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## Wrong Time To Build

The present climate in the construction industry may bring smiles to the faces of those engaged in it, but is causing deep concern to many others. Booming construction throughout this area has brought about over expansion in this industry and a corresponding rise in building costs to the public.

High construction costs forced Vaughan Township to postpone paving the parking lots at the municipal offices in Maple and at Richvale Fire Hall. The lowest tender submitted was approximately 30% more than had been estimated and than the amount included in the budget for this project.

The flourishing condition of the industry was reflected when a recent advertisement for tenders for addiitions and alterations at two secondary schools in this district did not attract one bid. In order to get the work underway York Central District High School Board was forced to invite firms to tender. Relieved of the competitive aspect of public tenders, the contract price was much higher than the estimated cost.

A similar condition prevailed when Richmond Hill Public School Board called for tenders for an eight-classroom, double - gymnasium, senior school wing to be added to Crosby Heights School. In this case, even after the plans and specifications had been modified and several items eliminated, the contract price is 25% more than the estimated cost only six months ago.

Richmond Hill Council has expressed deep concern, since this large increase could handicap the town's financing program during the lifetime of the debentures. This will be felt in the pocket of every taxpayer in the community. Already 60% of every local tax dollar collected goes toward our educational systems, elementary and secondary.

The school board has to provide classrooms for the children who enter the system seeking an education. School Board Chairman Walter Hutchinson emphasized that the eight classrooms in the addition will be required in September 1966. "There would be no point in building the double gymnasium later," he claimed, "It would only cost more to build it in the future."

Council first learned of the \$120,-000 extra cost of the addition a month ago and decided to meet with the school board. They wondered if the architect had been mistaken in his 24 percent increase estimate. The result was a finance committee meeting called by Deputy-reeve Donald Plaxton to discuss the matter with the school board, the architect and other interested municipalities, at which council finally, but reluctantly agreed to increase the debenture

Total debentures required for school additions and alterations this year will amount to about \$600,000.

Apparently trustees and council members had no choice but we hope that any future building plans will be held in abeyance until the construction industry returns to a more competitive basis and the already hard-pressed taxpayer will be assured of a fair return for his money. Under present conditions taxpayers are being forced to pay too much for what they are getting because of inflationary conditions.

### Regional Government Must Start In Legislature

The responsibility for developing a system of regional administration in Ontario is one which the provincial government can best undertake.

The logic of such a course was outlined recently by The Peterboro Examiner in comment on an address by Premier Robarts to the Ontario Municipal Association. The Premier held the task should be handled by local municipal representatives.

Regional administration, which is unquestionably desirable in a number of local affairs: education, planning, police and fire services, ambulance and health, must be brought about by acts of the Legislature. The reason is simple and historical. Prior to 1849, municipalities had representatives, but not elected government. The Baldwin Act of that year arbitrarily laid the foundation for elected municipal government in Upper Canada which, after Confederation, made municipalities the creatures of the province.

The need for regional administration has grown increasingly since 1945, The Examiner points out. Some municipalities, Toronto for example. have toyed with metropolitan and borough systems, some on their own initiative. But to imagine that local authorities can put aside their pressing problems to construct a system,

and present it to the Legislature for incorporation in private or other legislation, is unreal. In fact, unless the Ontario Legislature takes this problem firmly in hand, possibly as outlined in the report of the Select Committee on the Municipal and Related Acts, the province can expect the problems to intensify. Eventually, the Legislature will be forced into setting out a legislative program to rescue a number of municipalities from impossible problems.

A co-operative approach is unquestionably desirable. It is also helpful to admit that more than one solution is possible. A regional government in one part of the province may be based on county lines, and, in another, on economic regions. But to decide which is the most practical solution for any given area is obviously going to take considerably more attention than present municipalities can give while attending to their necessary routine business, the Peterboro newspaper states.

Under the circumstances, there will be considerable support for the plan advocated, through which a fulltime group of people would be employed to produce acceptable legislation on regional administration in a given period of time.

-Oshawa Times.

#### Workshops Provide Design Assistance For School Boards

For some years this partment, are: to lead to newspaper has advocated that school boards be given some help in the design- and better value for the ing of efficient schools at an economically sound figure. That the Hon. William | shops, held in Sudbury and G. Davis, Minister of Education also has the same opinion, is evident by regional workshops on school design held for the first time last year. These were so successful they will continue to be held in 1965-

the sponsorship of the department's division of school planning and building research, are planned for Eastern Ontario this fall shops on school design in and in the Niagara Penin- various centres throughout sula in the late autumn, the province, trustees, They are designed to bring board administrators and tors and trustees, munici- education within the school pal officials, architects, en- buildings which are erecttors and specialists from most economic use of new

vincial government. shops, according to the de- taxpayers.

better school design and construction in Ontario

school dollar. Previous successful work-Fort William in 1964 and Windsor in 1965, have covered such topics as: site planning, the best use of building materials, weather problems, classroom design, air conditioning, libraries. school swimming pools and gymnasia, school acreage, Workshops, held under audio visual needs, provincial grants and whether or not classrooms should be

By operating these worktogether such varied groups architects can learn how to as school board administra- provide for future trends in gineers, teachers, contrac- ed, and how to make the local boards and the pro- materials in the best interests of the students of Purposes of the work- tomorrow and of today's

#### Was It "Hooper" or "Hoover"

Markham Township Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble presented a scholarship to a Stouffville High School student last week, but he may have had to mumble a bit when he announced whom it was from.

Monday night, Mr. Rumble, who chaired the council meeting in the absence of Reeve Charles Hooper off deer hunting - said the reeve had asked him to stand in for him this week at the school commencement exercises. Printed instructions left by the reeve, showed that he was to present a \$50 award to Rita Busato, a grade 10 student at the school, for having highest marks of any student in her year. Donor of the prize was listed as "Mr. Hoover."

However, Councillor Charles Hoover, when questioned after the meeting on the scholarship, would neither confirm or deny whether he had donated it. Mr. Rumble said he didn't

know whether it was "Hoover" or "Hooper". Councillor Cleary Palmer said that, if Mr. Rumble read the name on the instruction slip, Mr. Hoover would have to pay for it anyway.

## 5th R. Hill Scouts & Cubs Help Fight Muscular Dystrophy Flashback



Visiting his local fire station, Kirk Cloutier, 11-year-old muscular dystrophy patient, discusses the fit of a fireman's helmet with Ted Dakin.

# Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

· Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

While everyone else was looking for the inside stories on last week's news we couldn't help noting that most of it seemed to be on the "out" side. While waiting for the next election you might try matching these topics with their description(s):

1. Don Martyn 2. Hydro Power 3. Bobby Hull 4. Rhodesia

5. Walter Gordon 6. The Leafs 7. Social Credit 8. Miss Canada 9. Meg and Tony

10. The Election

.. Shut-Out .. Drop-Out .. Fade-Out .. Black-Out .. Wash-Out .. Pooped-Out

.. Stand-Out

.. Knock-Out

.. Back-Out

.. Miss-Out

Members of the Teamsters' Union were picketing their OWN headquarters in Toronto last week in what was described as a peak of perfidy . . . or a nadir of nuttiness!

There was a certain symbolism in the weather on November 8 which had Canadians (at least hereabouts) going to the polls in a fog.

Seventy clergymen at a suicide prevention conference in Toronto were told that a Los Angeles centre for this work is thinking of having suicideprevention hostesses in bars. . . . Well, we don't know how this would work out in bars, (and, on second thought, we don't WANT to know) but it wouldn't do any harm to have a suicide-hostess around when the waiter brings the check in the clubs.

French students are offering to support American draft dodgers with sanctuary in Canada. The offer is being made by a Montreal group known as the Union Generale something-or-other or the AGEQ for short. These groups seem to have every kind of a "Q" going for them except an IQ.

Explanations are still being sought for the great hydro failure. As near as we can figure, the Canuse Power Grid has electricity circling around Canada and the Northern States like a dog chasing its tail. On November 9 it caught it . . . and EVERYBODY yelped.

Russia is worried because water pollution is affecting its famous sturgeon and the country is faced with a caviar shortage. . . . Ah, another black-

Add to "nothing changes" of the election: Opposition Leader Diefenbaker as usual made more pre-election whistle-stops than a popcorn vendor and again voted at a local popcorn shop. (Does this make him a salty character?)

Notable Quotes -

Eddie Lechasseur, (ex-Rivard associate now on \$10,000 bail on fraud charges): "I have to be in Ottawa for the Raymond Denis' hearing on election day - but I would like to vote Liberal."

Federal government EMO Director C. R. Patterson, shortly after 9 pm on the night of the great hydro breakdown: "What blackout?"

Walter Gordon, after having his resignation as finance minister accepted: "The government is now in a much stronger position. . .

Question Of Last Week -Couldn't the EMO at least have come around with a free book of matches?

## Dear Mr. Editor

1889 - WHY NOT A REPEAT mutilated and destroyed much of this precious heritage, could PERFORMANCE IN 1967?

we not try to recapture some of Dear Mr. Editor: it for a future generation by A few of us who spent some including a "Tree Planting Day" our early school years in in the plans for our birthday for a current nature project.

that quaint little village north celebration year of 1967? of Toronto, with the beautiful GLADYS G. L. HILL main street (How did you guess) 36 Wright Street, it?) will remember the famous \* \* \* \* row of maples on both the CAUSE OF FREEDOM

east and west side of Yonge Dear Mr. Editor: Street between Crosby Avenue I hope that the attitude of and St. Mary's Anglican Church. George Mayes in his Second Several well-kept lawns and the Thoughts Column concerning attractive "Allen" rose garden the self-immolation of an Am-

which joined the municipal erican, does not reflect the atproperty (then the high school) titude of many Canadians. on the south side enhanced the Whether or not such an act produces the effect for which tral older part of Richmond ual who is prepared to pay the

Hill resulted from the foresight supreme sacrifice in the cause of a small group of citizens who of freedom. planted 140 trees on arbor day. Mr. Mayes' somewhat dis-Trees Society" gave the local "kerosene or gasoline" appeared

horticultural society acorns and on the same page as a photo seedlings of the Royal Oak to of the Remembrance Day Servcommemorate the coronation of ice in Richmond Hill. Can we for a field trip and arrive at the trail by bus. In King George VI. These were both mock and applaud human planted on the south side of sacrifice - it is easy to talk, Wright Street between the first how much do each of us do in unit of the fire hall and the the cause of freedom?

MRS. MYFANWY EVESON present library location. Although progress (??) has RR 1 Richmond Hill

A Scout or Cub will be call- its victim completely disabled ing at every door in the com- and easy prey to other diseases, munity on November 20 to re- such as pneumonia. ceive donations which will aid The past two years research medical research leading to a has had some tangible results. cure for MD and help make Scientists have discovered how

children are victims, when it is fects of genetic anomalies. almost invariably fatal.

75% of which is earmarked for research projects in medical centres across Canada. MDAC has already spent \$3,000,000 on these projects.

Success in any of them will bring dividends to families across the land. Parents of a dystrophic child would give everything they have if their son or daughter could be saved. But no one family has the kind of money this goal requires. That is why the firefighters and the Scouts and Cubs will be calling on you to remind you how much human hope is hanging on even the smallest contribution to the battle against muscular dystrophy.

Hope that the cause of muscular dystrophy may be pinpointed within the next few years will be an incentive for the local firemen, Scouts and Cubs who will be calling at your door to raise money for re-

Scouts and Cubs of 5th Rich- At present neither the causes mond Hill will assist local fire- nor the cures for the disease are fighters in the annual canvass known. There are several in the interests of the Muscular types, but in all its varieties it Dystrophy Association of Can-turns muscle cells of the body

into fat cells, eventually leaving

#### Report Cards Obsolete?

Dr. J. R. McCarthy, deputy minister of University Affairs for the Ontario Department of Education, says report cards have become obsolete in education.

Grades hinder students, forcing some to pay attention to facts they already know. Dr. McCarthy told the Stratford Teachers' Alumni annual meeting re-

Some students cannot grasp the lessons and acquire a sense of failure when not promoted at the end of the year, he said. This sense of failure can lead to juvenile delin-

# Do-It-Yourself Beauty Kit

By Elsie Rice, RR 2, Maple

Natural beauty comes from within, so pity the woman who tries to preserve her beauty with lines drawn with a pencil, and paints her face in Picasso hues - the woman who tugs, pulls and stretches in self preservation - for her character is as thin as tissue and her mind as shallow as a desert mirage. The only thing solid to which she may lay claim is her skin (it being thick)

Permanent beauty creams can not be bought, but we come equipped with a life supply. Just take the lid off your jar of unselfish thoughts and spread generously on your countenance. For best results take internally also. Watch carefully for symptoms of boredom and hate these are dangerous destroyers of natural beauty. At the

first sign of either take remedy below: 1 oz. Mirth 2 oz. Understanding

1 cup Forgiveness

Mix well with double quantity of friendly spirit, shake well, dilute if necessary with commonsense.

Follow these instructions and your face may not be your fortune, but your coffers will be filled to the brim with good friends and your make-up bag less heavy to carry.



On The Nature Trail With Ottelyn Addison

How lucky can children get? To my mind it would be a scene worth any artist's notice to be on the nature trail with Ottelyn Addison. Mrs. Addison is a small, finely built woman who impresses you at once with her femininity, intelligence and love of life. She is undoubtedly a person who keeps eye and ear close to the sources of life.

In spite of a busy family life centered around her forest engineer husband, Peter Addison and three sons, she finds time for many things that have to do with the study of nature. She is not alone in this for the whole family is also interested in all forms of natural history.

She takes youth groups from her church on hikes. She has instructed councillors and set up a summer wood-lore program for a private camp in Algonquin Park for the past eight years.

She edited the "Young Naturalist" for a year, which is sponsored by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, and looks after the Nature Notes Column which appears in "The Liberal". She contributes articles to the bulletin of the Richmond Hill naturalists and at the present time acts as its editor. She does book reviews of natural history subjects and is sometimes asked by the local library for an opinion on a nature book.

Mrs. Addison works with the Metro Conservaand butterfly collections have accumulated in the Addison household and her kitchen has seldom been without a few specimens of plants or insects needed

In dealing with her students she insists on the thoroughness and accuracy as the only means of gaining worthwhile knowledge. The pressing of plants demands a careful technique to produce a perfect specimen; mounting an insect so that the antennae and legs are intact in a very detailed procedure, and making a terrarium means learning what mosses and ferns require the most moisture.

Mrs. Addison works with the Metro Connservation Authority as a naturalist conducting school classes on one of their nature trails. She is admirably qualified to do this for her acquaintance with History tells us that this leg- it was committed, I feel that the out-of-doors dates from her earliest years. Her acy of maple beauty in the cen-respect is owed to any individ- father was the late Mark Robinson, a well known Canadian naturalist who spent his summers with his family in Algonquin Park.

Mrs. Addison says that it matters little at what Then again in 1937 "Men of the tasteful remarks concerning season a hike is made. If one is suitably dressed, even inclement weather should prove no deterrent to a nature hike. Individual classes schedule time preparing for the hike some background material is dealt with briefly by Mrs. Addison for the time is short and students are encouraged to observe as much as possible. She admits that she benefits even

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# In Years Gone By

The Playters played an important part in the history of Toronto and the adjacent townships, William Harrison rerecorded in 1888. George Playter, son of the captain whose story was told in our last Flashback, was sheriff of the home district. His brother, Eli Playter represented the North Riding of York in Parliament for several sessions, and another brother was assessor for the Townships of Markham and Vaughan.

In 1800, according to the first for church services before the life more comfortable for those the most severe type, Duchenne, newspaper published in York, first Methodist church was built is passed from mother to child the Gazette and Oracle, the in York. Elder Henry Ryan and Muscular dystrophy, known and they can predict the people of that town held a meet- Elder Case held their religious formerly as "creeping paral- chances of a female carrier giv- ing to discuss improvements to services in the doctor's large kitysis", is a so-far incurable af- ing birth to a dystrophic child. Yonge Street. Mr. Chief Justice chen. At his death Mr. Stoyles fliction that paralyzes the vol- Hopes for a treatment or cure Elmsley (who perished with Sur- was considered a wealthy man, untary muscles of the human lie in biochemical research veyor Stegman in the ill-fated owner of one of the largest body. It can affect anyone, finding a method of chemically Speedy in 1804) presided. The breweries in Toronto and 20 but is especially serious where rectifying the undesirable ef- decision was to open up the road acres of land in the heart of the to four rods wide, with the city. Anyone missed by the fire-stumps in the two middle rods When he lived in Richmond

The current fund raising cam- fighters may make a donation to be cut close to the ground Hill, his residence was a rough paign has as its target \$600,000, directly to the local firefighters. for seven shillings and sixpence log settlement duty house sur-

rounded by dense forest, the The committee appointed to swampy nature of the land dissee that this was carried out in-couraging any attempt at imcluded Secretary Jarvis, Mr. provement. Allan and James Playter. In Intelligent and kind, he was

1801 we find Mr. Playter's name deservedly popular, but someon the subscription list for \$6 times found this popularity had for the purpose of making its drawbacks. His neighbors Yonge Street "accessible and used to borrow his cart, and convenient for the public". On take their time about returning March 30, 1802, Levi Willard it which tried his patience to advertised that he would run a the breaking point. Once when boat to the head of the lake the cart had been kept an esonce a week - "all commands pecially long time by a negligent to be left at Miles' and Play-neighbor, Stoyles went to the

bush, selected three stout beech From the frequency with gads, trimmed them and laid which the name Thomas Stoyles them out ready for use. Evenappears as witness in Abner tually the borrower arrived with Miles' account books, it can be the cart and a load of excuses. assumed, according to Mr. Har- Stoyles answered not a word rison, that he was the book-but picked up the switches, keeper. He married Mary Miles stripped off his coat, and switchand thus became a brother-in- ed the cart until all three were

law of James Playter Sr. worn out. "There", he said, giv-Stoyles drew the patent for a ing the cart a shove into a fence farm on Yonge Street in 1805, corner, "you will stay at home He was a non-practicing medi- after this," and walked into the cal man from the United States, house. The borrower looked on Along with Mr. Playter he was with astonishment and never assessor for Vaughan and Mark- asked to use the cart again. After he had told the entire He succeeded Abner Miles as neighborhood his story of the owner of the York Hotel, and doctor's peculiar behaviour, all

store, we have mentioned be-the rest also hesitated about fore. He also opened his home making such a request.

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