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## Towards Better Understanding

York Central District High School Board is to be commended in taking the initiative in arranging a meeting between the board and municipal councils from the districts for which it provides education on the secondary school level. The councils are the bodies which must raise the monies necessary for education of satisfactory calibre.

In the past, councils have frequently accused the board to which they appoint representatives of being extravagant and incurring unnecessary expenses in school construction. Trustees have complained that delay in transfer of money from the municipalities to the board has caused them unnecessary expense.

The meeting on October 24 at Thornhill Secondary School will permit the ironing out of a good many difficulties, with both sides being able to present their viewpoints. Greater understanding of each other's problems should be the result.

There is a great need for better liaison between the two groups, and

it is hoped this and subsequent meetings, if necessary, will provide it.

The only criticism we have to offer is that this meeting is closed to the public and the press. We believe that the public has the right to be informed of anything which will affect their pocketbooks, beneficially or adversely.

Men and women in public office should feel as free to express themselves when the public and press are present as when they are excluded.

It is the duty of the press to give as detailed information as possible on problems and accomplishments of all governing bodies which affect life in the community served. It can only achieve this if it attends the meetings at which such things are discussed.

This newspaper feels that every citizen is entitled to have this information as it is his money which is being spent. We give all such meetings in our area coverage so that our taxpayers are kept up-to-date in these important matters.

## Help Needed

Richmond Hill's Community Centennial Pool will become a reality only if every person interested in adding such a facility to the community is willing to volunteer help in canvassing as well as financial aid.

A committee headed by Cliff Bennett, enthusiastic supporter of an indoor pool in Richmond Hill to teach as many people as possible to swim, has been appointed—and the financial drive will soon be underway.

Canvass material will be prepared and placed in local business places where people will have the opportunity to make donations. A public drive for funds on a pledge card system will be the main source of monies. Willing canvassers will be most welcome.

If you are interested in having an indoor pool built in Richmond Hill, if you and your family plan to use its facilities, if you can find or make the time to do a few hours of canvassing to make this dream a reality, then phone Mr. Cliff Bennett at TU. 4-3113 or Mrs. John Vernon at TU. 4-7366.

## Loss Regrettable

The loss to Vaughan Township of what was to have been a substantial industrial showpiece in its south-east corner is regrettable.

The Crothers' heavy equipment plant, plans for which showed extensive buildings and very attractive landscaping, would have meant a fairly large increase in assessment for the township and an encouraging landmark to show off to prospective industry.

Fortunately the township had the foresight to stipulate no watermain would be run into the property until after the project started.

As the months dragged by from February, 1960, when Crothers announced its intentions, to recently when local residents noted a "For Sale" sign up on the land at Highways 400 and 7, there was no evidence of any construction.

Unless a municipality has a firm commitment that developers of industrial land will undertake provision of services at their own expense, such regrettable incidents are bound to occur.

Some compensation has been promised by Councillor Ruth McConkey, who heads Vaughan Township's water committee. She has stated that some good news to offset the Crothers' loss will be forthcoming shortly.

We know Vaughan ratepayers will be looking forward to the announcement.

## Political Activity Starting

For the second time in his political career Charles Hooper has been called on to assume the office of reeve for the Township of Markham because of the death of the incumbent of that office.

Also involved in the change of office was Ward I, Councillor Allan Sumner who was appointed deputy-reeve.

Mr. Hooper first occupied the reeve's chair from 1943 to 1947, and during that term of office served as warden of the then much larger County of York. He was a candidate for the reeve's office in 1953, but was defeated. He returned to the township council in 1960 and 1961 as

councillor for Ward II, and became deputy-reeve in 1962 by the slight margin of 13 votes over Forest Dudge, a newcomer to municipal politics.

Mr. Hooper also served as school trustee, having been elected in 1932. With Mr. Hooper's announcement this week that he will be a candidate for the Markham reeve'ship in this December's election, the municipal political pot in this area has shown the first signs of activity.

Rumors of other potential candidates are current, and the next few weeks should see many formal announcements of intention to stand for office by many public spirited residents throughout the district.

## Parking Problems Again

Town council reached a very wise decision when it did not accept a suggestion that the property of Principal Investments on Yonge St. South be purchased for a temporary parking lot. Councillor Thomas Murphy claimed that at the asking price, the town could, if it was legal, use the lot for parking until the system of downtown laneways becomes an accomplished fact. He contended that the land could then be resold with every prospect of making a profit.

Councillor Walter Scudis, questioned the legality of such a transaction, pointing out that the council had also approved in principal the planning board's decision not to pro-

vide further parking lots, but to construct laneways to service the downtown area.

Councillor Alex Campbell, wisely pointed out that the town should not speculate with public money, that where a profit is possible, a loss is also possible.

Council unfortunately still ignores a simple and inexpensive solution to the problem of parking in the downtown area, which this newspaper has constantly advocated. That is the immediate removal of all parking meters from Yonge Street as requested by the merchants who are the victims of present shortsighted parking policy.



## Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

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### ANNUAL BAZAAR OF THORNHAVEN SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN COMING

In the Telegram, October 4th issue, Ken MacTaggart asks "What can be done about retardation?" He says that to most of us, the expressions "mentally handicapped" or "subnormal" convey one meaning. And that this is an inborn condition about which little can be done. For a very long time this was the belief of everyone including the medical profession. Then a few pioneers, mostly the parents of these children and a few doctors they could persuade to help them, began to achieve a break-through by what are called "treatment procedures." According to a survey made by a special committee of the London School of Hygiene, this means that "Management and training are more meaningful terms than treatment when referring to mentally handicapped children." The aim is to help these children by developing their potential to the full, by helping them to become useful and productive members of society, able to live independent lives, find their own accommodations, buy their own food and manage their own incomes. That this is a reasonable aim is being proved more and more by the faithful and dedicated people who aid the mentally retarded. On October 26, at the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children, 317 Centre St. E., Richmond Hill, the annual bazaar will be presented to the public again. Come and encourage the wonderful parents and teachers of Retarded Children with your presence and also your money. The values you take away with you will be great in goods and satisfaction.

### DANCING IS A WAY OF LIFE... FOR MARILYNN KANTOR

Sometime ago, three charming Canadettes were featured in "The Liberal". Eighteen-year-old Marilyn Kantor of Arnold Avenue, Thornhill was one of them. Marilyn is in her fifth year at Thornhill Secondary School. She ruefully admits that perhaps her studies have suffered a little because of her great interest in the art of dancing. Although she loves high school sports, she has had to content herself with being a spectator and this she enjoys in spite of the fact that this extra time sometimes must be given to the dance. Marilyn is an expert swimmer and a qualified life guard. "I also like cooking and baking", said Marilyn. "Sewing is an entirely different matter. I sew if I have to and at no other time!"

Marilynn's father was born in Budapest, Hungary, and her mother in Czechoslovakia. She was born in Toronto and used to speak Hungarian up to the age of five until she was sent to a nursery school to learn English. Although she understands Hungarian when she hears it, she no longer speaks it fluently.

Marilynn became a junior ballet champion while dancing with the Canadian Junior Ballet Company. She danced with this company for five years. Since she left them she has had the opportunity to learn many different styles of dancing. One of her future teachers will be Allan Lund who has a studio at the Nortown Plaza.

How does one get to be a Canadette? Marilyn said she happened to read an article in the newspaper stating that the auditions for the C.N.E. Grandstand Show would be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building. That was three years ago. The first year she wasn't accepted. The second year she went back and auditioned again and was accepted. This was a step in the right direction for Marilyn and she felt that all her hard work and interest in this art was justified at last. "I love teaching children to dance," declares Marilyn. "I began to teach pre-ballet for my dancing teacher. I taught for three years and I might be teaching this year for another dancing teacher in Etobicoke." Altogether, Marilyn has been dancing ballet for eight years and is now in her ninth year. She started to learn modern jazz last year and will continue it this year. Marilyn has helped to finance her ballet lessons from scholarships that were made available by her dancing teachers.

The "Thornhillettes" is a name familiar to the students of Thornhill Secondary School. This is a "Kick line" organized by Marilyn Kantor last year. The girls acquitted themselves very well last year at the annual "Health's-A-Poppin" and will do so again in 1964. Marilyn hopes that the school will continue to encourage them and thus help to add to the versatility of the physical education program.

When Marilyn finishes school, she intends to go right on with her dancing and she humbly admits that she has so much to learn. Her ambition is to someday have a dancing studio of her own. Her original ambition was to be a school teacher... but... those grades worry her a bit... and well... what's wrong with being a dancing teacher anyway?

This column received an interesting little observation in verse by a somewhat disgruntled lady who received a parking ticket. It wasn't the ticket that upset her. She deserved that, but oh, couldn't the policeman have been nicer about it. After all...

The police from the Hill are the finest,  
Keen and alert... and so quick to observe;  
But alas, there is one... not the finest  
Who merely exhibits a colossal nerve.

I say, did they not teach you dear laddie  
That a smile will help ease the plight  
Of a lady in error, that's tagged as a baddie.  
The dear Force's Image is now not so bright.

A policeman is your very best friend,  
I say to my moppet... and how I extol  
Their courage and courtesy, that wonderful blend  
Which I hope will also be part of your goal.

You ask me, son! Where was his smile!  
Why was he so grumpy? Now what could I say?  
That he's had a bad time? It happens once in  
awhile.

Or perhaps he hasn't yet learned of a much  
better way.

## New House

The last rug's on the floor, the drapes are hung;  
Each chair in place beneath the lamp's bright rays;  
The books are on the shelves, the dog has flung  
His body full-length by the hearth-stone's blaze.

The floors are satin, walls with paint ashine,  
The kitchen cupboards shafts of gleaming white;  
Off in the alcove the table's set to dine -  
Another milestone has been crossed tonight.

They pause a moment in the room's soft light,  
Hand clasped in hand, the lovely scene to view,  
Knowing they've brought the flower of love tonight,  
From the old house to blossom in the new.

Robert D. Little

## Flashback

### In Years Gone By

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

The winter sport scene in Richmond Hill has not changed much in the past 60 years. The December 15, 1904 issue of "The Liberal" records:

The opening night of the rink for public skating for the following Saturday night. A meeting of curlers called to organize for the season. A hockey club was organized with J. H. Sanderson, A. Boyle, John Glover, W. C. Savage, A. G. Savage, George Sims, H. Sanderson, R. Goode, and F. Ludford as the executive.

In the same issue it is reported that Motorman Thomas Ryan suffered a broken arm. A switch at the siding south of Aurora had been left open, and the 10:30 car, on which Ryan was motorman, ran into a coal car that had been left there. The vestibule of the electric car was crushed in pinning the motorman against the inside partition. Several of the passengers were also shaken up by the jar.

Four items which would be very surprising in present-day newspaper columns are of interest: The first records the fumigation of a house in the village following a case of smallpox. The second says, "M. Patton, drover, of this place, lost one of his work horses on Friday last in the city. The animal fell on the asphalt pavement, and in getting up broke one of its hind legs. Consequently it had to be shot.

The Victoria Square correspondent noted: "Some of our boys have commenced walking to high school. They found it rather heavy." A further item from Victoria Square says: "Several of our inhabitants have been busy hauling sand of late. They contemplate barn building during the coming years and are thankful for the continuance of good roads."

A patent medicine advertisement credits love with healing powers. It claims: "That love sometimes cures disease is a fact that has recently been called to the attention of the public by a prominent physician and college professor. In some nervous diseases of women, such as hysteria, this physician gives instances where women were put in a pleasant frame of mind, were made happy by falling in love, and in consequence were cured of their nervous troubles — the weak, nervous system toned and stimulated by little Dr. Cupid — became strong and vigorous, almost without their knowledge." Of course if the little archer failed, then the products of the advertiser were guaranteed to do the job quickly.

## Second Thoughts...

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

... and, if we're ever wondering how "yesterday" we can get, we have only to consider Joe Valachi and the "news" he is giving the comic-opera Senate crime probe.

A "Liberal" editorial on the centre-town parking problem says: "Future plans, up to five years in the future, call for creation of more off-street parking behind the business places." — By 1968, what business places?

The Russian wheat order could be sort of an ironic curtain to the old communist attempts to cause trouble in, and between, Canada and the United States. Look at what they can accomplish peacefully!

A McGill University professor says many elderly people live on tea and toast, missing out on proteins and vitamins, and land in hospital with the "boggy gut syndrome"... And what is that in layman's language?

The CBC has called in the RCMP to check on "kickbacks" on purchases for the midnight movies... And we thought it was Flashback that was causing the smell around the CBC.

Fidel Castro is reported to have almost drowned when an amphibious truck sank in a swollen river during hurricane Flora. — If you read between the lines here it looks like Russia goofed and stole the plans for Canada's non-amphibious amphibious "Bobcat".

The president of the new Elgin Park Ratepayers Association says they don't want it to die out from a lack of continuing interest. One of its interests is the "Hope" of having Bayview Ave., eventually paved... and that "continuing interest" alone could guarantee the association's longevity.

Well you can't say the University of Toronto isn't proficient at developing the mechanical aptitudes of its students. Last week the Toronto police raided another fraternity house and found another pop-vending machine adapted to dispense bottles of beer for a quarter.

MOSCOW — (UP) — Soviet cosmonaut Andrian Nicolayev plans to marry Valentina Tereshkova, the world's pioneer spacewoman, early this winter. There has been no formal announcement of an engagement... Maybe they're going to get married first and THEN go 'round together.

Aurora's volunteer firemen are pressing to have their pay increased from \$4 to \$5 per fire. They're not making a hot issue of it and, in fact, being volunteers, they don't really consider it as pay.

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By John Addison

An unprecedented three day Liberal Party caucus with all the ministers of the cabinet preceded the opening of Parliament on September 30. Purpose of this meeting was to reassess the programs already implemented and the future legislation that would come before Parliament this fall.

A party caucus has been described as the eyes and ears of the cabinet. The ministers are, of course, very sensitive to the opinions, aspirations and criticisms of the people of Canada. I was therefore well prepared to express the views of the voters of York North, armed as I was with so many of your replies to my recent letter. With these expressions of opinions at hand, I have been working to implement your thoughts and ideas, not only to the House and in committees but also at the caucus level.

### GOVERNMENT MARITIME UNION TRUSTEESHIP

The government at the end of July, expressed its intention to impose a government trusteeship on the maritime unions on the Great Lakes. All members of the House agreed. This action was further endorsed by the Canadian Labour Congress and four of the five unions involved. The legislation is now being enacted. The Minister of Labour acted wisely in waiting for over a week to be sure that all possible avenues of private trusteeship had been explored and exhausted. It is labour's responsibility to keep its own house in order and only as a

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## White Cross Meeting

October 17

The date for the White Cross orientation meeting announced last week is Thursday, October 17, at 8 p.m. in Wrixon Hall. Ex-patients will not be present at this first meeting which will consist of an orientation programme for volunteer White Cross workers.

The programme will continue on Thursday evenings in the west room of Wrixon Hall when volunteers and ex-patients of psychiatric hospitals will meet for a varied program which will be tailored to fit the needs of the group.

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