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Unfair Measure

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This newspaper had grave doubts regarding the feasibility of a county wide centralized assessment system when it was approved by county council last December. After hearing the report of the assessment committee at the February session of county council we are convinced our doubts were well founded. It is now a certainty the cost to the taxpayers will be very high and the benefits to the municipalities in the southern part of the county questionable.

On December 17 county council by a plural vote of 28 to 19 approved the introduction of a centralized assessment system for the 14 municipalities that make up the county. Feelings were sharply divided and it took five hours and three recorded votes before a final decision was reached.

C. D. Wright, a 34-year-old emplovee of the Department of Municipal Affairs was hired as the new county assessor at a salary of \$11,-000. At this meeting it was estimated the project would cost between \$168,000 to \$175,000 and a staff of 20 to 30 would be required.

Now two months later we are told the cost will be \$274,717 and a staff of 50 will be needed. Assessment costs will be \$58,839 higher than they were last year when assessment was still being handled by the individual municipalities. A final decision on the matter should have been delayed until a true picture as to the total costs involved had been ascertained. Furthermore, eight of the members who were at the December meeting did not return to council in the new

Without exception the northern municipalities all voted in favour of the new system while the vote in the south was divided. Vaughan and Markham Townships and the Villages of Markham and Stouffville all opposed the scheme while both Richmond Hill representatives voted in favour. Reeve James Haggart and Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker supported the plan in spite of the fact both were retiring at the end of December. Neither gentleman sought re-election to the 1965 Richmond Hill Council. It would have been more appropriate if Richmond Hill's votes in this very important county issue had been cast by the town's two new representatives on county council.

Every property owner in the county will shortly feel the heavy burden of implementing this scheme, but what is more serious is the future effect it is going to have on the taxpayers in the south who are going to be taxed to benefit the low assessment areas in the north.

Reeve Alma Walker of Markham Village says the municipalities were led down the garden path and brainwashed into approving the project. Although the hour is late, strenuous efforts should yet be made to halt the introduction of this unfair measure. It is a further example of the extent to which the interests of York County's southern municipalities are being subordinated to those of the north.

Adult Delinquents Mental Breakdowns

A new type of school, with its own health and welfare services attached has been suggested to the East York Social Planning Council to cope with children heading for mental breakdowns or lives as adult delinquents. R. G. Des Dixon, vice-principal of Cosburn Junior High School, told the group that such children are not getting preventive treatment which

they need. Trouble signs, he said, included fighting in class, having to be forcibly taken to school, extreme bullying, stealing, lack of toilet training, constant imaginary illness aimed at getting attention, withdrawing from other children. "We can identify a child by age six who will be a problem child, and we know that his home is unsatisfactory," he said, reporting that among the 600 students at his school he could pick out 40 to 50 who will be adult delinquents and another group of 20 to 30 who will have mental breakdowns.

Poor home conditions, he said, showed up in the child who was often late or absent without cause but whose parents would always "write him a note."

The child who reacted violently to any criticism from the teacher was a youngster "likely to get his back up against society".

And the painfully silent and docile child, often a favorite with the teacher because he caused no trouble, could "be a bombshell later".

No one symptom in itself was of concern, he said, but a cluster of them "give cause for worry".

A volunteer organization, known as the North York and Weston Family Service Centre, for the past 10 years has been meeting the demands for family counselling in that area with help from the United Appeal and donations and fees. Cases come to them from previous clients' recommendations, from clergy, lawyers, teachers, doctors, etc., and included in 1964 988 families containing 2013

In York County the YCMHA realizes the importance of work with young people and their families and is laying plans to concentrate on this area of mental health work. If this work prevents the waste of even a few lives it will be playing an important part in the country's future.

Students' Paper Shows Skill

BY JIM IRVING

The function of the writer, according to author Faith Baldwin, is to communicate. "If your story moves one reader, and it doesn't matter to what emotion it moves him - you have communicated."

If that is the case, then the pupils of Portable 6, Walter Scott Public School, can be said to have communicat-

In fact they have quite wrapped up the art of communication in 12 healthy pages of their publication, "Junior News", which appeared for the first time recently at the price of two cents a copy.

Featuring everything from a front page editorial on Sir Winston Churchill-"Thank you, Mr. Churchill for helping to keep us free"-to an outspoken sports feature on Gordie Howe - "There are other players as good as Gordie Howe" - the paper presents the firm and colorful thoughts of grade four pupils in the things they view with the most importance in their everyday world.

ers must if they intend to of the child. survive. However, there is a In both stories, authored slight irreverence about the by Teddy and Michelle, hapstudents' ad copy that sug- py endings were forthcoming gests they are more interest- only after seemingly hopeless ed in revelry than in reve- situations, brought about by nue. For example this one: "You'll wonder where your hair went, when you brush mechanical alterations, and your hair with wet cement." the other by means of a

The paper, which arose out of a social studies chapter on communication, is the its own "guest columnist" in

work of every pupil in the class of teacher Allen Duf-

"The main thing was to build up interest," said Mr. Duffield. "Those who follow sports got the sports section going; those in Cubs and Brownies wanted to do those particular sections.

"Everyone in the class had his job," Mr. Duffield said. The paper was then checked by the editors for spelling and additional ideas. If they didn't like the story. they sent it back and asked that it be done over again.

However suspecting, if not actually knowing the temperament of writers, no matter what the age, the editors had the wisdom not to send too much back, Mr. Duffield said, but instead asked for more new stories.

The paper was even assembled by the class with one student doing most of the collating and running it off on the school stencil.

Another feature of the paper was the short story section, which showed that, while the adult world may have its fears of nuclear warfare and fallout, the report card represents one of of "ads", as all good pap- the main terrors in the world

poor report cards, had been reversed—one through a few

the person of Laurie Pierce, a grade four pupil in the main section of the school reprinting her award-winning speech for the school on the subject of ink.

origins of ink some thousand years ago up the present time, Laurie concluded that pupils who would be using ink next year for the first time could feel happy that they would be using a ball-point pen, instead of having to have an octopus on the desk for an ink well.

per included weather, poems, jokes, news, clubs, pictures and this note from the editors, Gwen Winemaker and Robin Hopkins: "The editors and workers of The Junior News wish to inform their readers that all proceeds from the sale of this great paper will go to The March of Dimes. (You may give

this newspaper.)" "It was all their own idea, too, that they charge for the paper and gave the money to The March of Dimes," Mr.

Duffield said. The pupils obviously knew own heat what they were doing, howed \$9.58 for the charity.

Will they put out another paper? want to do another one later on to wrap up the year's Ottawa.

activities." The paper also brought in itable organization may well rub its hands in anticipation.



BROTHERHOOD

Democracy at Work BROTHERHOOD WEEK

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



Rambling Around

The Story of Welfare

(This is a continuation of the welfare story) There has been a marked growth of social security and welfare measures in Ontario during the past two decades. Welfare services are now available to help citizens meet nearly every condi- and in the end given our nation tion of critical adversity. Your government provides a flag of its own. funds in recognition of the needs of children, the handicapped and the disabled, elderly, ill and other persons who are without sufficient resources to maintain themselves.

Adversity spares few. Almost everyone, at one time or other must face some of the distresses which often arise out of changing health and economic conditions. The services administered by the welfare department are designed to assist those persons who are not in a position to share directly in the productive wealth of the province.

Over \$100,000,000 is required annually to provide the wide range of welfare services administered by the province. \$60,000,000 of this amount comes from provincial taxing sources. These facts are from the office of Minister of Public Welfare, Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Q.C., L.L.D. Three main services are designed to keep the family together when adversity and tragedy hit. Mother's allowances, general (municipal) assistance and homemaker's and nurses services.

Mother's Allowances

If you are a mother caring for school or preschool children you may be eligible for any of the following reasons. You are a widow or your husband deserted you and has not been heard from for six months. You are divorced and no provision has been made for your maintenance or your husband has been in prison for the past six months or longer.

You may also receive a mother's allowance if you are an unmarried mother over 18 and the child in your care is at least six months old; if you care for children who are not wards of the Children's

Aid Society. There is a companion program for a "dependent father." . . . that is a father who is medically certified as permanently unemployable and is living with his wife . . . or is a widower; has been deserted by his wife at least six months; his wife is in a public institution or his wife has been in prison at least six months. The allowance is given because the dependent father is taking the place of a mother and all conditions apply here which apply in the case of mother's allowances.

To apply a person should telephone or write to In a bright essay on the the Ontario Department of Public Welfare regional office in his area. The department will send out a field worker to complete an application and interview you in your home. Here are the conditions which apply to mother's allowances. You have to be a resident of Ontario for at least a year. Allowances are based on the number of children who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. But there is no allowance for any school age child who has left school. On the other hand allowances will be con-Other sections in the pa- tinued for a high school student over 18 as long as

he continues to make satisfactory progress. There's a limit to how much money you have in the bank. It's \$1,000 for the mother and one child and \$200 for each additional child. Home ownership is encouraged and no income value is put on a house. Income value is placed on earnings . . . and this value is deducted according to a formula, from the allowances. Another limitation on working is placed on the total number of hours a mother puts on a more than 2c if you enjoy part-time job. The department says she can't be

away working more than 24 hours a week. And finally limitations are placed on the size of the allowance a family can receive. The maximum allowance for a family of two (a mother and one child) is \$187.50 a month if the family supplies its

For a family of three, it is \$203.50; four, ever, for when the final re-\$247.50. To this add \$7.50 if the family lives in heated quarters where the rent is usually higher. Each family on mother's allowance actually has a "It's a lot of work," Mr. higher income because the Ontario Government Duffield said," but they may make no claim on the family allowance cheque from

The welfare department bases its allowances on If they do, another char- what the department experts agree is the minimum

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by JOHN ADDISON M.P.

How does one describe the by the Hon. Allan MacEachen, pageantry and emotion that Minister of Labour, is about to

last week surrounded the public become law. Certain amendunfurling of our country's na- ments were proposed by the government to provide a more To me this was a day when realistic transition period and the too often remote workings to provide exemptions for cerof Parliament came in a mean-tain industries, basically howingful and forceful attention to ever, the code is as proposed, the people of Canada. The sing- a 40 hour week a minimum of ing of God Save the Queen and \$1.25 an hour and two weeks O Canada, the arrival of the vacation with pay. I know I Governor General in stately have heard some criticism that procession accompanied by his this is too low, but as Mr. foot guards in their tall bear- MacEachen related in the deskin caps, the prime minister bate it was only under Presitogether with the members of dent Kennedy that the United Parliament, Senate, ambassa- States established a minimum dors from around the world, wage of \$1.25 an hour and only and the mounted police in their in certain sections. In Alberta brilliant uniforms, coupled with the minimum wage per week is the skirling of bag pipes and \$34, and that is the minimum in the fanfare of trumpets, made a centres over five thousand popmost impressive display. But ulation, elsewhere in the provmost of all it was the presence ince it is only \$30. a week. In of thousands and thousands of the Province of Saskatchewan, Canadian people who came to it is only \$36.50 for a 44 hour watch the inauguration of their week and in Ontario the areas

on Parliament ''ill wage is \$1, per hour, During the recess I found a We must remember that any great relief in the riding and a new legislation of this kind put genuine sense of satisfaction forward by the federal governthat the flag debate had finally ment is only designed to raise been resolved and decided. It the minimum standards.

and hearts of all of us present and Hamilton the minimum

took a long time, it was bitter. CANADA PENSION PLAN but above all to me, it was the This week we have started on epitome of free people express- the Canada Pension Plan and ing their wish and confidence the government has proposed in their elected representatives, an immediate amendment Those that voted for the Red lowering the age of eligibility Mississippi Riverboat Ensign did so because they pas- to 65 for the \$75 a month old sionately believed in this sym-age pension. This means that bol, those that voted for our next year everyone that is 69 new Canadian flag, did so for will receive the basic \$75. old the same reason, the majority age security, the next year the by Elizabeth Kelson governed and the decision was age will be dropped to 68 and so on until 1970 when everyone

I could think of nothing on reaching the age of 65 will rethe clear blue day of February ceive \$75. a month plus \$104 15, 1965, that made me more provided by the Canada Penproud than being together with sion Plan. And so last week parliamentary colleagues where Prime Minister Pearson instiwe had grappled with all the tuted another milestone in emotion and bitterness of battle Canadian social welfare.

FEDERAL LABOUR CODE Parliament has started off well, the labour code proposed

Thoughts Second

BY GEORGE MAYES

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Roses are red, violets are blue, In South Vietnam they're having a coup! The latest coup in this coup-coup country was cooled after only one day, and, (as of last Saturday) conditions were once again back to normalwith the U.S. pigeon getting the billing for their

... and coups were very big in Quebec last week end too-as the liquor-store strike ended and a tax-missing L.C.B.Q. and parched Quebecois exchanged merci beau-coups over the passing of the

Toronto's fire chief and Metro's EMO director are wrangling over who should have control of the "IA/AIT fire department if there should ever be an atomic attack on the city. . . . What fire department?

Senator David Croll, who has long sought such measures in Canada, will be heartened to learn that the U.S. government has produced a booklet giving the true interest rates on all forms of consumer credit. Canadians contemplating no-money-down purchases may obtain a copy of the booklet from the U.S. Government Printing Bureau, Washington, D.C. The cost is 5c . . . CASH.

The recent Think-Fest of Toronto's Young Liberals produced a resolution calling for abolishment of the monarchy and the Queen of Canada. This, if they should bring it to pass, would be quite a hardship on them when, as Old Liberals, they find themselves being forced to learn to speak Chinese.

In Montreal, last week, our new flag was being spat upon, trampled and burned by 400 separatist demonstrators. This band-aid for our national unity seems to be accomplishing its promised purpose. . . . We feel better toward the separatists al-

LONDON (UP)-The Tea Trades Committee asked a public opinion firm to carry out a survey into British tea-drinking habits. It was shocked to learn that half the people in the 18 to 25 age group never touch the stuff. . . . Well, cutting out on the flag and even talk about ditching the Queen didn't seem TOO serious-but now we KNOW the Empire has had it!

Prime Minister Pearson is going to join President Johnson's war on poverty and announces that 125 million dollars will be devoted to this purpose in the next few years. . . . This could be a case where we win the war but—come tax time—lose the peace.

U.S. space scientists were jubilant last Saturday as their Ranger 8 landed as planned in the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. . . . And the rest of the world was wondering-with the Americans in there -how long the sea would remain that way.

We see where the latest labour-saving device is a crib with an electrically motivated up-and-down mattress to save young mothers the labour of bending over to pick up the baby. . . . That's progress; more and more labour-saving devices while Vic Tanney opens more and more salons where we can go to exercise. * * * * Question Of The Week-

How come we never hear of any student demonstrations outside of the Soviet Embassies, or those of the other Commie countries?

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