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WINTER AT THE CREEK LEADING INTO THE MILL POND

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Next Monday is the Great Day when Canada's very own flag will be run up flagpoles across the land and officially flown for the first time. Three cheers for the Red, White . . . and Blue Monday.

As the Quebec liquor stores strike entered its third month, the National Trade Unions Council was pleading for any form of intercession that might bring it to an end. Meanwhile, in Toronto, an inter-denominational service was being held in St. James Cathedral to pray for a speedy settlement of the typographic strike. . . . Well, anyway, the NTUC could ask.

And a Telegram report from Queen's Park, on the Ontario government's elation over the hundreds of millions of dollars it receives in liquor taxes and the anticipated increases in sales for this year, had this heading immediately below: (In quite a coincidence, considering the way they water the booze.) Gov't Urged To Control Lake Levels

Another coincidence we find a little queer is the University of Toronto talking about eliminating English as a college requirement at a time when French is being introduced at the Grade 3 level in the public schools.

Toronto is going to spend \$200,000 for historical "Sound and Light" projections on the facade of the new city hall. And it has also started expropriating and wrecking the south-Queen block facing it without any definite plans for its use . . . unless as a drive-in theatre.

The Coin Affair— Money Minister Walter Gordon has flipped again and now announces that all orders for 1965 coin sets WILL be filled. It just took him a little while to realize he had a good thing going in being able to sell \$1.91 for \$4.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa has increased its lean until it is in imminent danger of falling and the Italian government is asking the world for suggestions as to how it can be saved. . . . Well, for what it's worth, we have a great hangover cure . . .

Norman Goodhead's "Sounding Off" on Toronto radio and Charlotte Whitton's "Opinions" on Ottawa TV could be the start of a plethora of ex-politicians taking to the airwaves on a new career of criticizing the government. . . . And the way things are going, there should be material for all.

A proposed linking of Toronto's Allan Gardens and Moss Park into an area surrounded by apartments is being compared to New York's Central Park. . . . Well, we'd say that district is bad enough now without adding muggers.

Indonesia has 200 scientists working to create an atomic bomb and plans to produce intercontinental ballistic missiles. This is a great load for such a small country. Possibly Australia, as the nearest "power" representative, could give them the know-how to make these modern necessities . . . and show them how they could be crossed with a boomerang.

The big news last week was President Johnson's admission that he might have made a mistake in not sending Vice-president Humphrey as his alternate at Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral. . . . Any time ANY politician admits he even MIGHT have made a mistake, it's big news.

Question Of The Week— Why, when he was signing up with the Americans for that free-trade deal on car parts, didn't our P.M. get himself a bonus of a power-steering gadget for his cabinet?

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

We often decry the lack of sportsmanship on the part of players and spectators at various sports which leads to fighting on the playing field and verbal abuse hurled at players and officials. That this is not a new thing is evident in the following report of a local lacrosse match in July 1887:

The lacrosse match between the second twelve of the Young Canadians (Richmond Hill) and Mr. Gaby's van at half past twelve noon: H. McConaghy, goal; R. McDonald, point; J. McConaghy, cover point; F. Haffey, W. Munshaw, A. Powell, Hill team together. However

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Dear Mr. Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

I read with genuine appreciation what Kathleen Paxton wrote in the Liberal of January 7, on "New Propane Tanks on Markham Road." In her article she has spoken for her neighbours and friends, and the truth of her statements can be, and is being backed by many residents across Richmond Hill.

As if the Maple propane explosion wasn't enough, we now hear of last Tuesday's explosion in the Superior Propane supply depot in Huntsville. To quote from the Huntsville Forester of February 4, this explosion officials said could have turned into a major disaster in the west end of Huntsville.

Can an administration claim to be wise and efficient which allows a permit to be issued for hazardous purpose attributed to Altane Ltd. Those who are members of the committee of adjustment who assent to such use being made of land in Richmond Hill should feel unworthy of the trust of fellow-citizens. An honest servant of the people is happiest serving honestly.

A by-law is a frail medium behind which to hide. A by-law can be unfair and misinterpreted at times. It can be bent to suit the unscrupulous.

Above and beyond man-made laws stands the moral law which should motivate our actions towards our fellow-citizens. Our people in Richmond Hill need protection and should be given it. Anything which will provide this will lift the forbidding fears which are causing sleepless nights and dragging days for many citizens.

Personally, I know of such conditions when I visited that section of our town last week. I found people uneasy, tense and agitated. Among the forty to fifty persons whom I met, and with whom I talked in their homes and places of business, there was a sense of uneasiness. This uneasiness has increased since the recent installation a month ago at Altane Ltd. of a 30,000 gallon tank and railway siding.

Maple waited till the accident occurred before moving the installation out of the village. What will Huntsville do? Risk another explosion?

What should we do here? I sincerely hope that we are wise enough to profit by their sad experiences and take immediate steps towards removing the hazard now.

(MRS.) M. STEPHENSON,
49 Hunt Avenue.

To Fly New Flag

"We should have the new Canadian flag to show our children we go along with our elected representatives. We should purchase flags for the municipal buildings and schools," Deputy-Reeve A. Laidlaw of Markham Village told his council last week.

Councillor J. Abernethy said he felt a new flag should be purchased when needed; not necessarily for the fifteenth. However, he added, with a laugh he had already ordered new flags for the public schools.

Council agreed to order a flag to fly on and after February 15.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

VOW Comes To The Hill

"The purpose of the Voice of Women is to unite in concern for the future of the world; to help promote the mutual respect and co-operation among nations necessary for peaceful negotiation between world powers having different ideological assumptions; to protest against war or the threat of war, as the decisive method of exercising power; to appeal to all national leaders to co-operate in the alleviation of the causes of war by common action for the economic and social betterment of mankind; to provide a means for women to exercise responsibility for the family of mankind."

When a group of earnest and truth-seeking women get together to study a question, things are bound to happen for good or ill. It is not for nothing that their primary interest is against war with all the implications and results that accompany it. In fact, no person, with any degree of understanding would want a war especially the nuclear type which would destroy people wholesale. But like the story of the little boy who, afraid of the dark, rather than to question the dark that frightened him, hid his face under the bedclothes and pretended it didn't exist, so many people today rather than facing their fears realistically are shutting their eyes and closing their ears for fear they will see and hear truth. Truth is always so uncomfortable because it demands some kind of action, and it seems easier to wander in the grey never, never land of self-deception. You think everybody likes you better this way. Perhaps the constantly hovering threat of nuclear war will never materialize, and it is to be fervently hoped that it never will, take heed to the words of the eminent psychoanalyst Erich Fromm who says "Rational anxiety due to the awareness of realistic dangers operates in the service of self-preservation, is an indispensable and healthy part of our organization. The absence of fear is a sign of either a lack of imagination or intelligence, or a lack in one's will to live."

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Research And Mental Illness

The disgracefully small amount of money spent by this country in combatting the major health problem of mental illness is dramatically shown in a pamphlet entitled "Quiet Disaster" produced by the Canadian Mental Health Association. It is one of a series of pamphlets produced by the mental health association demanding federal government funds for a crash program to combat the spread of this very serious threat to our national health.

Canada spends only five cents per capita, or \$1,000,000, on research into this problem. Yet Canada's 1964 budget for research into national defence was \$50,000,000, \$45,000,000 is spent for research into atomic energy and another \$29,000,000 for agricultural research.

"Much as they are vitally needed," the association says, "the solution does not lie in the provision of more and up-to-date hospitals, nor in training more professional staff. It lies in a crash program of investigation, exploration and a drive for more and more knowledge.

"The federal government does not believe or, more correctly, does not act as though it believes that the problem of mental illness is a serious national threat. . . Not \$1,000,000 but at least \$10,000,000 should be made available (for mental health research) each year."

The CMHA also urged support from Canadian charitable foundations and from the general public.

To back up its own claims, the CMHA also sent parliamentarians a copy of the Canadian Psychiatric

Association's 1964 report on mental health research which charged that government and institutional officers have been guilty either of ignorance or callousness.

Since research is known to open doorways to effective treatment, the choice is two-fold, the CPA said: "Support research, help the mentally ill, reduce hospital population and save money. Give inadequate support, let them suffer, waste money on incarceration of citizens who could earn."

A large part of money financing Canadian mental health research comes from U.S. sources, the CPA said. In the field of experimental psychology in 1962-63, the U.S. National Institutes of Health provided \$394,000 while Canada gave \$380,000.

"Does Medical Research Pay Off? In Lives? In Dollars?" Affirmative answers are given in the 1963 handbook of the National Health Education Committee. Between 1943 and 1961, the committee, headed by Mrs. Albert D. Lasker of New York, reports the life expectancy of Americans had increased from 63.3 years to 70.2, largely as a result of major health advances through research supported by voluntary health agencies and the National Institutes of Health of the United States Public Health Service.

More than 2,674,000 Americans, the reports point out, were alive in 1961 who would have been dead, were it not for medical research advances since 1944 against diseases that otherwise would have killed them.

Improved Teaching Methods

Last fall Dr. Frederick J. Speckeen, dean of students at Waterloo Lutheran University, charged that elementary school teachers in Ontario are among the most poorly trained in North America. He suggested that the Department of Education should be approached with a clearly defined plan for strengthening the Ontario education program.

He also suggested special courses and workshops and that the University of Waterloo should sponsor an elementary school where research of the whole area of child development and learning could be carried out.

In an effort to improve the quality of teaching in the elementary schools of the province, entrance requirements for Ontario teachers' colleges will be stiffened and the two-year course dropped this year, Education Minister William G. Davis has announced.

From now on, students must have a grade 13 education to enroll in teachers' college. They will attend one year before graduating as elementary school teachers.

The two-year course for grade 12 graduates was started in 1953, when there was a great shortage of elementary school teachers, in an effort to attract more students into teaching careers.

Since then, about 6,000 teachers have graduated from two-year courses, while 23,900 graduated from the one-year course.

This year, 3,967 students enrolled in the one-year course, while only 1,111 enrolled in the first year of the two-year course. In the past two years, there has been no evidence of elementary teacher shortage, and the Minister of Education anticipates that the one-year course will turn out sufficient graduates to man the province's elementary schools in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Davis has also announced the system of teachers' colleges, which has been expanded in recent years, will be still further expanded with the opening of a new college in St. Catharines. When students can attend teachers' college in their own neighboring communities, with a consequent saving in expense, enrollment increases.

Mr. Davis has promised that the second year of the two-year course will be continued next year to enable students who enrolled this year to conclude their training.

These changes are commended by educators as a forward-looking step and an indication of a trend toward higher standards of education demanded by both post-secondary schools and business.

Moreau Calls For Shuffle In Pearson Cabinet

A federal cabinet shuffle is needed in the Liberal Government, says Maurice Moreau, MP for York Scarborough.

Because the present scandal involves the cabinet, Mr. Moreau says Prime Minister Lester Pearson will find it hard to make changes without unjustly branding certain ministers with involvement in immorality.

"I have no inside information but I have felt for some time that I would like to see some

cabinet changes," Mr. Moreau said. "However, it won't help now if I put the finger on anyone."

Mr. Moreau says he has made some "healthy criticism" of certain cabinet ministers during caucus meetings of the past session.

Mr. Moreau says the next session of Parliament starting this month holds the key to a possible election this year. Co-operation of other parties is needed to make the coming session a success. If this happens, it

could mean another election could be a year away, he says.

He would like to see any election put off until 1966 so redistribution of ridings could take place. This will probably mean the federal riding of York Scarborough will be cut into two or three.

Now the riding has a population exceeding 300,000, the largest in Canada. Seventeen polls in Markham Township south of No. 7 Highway are included in the federal riding of York Scarborough.

Mr. Taylor is past president of the Scarborough Centre Tory Organization. He served two years on the Scarborough Board of Health and unsuccessfully challenged Reeve Albert Campbell in 1958 for the reeveship of Scarborough.

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Oppose McGee?

Former federal cabinet minister and York-Scarboro MP

Frank McGee may have opposition if he wants the Conservative nomination for the next federal election. James Taylor a 38 year old resident of Scarborough says he is interested in the nomination but he hasn't been able to get an answer from Mc-

Gee on whether or not he intends to run again.

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