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John Fitzgerald Kennedy

It is very seldom that a weekly newspaper comments on matters of international import. However, the sudden and tragic passing of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy has brought a heartfelt feeling of sorrow and remorse to free people everywhere. We Canadians feel a deep affection for the late President who so ably guided the destinies of our great neighbour to the south. His warm personality, his sincerity of purpose, his sparkling enthusiasm were traits familiar to us all and which endeared him particularly to the little people of every land.

The western world will sorely miss his inspired leadership, his strength of character and his keen intelligence. At a time when it is easy for many to scoff at religion, when what is expedient for the moment often takes precedence over what is morally right, President Kennedy was a deeply devout man who applied his Christian principles in the everyday business of running a great nation. His deep moral courage and sense of determination were no better revealed than in his spirited attempt to secure passage of his civil rights legislation through the Congress.

His presence will be deeply missed not only in his own country but throughout the free world. He was a great man and a good man and his tenure in the White House gave us all a real feeling of security during the trying and unpredictable times in which we live. The President's death should bring about a spiritual re-awakening in all of us, and a greater dedication to those enduring values which Mr. Kennedy lived for.

The words of the English poet, Thomas Carlyle, give comfort in this tragic hour. "Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but is all still here, and recognized or not, lives and works through endless changes."

High Cost Of Education

The problem of the rising cost of education received considerable attention recently by Board of Trustees, Markham Township School Area No.

The board recognized the fact that salaries make up the largest part of school costs. The foreseeable future shows no indication that these costs will be lowered. All indications, in fact, point to salaries continuing to rise at least at the present rate. An overwhelming surplus of teachers will provide the only possible brake on this ascending spiral.

The board then turned its attention to school buildings to see if any means of cutting costs could be found there. It was pointed out that the area has a million and a half dollars invested in its school buildings. These buildings provide accommodaton for school children only seven hours a

day, 10 months of the year. The possibility of reducing building debenture costs by further use of the buildings, either by extending the school day or year or by renting out the schools for other purposes was suggested.

In many areas the school is looked upon as a community centre and after-school use by community organizations is widespread. Unfortunately these groups have limited financial resources and only token rentals are charged, which do no more than cover bare caretaking, heat and light

Extending the school day or year would be certain to bring a general cry of protest from parents-but would definitely mean a larger number of children could be educated in the present buildings, thus creating a major saving in school construction costs for many years.

Summer school classes make use of school buildings in some locations. These classes help the slow learner keep abreast of his age group in the educational system, and also help the pupil of average or better intelligence, who neglects his studies and faces loss of a year, to learn the habit of studying and successfully complete his year's work. Every year a pupil stays in school is a cost to the ratepayer, and if a year must be repeated the cost is that much greater.

Ratepayers and other boards in this district will certainly keep a careful eye on deliberations of Markham TSA No. 1 board to see if it can come up with concrete proposals to cut educational costs.

Safe Driving

Traffic lights to control the heavy traffic in the Bayview Avenue-Markham Road intersection appear to be distinct possibility in the near future. The Allencourt Shopping Plaza, Bayview Secondary School and St. Joseph's Separate School have all added to the concentration of traffic at this corner. This newspaper has stressed the increasing need for such lights in this area, and is happy to learn the Toronto and York Roads Commission is giving serious consideration to this matter. Installation of the lights has been delayed because of the pending reconstruction of Bayview Avenue according to County Engineer A. J. Rettie.

At the northern limits of Rich-

mond Hill, another potential danger spot is where Elgin Mills Sideroad East crosses the Canadian National Railway line. A young doctor was killed at the crossing a few years ago and several near misses have also occurred. This boundary road between Richmond Hill and Markham Township is increasingly busy and the railway line is among the busiest in the country. The motoring public cannot go on indefinitely depending

on good fortune alone. A proper warning device is a must at this busy crossing and we suggest that the municipalities concerned make application to the Board of Transport Commissioners in Ottawa to have this crossing protected.

Naturalists To Dear Mr. Editor Donate 3 Trees

There would appear to be a Dear Mr. Editor: Three maple trees will be somewhat inaccurate interpreta- On Sunday evening, at dusk. on fluoridation.

ory of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoover to stop the people voting on and Miss Helen Sanderson, for- this matter, merely an attempt, cat with a white head chasing mer Richmond Hill naturalist by a section of the population, frantically back and forth members.

featured guest speaker Dr. S. C. ate. Churcher of Oxford, the Univ- It was actually stated by After driving on for about Vice-President Mrs. S. C. Snively, President Mrs. ersity of Toronto and The Royal council that the matter would half a mile it suddenly dawned R. J. Miller, 1st Vice-President Mrs. E. Redelmeier, His trial lawyer has been disbarred for attempting

Ontario Museum. He spoke on be brought before the people on me that it could have been 2nd Vice-President Mrs. H. R. Howden, Recording to bribe the jury. fossil vertebrates illustrating in 1964, should they (the a black cat with a paper bag Secretary Mrs. W. A. Smith, Corresponding Secreprehistoric animals and digg-

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of black and white.

CRUEL TRICK

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Creed Of The Volunteer . . . The Golden Rule

In the past, women assumed that voluntary service was as natural and normal for their sex as childbearing and accepted and discharged it as an extension of their homemaking duties. In simpler times, they cared for the old, the orphaned, the sick and the impoverished. These same needs, together with many new ones persist, complicated and magnified on such a vast scale that they seem too huge for any single individual. Consequently one might feel that they can only be met effectively by large public and private agencies staffed by highly trained professionals. This is a dangerous halftruth! In this period of social transition the fires of human warmth must be kept burning. Every community has a long list of unmet needs. Unless somebody steps in, the trees and the parks and besides what would a library be without numbers of unpaid volunteers? Political machines become corrupt without determined citizen supervision and control. to bow to stern nature. Volunteers can find many causes to serve and there is a place for everyone. Volunteers already do help in churches, schools, hospitals, clinics, government mental health associations, Red Cross, retarded children's associations, rehabilitation foundations for the disabled; Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Y.W. C.A. and Y.M.C.A. movements, youth groups associated with church and community, senior citizens clubs, service clubs, library boards, dramatic societies, music, art and athletics play important roles in any community and the people who promote them are volunteers. And not only in these activities, but in groups who work for such movements as the Women's International League From Freedom and Hunger. Their motto is to Share-A-Loaf with hungry people and not only to feed them, but to train them in arts that will enable them to look after themselves. A good-example is the Mysore project in India. They help to strengthen the United Nations with their support. Community affairs can always be related to world affairs. The Canadian Peace Research Institute also has dedicated people working mightily to find out how we can rid ourselves of the terrible threat of war. They believe in research into many difficult problems and they too are volunteers in a great cause which links a community to world affairs. In your high schools you have the model United Nations, and there are branches of the United Nations in many big communities. Thank God for people who work for these principles.

Again the private individual can always aid the volunteer effort wherever he goes by refusing to be overcome by religious, racial or class prejudice. He can spread good will and warmth in every circle he moves and thus ease the loneliness and privation of other people. All starving people aren't poor in worldly goods.

The lion's share of voluntary work is still done by women. As a rule they outnumber unpaid men workers three to one. Voluntary services have great advantages and are the means of enrichment of character and spirit in the life of a volunteer. It rarely causes dissension in the home. The volunteer enjoys prestige because of valuable time and ability donated without monetary compensation. By having to work with and for others, they get to know and understand many kinds of people. In other words they cannot help but develop a wide social consciousness.

York Central Hospital Auxiliary

One of the newest associations formed in the district is that of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. R. J. Miller says that the auxiliary is an organization of dedicated volunteers who are vitally interested in our newest county hospital. The fifteen auxiliary branches and three teen-age groups, each with an area chairman and executive are co-ordinated under one president and one central executive ... and include most sections of the south end of the county. The approximately 600 members, men, women and teen-agers have one common set of aims: to do voluntary service in and for the hospital; to foster good public relations and to assist with fund-raising. The auxiliary members have already given hours of faithful work attending meetings, helping to raise funds, sewing, knitting, packaging, typing, visiting, studying, learning, talking ... all to prepare for the eventual opening of York Central Hospital, and all leading up to the first auxiliary aim... that of volunteer service in the hospital. Most efforts are presently geared to the opening of the hospital gift shop. With a convener such as Mrs. Finlay and a handicraft convener such as Mrs. Butterworth, and with so many gifted and willing members ... it cannot help but be a source of great pride and attraction. York Central Auxiliary handicrafts and many other items will be for sale in the gift shop when the hospital is officially opened.

Mrs. Miller declares that in her opinion a volunteer works with a spirit of unselfish service and in return obtains a deep sense of satisfaction. This applies to volunteers who work on various projects outside the hospital as well as to those who like cogs in a wheel, is of equal importance. One type of volunteer service cannot function without | should check with "Honest John". Planted on the front lawn of tion of the action taken by town York Central Hospital by the council in postponing the ballot Road between Bayview and in the hospital will in some small way have his They will be placed in mem- There has been NO attempt Woodbine, we saw an animal burden eased and his mind put more at rest, because which appeared to be a black of the services of the York Central Auxiliary.

to bring a less popular view- across the highway, and we re-Decision to donate the maples point, on a controversial matter, marked that if it was a cat, it their groups are working mightily to make the came at a recent meeting which to the attention of the elector- was rather an odd combination functioning of the hospital a success. Beginning over its head, so in alarm we tary Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Treasurer Mrs. W. R. Question of the week -(Continued On Page 22)

Tribute To President Kennedy

"All is over and done Render thanks to The Giver,

"United States for Thy Son", The earthly life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy has ended. He has been laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Welcome, O Life! I go to encounter for the millionth time the reality of in the smithy of my soul

of my race." darkness; and the darkness comprehended it

the wise and talented leader, the seemingly indispensable God-like man who in-

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

"Run To The Rockies"

In June, 1892, the Rev. J. C. Speer of Richmond Hill chronicled the impressions and adventures of a party of six from the village who took a "Run to the Rockies" on the Canadian Pacific Pailway. Other members of the party were the writer's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trench and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Atkinson

Mr. Speer wrote of the Musk-|fired in fight through all the oka area potential for the ple- history of our beloved country." asure-seeker, and for the supply The trip across the prairie at beauty spots will be forever lost. That is why people of timber "for a thousand the fantastic speed of 50 miles willingly give their time to the cause of conservat- years" from its forests. About per hour was a highlight. The ion. Many places would have no public libraries and agriculture he commented that vast grain fields were dotted the fields looked like crazy with railway stations around patchwork, "Man in his farming which clustered a half dozen operations has been compelled insignificant houses many of them built of the prairie sod.

In the Sudbury area he Alkali lake margins "glittered commented, "There must be like the dust of diamonds in the mineral here for we cannot sunlight."

think of any good to ever come agencies, cancer societies, children's aid societies, to man from this region." He The buffalo had already left wrote, "The smoke of smelting their prairie pastures, but evifurnaces rose upward to the dence of wanton slaughter was blue sky and the rocks were still to be seen in cords of bufopened by the anxious miner falo bones at nearly every and yawned in black caverns station between Regina and far into the earth. Sudbury is Calgary, according to Mr. Speer. at present the Mecca of the He felt the plains Indians miner. Old Mother Earth has were justified in complaints, her pockets here and they con- since the white man had taken tain much treasure." their land, their forests, their

food, and given them little in Fort William's harbour, circ- return. He noted seeing prairie led with basaltic rock forma- antelope and the savage grey tions including the famous wolf from the train windows. "Sleeping Giant," was filled

with tall masts and spars swaying to the swell of the waves. The forerunner of the pres- Phone TU. 4-1212 Over them towered the grain ent palatial Banff Springs Hotel, elevators and among the latter was described as being built of "panting locomotives hurried polished fire logs in a fourback and forth like shuttles in story amphitheatre form around

the hands of a giant weaver." a central one-storey adminis-The wide streets in Winnipeg tration core. This hotel could as well as the commodious (. accommodate 200 guests at from station were noted by the writ- \$3 to \$6 per day. The men of er who forecast future greatness the Richmond Hill party climfor the "gateway to the great bed the 8,000 Sulphur Mountain western plains." A visit to old on foot taking three hours for Fort Garry brought the prayer the arduous climb and planting "that the last bullet has been a Union Jack on the summit,

Second Thoughts ...

BY GEORGE MAYES

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

We'd like to say a few words about Texas... Yes, we'd like to ... but the editor wouldn't print

Police Chief R. P. (Seven At A Blow) Robbins says the copies of Fanny Hill he removed from a local book store were only "borrowed"... So he could read them with "interest"?

The Hon. Judy LaMarsh says Canadians are in no danger from radioactive fallout at present. No, Canada's big problem right now is the danger of provincial fallout.

Calling all second lieutenants

The Richmond Hill branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is forming a rod and gun club if enough veterans are interested - "skilled instructors are available".

The United States and Russia have jointly proposed that outer space be preserved for the benefit and use of all mankind ... but they still can't agree on who is to benefit from the use of the Berlin Autobahn.

Markham Township is going to charge home builders \$8.80 per lot for the planting of trees on the road allowance... Sounds like one of those shady deals!

Cuba is drafting all men from 17 to 45 for compulsory military service. They will have to serve for three years because, as Defence Minister Raul Castro says: "A soldier can be made in one year but if we want a real army we must have three years." — One year to train the man, eh, and two more to train his whiskers.

Our touring Commons defence committee visited the Canadian Army brigade in West Germany last week and was told:

(a) By "other officers": "It will take up to three months to obtain warheads for the Honest John after the technical agreement is signed with the United States next month."

(b) By Brigadier M. R. Dare: "I can obtain authority to fire the Honest John nuclear rocket within the time it would take the battery to prepare for firing." Second Thoughts:

(a) Maybe both statements are actually cowill be working inside. Each type of volunteer work, | rrect - and our artillerymen are bound to improve. (b) Maybe the Commons defence committee

Canine Control Officer James Ryan points out that persons abandoning pups on the roadside may be charged with cruelty to animals and desertion Following are the names of some of these | "and several other things"... Like maybe, littering

The trial of U. S. teamster boss James Hoffa, with Past-President Mrs. F. C. Jackson, Honorary for attempting to bribe a jury, was postponed last week until January so he can obtain new counsel.

Seven copies of Fanny Hill? SEVEN?

experience, and to forge spired warm individual love wearying passion for public and respect, and at the same good; if we forget to guard the uncreated conscience time was the dedicated architect of universal peace. His "And the light shineth in monstrous death is irreconcilable and his loss inestimable. His personal relations with Mr. Krushchev has It was a cruel blow to lose made him a symbol of democracy and of world freedom. He struggled hard for civil rights but many of the American people, like people everywhere, couldn't shake "The sins of emptiness, gos-

sip and spite, and slander" and Mr. Kennedy's "Golden Dream

Of knowledge fusing class with class Of civic hate no more to be Of love to leaven all the mass Till every soul be free" is

still a dream. His work is un-

Let us trust that his hideous and untimely death will transform the minds of menand bind them together in the Brotherhood of Man, and the Fatherhood of God. If

against the power-hungry, the domineering and the scheming evil-doers; if we forget to help the poor and enlighten the ignorant; if we forget to love as Christ taught us to love, and reach down to the needs of all men, indeed the influence of John Kennedy's life will be imprisoned in the dark halls of time.

"Lord God of Hosts. Be with us yet.

Lest we forget - lest we forget

The staff and readers of "The Liberal" along with the grieving millions, pray that the open sunshine of God's love will pierce the gloom of this tragic hour, to comfort, to strengther and to sustain all the members of his beloved family, his widow, his children, his parents and his brothers and sisters. From failing hands, he threw the torch. Let the

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we forget to emulate his un- world hold it high.

A nation reels, leaderless, A family wanes, fatherless, A woman stands alone.

What can we say to her? What can we do for them? How can we best atone?

Resolve on true brotherhood. Real peace our foremost goal, Then shall we all have grown.

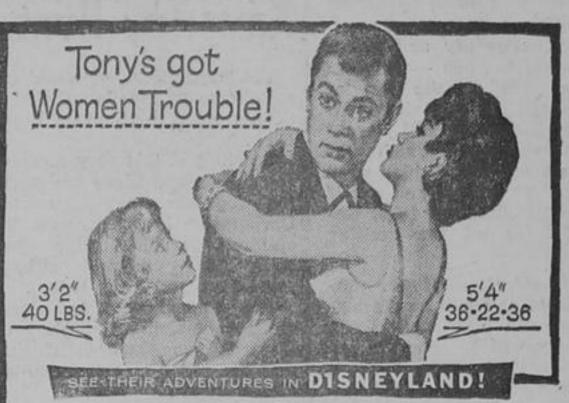
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