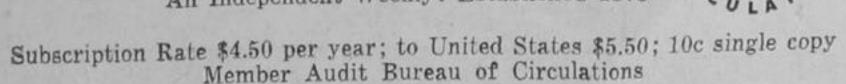


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Remember Your Hospital

Remember your hospital with a gift at Christmas, is the message published in a recent issue by County of York United Hospitals Campaign Trust Committee. This is an appeal which should meet a generous response from all the people of York County.

It is particularly fitting that this appeal comes at the Christmas season, a time when we celebrate the birthday of the Saviour of the world. The message of Christmas which is Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men should inspire all to emulate the example of the Great Physician who went about doing good. Practical Christianity surely demands that we give some thought to healing the sick and binding up the wounds of the injured. That is the mission of your home hospital which now is appealing for your continued financial support.

A few short years ago York County faced a serious crisis in a shortage of hospital beds. Many of our people who needed hospital care had to journey to Toronto or other points outside the County of York, and many were kept waiting for long periods for the needed hospital beds.

A successful county-wide campaign made possible the building of our new hospital at Richmond Hill and a substantial addition to the hospital at Newmarket.

This year more than five thousand patients will have received treatment at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill and more than seven thousand at Newmarket. These figures are proof the hospitals are filling a long-felt need and more important it is most gratifying they are filling that need in a most satisfactory manner. Many thousands who needed hospitalization were able to be accommodated close to home rather than travelling long distances to city hospitals.

Although our new hospital is built and operating it still has a substantial capital debt and still is in need of many items of equipment. It is to reduce this debt that the current appeal is made and we hope all our people, when thinking of gift-giving at Christmas, will remember the needs of the local hospital, an institution of which all should be very proud and one which is rendering exceptionally fine service to all the people of this district.

Fostering Community Spirit

The other day we attended a meeting in the community room of the British Mortgage and Trust Building and were impressed again not only by the fine and attractive facilities but by the fact that this meeting place is used so extensively by local and district organizations.

British Mortgage and Trust's imposing and impressive building at the corner of Yonge Street and Crosby Avenue although only opened this year, has already become known as an attractive town landmark. In the new building the trust company with commendable concern for the public interest provided a community room, comfortably and tastefully furnished with table and chairs, which is available free to community organizations for small meetings. Michael Foyle, the local manager, tells us the room

is used extensively and meetings average about one daily.

In this busy age the problem of finding a suitable location for small community meetings often presents a real problem and the thoughtfulness of British Mortgage in making this room available is most commendable and judging by its use is very much appreciated.

Fostering the right kind of community spirit is a continuing aim of this newspaper. It is most gratifying when business institutions show a practical interest in such an objective, and of such the community room at British Mortgage and Trust is a fine and inspiring example. Through the years it will make a really worthwhile contribution to the welfare of the town and district.

Reorganization of the Ontario Welfare Department is necessary to enable co-ordination of services for children, Don Diplock of Ottawa, president of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies stated at the association's recent northern regional conference.

He told the conference the department's child welfare branch and other branches concerned with personal service, should be separated except for administrative purposes. "Only in this way can the huge job of co-ordinating services for children be accomplished," he claimed. "The affairs of child welfare are smothered by their infusion in the total welfare field of the present department."

Offering constructive suggestions for reorganization, Mr. Diplock included amendments to the Child Welfare Act establishing a formula for provincial payment of protection services carried out by societies; expanded educational facilities for training more social work personnel:

an expanded child welfare branch and larger association staff to control uniformity of services and programs.

Mr. Diplock also said departmental criticism has been directed for years at the particular frailties of the Children's Aid Society agencies, but it is impossible for the government to find any other authority who can do the job better.

The work of Children's Aid Societies in protecting children from the cruelty and neglect of their own parents, in finding suitable foster parents who will give them love and care they need to grow up to be good citizens, is essential to the well-being of our province.

Any measure which could improve these services, should be most wel-

We feel that the suggestion advanced by Mr. Diplock, in view of his years of experience with Children's Aid Societies, warrants intense study by the Department of Welfare with a view to implementing them.

Better Ambulance Service Needed

A coroner's jury in King Township recently recommended a better ambulance service for the township.

The attending physican told the jury that he waited with the victim of an accident at the scene for an ambulance for 15 minutes then accepted the offer of a nearby resident to use his stationwagon.

This is just one more piece of evidence in our reiterated claim that ambulance services should receive support from the province and be under rigid control.

People in Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township are most fortunate in having an exceptionally good ambulance service made possible by grants of \$100 a month by each municipality. The ambulance is well

equipped and attendants have been trained in proper procedures. But many municipalities are not so fort-

Many people were shocked by a recent CBC documentary presentation on ambulances to learn that there are no provincial regulations for these important services. It was stated that anyone with a stationwagon could throw a mattress into the back of the vehicle and without training in handling patients become an ambulance operator.

This is a shocking situation—it is long past the time when drastic remedial action should have been taken. Perhaps if more coroners' juries make the same recommendation we will get some action.



Rambling Around

Once A Scouser Always A Scouser . . . Lou Donnelly

Lou Donnelly is one of the busiest men in Richmond Hill. At present, he is juggling his time between his two stores. Scotty's Variety and the Canadiana Gift Shop. And you can find him at the Farmer's Market in Thornhill every Saturday afternoon. Lou, his wife Mary, an art teacher at Walter Scott School and daughter Jane are avidly interested in promoting Canadian Art. Lou's interest in Little Theatre is also well known in the Hill and he uses his many talents to the hilt by directing, acting and writing, even to making props and special effects.

Lou was born in Liverpool and came to Canada eight years ago. He proudly calls himself a "scouser."

"The noun scouse," said Lou, "means a pan of stew . . . which is very like what we know as mulligan, almost everything you can think of goes into it. Liverpool is a very cosmopolitan city, a melting pot for the nationalities of the world. So Liverpool is compared to a pan of scouse and a native of Liverpool is known as a scouser.

The Donnellys have lived in Richmond Hill for seven years. Before Lou took over Scotty's, he ran "Odd Jobs Unlimited" a firm of one that would tackle anything from painting, hanging wall paper to brick

His interest in the theatre is a natural one for all the family on his mother's side were professional artists in the theatre. His German grandfather was a trapeze artist. His mother Irene Jackley was childhood friend of Charles Chaplin and played in many of his earlier shows with him. She was also well acquainted with the Lupino family. His cousin Nat "Rubberneck" Jackley is a television and variety artist in England.

In the acting field, Lou claims to be a character actor. He can speak a dialect convincingly from any where in the world in his relation to certain roles. For example he was the Italian immigrant in "The Transplanted", a play written by J. Rabinowitch. Among other plays, he has acted in "Don't Listen Ladies" a festival entry that made it as far as Winnipeg and also in "Pirrandello" another festival entry of the Curtain Club. He was in numerous pantomimes including many skits of "Twist of Lemon". He wrote the songs and lyrics for "Twist of Lemon" and wrote nearly all the lyrics of "Aladdin". The music was written by Phil Barnes.

Lou is a sought-after director of plays. Last vear he directed the United Church play "Cousin Jill from Junction Hill," and three years ago he directed a play for the Catholic Youth Club of St. Mary's called "Fireman Save My Child." This was an old-time melodrama which won the best director, actor, actress, supporting actress and play awards. Lou's latest triumph was the highly successful "The Clock Struck Twelve" which was presented by St. Matthew's Players and directed by him.

It is quite an experience to walk into the Canadiana Gift Shop. The air is pungent with the smell of freshly tanned leather and odor of sweetgrass. The snug little shop is a delightful hodgepodge of more "scouse". There's just about everything in it. Indian feathers, tomahawks, Indian dolls, porcupine quill boxes, leather moccasins, both plain and beaded. Novelty pieces of wood in bird'seve maple, ceramics by Gwen Sand, Thornhill, Christmas cards by W. J. Hopkins of Newmarket, a shelf of pioneer preserves, plaques of Historic Ontario by Fog of King, and beachstore jewelry by Bruce Mummery of Thornhill.

To say that Lou became interested in Indian products and culture because he loved people may Flashback seem strange. Loving all kinds of people he saw the Indian as an interesting person belonging to the human race and in the most unique sense. His interest actually began four years ago with a television show where the Bastien brothers, French Canadian Huron Indians were demonstrating their art of manufacturing Indian slippers and explaining their work habits. He wrote to them to find out more about them. They sent him a price list of their goods. Later he visited a gift show in Toronto where Maurice Bastien was showing Indian slippers and snowshoes. He decided their work was so beautiful that it was worthwhile for him to look into Indian ways and examine their culture more thoroughly. He is mainly interested in the Chippewa and Ojibwa tribes, and the Canadian Eskimo. In order to acquaint himself with them, he pays many visits to reservations and among them the Curve Lake Reserve of the Ojibwa north of Peterboro.

mighty cultural revolution and especially in the arts. bridle-paths, people must go died of itself or the remains His eyes sparkle with excitement and pleasure as he Indian file and then one meets of a beast of prey's kill one talks about the interests that he loves. He is a man, with swamps and underbrush week old or over. They eat intensely aware of life and enjoying every minute tainly glad when night comes try to be hospitable to strangof it.

. The Fourth Season

It is wonderful to live in a land where there are four seasons. Not for us the sameness of the sultry ordinary years. So far I have but from them all things must tropics or the constant cold of the Arctic hinterlands. seen no dry season. We have variety and change of pace. We are now on the threshold of the fourth season. Winter. How else can we think of winter except in terms of snow and ice and biting north winds? How smug but these as far as I can see and satisfied we can be when we burrow into our are simply empty titles. warm and comfortable homes with the thermostat the coast houses are built of registering 70 or there abouts! Perhaps it would be better to say just thankful. Thankful we have the means to have this wonderful warmth to come home to. But even within the confines of our Those in the interior are team for our plow. They are homes we dare not shut ourselves off from the pag- round and daubed with mud only about two feet higher than eantry of winter. For one day we will see the child- and covered with palm thatch, a large dog. One we have ren coming home from school with their wind- They build their fires on the under the house the other whipped faces smarting from the icy blast. We ground inside the houses and is still running wild about the may see the first flaky drops falling wetly on coat and glove . . . shining for a brief moment like some From 20 to 30 houses make a wagons, in fact we are only a last complete show 8 15 p.m. priceless jewel only to fade into nothingness in the town. They fence these in speck of humanity on the face space of a moment.

window panes we shall see etchings the like of which have never been done by a mortal. We shall see the as idols and cover them with from the sea and cattle and bare boughs of trees resplendent in the purest of a little roof. snow garments. We cannot help but be moved, for the memories of other winters are in us, and to be allowed to re-live this beauty once more . . . this is pleasure. May we cherish the heauty of the seasons at the moment of their highest beauty and this made from the sesswood tree, rose and that their work in will sustain us when the beauty fades.

Our Readers Still Write Of Fluoridation And Elections

FLUORIDATION VOTE Dear Mr. Editor:

persons in the recent fluorida- Thank you. tion issue for the opportunity which they provided for information to be obtained, and from which I was able to make my

is still able to enjoy freedom of Dear Mr. Editor:

by Elizabeth Kelson condition of my children's teeth tage of people who vote in wonder the people are fed up, houses and in fact are so enthrough heredity, diet, educa- municipal elections is disgrace- Vaughan Council has not couraged by the law enforce-

There is no easy way to der.'

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

Yours very truly,

442 Bent Crescent.

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Fanny Hill managed to get back on the book stands last week right in the midst of the final preelection speeches . . . And her return was about the only thing the candidates weren't trying to blame on the other guy.

Prime Minister Pearson says there should be a moratorium on comments on the bribery and coercion charges against his cabinet colleagues and their assistants until the investigation is completed or, at least, until he can learn the French words for 'boo-boo".

The Medical Officer of Health at Omemee has office-and to this date, also, ask, when was the last time been carrying a revolver since receiving threats over his closure of several wells and washrooms in the district . . . Sort of a pistol-packin' MOHmemee.

MONTREAL—(CP)—A doctor's five children have been barred from school because their father has refused to allow them to be vaccinated against smallpox . . . Sounds like one of those medical "authorities" who are opposed to fluoridation.

Quebec Liquor Board employees, who, it could tersections in the subdivisions be said, were already getting "high" wages, went on strike last week for higher wages . . . And for Christmas in Quebec this year it could really be a Whiskey Blank.

The London Sunday Express found it a "bit terrifying" that Prime Minister Pearson's granddaughter had been chatting over his "Hot Line" to Washington and asked: "If a child of four can get at it and use it, couldn't a madman who wished to precipitate a war do it just as easily?" . . . Well, no. The "Hot Line" was hidden in a cupboard and the English editors probably don't understand that, around Christmas time, Canadian children are much more ingenious than madmen at finding things in our cupboards.

But the really big news from Britain last week was the removal of Ringo Starr's tonsils. The worldwide flood of calls from Beatle fans requesting the tonsils as souvenirs was slow to build due to an erroneous first report stating Ringo was entering hospital for the removal of his toe nails—something which, as everyone knows, is only done during sessions at the recording studios.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council says there isn't a driver alive who will admit to being careless, thoughtless, inconsiderate or senseless in traffic and concludes that you should drive as if everybody else on the road is a nut . . . too.

Our federal government is again talking about abolishing capital punishment . . . While most of us would much rather see some abolishment of income punishment.

In Years Gone By

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

In 1890 "The Liberal" printed a letter from Miss Ann Beynon, formerly of King Township, who volunteered two years before for missionary work in Africa. The letter gives a description of the country and conditions. It is headed Piceannini Cess, West Coast, Africa.

The country is level or low a mortar and water mixed along the seacoast and in the with it. Sometimes this pointerior for about 100 miles, tion kills, sometimes not, but In the interior it is mountain- I believe they put in something THE GREATEST VIKING ADVENTURE OF THEM ALL! ous and cut up by many to kill when they want to. mountain streams and rivers, They are omniverous eating and is rather rough to walk everything from a grub worm Lou feels that Canada is in the upsurge of a over. As the paths are only to a bat, anything that has

be purchased and they often

steal from us and think it is

We have a small farm where

and thick jungle. You are cer- the bones of everything. They and you can rest. ers and give him rice and palm

The weather is said to be butter with a chicken cooked divided into two seasons, the in it, the choicest fare of the rainy and the dry, but we have country. a shower almost every day in

The native towns are simply so many bamboo or mud huts honorable. We have not yet ruled by one they have made been able to build a school but a king; another is soldier king, bamboo made into mats and we have planted corn, cassada, covered with palm thatch. They eddoea, cocoa, coffee, a few are square in shape and very fruit trees and now have two

the smoke goes through the town. We have no blacksmiths with a few sticks tied up with of a wilderness. And when we wake up in the morning to frosted a native vine called "country There are so many things rope". At the entrance to the that destroy crops here-bug-a town they place their gregs boos and worms, salt winds

> Some towns have bees and In spite of all the vicissitudes if anyone is stung by them he of life in the Dark Continent, is supposed to have a witch Miss Beynon expressed confidand is forced to taste the ence in God's promise to make sesswood, a poisonous potion the wilderness blossom like a The outer bark is pounded in Africa would be rewarded.

sponsibility in any situation, years and like other voters I sport has been staged in On-The amount of effort is in re- am about fed up. In my opin- tario.

I wish to thank all interested lation to the goal desired, ion we do not have one repres- Anyone may enter their car. entative on the present council regardless of its make or year in this township who looks after and after entering the cars are (MRS. J.) ADELE DOWNEY, the interests of Richvale. grouped in classes to give all

Take, for instance, the grant- an equal chance. All that is reing of dog kennel licences. The quired is that the car be in top VAUGHAN SHOULD REVERT land-use by-law permits dog mechanical condition, and by I am grateful that everyone BACK TO ONE-YEAR TERM kennels in the agricultural A- this I mean it must pass a test, zone-but Vaughan Council al- more stringent than the normal I agree with Allan Crawford, lows them in a residential area law enforcement requirements. If I have learned nothing who is heading the "Get Out surrounded by good homes, South of our border, there else. I have learned that as a and Vote Campaign" in Vaugh- where the smell is very bad, are nearly as many drag strips parent, I am responsible for the an Township, that the percen- particularly in the summer. No as there are drive-in movie

ful. But I also say "No won- considered the people in the ment and adult populations that Yonge Street area at all in the even service clubs such as the maintain and continue full re- I have cast my ballot for 50 last few years. In my opinion Lions club are actively engaged we should go back to the one- in sponsoring drag racing year term for council and scrap events.

present two-year system. . HAWORTH. 31 May Avenue.

NO LITERATURE FROM CANDIDATES

Dear Mr. Editor: that December 7 is election for a new swimming pool, but day in Markham Township. Being a Canadian, a home-community effort. owner and a resident of this The reason is quite simple. area all my life, I believe it The young man of today is me-

duty to vote. this-how can I or my hus- get the most out of his car. band vote, when we know of The solution is of course, to only one person running for give these young men and many office and of course, the office many more adult men as well,

we have received literature test their mechanical know-how. from only one candidate for To you Mr. Reader, may we have had no notice as to you cursed at some "youngster" where voting takes place. We who foolishly passed you on happen to be interested en- the highway? Frankly, your in-

corner house and so no one takes the trouble to walk around the corner to our door, with any announcements they may have concerning elections.

If this is the case at all inin the township, it is little wonder that so few people turn out at the polls, plus the fact that candidates are losing numerous votes needlessly. AN INTERESTED READER

Highland Park. DRAG STRIPS AND MARK-

HAM TOWNSHIP Concerning the proposed drag

strip to be located in Markham Township, I feel it is time to explain to those who are no familiar with the sport just what drag racing really is and why it is important to the com

Drag racing is a competitiv automobile racing event deal ing purely with acceleration The race is staged with two cars travelling down a flat piece of asphalt for a distance of one quarter mile, first man to the end being the winner. It is con sidered to be the safest and might add sanest type of rac ing sport in Canada today There has never been a fatal accident in all the years (9) the

It seems that cars have now become "Man's Best Friend"

and far sighted organizations such as the Lions' Club, are quick to realize this fact and do something about it. In many American locations, service clubs have been known to go I am given to understand out and canvass the area, not for a new drag strip, a total

is my privilege, as well as my chanically minded and we cannot avoid his competitive nat-My question, or complaint, is ure which calls upon him to

the organized locations to com-To this date (December 3) pete in while at the same time

ough to find out for ourselves, dignation is quite justified; the street is definitely no place The problem is we live in a for the competitive performance Continued on Page 5)

School Changes

A school design work-

shop held at Sudbury re-

cently requested that the Ontario Department of Education seek abolition of the practice of charging federal sales tax on school construction projects and equipment for refund later. R. H. Smith, business administrator of the Sault Ste. Marie, Board of Education, told the workshop's closing session that because of an inevitable delay in the refund "a school board may find it is financing a project of from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for a period of up

to two years. The workshop also passed a resolution asking that the department provide grants for rehabilitation and renovation of older school buildings in areas of more than 2,500 population.

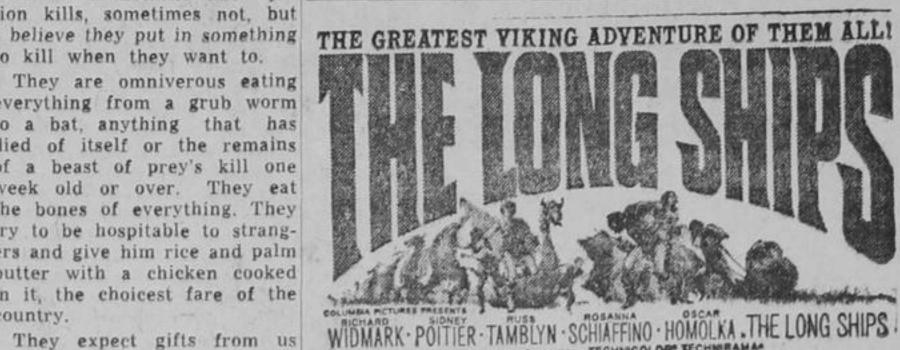
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