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Choose Wisely

A spiralling municipal tax rate is a problem common to many Ontario communities today. Toronto Board of Control candidate Richard Horkins has been continually stressing this point throughout his campaign. He has said, "The financial problems we face have in many ways been swept under a blotter". Mr. Horkins estimated the average increase in taxes in the last ten years has been \$120. In addition every man, woman and child in the city owes \$300. He said Toronto's total debt is \$152 million and the city is paying out \$12 million a year in interest - charges alone on that debt.

Soaring taxes, heavy debt and high interest charges are things all of us should consider carefully before we cast our ballots for council and school board this December. For this is the month in which we must decide to whom we shall entrust the administration of our local affairs for the next 12 months, and in some cases where the two year term is in effect, the next 24 months. Local government has become big business, serious business, in the booming communities in this county and we need the best men and women available for the job. We are delegating to the people we elect to office the right to levy taxes on our homes and businesses and the responsibilty of

spending the tax monies so collected.

Too many of our politicians once elected are quick to forget the people and the promises they made. They often seem determined to impose their will on the electorate without any real feeling for the wishes of the people they were elected to represent. We need to elect men and women to both council and school boards who are determined to fight runaway taxes and give the homeowner, small businessman and farmer some lasting relief from the crushing burden of taxation. Anybody can spend money but it takes a dedicated public official to gain the maximum mileage from every tax dollar spent and keep taxes stable.

Our councils must control land developers and assure the electors that they are directing the developers and that the developers are not directing them. Additional residential housing should be strictly taboo. More homes can only result in the need for more schools and resultant higher taxes for all of us. The emphasis today must be on added industrial and commercial assessment. Let us elect men and women to office this December who support these policies and have some real feeling for the people they were elected to represent.

Christmas Gifts For Mental Patients

Not one mental patient in this county was missed in the annual distribution of Christmas gifts by the York County Medical Health Association. This includes those in 17 approved homes throughout the county and more than 300 boys in the Ontario Hospital at Aurora. Also remembered at the festive season were several indigent families where one or both parents were under mental treatment.

At the Aurora Ontario Hospital the thoughtfulness of the gift committee was evidenced in that where the patient was not expected to receive gifts from family or friends more than one gift was provided.

This year the committee hopes to be able to add the girls at Warrendale to their list of recipients. These are young girls who are suffering from mental conditions needing psychiatric treatment and loving care. Warrendale is located in Newmarket.

A total of 1400 gifts were donated by sympathetic citizens in last year's Christmas Gift Project and every one of these went to make some mental patient's Christmas a happy one.

The need is even greater this year. Last year at 999 Queen Street West, it was felt to be good therapy for patients to have the pleasant feeling that as well as being remembered

at Christmas they could remember friends and families with small gifts. A CMHA shopper's fair was set up at the hospital featuring a wide variety of gift items. After the patients had made their selection parcelling and mailing were carried out by volunteers-all this without any expense to the patients themselves. The plan received such a wonderful reception that other mental hospitals in the province are adopting it for this year.

Any rumors which may be heard that gifts given for mental patients are sold to them should be scotched as soon as they are heard. This may be true in other parts of the province, which we doubt, or in other countries but it certainly is not true in York County where every gift provided is carefully and attractively wrapped and reaches a mental patient on Christmas morning.

Members of St. Matthew's United Church Choir, who pay an annual visit to Aurora Ontario Hospital just before Christmas, have often remarked on the piles of beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts provided by the volunteer mental health association which they have seen at that institution. They have been assured that such gifts help to make Christmas a wonderful day for the patients

Rambling Around

Four Educators Discuss Education The Old And The New

Sam Chapman of York Central District High School Board, Superintendent Russell MacDonald of Gordon McIntyre of Richmond Hill public schools and

School of North York Township. Mr. MacDonald pointed out in a brief historical review of education that the character of education had been changing throughout the years. The eleantagonism between the two systems. At one time grade 8 was the natural end of education for nearly a century. Then because of vast social changes it became necessary for students to stay in school dent's education. By 1961, the development in the technological world and the increase in knowledge had doubled. "The elementary system has had to closely together."

At this point Mr. MacDonald took his position as moderator and began the questioning.

Mr. MacDonald-For what are we preparing our children in the secondary school?

Mr. Chapman-There is a greater emphasis on a headed by Chief Justice Dor-der-developed country. higher technical ability. Students may have to train two or three times in a lifetime. Because of the tremendous social upheaval, we are training children reference were announced, a policies of the new Labour for a world of insecurity.

Mr. MacDonald-What will they do in the modern of reference be of a wide en- prepared to take business risks. elementary school?

Mr. McIntyre—They are now being taught the nature justice's action. In effect, this just about ready to fold up. of their environment, English, mathematics and certain necessary skills. Certain arts like listening attentively, reading, writing and speaking will be stressed more and more. Students will be taught to compute with confidence. They will be encouraged to be observant, to be able to formulate a hypothesis and to keep an open mind.

Mr. MacDonald (as educator) - Attitudes to mental ure and it was only upon the and physical health are important too. Students suggestion of the minister of must be taught to develop an interest in things justice himself that the terms that will lead to a creative life. They must learn where to find information and organize it into mean- impropriety is found in the iningful content. An appetite for knowledge must be vestigation, then only stimulated and the appreciation of the fact that learning is a continuing process.

Mr. MacDonald-What are the advantages of junior high schools and senior public schools?

Mr. Givens-Junior high school gives the student a of the judicial inquiry, Canatwo year start in applying secondary type education. It provides a screening set-up. It gives the opportunity for using specialized teaching talent and provides craft facilities.

Mr. McIntyre-Senior public schools help the child to be more self-reliant. Being separated from the younger ones make him feel more grown-up.

Mr. Chapman-The difference between junior high (Continued On Page 8)

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

A feature of life in Canada that exists now in isolated cases only was putting up the stoves for the winter season. In the issue of "The Liberal" of October 27, 1887, we found a humorous account of the trials and tribulations of that annual duty. Anyone who can recall the ritual will enjoy

In the first place the man from the kitchen on which to where to stay, what to wear puts on a very old and ragged climb to the chimney hole to coat. Then he puts his hands try the pipe for size. The cir-Or perhaps you are just inside the place where the cumference is too large, so off going to stay at home and stovepipe goes, blackens his to the back yard where he would like to spend the win- hands, and studiously draws a slits the pipe with the axe and ter months redecorating and black line down the side of his squeezes it between his hands, renovating and maybe even nose. The man grasps one with appropriate words, until

into a sparkling new recrea- while his wife and the hired He gets the pipe into shape caused by despair. girl take the other side and in only to find the stove does not But where to start and how this way the stove is started stand true. His wife and the to do it? Why not join the from the woodshed to the par- hired girl shift it to the left and the legs fall off. They re-

Passing through a doorway place the legs and shift it to the man carefully swings the the right and the legs fall off. stove around and jams his Then the elbow is found not thumb between stove and door- to be in a level with the chimpost. The stove reaches its ney and the man goes to the balanced, attractive collec-proper place and the search woodshed for some little blocks. tion of books on almost ev- for the legs begins. Two are The three workers then try to ery subject, is proving a finally found inside the stove, put the blocks under the legs most popular educational and the other two under four and the pipe falls down.

The pipe is replaced but the The man holds up one side elbow wobbles and threatens to The small fry have their while his wife puts two legs in come down. The man drags in own special corner in the place, then transfers to the the dining room table, places children's library where they other side to repeat the opera- the kitchen chair on top and may get acquainted with and tion. One of the first pair is thereon performs acrobatic learn to love good books. dislodged. Getting the four feats while his wife holds the Also for the youngsters are into their proper places solidly chair firmly. His object is to periodic puppet shows of takes a good 10 minutes, during drive nails into the ceiling, dur-

which time the man gets warm- ing which performance he If you are not already a ed up and takes off his coat drops the hammer on his wife's regular patron of the Rich- regardless of the consequences. devoted head and she surprises A crackling log fire, a mond Hill Library, YOUR li- The husband then rounds him with a yell that would put brary, why not plan a visit up the pipe. Last year it fit the sanshees to shame. and enjoy some of the many perfectly but this year it is too Finally the nails are driven, over the kitchen, notices that remark by her disservices available - puppet long, so he takes himself off to a wire sling constructed to shows, art exhibitions, rec- the tinsmith's to have a piece hold the elbow in position, the Perhaps you would like to ord collection, reference in- removed. On his return he man hammers a pipe a little formation and inter-library puts his muddy boot smack on one side and then a little loans for books not included dab on one of his wife's best on the other, pulls one joint a in our own collection. To all parlor chairs to get high little here and pushes another these will soon be added a enough to see if the pipe is length a little there, gives vocal that curbs are the cause of most injuries at a

the right length. His wife or- expression to a series of dep-YOUR library is located ders him down and in obeying precatory and mildly profane house for the children for on Wright Street just west he steps on the family cat and adjectives, takes a long breath, of the municipal building staggering barely misses the breathes a deep-drawn sigh of Do you want to learn to and is open 56 hours a week baby.

A new television program dians will be more aware of the called "This Hour has Seven responsibility carried by men Days" could be compared to and women elected to every Parliament last week of only level of government. five days. COLOMBO PLAN

The House of Commons was For the last two years Can-Recently Thornhill Home and School was the shocked Monday by the charges ada's contribution to the Colscene of a most interesting panel discussion on edu- of Erik Nielsen the member ombo Plan countries encompascation. Members of the panel were Superintendent for the Yukon, that the minis- sing south and south east Asia ter of justice had acted in an has been 411/2 million dollars improper manner in dealing a year. Next year it is our inwith an alleged bribe attempt tention to raise this amount to Vaughan Township public schools, Superintendent by an executive assistant in between 75 and 80 million dolone of the minister's offices. lars, half of which will be made Principal K. Givens of Beverley Heights Junior High | Since I have been in the House, up of long term loans. This vast almost two years, this week area including Viet Nam is now disturbed me more than at any engaged in an all out struggle other time. Accusations, in- to maintain their independence nuendoes, the smearing of inno- against Communist threats. It cent people was carried on in is essential that not only fimentary and secondary systems developed separately a most indiscriminate manner, nancial aid and long term creand one of the big stumbling blocks was the apparent The whole concept of British dits be provided but that and Canadian justice is predic- qualified Canadian personnel ated upon the principle that an help these under-developed individual is innocent until countries explore and expand proven guilty. In the House of their potential. Certain of these Commons an unwritten rule is countries provide an extremely longer for social and economic reasons. As time went | that if a member charges an- attractive climate for the Canon, grade 10 became the terminal point of the stu- other member and if after a adian investment of energy, ensubsequent trial, the member thusiasm and knowledge. The charged is innocent, then the establishment of a Canadian member who made the charge industry in these countries does must resign. At no time this two things: reasses its role," said Mr. MacDonald. "In the week did any member of the (1) It means that the repatfuture, elementary and secondary schools will work opposition risk his seat by riation of the profits to Canada making a definite charge against will further strengthen our bal-

another member. Instead sen- ance of payments position and

sational disclosures were hurl- make it possible to further our

ed at the government. social welfare scheme. (2) It provides employment The government quite prop-economic activity and raises erly ordered a judicial inquiry the living standard of the union, to investigate the accusa- Mr. Garfield Weston had tions as put forward by Mr. this to say recently in Eng-Nielsen. After the terms of land commenting on the future technical point arose and that government: was should the written terms "Everywhere we must be ough nature to inquire into the "When England ceases to justification of the minister of take risks in business, we are meant that instead of the min- "We trust this government ister of justice being respons- will do everything possible to ible only to Parliament, that encourage those people, propriea precedent would be set tors and investors alike, pre-

whereby a judge would be em- pared to risk their personal powered with this decision. fortune to develop our com-Every member of the House on merce abroad. an allegation of this kind want- "Upon this was Britain's ed the fullest possible disclos- greatness founded." of reference were broadened to include this section. If any course is open to the prime

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Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

Sincerely.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

WILL BE FOUND ON

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Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

The news wasn't all bad last week. David Stanley, the Scarboro hate-literature distributor says he is unable to find employment because of "abusive" newspaper stories about his activities.

And any news was good news in Detroit as their 131-day newspaper strike ended. But there was ground for a gruesome second thought or two on how the last stumbling block had been settled. The union had demanded that the giant new eight-unit presses be manned by 16 men, while the publishers had insisted on only 15.

The AP story on the solution of the situation simply said: "They compromised".

The Soviet Union seized upon the Stanleyville rescues to demand the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from the Congo . . . To be replaced by red "technicians"?

R.C.M.P. officials are still wondering what causes their service suicide rate to be so much higher than in other police forces. . . . Well, after hearing, last week, how the Federal Justice Department buries the results of its work, we'd say it was probably

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Vauhan's Reeve Albert Rutherford were presented with silver trays after officially opening the new Richmond Inn. A silver tray may not seem like much of a memento, but it sure beats stealing souvenir ashtrays!

A church for skiers has been built on one of the slopes of the Snow Valley ski resort near Barrie. One rule not to be broken, the report says, is that the ski lift will not start operating until the church service is over. . . Yes, some of the worshippers might get the idea that there should be such an easy way to get up There too.

Sir Alec and Lady Douglas-Hume say they will have to destroy 10,000 Christmas cards which show them eating Christmas dinner at No. 10 Downing Street. . . . Unless they could be used on a "wish we were here" basis.

. . . and there could be a spot more trouble around No. 10 if Mrs. Harold Wilson, who has taken charged housekeeper: "I think Mrs. Wilson is a very homely housewife who likes to prepare her own meals when she can."

Montreal's World's Fair officials have learned World's Fair-people trip over them and slip off them. So, they say, Expo '67 is being planned to have a minimum number of curbs. . . . But the fair "Snow-White And The Stooges" is still going to need one big curb for their separatists' violence.

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is the title of a travelling

exhibit of art which went on

display in Richmond Hill

Public Library Monday. Res-

idents of Richmond Hill and

district will have the oppor-

tunity to visit this exhibi-

tion during regular library

In the usual flurry of special precautions to prevent winter colds, one source of contagion is often overlooked - the bathroom drinking glass. Almost everyone just

rinses the glass after use. medical authorities report. It rarely goes into the dishwasher or into germ-killing hot water.

And once it has been contaminated, the glass can spread germs throughout a family.

Scientific studies indicate that most respiratory infections occur among children first, women next, city dwellers more than country folk and large families more than small ones.

Most families have different colored toothbrushes, separate towels and other sanitary procedures. But the institution of the single bathroom glass still

lingers. One way to eliminate this source of contagion is to install a paper cup dis-

The group of 38 original paintings, by members of the Association of Greek Women Artists, was arranged in Athens under the sponsorship of the Greek Department of Education, Department of Fine Art. First of its kind to come to Canada, the show will circulate in libraries and galleries until

the late spring and will then be returned to Greece. This is only one of the many exciting art exhibitions planned for the Gordon Maclaren Auditorium this year, Many private showings will be included but in addition the library board, in conjunction with the Art Insti-

tute of Ontario, will sponsor several travelling exhibits. This is only one of the cultural services offered by our local library in which all citizens should take a keen interest and of which they may well be proud.

Want to listen to some sweet musix? Then delve into the more than 200 records in the library collection. Ranging from opera and symphonies to the latest musicals, all are available to library members at a very reasonable cost.

deep easy chair and a good book! Surely one of the most pleasant ways to spend a bleak winter evening.

catch up on the latest best seller, start a new hobby, plan those flower beds for the coming spring season, build a wall, a fence, a patio, or even a miniature doll

ski, swim, sail, drive or play for your enjoyment.

Greek Women's Art At Library baseball. Are you going on a trip to New York or to the Orient, and exotic places between, and want to know

and what to see? turn that old dusty basement side of the stove at the bottom it fits.

many hundreds of other "do- lor. it-yourselfers" who turn to their public library for ideas

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