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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Four Educators Discuss Education The Old And The New

Recently Thornhill Home and School was the scene of a most interesting panel discussion on education. Members of the panel were Superintendent Sam Chapman of York Central District High School Board, Superintendent Russell MacDonald of Vaughan Township public schools, Superintendent Gordon McIntyre of Richmond Hill public schools and Principal K. Givens of Beverley Heights Junior High 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 elementary and secondary systems developed separately and one of the big stumbling blocks was the apparent antagonism 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 longer for social and economic reasons. As time went on, grade 10 became the terminal point of the student's education. By 1961, the development in the technological world and the increase in knowledge had doubled. "The elementary system has had to reassess its role," said Mr. MacDonald. "In the future, elementary and secondary schools will work 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 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 for a world of insecurity.

Mr. MacDonald—What will they do in the modern elementary school?

Mr. McIntyre—They are now being taught the nature 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 and physical health are important too. Students must be taught to develop an interest in things that will lead to a creative life. They must learn where to find information and organize it into meaningful content. An appetite for knowledge must be 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 two 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 this.

In the first place the man from the kitchen to which to wear on a very old and ragged coat. Then he puts his hands try the pipe for size. The circumference is too large, so off to the back yard where he slits the pipe with the axe and squeezes it between his hands, with appropriate words, until it fits.

He gets the pipe into shape only to find the stove does not stand true. His wife and the hired girl shift it to the left and the legs fall off. They replace the legs and shift it to the right and the legs fall off. Then the elbow is found not to be in a level with the chimney and the man goes to the woodshed for some little blocks. The three workers then try to put the blocks under the legs and the pipe falls down. The pipe is replaced but the elbow wobbles and threatens to come down. The man drags in the dining room table, places the kitchen chair on top and thereon performs acrobatic feats while his wife holds the chair firmly. His object is to drive nails into the ceiling, during which performance he drops the hammer on his wife's devoted head and she surprises him with a yell that would put the sanchees to shame.

Finally the nails are driven, a wire sling constructed to hold the elbow in position, the man hammers a pipe a little on one side and then a little on the other, pulls one joint a little here and pushes another length a little there, gives vocal expression to a series of deprecatory and mildly profane adjectives, takes a long breath, breathes a deep-drawn sigh of relief and proudly announces that the job is finished.

He then gets an old chair

OTTAWA REPORT
by JOHN ADDISON M.P.

A new television program called "This Hour has Seven Days" could be compared to Parliament last week of only five days.

The House of Commons was shocked Monday by the charges of Erik Nielsen, the minister of the Yukon, that the minister of justice had acted in an improper manner in dealing with an alleged bribe attempt by an executive assistant in one of the minister's offices. Since I have been in the House, almost two years, this week disturbed me more than at any other time. Accusations, innuendoes, the smearing of innocent people was carried on in a most indiscriminate manner. The whole concept of British and Canadian justice is predicated upon the principle that an individual is innocent until proven guilty. In the House of Commons an unwritten rule is that if a member charges another member and if after a subsequent trial, the member charged is innocent, then the member who made the charge must resign. At no time this week did any member of the opposition risk his seat by making a definite charge against another member. Instead sensational disclosures were hurled at the government.

The government quite properly ordered a judicial inquiry headed by Chief Justice Dorn, to investigate the accusations as put forward by Mr. Nielsen. After the terms of reference were announced, a technical point arose and that was should the written terms of reference be of a wide enough nature to inquire into the justification of the minister of justice's action. In effect, this meant that instead of the minister of justice being responsible only to Parliament, that a precedent would be set whereby a judge would be empowered with this decision. Every member of the House on an allegation of this kind wanted the fullest possible disclosure and it was only upon the suggestion of the minister of justice himself that the terms of reference were broadened to include this section. If any impropriety is found in the investigation, then only one course is open to the prime minister.

There is no role in a democracy for inconsistency in dealing with the affairs of the nation. Whatever the outcome of the judicial inquiry, Canadians will be more aware of the responsibility carried by men and women elected to every level of government.

COLOMBO PLAN
For the last two years Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan countries encompassing South and South East Asia has been 4 1/2 million dollars a year. Next year it is our intention to raise this amount to between 7 1/2 and 8 million dollars, half of which will be made up of long term loans. This vast area including Viet Nam is engaged in an all out struggle to maintain their independence against Communist threats. It is essential that not only financial aid and long term credits be provided but that qualified Canadian personnel help these under-developed countries explore and expand their potential. Certain of these countries provide an extremely attractive climate for the Canadian investment of energy, enthusiasm and knowledge. The establishment of a Canadian industry in these countries does two things:

(1) It means that the repatriation of the profits to Canada will further strengthen our balance of payments position and make it possible to further our social welfare scheme.
(2) It provides employment, economic activity and raises the living standard of the under-developed country.

Mr. Garfield Weston had this to say recently in England commenting on the future policies of the new Labour government: "Everywhere we must be prepared to take business risks. When England ceases to take risks in business, we are just about ready to fold up. We trust this government will do everything possible to encourage those people, proprietors and investors alike, prepared to risk their personal fortune to develop our commerce abroad. Upon this was Britain's greatness founded."

Sincerely,
John Addison

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Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES
Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

The news wasn't all bad last week. David Stanley, the Scarborough 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 caused by despair.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Vaughan'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 will not 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 over the kitchen, notices that remark by her discharged 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 that curbs are the cause of most injuries at a 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 is still going to need one big curb for their separatists' violence.

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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 responsibility of

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

Greek Women's Art At Library

"Greece In A New Light" is the title of a travelling exhibit of art which went on display in Richmond Hill Public Library Monday. Residents of Richmond Hill and district will have the opportunity to visit this exhibition during regular library hours until December 14.

Winter Colds

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

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 dispenser.

He then gets an old chair