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Health Rather Than Weapons

Thinking Canadians will agree with Dr. John Brown, head of the physiological department in the School of Hygiene of the University of Toronto, who claims that armaments to protect Canadians are pointless unless survival through the promotion of good health is ensured first.

Speaking to the Kleinburg Rotary Club Dr. Brown claimed that health must take priority over the arms race and efforts to land a man on the moon.

"For our own welfare and survival we must become constantly and constructively conscious of the importance to Canada of promoting good health," he said.

A director of the Health League of Canada, the doctor said all Canadians should work to bring the benefits of preventive medicine to everyone's attention.

"Our well-equipped hospitals are not quite the evidence of progress we think they are. We need to be reminded that it is more important to prevent disease than to treat it," he stated.

The speaker noted that the British Medical Association is launching the greatest program of mass health education ever undertaken in the United Kingdom, with the emphasis on preventive medicine and how to keep well.

"Unless increased attention is paid to community health across the nation, we are going to be faced with the problem of a high percentage of our citizens living out their added years both disabled and dispirited," he said.

Dr. Brown urged Rotary Clubs to set up health committees designed to spread the aims of preventive medicine. Rotarians and members of other service clubs, we feel, might give some thought to the doctor's suggestion.

The Health League of Canada is calling for the co-operation of all Canadian doctors, dentists and nurses in an unprecedented all-out campaign to put across the ideals of good health and preventive medicine to every Canadian.

Canada's economic burden resulting from illness is estimated at some \$3,500,000,000. This is an annual loss through illness of some \$180 for every man, woman and child in the nation. And this in one of the most medically enlightened countries of the world.

The league in its 45 years of fighting to improve the health of all Canadians has accomplished much. It aided greatly in wiping out the thousands of annual deaths from diphtheria by convincing Canadians of the necessity for immunization, it overcame public opposition to pasteurization through education and is slowly educating the public to the benefits of fluoridation.

But even after 45 years of battling apathy towards preventive medicine, the job of educating Canadians to its necessity has barely begun. The help of every Canadian is needed in the campaign for a healthier nation.

Municipal Tax Resources

The need for broader municipal tax resources has again been emphasized, this time by Controller William Denison of Toronto's Board of Control. In bringing down this year's \$190 million budget of the City of Toronto to the other day, Mr. Denison pointed out that 85 per cent of the city's tax revenue comes from the property owner. The proportion would be roughly similar in other cities across the country. On the other hand, in most United States cities the amount of revenue from property is 55 per cent or less.

Several courses could be followed to lighten the special burden carried by property owners. Provincial grants to municipalities might be increased; tax sources might be broadened, with the municipalities authorized to collect sales or other taxes; the province could assume a larger share of the load for services that should be supported out of general taxes, rather than levies on property; social welfare, health, and education services come readily to mind.

As matters stand, a great many

High Cost Of Bilingualism

Mao Duff Ottawa Report
 The high cost of being bilingual is getting through to the federal government. The cost is partly in dollars and cents. The federal translation bureau, for example, will cost a million dollars more this year than it did five years ago.

With over 400 employees, it has almost grown to the status of a major department of government. But even this is not enough if Ottawa is going to make the two official languages equal in fact as well as in name.

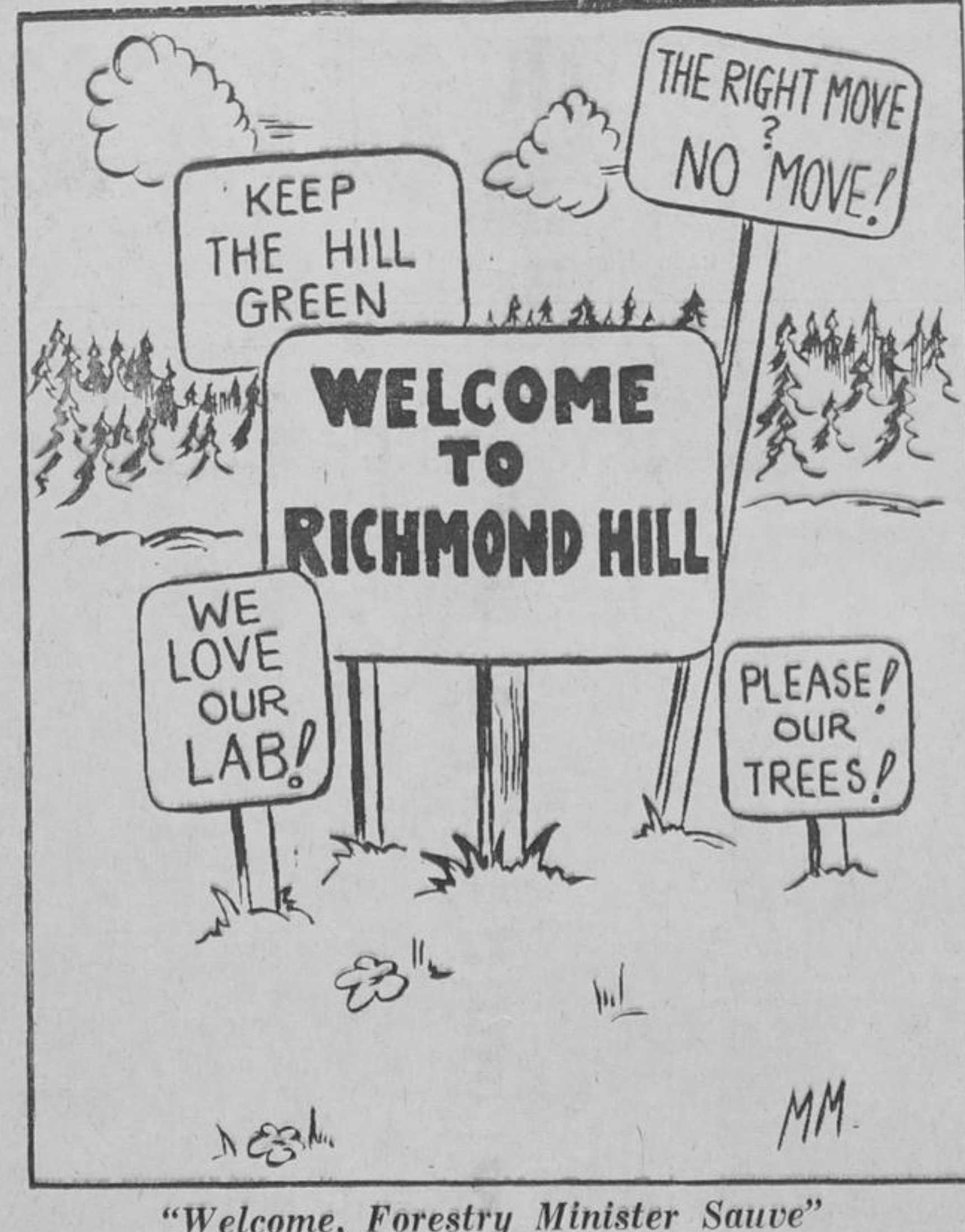
How far short present translation facilities fall was shown recently when the House of Commons had to suspend debate on the Canada Pension Plan for four days while translators did a "crash" job on 1.5 million words of English-only reports from the Senate-Commons Pensions Committee.

The crisis was provoked by Real Caouette's little band of Creditistes who had previously won victories on such things as a bilingual menu for the Parliamentary cafeteria and the translation of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, basic handbook for every procedural hassle.

The Creditistes showed little interest in the earlier phases of the pension plan. Their man on the Senate-Commons Committee attended only six of the 51 sittings of the committee and said little when he was there. Although elaborate simultaneous translation facilities had been laid on, the committee was conducted almost entirely in English.

But suddenly Creditiste interest was awakened and they demanded the committee reports in French before passing the bill.

There was a tussle in



"Welcome, Forestry Minister Sauve"

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES
 ● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Public opinion polls in the U.S. seem to indicate that the average American thinks President Johnson has got them into a Dumb-inican situation in Santo Domingo.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson
 "MY OPPORTUNITY CLASS HAS A LIVING ROOM" . . . HAZEL HILL

"My class really has a living room," said Mrs. Hazel Hill, kindly teacher of the junior opportunity class at Thornhill Public School. "In this living room, everything must be orderly and everything cared for and the children must be mannerly."

And Mrs. Hill's classroom is indeed a room for living. It is full of brightness and color. In this room, there is a definitely creative atmosphere and a feeling of warmth that seems to spring partly from Mrs. Hill's own warm personality and partly from the artistic effects.

Opportunity classes were established to provide an efficient, effective learning environment for pupils who are unable to profit from the programs of the regular classrooms.

Many types of opportunity classes will have pupils with a wide range of educational problems. Flexibility and suitability of approach are the keys to an effective opportunity class program.

The program is aimed at overcoming weakness and returning the child to the regular grade as soon as possible, especially in the case of a child of average ability who requires a remedial approach in the basic subjects. In children of limited ability, some remedial programming is required. A developmental program is then geared to individual development.

In this class "living room", Mrs. Hill encourages the children to be free. She doesn't believe in many rules. Her motto is "If it is necessary, do it." She constantly tells her pupils, "You are not alone in this living room. Be quiet and courteous as you move around." Mrs. Hill believes that freedom is most necessary in the classroom. The child

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Dear Mr. Editor

WANT POSITIVE APPROACH
 Dear Mr. Editor:

After reading your "coverage" of the Ward 1 and Elgin Mills Ratepayers' Association meeting held in Beverley Acres Public School April 26, I could not help but get the feeling that I was one of six ratepayers attending a council meeting, rather than vice-versa. Al- though your front page report was authentic, readers do like to hear both sides of a discussion. Many questions and answers were worthy of comment, but some were neglected to be reported. I am aware it is impossible to publish everything said at such meetings, but one does expect an unbiased report especially from a liberal paper.

It was reported that Councilor Walter Scudts admitted very little work had been done on the ditches over the last six year period. Yet a ratepayer living in a semi-detached home in the affected area pointed out that over the same period his taxes had increased from \$152 to \$263, an increase of 73%.

Mr. Scudts and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst certainly worked as a team in presenting a negative attitude to the proposed petition, and were really armed with facts and figures regarding the cost of the storm sewer and curb project. Councilor Scudts was also well informed as to the number of objections required to cause the Ontario Municipal Board to demand a hearing if this project went through under local improvement. Yet when the question arose as to what percentage would be required to sign the petition he was less definite.

He thought it was around 80% but said it could be 80%.

It was reported that \$150,000 would be spent for the rebuilding and resodding of the ditches over the next three year period. The answer to this by Mr. Mansbridge was not reported although (from the applause) it was obviously the opinion of the majority at the meeting. It was felt that any money spent on work of this nature would be wasted, as it had been in the past, and that this money would be better put into a constructive program that would eliminate the present health and danger hazards now existing in Ward 1, especially in the school area.

One emotional housewife pointed out to council that when the ditches were filled with water it was just a constant source of worry wondering if her child would make it to and from school.

Unfortunately your reporter could not have reported the following comment as it was made to a group of male ratepayers after the meeting had adjourned. The ratepayers stated that when the pumps are working continuously he has a backup in his basement which contains foreign matter, tissues and various flotsam and jetsam. I hope that you will publish this letter so that your readers will be made aware the ratepayers at this meeting did not just sit and listen to the councilors, but took an active part in the proceedings and were in no way as complacent as the theme of your coverage would indicate.

SIDNEY DINNING
 356 Browndale Crescent,
 Beverley Acres.

Flashback
In Years Gone By
 Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

Among the earliest settlers on the "HILL" was Abner Miles first owner of Lot 45 Markham Township, the Palmer farm, site of the Elmwood Subdivision south of Markham Road, east of Yonge Street.

Mr. Miles came to Canada about the same time as Governor John Graves Simcoe, coming from Genesee County, New York State, where he had had a prosperous stock and dairy farm.

In York he set up business in a combination of hotel and store where he supplied every need of the populace, from the governor and his staff and the garrison to the newest arrival from the American republic or the British Isles. He owned the first express company and did all the teaming for the governor, the garrison and the citizens. He owned small vessels on Lake Ontario and instituted a regular delivery service between his farm at Richmond Hill and the Town of York.

He was the first contractor and lumber merchant, clearing the Denison properties and other lots and supplying the lumber for the German mills. He supplied York with meat, butter and eggs and made his shop the first market in the settlement.

All in all he was a shrewd and successful businessman and it is recorded that on one time he controlled the governor and the House of Assembly. At one of the first sessions of the house held in York, the members proposed a duty on butter and eggs. Jesse Ketchum, a member of the house, prudently suggested that as Abner Miles was the only importer in that line, his opinion should be obtained before the proposal was put to a vote.

The messenger from the House found Mr. Miles in his slaughterhouse, bespattered with mud and dirt. The only

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Attention Time
Factor Motivation
 Attention a teacher gives or withholds from a child is one of the most effective motivating forces available, according to a report in the Journal of Experimental Psychology.

Lee B. Sechrest, an investigator, interviewed 128 children in kindergarten and in first, second and third grade.

He concluded that children in the kindergarten and first grade are especially affected by praise or reproof administered to other children as well as to themselves.

MARKHAM: Morris Shaw, 24, of RR 1 Stouffville has been engaged as a police officer by the village. He has had training at Warton. He is married and has three children.

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