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## Push Or Be Pushed

To those who have followed closely the controversy in Vaughan Township arising out of the plethora of garbage with which the township has been glutted since early this year (and we expect there are few who have not been aware of it) a small item in the Toronto press last week supplied a new and ironical twist.

The Township of Etobicoke has hired a firm of "rubble shooters" or garbage spys to follow and spot-check private haulers to see that they pick up no garbage from outside the township for dumping in any of Etobicoke's land-fill sites.

In other words, Etobicoke is now paying Automotive Transportation Limited \$6.50 per hour to prevent something that that township is now doing in Vaughan — with the express permission of Vaughan Township Council, it should be noted.

Etobicoke is faced with mountains of rubbish and a shortage of dumping sites. They are now to dump in Vaughan Township and will build an expensive incinerator.

The question is, will Vaughan Township Council wait until it is reduced to these straits before it begins to act to protect its citizens? The township is now in the midst of an industrial boom and is under pressure from all sides to permit residential development. While council has held the line against this development thus far, it is likely to

come in varying degrees. And with it will come a need for garbage dumps.

We can only echo the somewhat colorful phraseology of Deputy-reeve Garnet Williams who pointed out last spring that land-fill sites were about Vaughan Township's only natural resource and stated, "We should hang on to our holes."

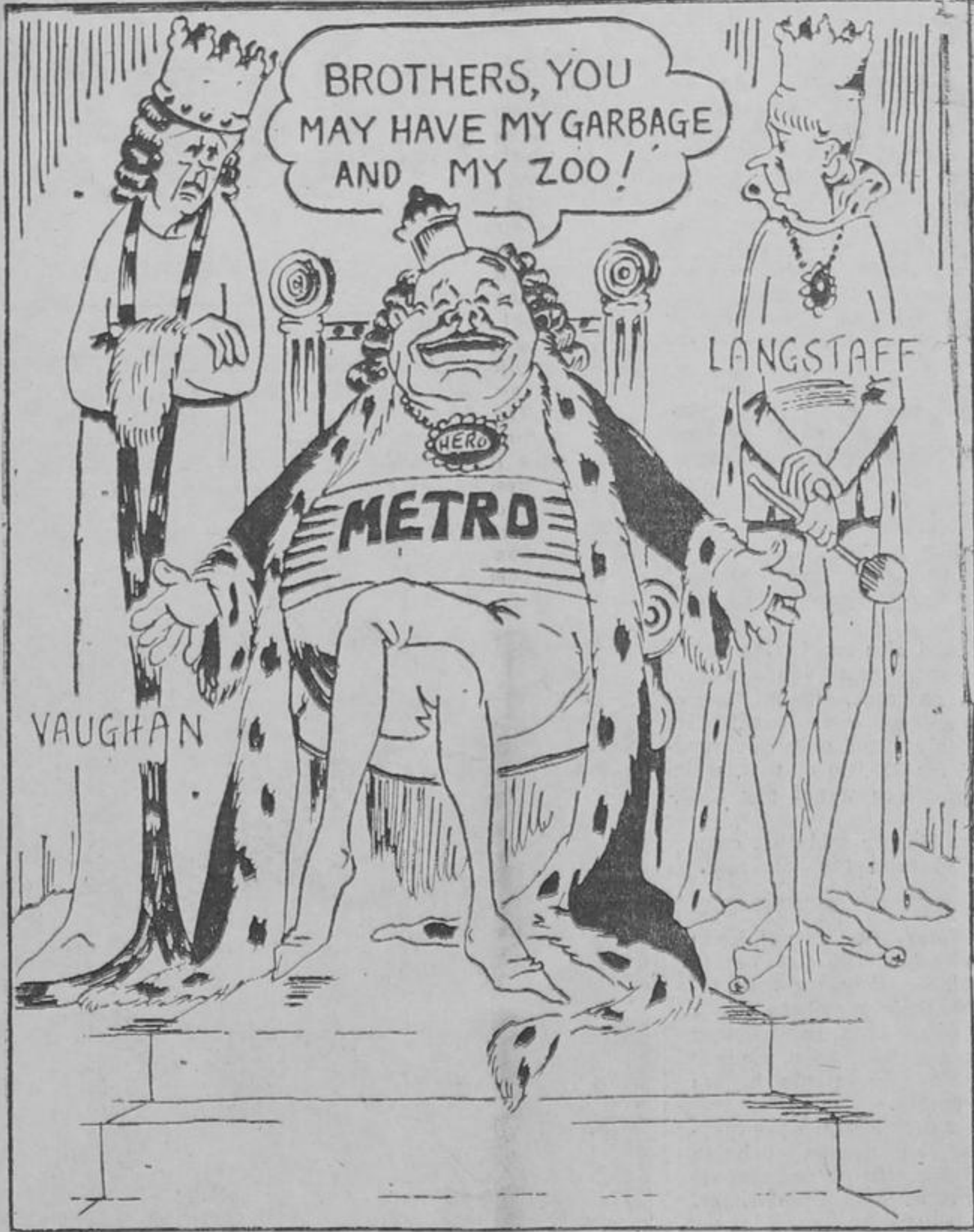
The whole thing makes one wonder just what kind of an image the Southern Six municipalities are projecting in Metro, to use the current jargon.

It seems as if those in control below Steeles Avenue feel that members of our councils can be pushed around and made to accept whatever Metro doesn't want.

Not only is Vaughan getting garbage from North York and Etobicoke, but Metro Planning Commissioner Eli Comay recently suggested that the Langstaff Jail Farm in Markham Township be used as the site for a zoo.

It is a point to ponder for those who will be called upon to elect members to municipal councils in the next few days.

Voters should elect only those they are assured will act resolutely to protect their municipality and will let both Queen's Park and Metro as well as individual entrepreneurs know in no uncertain terms that we don't exist for their convenience.



BIG BROTHER

## Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Toronto's Board of Education has decided that a doctor or someone holding a first-aid certificate must be present at all body-contact games. . . . This is sure going to make it crowded behind the curtain in that popular old body-contact game of post office.

The big "Pigglyland" fraud returned to the news last week with the arrest of the scheme's promoter in Spain . . . where he was living high on the hog.

Canada's Permanent Committee on Geographic Names plans to remove objectionable place names from the map — like Nigger River, Quebec . . . and, possibly, the way things are going, French River, Ontario.

Prime Minister Pearson is off on a two week holiday in Jamaica and the Bahamas while he ponders the changes he must make in his cabinet. . . . Sort of a Caribbean treasure hunt.

A Los Angeles air-pollution expert says the smog will make life impossible in that city within 100 years. . . . But the residents will probably adapt by just staying in their cars and putting a filter on (Continued on Page 16)

## Flashback

### In Years Gone By

Early in the fall of 1812, while the regulars and volunteers were serving with Brock and Sheaffe on the Niagara front, the York Militia was ordered to York to defend the town.

Capt. John Arnold's company, the 1st Regiment of York Militia, consisted of 50 men, many of whom did duty that winter at the barracks. An old parchment bound muster-roll lists the following officers: John Arnold, captain; James Miles, lieutenant; Messer, ensign; sergeants — Samuel Forster, Jacob Brown, Christopher Hills, John Langstaff. Among the privates: David Sprague, Henry Proctor, Thomas Frisby, Obediah Rogers, Joseph Woodward, John Malplaird, Peter Stover, Henry Phillips, Simon Teal, Abraham Van Horne, Josiah Hemmenway, Jacob and Charles Lunaw, John Nigh, Jacob, John and George Hills, Mark Shell, Joseph Walls, Dan Horner, Christian Hendricks, John Fierbeller, Aquila Bennett, Fred Quance, John Stiver, Richard Stooks, John Tapp, Allan Perkins, Henry Teal and William Hollingshead.

There is also a list of Menonites and Tunkers living on Concession 3 and 4 of Markham Township in Capt. Arnold's territory. Among these are Bakers, Doners, Eyers, Nighs, Shells, Stakeleys, Heises, Horners and Hoovers.

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In the muster-roll we find the following interesting entries: York Garrison, Oct. 16, 1812.

Yesterday, between the hours of one and two o'clock pm I visited the different guards and found them all properly posted, sober and alert. I went the guard rounds last night, between the hours of 11 and two, and found the guard sober, steady and alert.

Signed,  
Lieut-Col. Short, Garrison Commander  
John Arnold, Captain 1st Regiment,  
York Militia  
October 17, 1812

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After guard-mounting I visited the barracks rooms at 9 o'clock and found the dinners put down and everything in good order. At 12 o'clock I saw the men's dinners dished up in good order. At 2 pm I again visited the barracks and found the men all present and sober.

## Dear Mr. Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

In the first decade of his personal rule, Louis XIV of France changed his bankrupt, starving country to a much happier nation, well set on a prosperous course. Perhaps then, it is reasonable to heed a sentence in his memoirs, "Good government stems primarily from the application of common sense to a sufficient number of facts."

Many of the actions of Vaughan Township Council seem to be based upon this premise. Unfortunately, there have been notable lapses. I should like to mention just two in this letter.

The first is allowing the main street of Maple, Keele Street, to be changed from a clean, pleasant thoroughfare, to one where the health of residents and those going about their business, is being undermined. Wide awake municipal governments are concerned about two hazards to health, noise and contamination of the air. Yet we allow a constant stream of huge trucks to rush through this built up area, creating a continuous uproar, and a constant heavy cloud of dust which settles in a thick layer on all the buildings and makes it impossible to keep the interiors clean and sanitary. There is little apparent effort to see that the drivers obey the regulations. Certainly the speed limit is frequently ignored, thus increasing the accident hazard. Diesel motors are left running to spread their noxious fumes, even when the trucks are parked. All this is of little or no

advantage to Vaughan, but simply allows individuals and organizations from throughout Metro and from miles beyond, to make a sacrifice of this once lovely village, so their refuse can be transported to a dump a little north of it. All summer long, we even fail to control the dust by adequate spraying.

The second lapse is the schedule of charges recently instituted for the disposal of refuse at the municipal dump. It now costs a resident the sum of 50 cents to drive in with his car and empty a painful of garbage, a volume of about three or four cubic feet. This may seem a small amount, but for many it means a further increase in the cost of living, of \$25 a year. At the same time, a large truck, with a load about 8' x 10, x 6, or 180 cubic feet, can be dumped for a fee of \$150 or \$2. To be consistent, the private car should be charged about 4/5 of a cent or the truck should be charged \$60. By no stretch of the imagination can the present

schedule be considered equitable. It also requires little imagination to realize one very likely but undesirable effect. As a resident of Vaughan, I have been concerned to see the frequent dumps of refuse on the sides of roads in the township. On several occasions, I have gathered up such dump, from the road near my home, and disposed of them properly. I must say, the police have always shown interest in apprehending the culprit, but are often understandably unsuccessful.

Does it not seem very likely that the imposition of this charge at the municipal dump will stimulate many more to mutilate the beauty of our roads by increasing the frequency of this despicable act?

We can only hope that our council will get back to applying common sense to these facts.

Yours very truly,  
A. W. M. WHITE, MD,  
RR 1, Maple.

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## Choose Wisely And Well

We extend congratulations to Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, who have been returned to office by acclamation.

The reeveship and council representatives as well as two hydro commissioners remain to be selected by the electors in all four wards of the town. In Ward 4 voters will also decide who will be their two representatives on the public school board, which spends a large percentage of every tax dollar. Every voter has an important date on December 4—a date he or she should resolve to keep.

This year, more than ever before, voters have the obligation of giving mature thought to the question of who these representatives will be. For the first time, the council will hold office for two years, years which may well prove crucial in the development of the community. The new official plan, which will control this development for the next two years is nearing completion and will be adopted during this term of office, and plans for continued growth or consolidation will have to be made. Only the wisest heads available should be chosen to deal with these important subjects. A wrong decision may commit the town to a policy which will be detrimental. The right decision can see the municipality develop advantageously for every ratepayer. A sound economic policy as well as a sound

development program is essential in the Richmond Hill of the future.

The programs proposed by each candidate will be found in this issue of "The Liberal" in their advertisements. We ask you to read them all very carefully, to ask yourself if such proposals are sound and if the ratepayers can afford them or if the town can afford to be without them. The Richmond Hill of tomorrow must be progressive, but this progress must be economically controlled so that the tax burden does not become unbearable.

If you have questions, all candidates will welcome the opportunity to answer them in person or over the phone. When you have satisfied yourself on all points, vote for the candidate of your choice.

Last year 37.75% of the eligible voters cast their ballots in the municipal election. This was down somewhat from the 1963 percentage of 43.08%, but better than the 29% average over a number of years. It compares very unfavorably with the 74% turnout at the November 8 federal election and is an indication of some apathy in a field which directly concerns every ratepayer. The town's business is big business, with an annual budget in the neighborhood of three million dollars. A large part of this money comes directly from the pockets of local ratepayers who are vitally concerned with how it is spent and who spends it. They cannot afford to be indifferent.

## Provincial Subsidy Needed

Several Southwestern Ontario municipalities will be without ambulance service after December 15, as funeral directors in Dresden, Bothwell, Thamesville, Ridgeway, Blenheim and Merlin, have set that date for discontinuing this service, because of increased costs which make it a losing proposition. About 60,000 people will be affected in the municipalities in the Chatham area. It is forecast that the ambulance service in that city will be overloaded and not able to cope with the increased demands because of the withdrawal of the other ambulances.

Concern about ambulance service in Metro Toronto also received publicity last week when an attempt was made to institute a co-ordinated service between municipally and privately owned ambulances. The proposal was to have all calls made to a central agency which would then allot them in rotation to the ambulances, ensuring round-the-clock, efficient and speedy service. So far as we have been able to learn, agreement which will put this plan into operation has yet to be reached.

Ambulance service when it is needed is something that most people take for granted — and in this area because of the wise decision of mun-

icipal councils to pay subsidies, the local ambulance provides such a service.

However, there are many parts of our province, and from the indications there will be many more, where residents do not have this assurance.

We have repeatedly advocated provincial government subsidy of ambulance services throughout the province, and these recent developments would indicate that this is the only solution to a very poor situation.

The provincial government has recognized that something has to be done to improve ambulance services and set up a committee to look into the matter. This committee has called for higher standards in training, better vehicles and equipment, provincial licensing and subsidization. It was expected that implementing legislation would have been introduced at the last session of the Ontario Legislature — but it was not.

Recent developments should prompt the law-makers to see that this legislation is placed high on the priority list in the coming session. Only immediate action will ensure every taxpayer that he (or she) will be able to count on using an ambulance if the necessity arises.

## Hope To Save Elm Trees

"Elms Unlimited" Plans Widespread Campaign

Admirers of the graceful elm trees which have lent beauty to our landscape from the earliest days have been deeply concerned about the destruction of thousands of them by the Dutch elm disease. If the present trend continues, these graceful trees may soon live only in the memories of those who loved and admired them.

A group of Americans have formed "Elms Unlimited", with headquarters in Waldwyck, New Jersey. The group is dedicated to preserving existing elms and replacing those which have fallen prey to the elm bark beetle, carrier of Dutch elm disease, to age or to the elements. The group publishes The Elm Bulletin, with Dr. James M. Hester, president of New York University, heading the editorial board. Copies of this bulletin are distributed free to elm owners who request it. It contains information about the latest methods of tree care, particularly on how to protect the species from the ravages of Dutch elm disease.

A new treatment of tree inoculation with chemicals, the bulletin reports, shows promise of saving elms from this plague. Although somewhat expensive, John P. Hansel, secretary of Elms Unlimited, states that if a club or parks department were to undertake a massive treatment program, the annual cost could be cut drastically.

"We have been too careless in preserving the elm as a great source of natural beauty that enhances property values," Mr. Hansel claims, adding that treatment of existing trees against Dutch elm disease is not enough. "These trees must be replaced," he stated. "Trees planted now will flourish for future generations to admire and appreciate. Trees planted now will replace those already destroyed by the disease and cut down. The need for national replanting is immediate and urgent."

Elms Unlimited also distributes a publication that tells conservationists what they can do in their own communities to save the elm.

Recommendations include appointment of an elm committee to take an inventory of the trees in the community. Owners' names and addresses are sent to Elms Unlimited which mails the bulletin to everyone listed.

Elm owners are advised to have their trees put under the care of an expert before the attack of the elm beetle in May.

The City of Fredericton in New Brunswick, so far free of the disease, is justly proud of the rows of majestic elms which arch over its streets. Evidence that these trees have been chemically treated to prevent the disease from becoming established may be seen. It is too late in most of Ontario to save many of the elms which already are affected and doomed, but there are many beautiful specimens which may still be saved and an active tree planting campaign could replace those already lost, so that our streets, our parks, and our fields can continue to be "things of beauty and a joy forever."