops. I'm sure that regulation football can be played there. There was a lovely auditorium, though not the best I've seen, but still it was about right. One wonders just how these places are built and who decides on what should and should not be included. Despite the size of the stage it was only big enough for section and when they appear here next time some arrangements should be made to bring the complete five or six man percussion crew and their equipment along. You could spend an entire performance just watching these experts move quietly from part to part giving out with as perfect a performance as anyone could

tors - well they naturally light

musicians when they get together and this is an association to be proud of. One to join and learn from the experts and believe me there are many. I met one disgruntled music supervisor who has found the journey too tough on him and is now preparing himself for position of principal. Teaching a frill subject requires patience and perseverance and there are quite a few who give it up in order to teach a general subject just to get out from under the pressure. Most however carry on with

had a good time as do all

preciation of it. Pleasantville Home and

music education and we are

daily hearing of outstanding

examples of accomplish-

ments for the sake of the

culture and the everyday ap-

School Association This also comes under the heading of music because on Friday night, February 8th the parents are having their annual get together for a dance etc. Mr. Peter Whittall the 'Mr. Fix It' of TV fame will be the master of ceremonies, since this after all is his school. There will be another appearance of the Cabaret Quintet made up of two Pleasantville fathers and three others, one from Richmond Hill, Mr. Phil Barnes by name, who will appear at the Lowrey Organ (kind permission of Mundinger Studios), Richard Parks, who recently played the Trumpet Voluntary at the orchestral concert will give a little Al Hirt effect this time. So if you like the good jazz be sure to turn up. Also Midmer Dance Studios will be putting on a few acts from their repertoire. I recently mentioned this group and their TV performance and this To get back to the educa- will also be another high-

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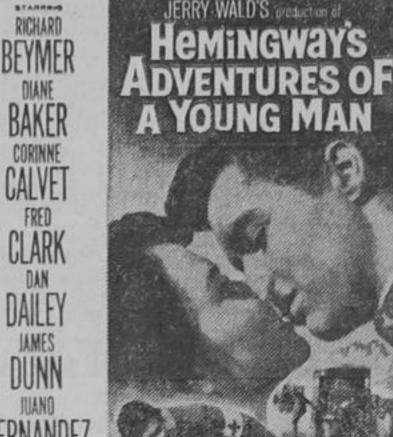
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8.50; Mon., Tues., Wed. at 6.45 and 9.20