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killing wildlife. Uncontrolled
hunting, and the wholesale kill-
ing of animals for a small por-
tion of their carcasses depleted
our wildlife to almost extinc-
tion in some cases. Farm and
grazing land was used up with-
out care being taken to re-
plenish the soil with natural
fertilizers. Today we are left
with the dust bowls. Some men
saw the dangers of this waste-
ful stupidity, but their protests
were drowned out by massive
greed for profit. Now we are
betelated, seeing the wisdom of
protecting and replenishing our
natural resources.

But, today pollution threatens
our continent, and our way of
life. With chemicals we are
polluting our rivers and lakes,
our air, and our soil and even
our food. Voices are raised ag-
ainst this, but if our continent
is to remain livable they must
be heard in time. The daily
addition of tons of poisonous
sodium fluoride to our water
supplies will be one more chem-
ical to find its way back into
our rivers, lakes and soil. How
many years will it be before we
have no water fit to drink?

Now is the time to turn back
from chemical pollution, not the
time to proceed, blindly, on to
disaster.

Before you vote, read some
books on fluoridation, then use
your own common sense. Don't
let endorsements stop you from
thinking for yourself.

Many people, today, may be
getting more fluoride than it
was estimated they would drink.
The increase in the consump-
tion of dehydrated foods such
as soups, milk powder, cake
mixes, etc., to which we add
water in place of fresh milk,
will increase the amount of
fluoride consumed in a day. So,
think for yourself, doctors
are not always one hundred
percent right.

Yours truly,
(Mrs. D. H.)
DOROTHY MORRIS,
8 Longbridge Rd.,
Thornhill.

SIDEWALK AND LIGHTS
NEEDED
Dear Mr. Editor:-
I am sure all citizens of the
district join in congratulating
the authorities on the improve-
ment of Bayview Avenue. The
new pavement and sidewalk
are much appreciated.

I would suggest a similar
sidewalk on Vaughan Road
from Yonge Street to the new
hospital would be a great im-
provement and most welcome to
the many who use this road.

Street lighting from the
town limits to the hospital also
is an urgent need for public
safety. No doubt these needed
works are under consideration
but I would urge they be un-
dertaken as soon as possible.

CIVIS

SOUTHWEST PLAN WOULD
BENEFIT APARTMENT
DEVELOPERS
Dear Mr. Editor:
While the southwest project
is of current interest I wish to
throw light on one aspect of
this ill-conceived and ill-fated
plan.

The essence of this plan -
carefully underplayed by the
council was that drainage
should be provided for pros-
pective apartments in the Eliza-
beth Street area. The zoning
in the area concerned permit-
ted apartments but none could
be built until storm sewers had
"run-off" from large apartment
roofs and parking areas. This
motivation for the plan was
skillfully extracted from Mayor
Broadhurst and Engineer Mr.
Redfern by Mrs. P. C. Hill's
counsel, Mr. McCallum, at the
OMB hearing.

Those of us who had fought
the erection of apartments on
sites in this area in 1961 (be-
cause of the excessive density
and increased costs they would
have imposed on a single resi-
dence area) were well aware
that such apartments could not
be built without such drains. In
fact, this was the essence of our
brief to council in May 1961, in
that year, Reeve Haggart and
Mayor Broadhurst were both on
Council - Mr. Haggart then be-
ing mayor - yet in 1964 fol-
lowed by a docile council they
have argued that the area west
of Elizabeth Street all the way
to Trench Street and north to
Mill Street needed drains for
its own good.

The statement of two simple
truths is not out of place here.
First, members of council are
elected to look after the inter-
ests of the town as a whole.
Secondly, if any project is in
the interests of the town as a
whole then the town must pay
for it on an equal basis by a
increase in the mill rate. If a
new sewage plant is required
for the town, the residents of
North Taylor Mills Drive can-
not be asked to pay for it as
a local improvement. This equal
sharing of taxes in such cases
is natural, but it needs to be
emphasized for a good reason.

Some of the argument for the
southwest project (presented
mainly outside of council meet-
ings and one which was used
by the Yonge Street business-
men) was that this drainage
project was necessary for the
redevelopment of the Yonge
Street area.

The argument seemed to go
like this. The drains on Rich-
mond Street and Centre Street
West were necessary before
apartments could be built. The
apartments should be built to
provide the Yonge Street busi-
nessmen with a larger market.
Wealthier Yonge Street busi-
nessmen were necessary before
the town's showplace - Yonge
Street - could be made to look
attractive. This "new look" on
Yonge Street was necessary for
the good name of Richmond
Hill.

This sounded fine. But there
was one catch. Few supporting
the plan wanted to pay for it.
This was, of course, why the
residents of the southwest area
had to be made to pay for those
proposed drains. The only way
to do this was to make the resi-
dents in the southwest area be-
lieve they needed the drains
for themselves. Naturally, un-
der such circumstances, those
specially assessed ratepayers
who saw fit to object were
termed by the council as a
"vocal minority" or "trouble-
makers".

It must be noted here that
there is a storm sewer running
from the corner of Centre and
Elizabeth Streets down Centre
Street West. This storm sewer
is more than adequate for the
ratepayers living along its
route. But because it was not
big enough for the proposed
apartments the council's plan
was to tear it up, put in a big-
ger one and then charge the
ratepayers along its route for
a "local improvement". In ef-
fect, the Council, including
Councillor Saunders, wanted
those ratepayers (in some cases
to the tune of over \$400) to
subsidize the property owners
on Yonge Street.

On the other hand, if the argu-
ment used by the Yonge Street
businessmen was valid these
ratepayers on Centre Street
West were asked to subsidize
the whole Town of Richmond
Hill.

There was even less justifi-
cation in other parts of the
southwest area for this \$800-
000 project because no real
drainage problem was proved
by the council at the OMB hear-
ing. In fact, so long as the trees
and shrubs which absorb vast
quantities of water are left to
grow, instead of being destroy-
ed as the council wanted, no
overall drainage problem is
likely to arise.

This is just one of the as-
pects of the problem that faced
the ratepayers in the southwest
area. Others, which were equal-
ly dismaying, were increased
taxes, the loss of a large num-
ber of trees and shrubs, loss in
value of properties, wide streets
that would encourage roadway
traffic, and with shorter drive-
ways much more "on street
parking" thus endangering the
lives of children in the area.
Finally, those ratepayers living
north of Mill Street were asked
to pay for storm sewers which
were promised on a "sometime
never" basis. As the engineer's
report stated the storm sewers
here would be constructed
when the roads require redevel-
opment."

Bearing these objections in
mind is it any wonder that over
60% of us in the whole south-
west area objected to and fought
the plan?

In the light of the above in-
formation it is interesting to
have another look at the re-
marks of Councillor Saunders
who - last year - was elected
to represent those ratepayers
in Ward 4.

He said in relation to the
OMB's decision to turn down
the southwest plan (Liberal,
November 5, page 1).

"My own personal feeling is
one of regret. I have from the
beginning found it difficult to
understand why any ratepayer
would object to improvements
such as those proposed. . . ."

Mr. Saunders had every possi-
ble opportunity to find out
why a large majority of the af-
fected ratepayers were opposed
to being specially taxed for a
project that was presented and
promoted on an unsound if not
a false basis.

It is to be hoped that future
councils - and particularly the
representatives of the four
wards - will avoid the costly
mistake of trying to force a
"White Elephant" on those
whom they were elected to re-
present.

Yours truly,
CYRIL BELL
4 Elizabeth Street N.

SODIUM FLUORIDE
AND TAXES
Dear Mr. Editor:-
I am glad to read in your
paper that there are some per-
sons in this town interested in
informing the voters on the
hazards of putting sodium fluo-
ride into the water supply. We

take so many chemicals into
our bodies already, in our food
and drink, that we should be
careful about willingly taking
any more. Why should a few
people who want this, force it
on everyone. I understand this
will only possibly benefit child-
ren while their teeth are form-
ing.

I believe last year the town
council estimated that it would
cost more than \$7,000 to install
the equipment for adding the
sodium fluoride to the water
supply, and more than \$4,000
a year to maintain it. Surely
this money would be better in-
vested in the swimming pool.
Aren't the taxes in Richmond
Hill high enough now?
Yours faithfully,
H. H. MAYER,
45 Crosby Avenue.

REEVE HAGGART AND
"TRIGGER-HAPPY"
CONSTABLE
Dear Mr. Editor:
Mr. James Haggart - the
reeve of everything that is go-
ing on in Richmond Hill is crying
for blood. Fire the irresponsible,
"trigger-happy", impulsive
young man!

Reeve Haggart's explanation
of the term "trigger-happy" is
that he can not find any other
term to express his feelings of
what took place. I wonder if
the expression had not been left
over from the U.S. elections
could he have found this one. I
also wonder if Mr. Haggart had
been dismissed from the previ-
ous places of employment be-
cause of an error in judgement,
would he feel as strongly as he
does about this case?

Fortunately, he alone hasn't
the power to dismiss town em-
ployees for a mistake made, or
no doubt we would not have
many of our town staff left. We
may not even have a police de-
partment to keep this town safe
at night so that he and other citi-
zens may sleep soundly.

As a taxpayer, I feel very
strongly about this extra tongue-
lashing this young constable has
taken through the press from
Mr. Haggart. From all appear-
ances the police chief and the
town council have seen fit to
punish him. Is this not enough
Mr. Reeve. Your being alone at
council level in your feelings
and making such a great to-do
in your non-conformity position,
to me smells of political future
grandstanding or do you have
a personal axe to grind, Mr.
Haggart?

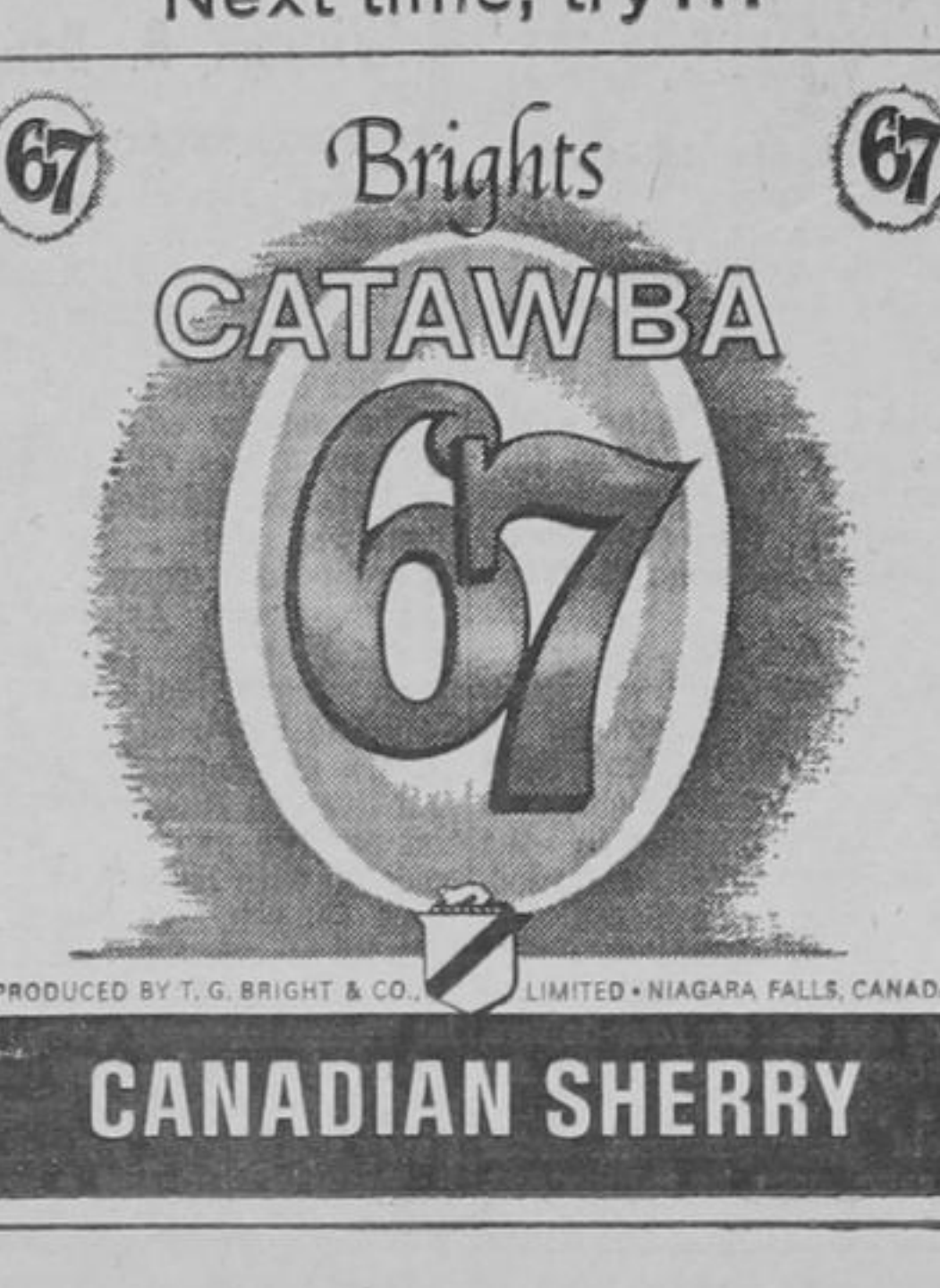
We have in this town, depart-
ment foremen, managers, chiefs,
commissioners and a council.
If in your opinion these effi-
cient, seasoned, experienced
working officials are not cap-
able of making a decision when
staff people make a mistake
then here is the area to start
firing - possibly they could be
replaced with someone you
might have some confidence in.

Mr. Haggart was quoted re-
cently as saying "a lot of peo-
ple are asking if I will be a
candidate in the next election?"
I am also waiting to find out,
Mr. Haggart.

WALTER J. DEIGHTON,
148 Woodlane.

WHO ARE THE LOSERS?
Dear Mr. Editor:-
While opponents of the south-
west plan are congratulating
themselves on their success in
blocking that project, they
should realize they alone, will
be responsible for all future
accidents and injuries that oc-
cur in the area which are attrib-
utable to blind intersections, un-
even and narrow roads, ditches
and non-existent sidewalks.
Yours truly,
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154 Richmond St.

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Deadline for submission of
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provincial centennial grants
program has been extended to
August 1965.

The new date was announced
today by Hon. Maurice Lamont-
agne, Secretary of State and
minister responsible for cen-
tennial affairs, and Hon. James
Auld, Ontario's Minister of
Tourism and Information and
chairman of the centennial com-
mittee.

It is expected a further
amendment will be added re-
quiring municipalities to advise
the secretary of the advisory
committee in writing before
March 31, 1965, that an ap-
plication will be filed. After this
date, grants will be based in
whole or in part on the popu-
lation of the municipality in-
volved.

A list of the names and ad-
dresses of the 11 centennial
field representatives has been
sent to all municipal clerks.
These representatives have been
appointed by the province to
plan projects and filing ap-
plications. Should the munici-
palities encounter any prob-
lems with their proposed cen-
tennial projects they are urged
to contact the representative in
their area.

So far, a total of 38 grants
have been approved for On-
tario centennial projects.

WOODBRIDGE: A new ice and
flooding machine is now in use
at the Woodbridge Memorial
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and floods the surface, leav-
ing a smooth sheet of ice. It
cleans the ice off in six min-
utes and floods it in 10.