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Wrong Approach

Readers of the Toronto Star were treated recently to some shocking statements by Dick Taylor (Liberal, Temiskaming) regarding the position the Legislature plays in the life of our province. The statements by Mr. Taylor, a top advisor to Ontario Liberal Leader Andy Thompson, were reported in a feature series carried by that newspaper concerning the provincial party.

Mr. Taylor's remarks were frightening to anyone who believes in the democratic process and has studied and appreciates the historic struggle our forefathers waged to gain the measure of responsible government we all enjoy today.

"There's undue emphasis on what goes on in the House," he said in an interview. "The ordinary member finds everything revolves around what's being done in the House, but that's the last thing most people think of. The rank and file of the population really couldn't care less what's going on there."

"Unless something very serious happens nobody is concerned with what's being done in the Legislature."

It is surprising that Mr. Taylor, who can only be classed as a junior member of the Legislature (he wasn't elected until 1963), would feel that in three short years he is in a posi-

tion to make such shattering statements concerning the supreme law-making body in this province. His public utterances take on greater importance when one realizes that in his position as chief provincial organizer for Mr. Thompson he is among the few top Liberals who are deciding party strategy and policy in Ontario. One can only assume that he is echoing his leader's thoughts concerning the House.

The fact remains, whether Mr. Taylor likes the Legislature or not (he admits the thought of making a speech makes him sick), it and it alone passes and amends the numerous laws which so vitally affect the lives of the nearly seven million people who reside in Ontario. In the true democratic fashion the Legislature is composed of our elected representatives and is directly responsible to the electors.

It is the duty of Mr. Taylor and his associates on the Liberal benches to fully represent their constituents and to form an effective opposition to the government in power. They can do this only by taking an active part in the debates and work of the assembly. If the system is not working well, and the Legislature is not fulfilling the task that was intended for it, then we the electors are sending the wrong people to Queen's Park.

A Fitting Tribute

The name of Les Baker will live long in the hearts of his family, his fellow workers and all who knew this kindly man. For more than a quarter of a century he has looked after the waterworks system of Richmond Hill first as a peaceful village of less than 3,000 people and through its years of great expansion when as a town that population grew and grew to nearly 20,000 people.

Through these years the demands on Mr. Baker's time also grew and grew, but he carried out his duties with good humor and a concern for his home community that might well be copied by all of us.

The gift of his family to the town will be a constant reminder to all who knew him, and to future generations, of a man who gave a good day's work

and more, every day, to his employers, the citizens of Richmond Hill. What better memorial to a good citizen, whose interest had been in seeing that all residents had a dependable supply of water, than a drinking fountain. The memorial fountain provides an oasis on Yonge Street, where the thirsty passerby may quench his thirst and quietly pay tribute to a former citizen. The bench and pleasant surroundings will also prove a boon to the foot-weary where they may rest awhile in their journeys.

We are certain that Mr. Baker would have heartily approved of this memorial which will commemorate his many years of public service by giving a resting place to the citizens of the town he served so long and so well.

Big Dividends

Rain, as we can all appreciate by now, is a wonderful element. This week it has soaked our parched landscape with life-giving moisture. It is also a cleanser, and in this regard, while we can be grateful, many of us cannot be overly proud.

This summer has brought perhaps the biggest season for tourism this area has yet experienced. Our communities and places of business have been bustling with activity. Until the rains, the evidence was obvious. Some of it will remain afterwards to offend the eye. We're speaking of litter.

In a booming season such as this, litter can be expected. It is a necessary evil. But that doesn't mean it should be left to accumulate as has been the case in certain areas of almost every local community.

While a shortage of water has prevented the washing of main thoroughfares surely there could have been more use of the municipal

sweeper in Midland to keep the main streets clear of litter and thus present a better image to tourists and permanent residents.

Businessmen can assist by cleaning up their sidewalks and parking areas and, if we might make a suggestion, this could be done after, as well as at the beginning of each business day. Finally, pedestrians, shoppers and motorists, those on whom the blame for litter must fall, can do their bit by making use of trash cans or stuffing candy wrappers, etc., in their pockets until they get home.

Saturday is usually the busiest day for shopping and other activities. This Sunday morning as you make your way to church, what will your main street look like? Could you have done anything about it? Don't leave it all up to the rain. Let us all work to improve the image we have of our town. It pays big dividends. —Midland Free Press

Former Markham Planner Key Man Waterloo County Project

The Waterloo County Area Planning Board must be Municipal Affairs Minister Spooner's pride and joy.

If you listen to his recent speeches you'll hear a plea for urban and rural people to get back together.

He will urge urban and rural municipalities to achieve more co-operation and understanding.

One area he can point to where this has been accomplished to a large degree is in Waterloo County.

The main reason for this is the Waterloo County Area Planning Board, which this month celebrates its first birthday.

It was the first board of its kind in Ontario when established by Mr. Spooner after years of talks by county officials.

Now, there are two more—one in Ontario County and another in Elgin County.

The board's chairman is Donald Snider, a former Waterloo alderman, who has handled the reins of the difficult organization with quiet diplomacy.

In its first year of operation, the board has achieved an almost unbelievable degree of co-operation.

But Mr. Snider agrees that the real test will come in the next six to 12 months when board members get their taste of a proposed official plan.

Because it started from scratch, most of the board's work so far has been in organizing its professional staff and administration.

Early this year, Ronald Forrest, formerly the planning director in Markham Township, was hired as planning director.

Frederick Losee was hired from the Oakville Planning Board to act as senior planner.

Oddly enough, the key achievement of the board was not in planning but in sparking moves to a local government review of Waterloo County.

"The child has overshadowed the parent," Mr. Snider contends.

And it's likely to continue overshadowing the parent

for another year. The local government review could be the most important study since the county was established more than 100 years ago.

The stage for the government review was set at the area planning board level. It was the first time both city and farm people could get together to discuss mutual problems.

"We've done a lot more and become involved in a lot more things than we ever thought we would," said Mr. Snider. "The board has far exceeded the expectations of anyone."

He said he was particularly pleased that the 36 board members and alternates got to know each other so quickly.

During the year, speakers were invited to talk on everything from zoning and development to water problems.

And in the next three months the board has another impressive list of guest speakers.

"I think it broadened the horizons of all members of

School Bells Mean Television Watching for London 7th Graders



With arithmetic on the blackboard, 7th grade pupils in London, Ontario view "Elizabethan Theatre" on a Sparton of Canada, Ltd. set as part of their educational television programming.

It isn't all reading, writing and arithmetic when school bells ring this fall—at least not for the 7th graders in the London, Ontario public school system.

These pupils also are watching television. The amount and type of programming are in proper perspective, of course, and thoroughly supervised by educational authorities.

The television watching for the 7th graders began last year as an experiment to measure the value of television's role in modern education.

It started in mid-year when the London Board of Education agreed to rent 60 television sets from Sparton of Canada, Ltd., so grade seven pupils could watch a special series on new math.

John Given, superintendent of the London Public Schools, reported that the Sparton sets were purchased for further programming when "very good reports" were received from school principals on the new math program.

Television programming has been expanded on a controlled basis, according to R. S. Mitchell, audio-visual supervisor, to include other programs such as "Your World," "Science Around Us," "Junior Bookshelf," "Faces of Freedom," and "Elizabethan Theatre".

Most important are the special broadcasts on current events, such as the "Opening of Parliament". These are observed with particular keen interest because the students are seeing freedom and democratic processes in action "live" on the screen.

Home entertainment-type sets with 23-inch screens were purchased because they can be viewed readily in individual classrooms, thereby controlling the experiment with a specific group.

On the basis of first-year results, Mr. Mitchell stated, "It is our belief that the use of these sets have made a significant contribution to the education of the pupils in our schools."

Sparton reported that it is designing television receivers specifically for this type of use due to the success of the program and the growing interest in the development of television as an educational tool.

Company officials noted that the London Trade School also purchased 10 units for technical training of teenagers and adults, and that sets can be used in almost limitless ways, such as hospitals, factories—any place there is a need for audio-visual training.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS

At Your Richmond Hill Public Library

ENGLAND'S PRIDE

by Julian Symons

On January 26, 1885, General Gordon's heroic defence of Khartoum ended when the Mahdi's force took the town by storm and stabbed Gordon to death. Two days later, the advance guard of the relieving force found the town in the Mahdi's hands. Why did the relief fail? Mr. Symons tells the whole story, both political and military.

MALTA

by Walter Kummerly

In 40 glorious colour pictures this beautiful book shows every side of the unique islands of Malta: their sunshine, historic buildings, docks, rocky headlands, sandy beaches, busy streets, peaceful farm lands, and the people.

HESKETH PEARSON BY HIMSELF

by Hesketh Pearson

Hesketh Pearson was born in the 1870's. As a child and as a young man he was poor. Then suddenly in 1908 he inherited a thousand pounds and went on a joyous tour to Mexico and Canada. When his money gave out he went back to England and started to work in the Theatre.

From the stage he went on to write literary criticism and biographies—all of them immensely successful. This is his autobiography, an autobiography that includes not only his own life but the lives of his friends—and he had many: Shaw, Lloyd George, Chesterton, H. G. Wells, Malcolm Muggeridge.

THE UNREPENTANT PILGRIM

by Percy J. Smith

A rather new, sometimes startling, picture of the great G.B.S. emerges from these pages. Serious students of Shaw will find much interest.

THE PRINCE IN THE HEATHER

by Eric Linklater

Eric Linklater tells in his elegant and unselfish prose this extraordinary story of the young pretender's wanderings during the five months between the defeat at Culloden and his departure to France and safety from Lochnan Uamh.

THE INVISIBLE SCAR

by Caroline Bird

A comprehensive examination of the great depression and its far-reaching effects upon the government, politics, education and people—even to-day.

George Mayes On —

The Flip Side

The U.S. released last weekend pictures of the Earth taken from 850 miles in space by astronauts Conrad and Gordon... and sure enough, just as predicted by Orson Bean, somebody moved!

This is again the week of the great Niagara Grape and Wine Festival... You'll notice they say "grape AND wine"—which supports our suspicions about the ingredients in that Catawba.

Toronto school authorities estimate that 10% or forty thousand, of the city's school children are now "emotionally disturbed"... One peculiar thing about this sudden rise in emotionally disturbed children is the almost complete disappearance of the types who used to be described as spoiled brats.

And the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police says the term "juvenile delinquents" should be changed to "young offenders"... C'mon now! What do they REALLY call them when they get them in the back room?

As a result of last week's strike, the Brewers' Warehousing Company has raised to 45 the age limit for its employees... but will graciously continue to sell its wares to anyone over this age who has the money to pay.

Russia has introduced to the world a line of Russian-made perfumes... So THAT'S what they've been doing with the odours they take out of their vodka!

And Japan is introducing into North America an inexpensive line of rifles and shotguns. Darn (Continued on Page 14)

Window On The Past

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

THE FORGOTTEN HUNTER

In the eighteen forties farm-ers from around Thornhill and Clairville shared two great enthusiasms—horse racing and fox hunting.

Like many rural communities Thornhill had its own half mile oval race track where skilled riders could compete on the stretch, or at the jumps. In Clairville, a village on the southwest edge of Vaughan Township, the owners of fast horses arranged semi-annual races, one near John Dark's Tavern, and the other half a mile north at Eytton, "where Joseph Champlain kept a hostelry in good old Yorkshire style".

Fox hunting, however was a more uncommon diversion and required the co-operation of both groups. Some of the English and Irish settlers near Clairville kept hounds but they could not have come out with a full pack at their meet in Eytton without the assistance of William Chapman, and other sporting farmers with dogs, from Thornhill.

During this year he worked on the 20 year development plan and capital works program. He was in charge of planning and controlling central areas re-development schemes, community and neighborhood designs, slum clearance and bombed area re-development schemes.

In 1953 he came to Canada, working his way as a merchant seaman on a 95-ton fishing boat.

In 1954 he became town planner for the Township of North York and the following year became planning director for Markham Township, a position he held until May, 1964, when he left to take over similar duties in York Township. This year he accepted a position as planning director of the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

A native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Mr. Forrest developed his interest in town planning in that city under Professor J. S. Allen, one of the leading planners in Europe. He became town plan-

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Richmond Hill was not without industry, even in its earliest days. A partial list of early mills includes:

The first industrial establishment where steam power had to be used recorded was a distillery built on Lot 43 Vaughan Township by James Lymburner in 1811. William Harrison describes the distillery fires as blazing night and day to keep up the supply of stimulating beverages. Another distillery was built on Lot 47 Vaughan by James McDavids in 1844.

On Lot 43, just south of the present town limits, Mr. Lymburner also erected a grist mill in the same year and replaced it in 1840 by another. Still another grist mill was built on this Street and were sold to L. Innis & Son in 1839. The old mill in 1811 and 1840, were water-powered, but by 1855 the flow of water in the branch of the Don had diminished to the point where steam power had to be used. A saw mill built on Lot 45 and 46, by James Playter in 1848 was still in use in 1885. This was run by water power from Boyle's Pond on Vaughan Road east of York Central Hospital. In the same location was an iron works where Washington Major manufactured plowshares. He also had a cider mill nearby. A saw mill was built by James Langstaff on Lot 48 Vaughan in 1847. He also erected a foundry and edge tool factory. Both were located at the end of Richmond Street and were sold to L. Innis & Son in 1839. The old mill in 1811 and 1840, were water-powered, but by 1855 the flow of water in the branch of the Don had diminished to the point where steam power had to be used. (Continued on Page 14)

Local Folk Group Reaches Goal With Engagements In Yorkville

A group of Maple folk singers, who a few months ago were looking for church halls to sing in, have reached the mecca of all folk artists with several recent engagements in Toronto's internationally-known Yorkville Village.

In fact things have moved along so swiftly for Bill Kerrigan and "The Kinfolk" that they're now thinking seriously of getting a manager to handle their engagements, the most recent of which have been repeat stands at "The Mouse Hole" and "The Riverboat" in Yorkville.

"We've even got another singer," said leader Kerrigan, and "she's added a lot to the group."

She, in this case, is Margaret Queen, 18, of 182 Romac Court Richmond Hill, who had been singing on her own before joining "The Kinfolk", which also features Bill's sister, Nancy, 17, and the Good Twins, Brian and Bruce, 20.

Margaret, who joined the group in May, had done some singing previously with Bill in other groups, so he came to the quartet recommended.

Right now "The Kinfolk" are busy singing in the area, including a hootenanny for the Kiwanis Club this week in Markham Village.

Anyone wishing to contact the group for performances can reach them at 832-2643 in Maple and 889-2995 in Toronto.

Letters to the Editors

DISSOLVE WARD 1 ASSOCIATION

Dear Mr. Editor: Is it not time that the Elgin Park and Ward 1 Ratepayers Association was asked to "put up or shut up"?

I contend that they do not nor ever have represented majority opinion in Ward 1.

Whenever any subject is being discussed on which they feel there may be some differences of opinion in the ward, they climb on their high horses and gallop off wildly in every direction, screaming "Injustice at the top of their voices."

Would it not be better if they retired gracefully and dissolved their organization, giving way to a more level-headed group, if indeed there is any real need for one at all?

Yours truly, P. A. SALE, 223 Beechy Drive, Beverley Acres.

TRAINS CAUSE TRAFFIC JAMS

Dear Mr. Editor: I know we had just gotten over a rail strike and there was a lot of freight to be moved but to be held up for twenty minutes September 9 at 8:30 am while a north-bound freight train waited for a south-bound one to pass was a bit too much. Isn't it time the level crossings at Markham Rd. and Crosby Ave. were eliminated with so much traffic passing through these streets now?

Yours truly, G. STEVENS, 145 Essex Ave., Richmond Hill.

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