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Act Before The Deluge

It is with extreme regret we learn that, contrary to the expressed wishes of a large body of ratepayers, Vaughan Township acceded to pressure from outside the township and last week gave final permission to the opening of a third dump in the township, to be operated by the Township of Etobicoke.

While it is true that council has learned at least something by experience and Etobicoke is to sign an agreement under which it will cease dumping operations any time Vaughan considers they are not conforming to the township by-laws and will further pay Vaughan \$1,000 per month for its supervision of the dump, we feel council was ill advised to permit this opening wedge.

As a result, council will certainly find itself under pressure from other metro municipalities for the same privilege. A report on water pollution in Vaughan Township made last summer by the Ontario Water Resources Commission casually mentioned that that body had already approved a site in Vaughan for a dump to be used by North York Township. How will Vaughan now deny that township's request for a dump when it comes?

At the October 18 meeting of

Vaughan Township Council it was Reeve A. H. Rutherford himself who brought this point up. At that time, he voted with his Deputy-reeve Garnet Williams and Councillor Dalton McArthur to prevent the passing of the by-law permitting the Etobicoke dump.

At the October 25 meeting, however, with Councillor McArthur absent, the reeve raised no voice against the proposal, and the by-law was given final reading with only Mr. Williams dissenting. In spite of the terms of the agreement with Etobicoke Mr. Williams said that he was still opposed. "This is against my policy on sanitary land fill sites" he said.

We admire Deputy-reeve Williams for standing by his principles in spite of the waving of \$1,000 bills in front of his eyes. We only hope he will be able to prop up some of the other members of council when they meet the onslaught of other municipalities wishing to unload their tons of garbage in Vaughan Township.

If not buried under the avalanche of garbage, these councillors may very well find themselves buried at the next election under an avalanche of votes for other candidates, those who will pay more than lip service to the voters who put them into office.

Hospital Anniversary

Next Sunday, November 28 will mark the second anniversary of the official opening of York Central Hospital. In the history of our community this will be a memorable date and every day of the year many in this part of York County express thanks for the blessings this hospital has brought to Richmond Hill and district.

Located on a beautiful site on Vaughan Road just west of Richmond Hill town limits York Central Hospital in two short years has earned a high reputation for efficient and considerate patient care and, thousands who have entered its doors are most generous in testimonials of praise and commendation. Many have expressed the opinion that unquestionably the home hospital is one of the community's most valued assets.

York Central Hospital received its first patients in mid-December 1963 after many months of planning and a very successful fund-raising campaign. The need for the hospital has been convincingly demonstrated by the volume of service rendered in the past two years.

During its brief history the home hospital has admitted more than ten thousand patients and has provided more than 67,000 days of patient care. In addition more than twice this number have been treated by the hospital as out-patients. Almost 1500 babies have been born at York Central. The emergency department is averaging more than twenty cases daily. There is an average of two

hundred and twenty-five operations every month. Tests in the laboratory in a month total more than eight thousand and more than eight hundred patients visit the X-ray department every month. More than seven hundred and fifty physiotherapy treatments monthly, and many more statistics we could cite give some idea of the tremendous activity being carried out in York Central Hospital. This activity and service is increasing in nature and scope each month, and the day is not far distant when there will be need for expanded facilities.

York Central Hospital has full accreditation from the Canadian Council on Accreditation, and made something of a national record by earning this status after eighteen months in operation. This was an outstanding achievement when you consider that only thirty per cent of the hospitals in Canada are fully accredited. The monthly publication "Hospital Administration in Canada" devoted fifteen pages in its November issue to the York Central story. The story includes more than twenty five illustrations showing the high quality of service in the various departments.

Citizens of Richmond Hill and district have every reason to be proud of the home hospital. To the able and dedicated staff and all associated with the York Central Hospital we extend congratulations on this its second anniversary, and we do so with grateful thanks for its great service to our community.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Sir Isaac Brock visited Richmond Hill, William Harrison recounted in his historical sketch of the War of 1812 which appeared in "The Liberal" on December 27, 1888.

Purpose of this visit in the summer of 1812 was to inspect the volunteers in a muster of every available man in the village and adjacent townships. The muster was held in front of Col. James Fulton's farm (the site of the present Dominion Store).

The Americans, a nation of 8,000,000 people had declared war on Britain on June 18, 1812, and the 300,000 Canadians had immediately begun to prepare for the attacks they knew would come. Even though the population was sparse, post offices few and far between and newspapers seldom seen, the news spread like wildfire even to the most isolated settler, homesteading in the dense forest, and the response was nothing short of phenomenal. The patriotism of every pioneer was sparked and the courage of the UELs who had lost so much during and after the American Revolution, before coming to Canada, was fired in a trench where the dead reason that the invaders were finally driven back across the border, according to the local historian.

And promptness in responding to their country's call. After the customary drill, the commander-in-chief requested all who were willing to go to the front to take one step forward. Every man along the line advanced as one. That fall many an old veteran shouldered his musket which had done duty at Brandywine and Germantown and many a young Canadian who had never heard the cannon roar, marched away to the tune of "The British Grenadiers". Many of these volunteers were with Brock at Queenstown Heights, when that gallant general was struck by a bullet fired by an American sharpshooter. It was to them he referred in his dying words, "Never mind me. Push on, the York Volunteers." Men from this region also lost their lives in the battle which finally saw the Canadians victorious, the American ranks broken and fleeing for their lives, and were buried in a trench where the dead reason that the invaders were finally driven back across the border, according to the local historian.

Day Small Subdivisions Gone?

The day of the small subdivision is gone. Kitchener Planning Director W. E. Thomson recently told the Brantford Realtors Association.

He said planners will continue to push for mixed housing in large subdivisions to raise density and create more open space.

"If our subdivisions continue to cater only to single family homes, by 1980 we will have sprawl," he said.

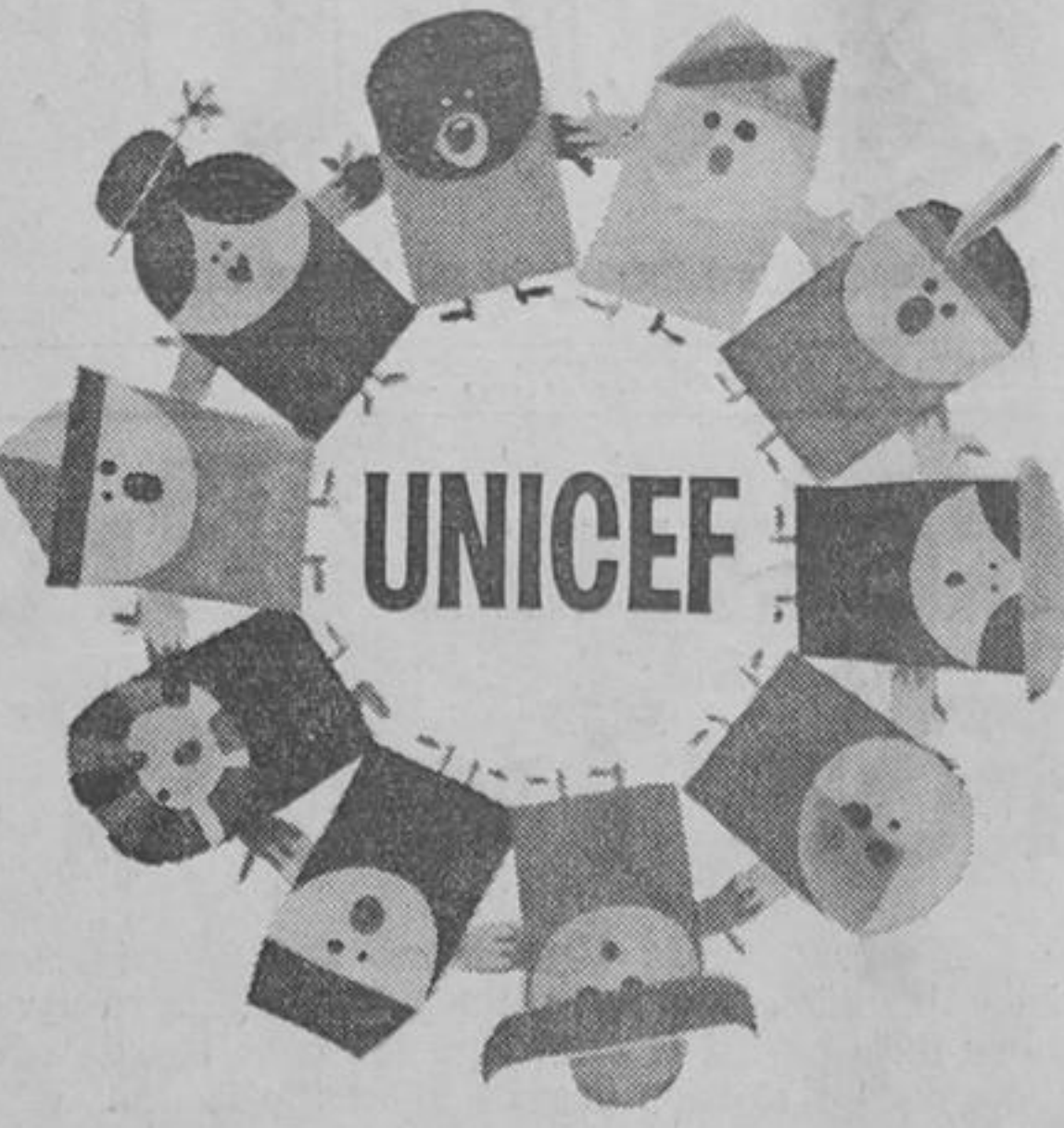
"It will take a suburbanite longer to go from his home to the downtown than it does for an astronaut to go around the world.

"A subdivision must be attractive, must contain a greater range of house types on a planned basis providing accommodation for people of wide income groups."

He said dozens of square miles of rural land is being turned into monotonous, boring, dull and repetitious housing developments with no tree areas and overhead wires are defacing streets.

Thomson said he is shocked when he hears people say, "I don't want my kids going to school with those apartment dwelling kind."

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GREETING CARDS



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Is Football Too Dangerous?

It has been said by many that team sports are getting rougher. Football is one major sport that comes in for special criticism. Are these criticisms well founded or not? To find a satisfactory answer, I contacted Bill McVicar, the new head of physical education at Thornhill Secondary School.

"Not so!" claims Coach McVicar. "In the ten years I've coached football at Thornhill there have been very few serious accidents. Football is not so dangerous as many people think."

Good coaching and good equipment are musts in this highly competitive game. York Central Board gets full credit for allowing their coaches to select the best quality possible football equipment.

In competition it is regulation for teams to be matched against those of similar size, experience, speed and strength and general athletic ability.

Bill McVicar is emphatic on the proper fitting and wearing of equipment. The boys that line up with their football squad on the playing field are wearing a lot more than skin tight pants and bulky helmets.

If you happen to be watching a local game, you might get close enough to a football player to see that his helmet has a cross-bar designed to protect his teeth and nose. Under his sweater you'll note the elevation made by his shoulder harness. The importance of good shoulder harness can hardly be estimated. Dislocated shoulders are usually the result of inferior or poorly fitting harness.

"We select shoulder harness that is well designed and tested by the manufacturers long before it is put on the market," explained McVicar.

Some members of the team wear more protection than others. The linebackers and some of the backfielders do a lot of blocking with the hands and arms, so they wear forearm guards made of foam rubber which cut down the number of bruises. All players wear hip and kidney pads and these have improved greatly in the last five years. Thigh guards and knee pads are now made of a foam rubber type of construction and provide further protection. Over all these protective pads go those tight fitting football pants and long stockings which eliminate much scraping and bruising of the legs. In order to ensure greater safety in the future, Coach McVicar plans to invest in a few neck collars which will cushion the back of the necks.

Most football injuries happen at the beginning of the season before the boys get into prime condition. In fact, most of them are picked up in the early scrimmage or practice sessions. According to McVicar, a team shouldn't be in competition until it has had at least two weeks in the field. At that, they should play only one game a week. The most common injury is to the knee. This is caused mainly from being blocked from the side by players who do not know how to block properly. Bruises and pulled muscles are also common.

Naturally every player must be covered by insurance and doctors usually are very co-operative in treating football injuries immediately. Thornhill's physical education department employs the services of a masseur and Coach McVicar insists that those suffering from muscle injuries take advantage of this service.

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Honor Lex Mackenzie On 80th Birthday

On his 80th birthday recently, York North M.L.A. A. (Lex) Mackenzie was honored at a surprise dinner party at the Albany Club, Toronto, by fellow members of the provincial Conservative government.

Lex lives alone in Woodbridge in the small old house in which he was born and which was built by his grandfather more than 100 years ago.

A former reeve of Woodbridge and a holder of the Military Cross from World War I, Major Mackenzie often recalls the part his great grandfather (a strong Family Compact supporter) played in helping William Lyon Mackenzie (a Reformer) to escape after the disaster at Montgomery's Tavern in 1837.

Lex's family at that time owned a sawmill on the river at Woodbridge, and his

great-grandfather put one of the millhands on guard to

see that the fleeing leader of the rebels did not escape across the dam on the Humber. The millhand, a veteran of the Napoleonic wars, was an expert marksman. However during the long, cold night watch, he left his post to light up a smoke and returned to duty to see William Lyon Mackenzie, who had crossed the dam, running along the opposite bank of the Humber to freedom.

On June 6, 1945, Major A. A. Mackenzie took his seat in the Ontario Legislature, for the first time, with a majority of 2,811. In 1963, five elections later, his majority increased to 6,233.

His philosophy of public service, is best summed up in his own words during the 1963 campaign: "My interest is in the individual person. I believe every person should have easy access to the government of his coun-

try through his local member." Lex has governed himself by this philosophy. He is still the most frequent visitor to cabinet ministers' offices, seeking out new and more government projects for his riding of York North. His popularity crosses political lines and he is quick to respond to an appeal for help from any constituent, regardless of political affiliation.

Although he seldom rises to speak in the Legislature, and has not been much in the public eye, yet he is recognized as one of the best private members in the House. Best, at least in the sense that he has been a prodigious worker for his riding and his people. He takes his constituents' problems as personal ones, and is dedicated to his responsibility as the intermediary between the public and the government.

In many countries of the world today, one out of five children dies before reaching school age. And those who survive are often underfed or suffering from some form of disease.

This is a sobering and tragic fact to ponder as we approach what is usually thought of as the happiest season of the year. Yet it is a fact that all of us MUST face if we are concerned about the future of today's children — and the future of the world.

Too frequently we become so involved in the small problems of our own communities that we fail to think about the enormous problems of people in other lands. People who are trying desperately to fight starvation and disease . . . to educate their children . . . to prepare for economic and social progress. The basic needs of these people are so great that they cannot possibly do the job on their own.

This is why UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, deserves all the help and support we can give it. UNICEF works with the government of the developing countries to help them provide milk for undernourished children, teachers to lift them out of illiteracy, nurses to cure their ills. It is helping more than one hundred countries around the globe.

All of us can help UNICEF throughout the year by individual donations. But at this particular time, we have a very special way of helping . . . by purchasing UNICEF greeting cards. Each year UNICEF asks leading international artists to produce original designs depicting the joys of the holiday season, particularly as they affect children. Then UNICEF turns these designs into attractive, colorful cards and offers them

for sale to the general public. By purchasing UNICEF cards and sending them to friends and relatives, you are contributing to the most worthwhile cause of all . . . the cause of children in need.

Fifteen famous and talented artists from almost as many lands have contributed designs to UNICEF for the 1965 cards. From Italy, Spain, Africa, the United States, France, England, Israel, Russia, Denmark and other countries, these artists have painted original designs without compensation for the UNICEF campaign. The Danish artist, Christian Larsen, paints two little girls dreaming of the wonders of the holiday season; the Russian artist, Orest Veredepersky, whimsically depicts a forest with animals peering from behind trees; the British painter Brian Wildsmith, depicts the joys of children on five continents in a series of five separate, imaginative designs; the American artist, Hope Meryman, creates a light and airy lithograph of young children at play on a city street.

Other cards include a rural winter scene by the noted American painter, Andrew Wyeth; several religious designs by such prominent artists as Beni Montresor of Italy, Maria Vall of Spain and Louis Toffoli of France; two charming folk-art designs, one by Yaroslava Mills of the United States and the other by Shalom of Safed of Israel; and several others.

UNICEF sales in Canada amounted to \$550,000 in 1964, which included nearly 5,000,000 cards. This year the campaign objective is \$750,000.

Anyone wishing to purchase cards in this area is asked to contact Mrs. George Sweeney, 70 Highland Lane, Telephone 884-1273.

Dear Mr. Editor

Vote "No" — Two Year Term

Dear Mr. Editor:

In the October 21 issue of "The Liberal" editorial comment was made regarding the proposal that Markham Township Councillors be elected for a two year term of office.

At the risk of repeating some of the comments of that editorial, I hasten to provide an argument against the proposal.

Whilst it is feasible, that in large Metropolitan areas, and in provincial and federal areas of jurisdiction, elected representatives of the people should have a sufficient period of time to become acclimatized to the atmosphere of government, because of the complexities of those types of government, it is nonsense to suggest that a township council requires two years when the population of Markham Township is approximately 16,000 persons.

It would be interesting to list the number of councillors in Markham Township who were returned to office by acclamation during the past ten years. This is one way whereby the electors can indicate that the incumbent performed good service and merited another term of one year, although there is always the chance that a local resident aspires to becoming a councillor and forces an election by being nominated by a 'good friend'. Rarely however does such a person succeed in unseating the incumbent who is still the 'darling' of the electors.

In those townships close to Markham, where a two year term was agreed to, situations have arisen where the electors are unable to vote out their councillors because of the two year term. Do not let us make the same mistake in Markham Township.

Recent pronouncements by Markham Council in regard to the location of a sewage disposal plant, a Centennial park and high rise apartments, have raised the ire of many of the electors, and if the electors do not agree with the township council in matters such as these, then they should not be denied the opportunity of changing the face of the council at the earliest opportunity.

If a councillor is performing the service for which he was elected, then he has nothing to fear in presenting himself for re-election after a period of one year. Good councillors are always re-elected or sent back by acclamation.

Incidentally, do all electors know what 'bi-ennial' means? This is the word that will appear on the ballot paper. It means two years. The answer to this should be a resounding 'NO' by the electors on December 6.

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Thornhill.

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

The Hamilton Ti-Cats and John Diefenbaker both have the same motto: "When the going gets tough the tough get going." . . . But they hope to win the Grey Cup anyway.

We repeat for the benefit of new readers we have acquired in the last few years that this is Grey Cup Week in Toronto . . . Spelled Drink-Up in the downtown sections of the city.

Ex-Justice Minister Guy Favreau says he has no intention of resigning from his present post as head of the Privy Council . . . Privy Council — that's what the boys in the shop used to call the goof-off gang in the washroom.

Toronto's City Hall is to have a fallout shelter which will hold 30,500 people and Metro's EMO Director John Pollard says there should be a study of who should use it . . . Or, who the OTHER 500 will be.

High school students in grade 13 now want psychiatrists to deal with their emotional and social problems. . . . We used to have specialists like this in our schooldays. They were called parents.

ffree-tek fridays — The efforts of the Telegram's circulation department to promote new readers with its TV-weekly are being counteracted by its news department's soot-daily reports on air pollution from high-rise apartments. Sensitive tenants of these buildings are switching over to the Star — which doesn't publish smutty stories.

A New York man is suing our hydro for damages for the loss of his furniture in a fire caused by a candle they were using during the big blackout. . . . Probably stupidity. You know what these New Yorkers are for burning the candle at both ends.

And speaking of stupidity: The Canada Council (Continued on Page 12)

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