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Should Reveal Grade 13 Statistics

Considerable dissatisfaction has resulted, both here and elsewhere, from the decision not to make available to the public the results of grade 13 examinations this year. Instead, only the names of honor students were released.

The editor of the "Newmarket Era and Express" had this to say:

"Education today is the most important and most expensive item on the tax bill, so it goes without saying that all taxpayers have the right to know how the students (and teachers), fare in the particular school to which their tax money is diverted. Rightly or wrongly, the standard of a school is measured to some extent in the eyes of the majority of rate-payers by the average success of students in the upper grades and especially in grade 13. . . . It would be interesting to know how many wrote the exams, how many passed honor students and how many passed regardless of the individual percentage marks."

The editorial concludes, "If this is a policy set down by the Ontario Department of Education, it is time the Hon. William Davis looked into the matter and gave those who pay the shot some information for their money."

We cannot help being in sympathy with some of these ideas.

Certainly those who pay the shot, should know what they are getting for their money. As we understand it, the decision not to publish grade 13 results was made by individual school boards at the suggestion of the Ontario Secondary School Headmasters' Council, a body which is said to represent about 85% of high school principals in Ontario.

The principals feel that publishing grade 13 results could embarrass some students (those who didn't work hard enough presumably) and could lead to misunderstandings in cases where students had been taking

less than the usual number of subjects and might be thought to have failed some.

We can sympathize with these thoughts too. At the same time, we feel that it could possibly be more embarrassing for someone who didn't make the grade to have a series of phone calls from interested friends and have to announce the failure to each one individually. Because students are interested to know how their friends fare and the horrid truth will out some way or other. And no doubt mothers will continue to be embarrassed, on into December probably, by other mothers who stop them in the supermarket to enquire which university Johnny is going to, when the unpleasant fact that he is repeating grade 13 will have to be disgorged again.

However, if Ontario high school principals feel differently and the school boards are in agreement with them, we will not quarrel with the decision.

We do insist, however, that this should not be used as a means to conceal from the public the standards that are being achieved by any particular school. Complete statistical results should be published for every school, including number of students who wrote each particular examination, numbers of passes, failures and honor students and average marks obtained, etc.

Ratepayers will then be in a position to see how wisely or otherwise their money has been invested and compare the results with other high school districts.

The York Central District High School Board has indicated that it will make this information available to the press and the public later this month and we look forward with interest to receiving it.

If taxpayers in other areas do not receive such information, they should certainly protest to the Minister of Education and see that it is revealed.

Red Tape And Traffic Lights

Layers of red tape are evidently the only barrier to the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue West, known locally as "Killer Corner". Four levels of government are involved in the attempt to do something to remedy conditions at this busy intersection located on the southern border of Vaughan Township.

North York Township has jurisdiction over the south side of Steeles, while Vaughan controls the northern half of the road. The Department of Highways has jurisdiction over Bathurst Street north of Steeles and Metro over Bathurst south of Steeles.

Metro traffic officials have agreed to recommend installation of the necessary lights if the other authorities involved are willing to pay a proportion of the total cost. Vaughan and the highways department would each pay a quarter of the costs, while Metro would pay half. Although Vaughan and the department have verbally agreed to the installation, they have yet to commit themselves to an annual power and maintenance

charge of \$200. But therein lies another wad of red tape — Metro cannot pay power and maintenance costs for signals not located entirely within its boundaries.

This situation is a unique example of government red tape and bureaucracy. The traffic lights are needed — no one will dispute the fact — but the problem is to get the four jurisdictions involved to find common ground on which the project can be completed.

Admittedly such problems of joint responsibility don't arise too often but when they do there should be some easy way to resolve differences. In areas of joint jurisdiction the senior level of government could be charged with the responsibility of giving leadership in arriving at an agreement.

Any delay in getting the traffic lights in operation will only help to confirm the suspicions of many people that our governments move too slowly and are overburdened with red tape and protocol. A quick solution to such problems should be found at once.

Angry Vaughan Residents Demand Immediate End To Metro Dumping

"STOP METRO DUMPING"

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thank you for your excellent editorial regarding the dumping problem in Vaughan Township. We need more publicity and opposition to this situation. We certainly don't want Vaughan Township to become the garbage disposal unit for Metro. We continue to support this cause and hope others will also. Yours truly, JAMES HODGSON, MAPLE LION'S CLUB, Past President

The lack of action from Vaughan Township Council, after repeated delegations of taxpayers before them. I am sure the taxpayers of Vaughan Township and particularly the residents from Maple, will be very appreciative of any publicity you can give this unpleasant situation, which we have to put up with at the present time. Yours truly, DR. C. R. REEDS, General Manager, Central Ontario Cattle Breeding Association.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Being a taxpayer in the Township of Vaughan, and being particularly concerned with the traffic conditions on Keele Street, by virtue of the fact that our company is located on Keele Street, I must congratulate you on the excellent editorial which appeared in last week's Liberal. I have not directly been informed of the actions of council, but I am amazed at

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thank you so very much for the editorial in "The Liberal" regarding our garbage disposal problem. Sincerely, MISS LILLIAN MILLER, 47 Keele Street N., Maple.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thank you for your timely and most excellent editorial in "The Liberal", of this week, "Stop Metro Dump-

ing". You have stated the seriousness of this situation most forcibly. It dovetails in with "A Call to Action" issued by a citizens' committee not long ago. We are proud of the name Maple. We cannot afford to let it be linked with "The Rubbish Dump of Toronto" which would result in such future damage to this community, and to its citizens, that its sum total will constitute very large financial loss. A very large body of citizens in Maple are determined that this present unfair treatment of our community will be brought to an end. The last paragraph in your editorial is a clear word of warning "Stop Metro Dumping". Yours faithfully, DR. RAMSAY ARMITAGE, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Maple.

Dear Mr. Editor:— The citizens of Maple appreciate your fine editorial "Stop Metro Dumping". It means a great deal to us to have a strong and

sturdy paper like "The Liberal" take a definite stand on the side of the citizens of a neighboring community. Yours faithfully, MRS. J. MARTIN, Maple.

Dear Mr. Editor:— I wish to congratulate you on your editorial on behalf of the citizens of Maple and Vaughan Township, protesting the exploitation of the Maple area for Metro Toronto dumping. Some of the most desirable residential property around Metro Toronto will be found in the Vaughan area. To allow some individuals as well as municipal councils to turn this area into an uncontrolled industrial nightmare, instead of a balanced industrial and residential area seems to me to be grounds for many more editorials

and public action in protest. Again, congratulations, and I certainly hope your editorial will awaken further action. Yours truly, WM DAVIS, 20 Gram Street, Maple.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thank you so much for your editorial in "The Liberal" regarding the garbage trucks. Sincerely, FLOSSIE PUTERBAUGH and ALMA PUTERBAUGH, 42 Keele Street N., Maple.

Dear Mr. Editor:— I was very pleased with your editorial in last Thursday's copy of "The Liberal" regarding the resident's battle against our so called Township council and Norman Goodhead. With the support of people like yourself we just might be able to force council to do something about this disgusting situation that we have had to put up with for over a year now. All in Maple will be looking for more help from your



BACK TO SCHOOL—Out for a pre-school look at school crossings, an Oakville mother and her six-year-old son get good advice on safe walking practices from OPP Constable Donald Smith. With school opening on September 7, the Ontario Department of Transport is urging that children, parents and motorists pay special attention to the rule of traffic safety for children during the coming school year.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

It is a privilege to announce that Dorothy Henderson of King has a fourth book published. "The Heart of Newfoundland" tells of her travels there while accompanied by her educator husband, Douglas Henderson, who supplied the tasteful illustrations.

Some of the information in this travel guide coincides with that of other studies on our tenth province, but the first-hand view of the country that Dorothy Henderson gives in her book is enjoyable. She takes you right along with her. Whether the author explores the life of a town, travels the Newfoundland train, studies the lumbering or fishing industry, revels in the scenic beauty of the island, admires the bird life, or becomes acquainted with the eccentricities of the Islanders, she meets each experience with senses and heart wide open. Her rich impressions have been written into the pages of "The Heart of Newfoundland" with such a gaiety and bonhomie that any would be traveller, actual or armchair, would enjoy it.

Newfoundlanders will relish these chapters so descriptive of their native land and readers could well lose many of their former misconceptions about our tenth province by reading this delightful travel guide. (The Heart of Newfoundland by Dorothy Henderson, published by Harvest House Limited, 1364 Greene Avenue, Montreal 6, P.Q. Price \$2.00 paper, \$3.50 cloth edition.)

Dorothy Henderson

Dorothy Henderson says she writes for two equally important reasons.

"I love writing," she says, "am never so happy as when I'm writing. I think I have things to say that are important."

The things she wishes to say have to do with the inter-relationships with people with different backgrounds, different temperaments and different vocations. These things, she says, have been said well by professionals for their various fields of interest. It is chiefly to the non-professional that she addresses herself as she maintains we are all laymen in fields other than our own.

"I like to do the emotional creative part of writing in the early morning," she said. "Long hours of routine writing have to be sandwiched into spaces of time stolen from housework, family obligations or community work. The latter is more important than writing. Sometimes I think that writing is a pleasant form of escape. It gives one a sense of mastery. You can shove words around but not people. Yet what we do with words is more important than what we do with people."

Mrs. Henderson does her research largely from personal interviews. She says she learns so much in talking to and with people. Since her main inter-

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Influenza Shots Urged

Widespread outbreaks of influenza are expected in many parts of the U.S. this fall and winter, warns the U.S. Public Health Service's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The committee recommended influenza shots as soon as possible after September 1, especially for the following people:

- Pregnant women.
- Those with heart disease, rheumatic fever, bronchopulmonary diseases, diabetes mellitus.
- Persons over 45 years of age.

Among the high-risk groups are people who live in institutions such as nursing homes or chronic disease hospitals. Crowded living arrangements, the committee notes, may allow for faster spread of the disease once an outbreak occurs.

Since it takes two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop, it would be wise, they add, for immunization to be started well ahead of the time the disease hits the community. — WMNS.

Motorcycles Cause Serious Injury

Popularity of lightweight motorcycles, particularly with young people, is quite evident around this area. Reasons for their popularity are their low cost (about \$250 to \$400), their fantastic mileage (200 miles or more to the gallon), and their cheap insurance rates (about \$25).

A young driver can buy a lightweight motorcycle for little more than the price of the insurance alone on a car and raising the money to keep it on the road presents no problem. Hence many are used by teenagers for transportation to school or work.

Most lightweight motorcycles now sold in Canada are manufactured in Japan. Popular makes include the Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha and Kawasaki.

Dr. L. H. Bartlett of Lions Gate Hospital's (Vancouver) trauma committee has expressed deep concern about the epidemic of serious injuries due to the increasing popularity of these lightweight vehicles. An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Bartlett reports that the North Shore Medical Society is considering a motorcycle safety campaign.

He reports that in three months, 14 teen-aged motorcyclists were admitted to his hospital after accidents.

"Many of these have had to remain for long periods," he said, adding that many had "serious, complex, multiple injuries that tax our ingenuity to repair". One boy had a shattered leg and knee and a ruptured spleen, which had to be removed. After the operation his kidneys ceased to function and he had to be kept alive in an artificial kidney machine.

A 17-year-old had bad leg and knee fractures and unexplained bleeding within the abdomen. His 16-year-old passenger had two leg fractures.

A common injury in motorcycle accidents is a skull fracture. Crash helmets reduce the chance of head injury by 30 to 40 percent, Dr. Bartlett claims, but many helmets are badly designed.

He said that in one test in the United Kingdom, 10 out of 21 types of helmets failed to pass.

Dr. Bartlett said that the use of properly designed helmets — padded around the periphery as well as sprung on webbing — should be made compulsory. New Zealand passed such a law and cut its fatal accidents from 72 to 37 the first year, he reported. France and Luxembourg have similar laws. —From Vancouver Sun.

FLASHBACK

In Years Gone By

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

As soon as Moodie fell, Colonel Bridgford, having a young horse, rode around the hotel, jumping over fences. Although fired at several times, he succeeded in returning to Yonge Street south of the tavern in safety, according to William Harrison, who had heard the story many times from the colonel.

He soon met a young man named Powell with a fresh horse and sent him off post-haste to warn the Governor that the rebels would be attacking York within two hours. When Bridgford reached the city he went straight to Government House and found all in consternation and the Governor so paralyzed with fear that he did not know what to do.

Having obtained permission, Bridgford ordered the church bells to be rung, giving York

its first warning of impending attack. Arrangements were immediately made for defence of the capital and Bridgford was commissioned by Colonel Fitzgibbon to raise a company of volunteers to help in this. Before starting north it was agreed that if he ran into difficulties he was to signal with his handkerchief at the first opportunity. This arrangement came in useful later.

As he proceeded north on (Continued On Page 12)

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

• Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Der Kinder In Der Garten

Our barefoot boy with cheek of tan Is off to school as a little man; An opinion, in which his teacher knows, He should be somewhat cautious— Until he has learned to button his clothes And do up his own galoshes.

The Argo-nots are certainly having trouble getting their new play to click. This is Coach Bob Shaw's variation of the old man-in-motion play in which he has the whole team coming and going.

That "breathalizer" resolution of the Canadian Bar Association sort of comes in the category of mixed drinks—that is, drinks mixed with a conflict of interest. Lowering the blood-alcohol limit to .08 per cent on the breathalizer is going to mean more drivers will be charged. . . . And those more drivers charged will need more lawyers to defend them. . . . And not even free balloons!

British secretaries wearing the new high-fashion dresses (or thigh-high-fashion) are demanding modesty boards on their office desks to screen their legs from the boss's gaze. . . . And then the bosses would be pulling their legs by bragging about the offices being equipped with Eye Beam Machines.

When vandals cut the guy wires on the radio tower of Owen Sound's Emergency Measures Organization last week, the EMO promptly took emergency measures. . . . They used the telephone to call the police.

A Toronto lawyer claims Metro's Police Force is too Anglo-Saxon. . . . If this is so, then how come we see so much in the Toronto papers about (Continued on Page 12)

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