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Education Tax Dollars

Concerned with the rising cost of education, a group of Markham Township residents living within the boundaries of School Area No. 3 recently met with representatives of their public school board and the York Central District High School Board.

Markham Township taxpayers served by the York Central Board have every reason to be concerned about the rising cost of secondary school education. Of the four municipalities in the high school district Markham received the greatest tax increase this year. Markham's share of the high school district jumped 7.15 mills. This was followed by somewhat smaller increases in the other municipalities of Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Woodbridge.

High School Board Chairman Robert Ross said the 1963 budget is up slightly over 20% while enrollment has increased 16% and teachers salaries 24%. Last year teachers' salaries accounted for 54% of the budget. This year it will be 56%. The most disturbing part of Mr. Ross's remarks were that he could not offer any hope of a decrease in the future budget requirements of the board and that provincial grants will take care of only 28% of the budget this year. In 1962 the province's contribution amounted to 29%. Obviously the present grant system of the Roberts Government is quite inadequate, with the main burden of the cost of education falling on the already hard-pressed municipal taxpayer.

The vast expansion of the educational requirements of this decade demand that every education dollar be spent on education. Mr. Ross estimated enrolment in the high school district will increase every year until 1969-70 when it will practically double itself. We shall have no money to spare at any level of government for frills however desirable in themselves such frills may be. The frills must give way for classrooms, laboratories and qualified instructors.

During the present population explosion, the major emphasis in any school system should be on these basics. Building, administrative and operational costs should be carefully screened and regulated. In that way hard-earned tax dollars will be put to use educating our children. The councils for their part are often too ready to blame the rising level of taxation on the school boards. The councils, however, can show their good faith by regulating the cost of local government, calling a halt to residential development, and encouraging added industrial assessment.

The battle to keep taxes at a reasonable level must be a joint effort by both councils and school boards working in harmony.

Regional Planning

North York Township Reeve Norman Goodhead recently called for strong leadership at the Ontario Government level to provide proper planning control and also tax incentives to owners who maintain productive agricultural lands. He said uncontrolled development is continually eating up this province's fertile agricultural areas while land unsuitable for agriculture is allowed to lie dormant and unproductive.

Reeve Goodhead advocates that satellite towns and cities be developed in a radius of 50 to 100 miles from Metropolitan Toronto, in areas unsuited for agriculture.

He said the province has all the agencies needed to plan and stimulate such development. There is an unlimited supply of fresh water, a good system of modern highways and ample rail facilities. The plan could help eliminate air and water pollution, he claims. The cities and towns would be located in desirable residential environments, surrounded with open green areas.

Among areas ideal for industry, commerce, and residential living he listed Caledon Hills, Forks of the Credit River, Muskoka, Orillia, Haliburton and the Kawartha, as well as the sand hills across the middle of York and Ontario Counties. He suggested future satellite cities and towns could be tied together with belts of services so surrounding farm areas would be maintained under reasonable economic conditions and tax free arrangements.

Try The Bruce Trail

Should you want to hike along Canada's longest nature trail this summer you will be able to use about 150 miles of the Bruce Trail from Niagara Falls to Tobermory in the Bruce Peninsula, says the Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston, Massachusetts.

The American publication calls the 280-mile long Bruce Trail a significant signpost in the growing "back to nature" movement among North American vacationers.

The trail follows a rock escarpment which is the north-eastern edge of an ancient polar sea. It is a hilly region of farmland and forest, with breathtaking vistas of hidden valleys and blue water bays.

Glaciers have left innumerable fossil deposits in the rich limestone ground. A varied life has grown up along the ancient seashore, with cool greens, sparkling waterfalls, and an abundance of wild life.

The Bruce Trail was started by conservation authorities, field naturalists clubs, youth organizations, and people interested in preserving some of Canada's natural beauty for future generations. It is being operated on the basis of private landowners opening their grounds to hikers.

As landowners come to agreement with the organizers, signs are being erected at nearby highways pointing to the nearest access spot for the trail. The Canadian Youth Hostel Association has facilities

near Collingwood, and plans call for camping spots every 10 to 15 miles along the route.

The southern 12 miles of the Bruce Trail are laid out near Queenston and access points will be established near Milton, Georgetown, Belfountain, Cheltenham, Credit Forks and Glen Cross. Farther north the trail passes Primrose, Horning Mills, Honeywood, Dunedin, Glen Huron and Singhampton, where it turns westward past Craigleith and Devils Glen. From rugged terrain between Owen Sound and Warton the blue waters of Georgian Bay are visible with many small waterfalls in this area. Past Warton the escarpment continues to Tobermory. At Cape Croker the Indians have laid out more than 20 miles of the trail through their spectacular scenic countryside.

Hikers are required to close gates, clean up picnic sites and not to disturb grazing cattle.

The Bruce Trail is to be completed by 1967, Canada's centennial year. Work was started on it two years ago, and each year sees more of it open to hikers, bird-watchers, painters, naturalists and just plain sightseers with cameras and binoculars who want to get away for a while from the busy highways.

Are you looking for something different to do on your vacation this year? Why not take a tip from our American cousins and walk a few miles along this lovely nature trail?

Have You Read These?

BY RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BD.

Here's a recipe for a hot day: take your favourite chair and place under a shady tree, add a refreshing beverage, and relax with a book from the Library.

The Great Hunger by Cecil Woodham-Smith (Mussion) The Irish Famine of 1845-49, by its very nature a terrible and controversial subject, is described with understanding and compassion, and is analysed in this study which is the result of nine years' research in two continents. It shows how the famine later affected some aspects of international understanding for the Irish refugees who emigrated to the United States and Canada took with them a bitter resentment which tions of public in the generaly influenced some sections that followed.

Douglas Haig, the educated soldier, by John Terraine (Hutchison) Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British army in France from December 1915 to 1918 has often been criticized as a wasteful and inefficient general. Mr. Terraine, already a distinguished military writer, has produced in this military biography, a very able defence. He throws much light on the controversial battles of the Somme and Passchendaele, in 1916-17, and stresses the importance of Haig's role in the offensives of 1918. Mr. Terraine contends that, in view of British inexperience and the lack of technical means to overcome German defences cheaply, heavy losses were unavoidable. A very valuable but not a definitive biography.

The Corridor, by Edmund Fuller (Random House) The author brings into reality the theme necessity of literature to

portray the dignity of man realistically. As his wife fights for her life after a pregnancy complication, Malcolm Adamson paces the hospital corridor and reviews their marriage. In a deft weaving together of Adamson's present situation and his memories, Fuller draws a picture of the growth through both error and love of an abiding union.

Night and Silence, Who Is Here? by Pamela Hansford Johnson. (Scribner) In a light, amusing comedy, a noted English novelist satirizes manners and morals among research scholars in a New England liberal arts college and among the Eastern rich through the person of a gay and somewhat irresponsible visiting Fellow from England named Matthew Pryar. Pryar's difficulties with American eating, drinking, and living habits, with the press, and with departmental politics create laughable complications. His personal quest for satisfying, remunerative work is happily solved in the end with the prospect of marriage to an aging but eligible rich American.

Photo Finish, an adventure in biography in three acts, by Peter Ustinov. (Little) The cultivated wit which characterized the author's Romanoff and Juliet, reappears here in a witty assessment of the battles of the sexes and the difficulty of understanding the generations. A very old writer entertains in his sickroom young, middle-aged, and elderly together with the intimates of these periods in his past and reappraises his life.

Summer hours unchanged Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday 9 to 6 Closed Wednesday

Sorry, I Forgot

He knows the why, the when and the where Of Washington's crossing the Delaware. He can tell you the year, and the very morn, When Mary, Queen of the Scots, was born. He can name a song when you play a chord, And total the goals that the "Rocket" scored; He remembers the weather in "thirty-two", And the date of the battle of Waterloo. He can name for years the parties in power, And quote from Shakespeare hour by hour. Dates are his forte, but sad to say, He always forgets his wife's birthday!

Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts...

By George Mayes

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

\$18,000!! How Liberal can a government get?

There's another CTV mixture of gasoline and alcohol in the co-sponsoring of this fall's football games by B-A and Labatt's. And then, when Imperial and Molson's take over for the hockey season, we can all switch to winter grade.

From the August 3 Star Weekly cover: More About Liz Taylor: She's going to take up knitting! ... Up until now she's only been casting off.

The old jail farm at Langstaff would be turned into a Pinocchio-type pleasure island for destructive adolescents if Toronto Controller Allan Lamport has his way. Lampy wants to fill the farm with equipment and buildings which the kids could destroy and wreck without fear of punishment - and that part would take all the pleasure out of it.

Soft drink manufacturers claim it's just a coincidence that their low-calorie drinks were "discovered" after sugar had doubled in price. That's really sweet-talkin' us, isn't it?

The new promoters of the Miss Canada contest promise that this year's contest will be different. They are trying to get Lorne Greene away from Bonanza to be a judge - possibly because the only different kind of a fight they could have on the show would be a gun fight.

Brendan Beehan is going to become a father - and reform! The hard-drinking Irish playwright says he plans to hold an initial celebration of the event and then go on the wagon to meet his new responsibilities. For Brendan, this could mean sobering up in time to help junior with his grade 13 homework.

India charged last week that China is again building up military strength along their border and warned of the danger of a new outbreak of fighting. So far, all the China-India "outbreaks of fighting" have been like those outbreaks between Liston and Patterson.

A survey of Canadian coffee-drinking habits has revealed the peculiarity that home-made coffee tends to increase in strength with the age of the housewife. Which could explain why so many young wives can never make coffee "like mother makes it".

Christine Keeler has contracted with a Danish film firm to star in *The Christine Keeler Story*. It will be a movie of her life. . . . In Sinerama?

Question Of The Week

When Richmond Hill's 90-year-old anti-noise bylaw is updated to cover modern conditions will council sneak in a clause limiting the noise from residents demanding it be enforced?



Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

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MORE ABOUT THE ART OF STORY-TELLING

... By Callie Israel

If a story is properly and convincingly told there should be no need to rehash it or discuss it with the child. Perhaps I am prejudiced in this because I never tell a story to teach a lesson. I despise "sweet little stories" with lessons or morals. Anyone who has read any folk tales will know that the values in these are usually sound, and despite the grim episodes which these sometimes contain, everything usually comes out as we would wish in the end. The child can usually grasp the point of the story without it being pointed out to him by the teller. This only insults his intelligence. If the child has failed to grasp it, then the story was not suited to his age group to begin with. Children love to act out a story after it has been told to them and this is a wonderful way to see if the child has understood it and will not spoil his enjoyment of the story as endless discussion often does.

Some parents object to the violence in folk tales and will only tell children the version in which Little Red Riding Hood's wolf does not eat grandmother. Unless the child is overly imaginative or has personality problems of some kind, this violence does not bother him. Think of the things they watch on TV, watch a group of five-year-olds playing with guns. I usually try to use a light tone of voice when I'm telling this part of a story and keep a smile on my face.

Some story-tellers have great success with dramatic gestures, changes of voice etc. when telling a story successfully. I find the well planned pause, the change of facial expression, the use of a loud or soft voice, works best with me to denote atmosphere in a story. I never change the difficult words in a story to easy ones so the child will understand them. I don't stop to explain things as I go along. Children are smarter than we think, and can understand words from the context.

As for humour in the story, children love it! Especially in a group! Story-telling is one of the few entertainments that children enjoy in a group. They watch TV alone, they read by themselves, even in the movies, the lights are out and the child is to all intents and purposes alone. But in a group listening to a story, he becomes part of the group. He laughs when they do, he shudders as others shudder, and he establishes a rapport with the others which he seldom does in any other situation. This prepares him to some extent for other audience groups in which he will be part of as an adult.

The difficulties of story-telling are few. It's easy to find a story to tell and a child or a group of children to tell it to. The greatest hurdle to be faced by would-be-story-tellers is their fear that they cannot do it and a self-consciousness that won't let them try. Once this has been overcome, the rest is easy. The rewards of story-telling are many and mostly personal. It is the best way that I know of establishing an easy relationship with a child or group of children. Not only that, but the research done by the story-teller in finding a story to tell, will reward him with a good background in folk-lore and in folk-literature which he would not likely get in any other way.

COTTAGE NEWS

The sudden appearance in the woods of a red bird with black wings and tail is one of the most startling things I know. It's almost dazzling brilliant red and black plumage outlined sharply against the dark green of summer foliage, is nothing less than startling to an observer who is sensitive to color contrasts. It is a remarkable red-letter day when one sees this gaudy reminder of what nature can do when she is in the mood to produce striking effects. The scarlet tanager spends little time in plain sight but spends much of his time in tree tops where he gives the observer only exasperatingly brief glimpses of his radiant apparel. His call note from these places is characteristic and emphatic. It is not unlike the robin's call. There is a lazy, drowsy buzz to this beautiful bird's voice which one can only liken to a giant bumblebee's; the unobtrusive music speaks of summer's peace and rest; soft zephyrs blowing over the hemlocks and pines and the tinkling shallows of woodland brooks.

In the early spring, the tanager is busy picking up grubs, ants, ground-beetles and earthworms. But as the season advances, he shows his preference for trees, and for the remainder of his stay, he is found in the woods and orchards. Here his chief occupation is hunting caterpillars. These leaf-rolling caterpillars, he carefully extracts from the rolled up leaves. He is also very destructive to the gypsy moth and beetles of all kinds. This bird is also known by other names such as black-winged redbird; firebird; Canada tanager or scarlet sparrow.

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Crosby Park Is Levelled

Crosby Park, which will be situated on a four acre lot on Crosby Road east of Newkirk, is being levelled at present. When Newkirk Road extension was built, part of the agreement with the contractor was that earth removed from the road allowance would be placed on the park site and levelled. However, at the time the road work was being done, the park land was too wet to permit the work to be undertaken. The earth was stockpiled on town property south of Centre St. East and Newkirk Road, and has now been moved to the park property where it has been spread and levelled. On July 29 Richmond Hill Town Council gave first and second readings to bylaw 1.118 which will authorize the borrowing of \$17,000 for acquiring the four acres of park land in the eastern part of town. This bylaw now requires Ontario Municipal Board approval before it can be given its third and final reading. Further development of the park area will have to await this approval. Next step will be to let out tenders for seeding, according to the parks board. The board also reports that nine dead trees in the central town park will be removed by the Richmond Hill Tree Service.

Aid For Smokers

Want to stop smoking? Have you tried many times and failed? Help in breaking the habit will be available in September.

Members of the medical staff of North York Branson Hospital have announced that starting September 15 a series of meetings will be held in Northview Heights Collegiate based on the renowned "5 Day Plan" to help smokers give up the habit.

The "5 Day Plan" is the product of a collaboration between Dr. J. Wayne McFarland, eminent research scientist and medical practitioner and E. J. Falkenberg, psychologist and social worker. In 1959 a test was conducted with a group of high school students in Massachusetts with outstanding success. Following this success the two men began to teach others their method and tens of thousands of smokers have given up the habit as a result.

The North York lectures will begin at Northview Heights Collegiate September 15 and will continue nightly until September 19. It is hoped that other seminars will be held throughout Metro.

Current public awareness of the dangers involved in smoking should make these lectures very popular.

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