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Water From Great Lakes Suggested By Professor

A water grid to serve inland Ontario, modelled after the Ontario Hydro system, was suggested by Dr. Herman Overgaard, head of the department of economics and business administration at Waterloo Lutheran University, when he spoke recently to the Kitchener-Waterloo Kiwanis Club.

His suggestion was a water pipeline from Georgian Bay to Kitchener and Waterloo, which he estimated would cost about \$20,000,000 - only five times the amount spent annually now on obtaining and treating water. A grid would insure that water would become cheaper instead of more expensive as time goes on and rationing of supplies each summer would be unnecessary.

Dr. Overgaard suggested the formation of a southwestern Ontario water district to finance a water grid system of trunk lines from the Great Lakes. He stated that a pipeline to London has already been approved. Many municipalities in Western Ontario suffering from scant or unpalatable supplies of water are hoping they will be permitted to tap into the London pipeline.

Inland communities now must rely on artesian wells as a source of water. Richmond Hill which lies between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe, two of the largest bodies of fresh water in Canada, will within a matter of weeks have five wells in operation - water restrictions which have been applied during the hot weather will be lifted when the number five wells come into production. Richmond Hill will then have sufficient water for its needs and to provide water for the new hospital, for commitments to Markham Township and for foreseeable development for a few years. Future wells and mains to bring the water into the town system may well cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000 or more, each. Each well will supply only a limited amount of water daily, whereas there is almost an unlimited supply in the Great Lakes.

Dr. Overgaard noted that seasonal shortages of water are getting more serious and there are indications that the whole of southwestern Ontario will be faced with a chronic shortage unless early action is taken to make available the vast reservoir of water from the lakes.

Jobs Needed

It now takes a lot more than a little reading, a little writing and a little arithmetic to pave the way to job security.

In the relatively short period of 10 years, the dramatic expansion of white collar jobs has revamped this country's entire employment structure. At the time of the 1951 census, there were 1,762,000 blue collar jobs and 1,690,000 white collar jobs. By 1961, blue collar was up 16 per cent to a little over 2,000,000 but white collar leaped 43 per cent to 2,413,000.

Significantly, within the white collar category the most rapid expansion of jobs is taking place where the skill requirements are highest. The professional and technical group, for instance, rose by 67 per cent during the decade. Clerical jobs increased by 47 per cent, sales jobs 33 per cent.

Equally significant, in the blue collar category, the number of jobs where practically no skills are needed, declined by 10 per cent. This is so despite a 22-per cent increase in the total work force.

The only expansion of jobs within the blue collar group occurred where skills count - among the craftsmen working in the production process. Jobs for miners, loggers and

fishermen were fewer at the end of the decade than at the beginning.

The big shift from blue collar to white collar is taking place at a time when the teen-age products of the postwar baby boom are about to explode into the labour market by hundreds of thousands.

Between 1961 and 1966, the teenage population will be rising 18 times as fast as it did, on average, in the two decades 1935-1955.

This means that to cope with the teenage influx and scale existing unemployment down to more respectable levels, the Canadian economy will have to produce about 175,000 new jobs a year for the next few years. If we only create as many in the next four as we did in the last four (500,000), unemployment will be a destructive eight per cent of the work force.

To get it down to four per cent, at least 800,000 new jobs will be needed between now and the end of 1966.

These facts and figures make urgent policies designed to stimulate the Canadian economy into faster growth. They also make it crystal clear that today's youngster who has no skills of substance will be tomorrow's unemployed man.

Finance Pool On Pledges?

Richmond Hill Councillor Tom Murphy is pumping for the pledge system as a method of financing the proposed town pool.

He is against any tax levy which he says will impose a real hardship on old aged pensioners and create resentment on the part of the general public whose feelings against too-high taxes might scuttle any pool plans once and for all.

"With 4,700 homes here, not including apartments, a donation of \$1 a month for 12 months would provide a proper, outdoor pool suitable for the needs of this community," he said.

This could be handled either through payroll deductions where the citizens work in Richmond Hill or through their banks where a \$1 deduction a month would hardly be painful, he said.

Mr. Murphy maintains what is really needed immediately is an individual to head a pool committee. "Surely among the 500 names on the original petition asking council for a pool, there is the beginning of a committee and a single person to lead it."

"This should not become a political football. I personally think the leadership should come from outside the council as did the arena committee when it began with just a handful of interested men," he said.

He also stressed the urgency of beginning the campaign for funds in the fall to put the town in the position of being eligible for winter works assistance.

The councillor considers the town park as the best pool site.

"After all, this is our community centre with all the surrounding facilities of baseball, hockey, lawn bowling and tennis. The room is there for a pool."

He illustrated his pledge system idea by facts and figures on a pool opened a month ago in Milton, Ontario through money collected by a citizen's committee. He visited Milton several weeks ago.

With a population of 6,000, according to its sign on the outskirts, Milton set out to build a 60' by 100' pool with a deep end of 6' 4" although it has no diving boards.

Most of the Milton-ites worked in town so it was more expedient to collect through payroll deductions. Mr. Murphy said in Richmond Hill this might have its drawbacks since many of the industrial employees don't live here.

With the co-operation of bank managers, a system of authorized deductions from accounts was also successful. As it worked out, for the required \$51,000 needed to build the pool, only

\$5,000 was outstanding at the end of 10 months' campaigning. Both industries and commercial organizations contributed in bulk as well as individually, he said.

When the Milton pool was completed, the citizen's committee turned it over to the town.

The pool is not a fancy one with frills, Mr. Murphy said. The reason for no diving boards is that they claimed only five per cent of the swimmers are divers and yet for diving 35 per cent of the pool is required. Grants from winter works and community centres were obtained.

The Milton pool costs structure broken down including labour was approximately \$15,700 for cement work; plumbing including water treatment \$16,400; electric, \$1,200; service building (washrooms and changing rooms) \$11,500; fencing \$3,000 and fill \$3,000.

The Milton citizens' committee has invited anyone or any delegation in Richmond Hill interested in having a look-see at their efforts and campaign details to come down to Milton, Mr. Murphy indicated.

He said Milton had no idea because of the newness of the pool just what it would cost to operate per year but expected to come up with a report at season's end.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

Mrs. Grace Sayers a long time highly esteemed citizen of Richmond Hill who resides on Centre Street West was a passenger on the ill-fated Athena and survived the torpedoing of this ship in the early days of World War II.

In our issue of "The Liberal" of September 7th, 1939, we reported the news in these words: "Saved, Uninjured, Galway, Everything Lost, Don't Worry, Grace Sayers." Thus read a cable received by William Sayers Centre Street Tuesday afternoon to end thirty six hours of dread and anxiety following the radio flash Sunday night that the Athena had been torpedoed by a German submarine. Mrs. Sayers was a passenger on the ill-fated ship having boarded the vessel at Liverpool after vacation spent with relatives and friends in Britain.

In our issue of September 28th, 1939 we reported the safe arrival home of Mrs. Sayers. "The Liberal" of that week said: "Mrs. William Sayers of Richmond Hill, passenger on the Athena arrived home Saturday in excellent health and thankful beyond words to be safe on Canadian soil. Except for the nervous strain of the whole affair Mrs. Sayers is none the worse for her experience. She was sitting on deck when the ship was torpedoed. "There was a terrific blast which shook the whole ship," she said "and we knew we had been hit". Mrs. Sayers had only the highest praise for crew and passengers. There was very little panic and the work of getting the passengers in the life-

boats was conducted with skill and efficiency. After some five hours adrift in a crowded lifeboat, five hours which Mrs. Sayers said passed very quickly, they were rescued by the Swedish freighter, the Knute Nelson. On board the freighter the rescued were shown every possible consideration by the captain and crew, but of necessity quarters were crowded and food had to be rationed. One feature of the rescue never to be forgotten by Mrs. Sayers is the taste of Swedish fish cakes which were on the menu for the evening meal.

Landing at Galway, Ireland they were given nourishing food and emergency clothing and later taken to Glasgow where every comfort was provided. The homeward journey on the Duchess of Athol was anxiety from beginning to end. "From the time we got aboard until we docked at Montreal we carried life-belts continuously, even at our meals, and slept only lightly" said Mrs. Sayers. "The Liberal" she told of the anxiety of passengers when British destroyers acting as a convoy sank a German U-boat. The explosions of the death charges dropped by the destroyers were plainly heard by the passengers.

The first sight of Canadian soil was a never-to-be-forgotten thrill and of course best of all was the re-union with her family here in Richmond Hill. An irreparable loss suffered by Mrs. Sayers in the disaster was which went down on the Athena. "I was brought home here."

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

FROM OUR "NO COMMENT" DEPT.

(Or: Summertime, an' the livin' is easy).

The Ryerson Institute student, who pleaded guilty in a Toronto court to two charges of procuring, was reported to be majoring in business administration.

From "Science In The Star": Ontario A-Plant Boost For All . . . (You'll have to do it yourself).

A Sudbury coroner, who refused to call a jury for an inquest because he "believes juries are stupid and he can deliver a better verdict himself" decided, after conducting it on his own, to reserve judgment.

"Big Daddy" Gardiner, who was largely responsible for the cutting-off of Metro's hospital bed grants, appeared recently before Metro council to appeal for their restoration - looking much slimmer after his operation.

A 64-year-old woman arthritic from Iona, Wis., forgot her cane as she left the platform at the Oral Roberts crusade. She later stated that previous crusades had cured her of a slipped disc, a heart condition and a lump in the stomach.

That Liberal M.P. who is donating his \$8,000 raise to charity until the old age pension is increased is J. J. Greene from Renfrew South.

Prince Philip's racing yacht almost collided on the Cowes course with one piloted by a bikini-clad woman. Afterward, she told reporters: "The Duke scowled at first, but when he saw me he threw back his head and laughed."

A magistrate in Milton has advocated giving "stiff" driving tests to all drivers UNDER 21.



Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH NELSON

JERRY Y. DIAKIW . . . WORLD TRAVELLER . . . TO TEACH AT RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL

The geography department of the Richmond Hill High School will be welcoming Jerry Diakiw as its head this year. This tall, dark and personable teacher will be bringing all the experience he has acquired as a seasoned world traveller to help him make the study of geography more meaningful to the students. He was born in Toronto in 1936. While at Upper Canada College, he was active in boxing, football, basketball, track and field and swimming. He attended the University of Toronto and graduated in 1958 majoring in geography. He then returned for two years post-graduate work in which capacity he taught at the university as a teaching fellow. His hobbies are woodworking, sculpturing, photography and acting. (He has acted in two dramatic plays as a member of the Curtain Club) A new interest, free lance writing is fast becoming an avocation.

He should have vast material to write about for he has travelled extensively in many parts of the world. During his high school years he worked as a caddy at Banff and as a mechanic in Northern Ontario. While he was at university, he spent his summer in officer training with the Royal Canadian Navy and at sea. He spent five months on a trip to Africa working over and back on a freighter. He travelled all over southern Africa and even worked in a gold mine in Johannesburg.

An even more interesting series of adventures followed this; he worked his way on a freighter in the South Seas, travelling from Los Angeles to all the major island groups of the Pacific, namely Tahiti, Samoa, the Fiji Islands and Australia. He spent some ten winters for short periods in the Caribbean. He was in Cuba during the Castro revolution and at Puerto Rico.

During 1961 to 1962 he spent the entire year travelling around the world. He taught school in Japan and worked as an actor in Japanese movies for four months. Other highlights include living as a Buddhist priest in a monastery; lived with headhunters in Sarawak; hitched-hiked overland from Singapore to Spain at a total transportation cost of \$3.41 for six months travelling. Reason for such a modest fee was because he lived in temples and monasteries all the way. (He slept at the Taj Mahal in India); and studied under Yogi holy men in the Himalayas. He lost 30 pounds crossing the desert to the Mediterranean. Besides all this he lived and worked on an Israeli desert farm on the Gaza Strip and to crown all these fascinating exploits he ran with the bulls at the Pamplona festival in Spain. (This is the town that Hemingway wrote about in "The Sun Also Rises.")

In Spain, he met English-born Ann Newman from Montreal and married her in 1962. She is now a French teacher in North York and a traveller in her own right who enjoys sculpturing and acting.

Jerry Diakiw intends to add further events of high adventure to his already exciting and colorful life. He intends to be a part of a two-man skin-diving expedition to search for diamonds in the piranha infested waters of an Amazon River tributary. (The piranha fish is dangerous to man). Next week Jerry Diakiw will tell you about school life in Japan.

COTTAGE NEWS

Summer is a busy time. Everywhere there is the hum of life. The shadow of the trees gives a welcome relief from the hot sun. In the woods some young birds are growing up. Other hatch themselves from a second batch of eggs. The frogs are sunning themselves by the stream. Hordes of insects buzz and flutter over masses of bright flowers. This is what I see as I walk down the woodland path to the field, through the woods and by the lake. As I step into the bright sunlit path in front of the cottage door, the black shiny body of a cricket just dares me to step on him. Did you know that the chirp of the male cricket is made by his wings? I follow this path out to the field. Here I find a profusion of common white daisies and black-eyed susans. The clovers blossom all summer and there are more varieties about than I can mention. Then I might see a daddy-long-legs close to a flower or a leaf. It is a relative of the crab and scorpion. As I walk along the road the grass hoppers are leaping madly about. There are several kinds of butterflies that fly over the field flowers that I've learned to identify. The brown and tan ones with black spots are known as fritillary butterflies. Some of them are quite large. There is the Buckeye and the Painted Lady with their wonderful colorings darting to and fro among the flowers. Other lovely field flowers are the Fleabane (like small daisies) Butter and Eggs and Yarrow and the Pearly Everlasting. Sooner or later I will be back in the woods again and I almost step on an Indian Pipe. This is an odd plant with clumps of waxy white flowers on white stems and stand out in ghost-like contrast to the dark leaf mold in which it usually grows. It seems more like a fungus than a flower. The stems have waxy scales instead of leaves. Each stem is topped by a single-cup-shaped flower with wax petals. At first the flower is curved down in the shape of a pipe. When it goes to seed it straightens up and turns black. Nearby, I find a wood frog scrambling over a fallen dead log. And by the lakeside I always have the handsome blue spikes of the pickerel weed to admire and farther along the shore I see the gorgeous white water lilies. If there is a faint breeze blowing, I can smell their fragrance.

Of course, there is so much to see in the fields, woods and water that one couldn't possibly list them all. And one thing I have found out, walks like these are never the same. There is always something new to catch your eye.

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Robert D. Little

Rush To Finish Separate School May Not Be In Time For Opening

Construction on the new St. Joseph's Separate School is being rushed to completion but may not be finished in time for the September opening of school.

That was the word from officials of the Richmond Hill Separate School Board.

Work on the eight-room school has been delayed by a steel strike.

Current plans are to channel about 170 pupils of Our Lady Help of Christians School Beverly Acres to the new one located in the Roney Street area.

These pupils will continue at Our Lady Help of Christians building until the new school is ready to open its doors.

The new school is expected to hold around 350 pupils and will comprise eight rooms including an opportunity class.

The opportunity class will be the first of its kind established in a Richmond Hill separate school and will draw pupils from throughout the town.

Its principal will be Leon Kehoe who has been a grade 8 teacher at Our Lady Help of Christians School.

Opening day preparations are continuing at Our Lady Help of Christians School and include asphalt paving operations on the school ground.

Two of the three portables on the school grounds have been moved back while paving is going on.

It's expected that only one of the portables will be in use.

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