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Limit Use Garbage Dumps

It would probably be quite safe to state that the present Vaughan Township Council has spent more time discussing garbage than any other subject since its inauguration last January.

And while councillors may have preferred a more pleasant subject for discussion, it is an important subject, and one that will become increasingly important in years to come.

Metropolitan Toronto is said to be the fastest growing spot on the North American continent. The growth is evident in a multitude of ways, more people, more homes, schools, factories, automobiles—and more garbage.

Vaughan Township has been the dumping ground for much of the Metro garbage. The dump operated by Disposal Services Limited adjacent to the township-operated dump on the Teston Sideroad has been receiving garbage from the municipalities of North York, Weston and Forest Hill for some time.

But in May of this year, Metro closed its few remaining dumps. Since that time, operations of the two Vaughan dumps have trebled.

However, as the dumps were inundated with garbage, council was inundated with complaints.

Residents complained of noisy garbage trucks roaring along township roads night and day, spilling their

loads along the way. The badly-maintained private dump was accused of harboring rats. Frequent fires drive the rats into neighboring farms.

What is the solution?

On the one hand, council is told by the disposal firms that they have a "gold mine" in their dump which will pay them revenue for the next 20 years. On the other hand, residents are being deprived of the peaceful enjoyment of their homes by garbage trucks and infestation by vermin.

In our opinion, council would be shortsighted in the extreme to sacrifice the comfort and well-being of its residents for whatever receipts they would take in for receiving Metro garbage.

What would be the prospect in 20 years? Vaughan could quite well find itself with no place to dump its own garbage.

We applaud council's decision to limit dumping at its own site to residents of Vaughan Township and the neighboring municipalities of Richmond Hill and Woodbridge.

Present and future garbage disposal sites should be under strict municipal control. Vaughan residents should give council their whole-hearted endorsement for the by-law to prohibit dumps in the township which is to be discussed at the August 3 council meeting.

Preserving Our Past

A "History on the Village Green" fair was held this spring in Bedford, a small village in New York State, to raise funds to aid educational projects of the garden club and restorations undertaken by the historical society.

Sleighs, buggies and old carriages were dragged out of local barns to create an antique atmosphere around a tall evergreen and a tent housed a bazaar of spring flowers and plants, needlework, home-cooked gourmet foods, books and pictures, all donated for sale. The local high school band played and Boy Scouts performed Indian dances.

Buildings surrounding the green were decorated with white, yellow and green flowering plants and the fair included a tour of five 18th and 19th century homes. Exhibitions and sales of antique china and silverware were also held in buildings fronting on the village green.

We think this is an idea which might well be copied in this community. There are still a few historic buildings in the neighborhood which could be opened to the public for a small fee. We are thinking particularly of the former home of Colonel Moodie at the north end of town. Built in 1820 this was the residence of the veteran soldier in 1837 when he and Col. David Bridgeford started out to warn the garrison in York. Moodie was shot by a sentry at Montgomery's Tavern as he attempted to crash the barricade and

died in the inn a few hours later. Other homes in the town date back to the first half of the 19th century and would be of interest to residents.

The "dead house" in the cemetery behind the Presbyterian Church, an octagonal structure described in the Ontario Historical Society's booklet "Ontario's History", is another structure of interest. A sign in the interior of the building indicates that corpses were at one time stored there during the winter months for spring burial.

If we go farther afield, there are the two frame homes high on the ridge of land, to the west of the town, all that remains of the once flourishing Village of Patterson, which died when the farm machinery manufacturing plant was moved to Woodstock in the 1880's.

Perhaps a fair of this nature which could feature the old stage coach which once carried passengers between Richmond Hill and Toronto, carefully restored and preserved by the TTC, could present money-making possibilities for a local group or groups. That people are interested in antiques and articles which link our community with its past was evidenced last year when the UCV found an almost overwhelming response to their request for treasured heirlooms to be put on exhibit. The only criticism of the event was that it was held on one day only which did not allow sufficient time for many people to admire the various exhibits.

Onus For Medicare On Provinces

Prime Minister Pearson's blueprint for medicare appears to reject the national concept so emphasized by the Hall Royal Commission and consequently will disappoint those who had expected an over-all federal scheme, federally operated.

But the Prime Minister, having stubbed his toe not once, but several times in striving to implement the Canada Pension Plan, is making certain that he does not stumble again over constitutional snags.

Medical care insurance clearly is a matter of provincial constitutional jurisdiction, as he pointed out at the dominion-provincial conference, and he is placing the onus for success or failure of nation-wide medicare squarely upon provincial governments.

Mr. Pearson undoubtedly will bring down upon himself the wrath of those who would have preferred to see Ottawa initiate a centrally-dominated scheme, as advocated, for example, by the NDP. It might be argued that whatever Canada gets in the way of a nation-wide program now must emerge from a hodge-podge of provincial plans. Indeed, Mr. Pearson himself has expressed only a hope that eventually 10 pro-

vincial patterns will be molded into one comprehensive scheme.

In offering to support provincial plans, however, Mr. Pearson established four criteria and these should provide for some uniformity of approach. Ottawa assistance will be forthcoming only if benefits cover all services by physicians, general practitioners and specialists and include dental treatment and prescribed drugs.

Mr. Pearson may be accused of ducking federal responsibility for medicare. But at a time when the provincial accent is upon provincial autonomy, the Prime Minister may be taking the wiser course. Paradoxically enough, the provinces are not at all backward—even as they demand more tax dollars and more constitutional powers—in asking that Ottawa contribute vastly greater sums for university construction costs, for education, and welfare assistance, all provincial concerns.

Perhaps the dominion-provincial conference, in considering its "war on poverty" should give more thought to the possibility that the Canadian taxpayer stands in peril of becoming impoverished by the demands of three levels of government.

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"Let's Face It, Ernie, We're Gonna Have To Move"

Urban Restoration Centennial Project

As part of its Centennial projects, St. Thomas, Ontario, has included urban beautification. The "new look for '67" is being achieved through block by block co-operation among merchants, landlords and others to restore and redecorate their premises. Expert architectural and design advice brings harmony to the decor and group pricing reduces the costs. A feature story in "Centennial Ontario", dated June 1965, is accompanied by before and after pictures, which offer visible proof of the success of the project.

One block of Talbot Street in St. Thomas has already been completed, with work proceeding on an additional two blocks. The Ontario city used as a "success story" example, the experience of the merchants of Magdalen Street in Norwich, England, where town planners, merchants and others carried out a major restoration project. Removal of overhead wiring, re-alignment of lights and street signs, professional guidance in the use of color and decoration, brought new life and charm to a deteriorated street. The merchants soon recovered their investments of less than \$200 each in the project through new business and regaining lost customers.

The Norwich Plan has been studied in depth by Richmond Hill's Civic Improvement Committee, appointed last year on the suggestion of Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and headed by Doug Hitchins as chairman. This committee feels that the plan is one that can be introduced to this community and should do much to renovate and rehabilitate downtown Yonge Street. Architects, sketches and advice are available for merchants who are willing to co-operate in bringing about such renovation at a modest outlay of money. With the example of St. Thomas as a guide it would seem that such money would be wisely invested.

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

The way Lucien Rivard was hustled off to the United States after his capture at least gives the lie to those who say our federal government can't get things done.

A report from Ottawa says the Consumers Gas Co. has been awarded the contract to convert Parliament's heating plant from coal to gas. The story adds that the new plant will also supply air conditioning and hot water. Well, we'll agree with the point that Parliament certainly needs air conditioning, but—with this government—more hot water is pure extravagance.

The postmen's strike was being described in the (Continued on Page 12)

Criminals Pushing Tentacles Into Politics

MACDUFF OTTAWA REPORT

There is "a sinister and growing involvement of crime in politics". That statement was made by no headline-hunting political hatchetman.

It was made by Prime Minister Pearson, following publication of the Dorion Report. He pledged his government to a war on crime.

Not many months ago, Mr. Pearson, along with most Canadians, would have greeted that kind of statement with a certain mocking incredulity. It would have been un-Canadian to believe that the tentacles of international crime, the Mafia, the Cosa Nostra, L'union Corse, were reaching into government itself.

Some of that incredulity greeted Conservative MP Erik Nielsen last November 23, when he rose in the Commons to reveal charges of bribery and coercion in government offices. The course of the next few months, not only vindicated Mr. Nielsen, but opened the eyes of Mr. Pearson to what dangers lurk in the seemingly safe and familiar labyrinths of politics. Judge Frederic Dorion, Chief Justice of Quebec Superior Court, was named to make a full inquiry into the charges. Before his tribunal trooped a savage and

How To Tell The Successful Farmer

The West Lorne Sun has a novel way of estimating if a farmer is successful:

Driving through the township you don't have to look to the buildings to see how successful are farmers; look at the size of their fields instead. If farmers are fooling around with postage stamp-size fields and growing a few acres of oats, a few of wheat, some hay, a little corn, you can be certain they are not well to do, because they are farming the same way their grandfathers farmed. On the other hand, look at the farms where there are few fences and only two or three crops grown and you can almost be certain there is a successful farmer.

FLASHBACK

In Years Gone By

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

Rene Augustine, Compe de Chalus, (pronounced sha-loo) drew his papers for lot 54 Markham in 1806, according to William Harrison's historical report which appeared in "The Liberal" on October 4, 1888.

To those familiar with British history, the name of the Castle of Chalus in Normandy will be familiar as the depository of much treasure, which Richard, Coeur de Lion, surrounded with his army. To an offer to surrender by the garrison, he retorted that "he would hang the whole lot of them". It was here the lion-hearted English king received his mortal wound from a cross-bow held by Bertrand de Gourdan. The Chalus derived their title from this castle and their revenue from the lands surrounding it.

Previous to the revolution of 1793, the feudal system prevailed in France and many titled landlords exacted their monies with vigor and sometimes with very little justice. When the people rose against the monarchy and aristocracy they had a long debt to pay in retaliation and the Chalus, conspicuous because of their great wealth and position, were early marked to be numbered among the thousands of victims, who were to perish.

Before this fury began to be vented upon the aristocracy, Chalus was engaged to be married to a titled French lady, or, as these arrangements were upset by the declared hostility of the populace. Instant flight was the only alternative to death. The count's younger brother, Col. Jean Lois de Markhamite, who visits senior citizens in some of their apartments of the count, went to (Continued On Page 12)

70 Hill Students Aid Excavation

About 70 students from four grade 9 and 10 geography classes at Richmond Hill High School took part in the archaeological dig at Cahlague, near Orillia, in June.

Donald Fleming, a member of the staff at the high school arranged the trip with Dr. Norman Emerson who is in charge of the dig. The supervisor of archaeological studies at the University of Toronto, and a resident of Bond Lake, Dr. Emerson hopes to be able to arrange similar visits to the site next year.

The Richmond Hill students arrived at the dig by bus at 9.30 am and put in a full day's work, uncovering the walls and interior posts of several more longhouses and making several finds of Huron pottery.

Mr. Fleming felt that investigating the dig would help the students in their grade 11 geography course. The site was once a thriving Huron village thought to number 5,000 persons and at which Champlain stayed for a time.

Eight of the Richmond Hill students applied to Dr. Emerson to work at Cahlague during the summer, but chronically short of funds, Dr. Emerson was unable to arrange this. "I've had applications from universities in Hawaii, Scotland, Wisconsin, Brooklyn, Chicago, from people who want to work at this site," he said, "I've had applications from 46 people, but unfortunately I have only funds enough to accept 12."

Students at the site are not paid but are housed in tents and meals are provided.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

What's Cooking, Good Looking? . . . Ask Betty Bright

Are you afraid of gas? Many people say they are, even in this day and age. Non-gas users like myself sometimes think of gas as a substance to be feared rather than to be recognized as a useful commodity which when understood and used properly can make life more comfortable and happy.

When Miss Juee Regan of Thornhill became a Betty Bright of the home service department of Consumers' Gas Co., public education in the use of gas took an upswing in her assigned territory, an area within an 80 mile radius of Toronto. This area spreads west to Brampton, north to Barrie and east to Oshawa, Peterboro and Lindsay. There are ten other Betty Brights in the home service department of C.G. with whom Miss Regan works, making this department the largest such department in Eastern Canada.

Miss Regan said that when she joined the staff as a graduate home economist from the University of Toronto, she had to undergo a very thorough training program for three months. In this period of time she learned to know and understand gas as a fuel and especially as applied to gas ranges and dryers. She had to keep testing gas equipment constantly because as she pointed out, "You can't go out and tell others that this is the best fuel unless you are convinced yourself." She is now convinced.

Since Miss Regan had such a large territory to cover, she can only spend a week at a time in each defined area. Her life from day to day at this job (Continued on Page 12)

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