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Decision In Vaughan

Vaughan Township voters go to the polls this Saturday to decide who will preside over their local affairs and public school system for the next two years. It is agreed that the next two years will be extremely important ones in the long history of the township as it struggles to keep its identity in the face of the many pressures challenging it both from inside and outside its borders.

The pressures come from land speculators; from Metro in its attempt to turn the township into a vast wasteland for its garbage; and finally from the threat that if they get into financial trouble the province will permit North York Township to annex the heavily industrialized southern portion. Vaughan Township's problems, like those of any of the 13 fringe municipalities around Metro, are very real and only firm leadership offers any hope of coping with the many crucial issues.

This newspaper feels that Reeve Albert Rutherford has the background and the necessary qualifica-

tions of leadership to meet the many demands that the next two years will most certainly bring. During his tenure of office Vaughan has enjoyed a period of unprecedented industrial growth until today Vaughan is the leading industrial community in the county. Mr. Rutherford has discouraged a wide-open housing policy which results in the constant need for more and more schools and a soaring tax rate. He has proven he is not easily swayed by selfish outside interests who would like nothing better than to turn the township into a gold mine for themselves at the expense of the present property owners.

Mr. Rutherford has always listened to the people whether it has been a delegation to council or an informal meeting in his home or on the street. His warm personal approach to the problems of government is a refreshing change in the hurried world of today. We suggest to the voters of Vaughan that they re-elect Albert Rutherford for a further two-year term when they go to the polls on December 10.

Shopping With Ease



We are now in the midst of the yuletide season and Christmas means gifts for young and old.

The quickest and easiest way to fill that shopping list is to visit your area stores. Our home merchants have filled their stores with a wide selection of excellent gifts at prices to fit every pocketbook.

Avoid the crowds, traffic snarls and confusion of the big city by shopping right at home. And before you start out with that shopping list, sit down and study the advertisements in this newspaper. You'll find they feature timely gift suggestions for every member of the family. There is no need to drive to the city and struggle with the parking, winter weather and pushing crowds when you can shop with ease and comfort anywhere in this district.

Our courteous merchants and members of their staffs are eager to make this Christmas one to remember. This December — shop at home.

Getting Right Wood For Your Fireplace

Recently I saw a man staggering to the curb under a large load of tree limbs. It was trash day and as I slowed down to identify the wood, I noticed it was apple. It occurred to me that this fellow was expending a lot of effort to get rid of luxury class wood.

Any type of wood has its use as a fuel, but apple and cherry stand out because of their fragrance. Even at the time of splitting, cherry will perfume the air. Fruitwood furniture might appeal to you — why not fruitwood firewood?

Some resourceful people seek out the special woods for the different colors produced by their flames, or for the smoke or coals; other just find wood piled by clearing crews, on the highway right-of-way, inexpensive.

My favorite wood is dry pine 'chicot'. They are the slate grey veterans which have died years ago and are the upright remnants of the virgin pine. The charred ones are often more sound than the others. Often they are quite gummy, particularly near the roots, and they burn vigorously without the aid of bark or paper. On splitting the wood, it sometimes smells like carrots. On burning, it has a pleasant odour, more appealing than the petroleum products used in barbecues. Many trappers have slept on

the ground in front of a flaming 'chimney like' chicot. I have made hundreds of lunch fires from this quick starting wood, and when I have the opportunity, I pop some into my car trunk.

Locally, much of the firewood is salvaged from construction or elm sanitation projects. In the city a tree destined to be

cut is a real liability. "The wood uses up valuable space in the city dump" says Gordon Fenske, wood dealer on Dixon Road. He handles disposal wood and converts much of it into saleable firewood, and as a result eases the pressure at the dumps.

Tabulated below are some of the merits of various firewoods.

Characteristics of Local Firewood

Species	Starting Qualities	Lasting Embers	Sparks	Fragrance	Heat Units*
Apple, Cherry	Poor	Good	Slight	Excellent	23.5
Beech	Poor	Good	Slight	Slight	27.8
Birch (White)	Good	Good	Moder.	Slight	23.4
Cedar	Excel.	Poor	Many	Good	16.3
Elm (Amer.)	Fair	Excel.	Neglig.	Good	24.5
Hemlock	Good	Fair	Many	Good	17.9
Maple (Sugar)	Poor	Excel.	Slight	Good	29.0
Oak (Red)	Poor	Excel.	Slight	Good	27.3
Pine (White)	Excel.	Fair	Moder.	Good	17.1
Pine (Chicot roots)	Excel.	Fair	Moder.	Excellent	28?

It is never too early to put in a supply of wood. By doing this, you have good control over the drying and are independent of shortages of seasoned wood.

Some people complain about the amount of ash produced by fires. On a 'per unit of heat' basis, wood produces only one-quarter the ash of anthracite. Further, the ashes have value as an organic garden fertilizer. It is reported by R. M. Carleton in "Your Lawn" to have an an-

alysis ranging from 0-0.3 to 0-0.7 plus 30% calcium. The authority produces sizeable quantities of firewood each year and still we are sold out on occasions. Because of our interest in controlling the Dutch Elm Disease, dead elm cutting is given priority over cutting of other species.

By J. Foots, Conservation Newsletter, Metro Conservation Authority.

A CHANCE AT LIFE



Twenty-five per cent of all deaths occurring at the Hospital for Sick Children are the result of heart disease. Jacques and Beverley are fortunate that our surgeons were able to correct their congenital heart defects. They are now well on the way to a complete recovery. The Hospital's Department of Cardiology is conducting an integrated research programme aimed at the better understanding, diagnosis and treatment of children with congenital malformations of the heart. Support this and other research projects by sending your Christmas donation to The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

A Good Look at "The Hole Thing"

There was already a long line of young people waiting to be admitted to their favorite coffeehouse when I arrived.

Slowly I followed the line into a small anteroom of the Richmond Hill United Church, watched the members flash their membership cards, pay their seventy-five cents and then drift down the stairs to the dimly cavernous depths of "The Hole Thing."

The youths, about two hundred and fifty of them, anywhere from the age of fifteen to nineteen sat around tables in groups. In the centre of each table a candle shed a glow on the faces of the occupants. Flashes from cigarette lighters lit up the dusk and the smell of cigarette smoke assailed my rather delicate nostrils continuously. This was a coffee house.

A Toronto combo called "The Knack" was playing rock and roll. Some of the young folk around the tables hummed or sang at intervals. A few daring ones danced at the back of the room. But most of the members sat passively watching the combo group. Only the intonement of their eyes and bodily positions betrayed their intense inner involvement. Jazz was being alternated with rhythm and blues.

"Honey, what's wrong with you," the singer wails. The following number began with "Goodbye Mississippi, There's Something You Don't Know."

I turned to the sixteen year old girl beside me. She was listening intently, her eyes were gleaming and her foot tapped out the rhythm.

"Wouldn't you rather listen to folk music?" I asked her. It was a foolish question and I almost regretted it.

She said: "Folk music? No, I'd rather have combo music."

"Why combo?" I insisted. A young man supplied the answer. "I like it because it is loud. It eases tension too!"

That night I became acquainted with a modern youth whose built up tensions demanded this kind of release. What happens after combo?

SOMETHING FOR YOUTH

Last February, the Social Action Committee of Richmond Hill United decided that something simply had to be done for the young people in the Richmond Hill area. There was no place where they could go and be together.

It was the young people of the church who decided that it was to be a coffee house. "The Hole Thing" is managed by a very responsible (Continued on Page 16)

Honor Former Reeve P. Hill

Enjoyment was paramount on Wednesday evening of last week when Richmond Hill Town Council hosted the people who serve the town on unpaid committees at a dinner and dance. Location this year was the beautiful clubhouse of Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club, enhanced with glittering Christmas decorations.

More than 150 people enjoyed a roast beef dinner and dancing to the music of the Jackettes. Arrangements were made by Ward 2 Councillor William Lazenby, who also acted as master of ceremonies.

Highlight of the evening was presentation of a pair of cufflinks, bearing the town's crest, to former Reeve P. C. Hill, who served as head of the municipal government in 1948 and 1949 after having spent 10 years as councillor. Because of illness Mr. Hill was not present and Clerk Russell Lynett accepted the gift on his behalf.

Mr. Lynett, who has served the municipality as clerk for almost a quarter of a century, recalled that each year he has had his problems. "We used to have a town bell in the cupola at McConaghy School which was rung every day at 7 am, 12 noon and 6 pm. When council decided to discontinue this custom there was a great deal of complaint. That was a problem in those days," the clerk recalled with a chuckle.

Attractive pins, also bearing the town's crest, were presented to Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Mrs. Margaret Williams, who each served five years on the town's recreation committee. Cufflinks were presented to Ray Gemmill, who served five years on the recreation committee and to Peter Sale, who was one of the organizers of a swimming pool for Richmond Hill and who worked diligently to see phase one of this program a reality. He is chairman of the swimming pool sub-committee of the recreation committee.

The thanks of those present were expressed by former Mayor William Neal, who paid tribute to a "wonderful council for a wonderful town," and particularly to Councillor Lois Hancey for her efforts to "stop some of the tooting."

Hill Family Counselling Brief Referred To '67 County Council

The brief of the Social Planning Council of Richmond Hill recommending the setting up of family counselling services in the county was presented to York County Council at its last session by Chairman Neil Mann.

A report of its reception there was given by Judge George Sweeney at the November meeting of the Social Planning Council.

The brief, which had been previously approved by individual municipal councils in the Southern Six, recommended that a family service centre, to which schools, churches, police, welfare and other agencies could refer troubled families be set up in Richmond Hill by the Children's Aid Society.

This is in line with recent provincial legislation which makes preventive work part of the function of Children's Aid Societies. After Mr. Mann had read the brief at County Council, D. C. Van Camp director of York County Children's Aid Society was invited to express his feelings on the matter. He indicated that he had recommended to his board of directors that two additional social workers be hired for this purpose, one in June and one in October. He stressed however,

that office accommodation was very tight and this would be a problem. Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton was anxious that council not merely pigeonhole the matter. "If we do, we are ignoring a problem which will persist. It exists and we must assume some responsibility for it," he said.

While Richmond Hill Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins moved that the report be received and adopted in principle, Warden Joseph Dales insisted that it be the subject of a resolution to be dealt with by the 1967 finance committee.

When questioned about the cost of the service, Judge Sweeney advised county council that it was anticipated that it would cost \$12,000 to set up a centre. He also noted that the possibility of having a United Appeal campaign in the area which would help support this and other services was being investigated.

Balance of the Social Planning Council meeting was spent in discussing ways and means by which the youth committee could achieve better communication with youth of the area. It was suggested that high school students be invited to attend council meetings.

Let us hope the same does not happen here. It is hard to discuss a report you can't get but there is enough in the press reports to cause deep concern.

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Window On The Past

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

The Seventy Year Old Thornhill Library And Its Forerunners

There were probably book-lovers among the crown grantees in the Thornhill area but our first information on this subject comes from the journal of Mary Sophia Gapper, a young English woman who lived on her brother's farm, Lot 38, Concession 1, Vaughan Township, from 1828 to 1830.

One fine day Miss Gapper saddled her pony and rode up to Richmond Hill, "another little centre of population, not as large as Thornhill, but having a school, Presbyterian Church, tavern and a store." The purpose of the trip was to remind her friend Squire Miles of his half-promise to join her book society. "Abner Miles, a tall thin man of 50, dressed in a worn homespun frock coat, and with a pocket handkerchief bound around his head to relieve the pain of headache", received her in his large kitchen. Though he said he had already spent many pounds that year on books to share with his friends, he agreed to subscribe to her book club as well.

Mary noted that Benjamin Thorne was the secretary of this society which had seven members. As she soon after married Captain Edward G. O'Brien and moved to Shanty Bay, Lake Simcoe, we can only surmise that the book club continued, and that the Rev. George Mortimer, first rector of Trinity Anglican Church, became a member. Before leaving England in 1832 Mr. Mortimer reluctantly reduced his private library to one packing case

weighing 400 pounds, because of the excessive duty — one shilling and three pence a pound on the books. In 1843 Mr. Mortimer and other interested gentlemen in the neighborhood contributed money and books to start a "Library of Useful Knowledge" in the village. Their object was to put good reading within the reach of all for a penny a week. Only about a dozen people applied for the books and the project lapsed after a year's trial. This was not really surprising as education was not then compulsory. Many could not read, and those who could often worked from dawn till dark when the only light came from flickering candles. Though the well meant effort was a failure it was not forgotten. In

the minutes of Vaughan Townships there is a suggestion that the purchasing of school libraries be taken into consideration. There may have been another library in the interim but the next known record is dated 1897. In that year, mainly due to the enterprise of J. Edward Francis, the Thornhill Public Library and Reading Room was established in a curtained-off section of the assembly room in Victoria Hall, which stood on the west side of Yonge Street, a bit north of Centre Street. It was open from 7 to 9 on Wednesday and Friday evenings, to all over 12 years of age except disorderly or intoxicated persons. Spitting on

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George Mayes On —

The Flip Side

This is the season of the head cold and one of life's little embarrassments: when, after blowing your nose into your handkerchief, you discover — as you stuff it back into your pocket — that you've folded it the wrong way!

Toronto's Allan Lamport was foolish in campaigning for city council with the promise of a wide-open Sunday — when the CBC has already given us one!

MONTREAL — (CP) — Police here believe they have smashed a Mafia attempt to set up a system of rackets to bilk Expo visitors of millions of dollars. Good! Let's keep this thing Canadian!

Another student sit-in demonstration was staged last week in Berkeley, California, and police, who have to break up these sit-in demonstrations with billy-clubs, say their big problem is to hit the sit-inners where they SHOULD be hit.

Toronto is certainly a mixed-up place. A fellow named Zoltan Szoboszloi applies to the humane society for a dog licence; and the Telegram's Action Line answers letters from a St. Bernard!

OTTAWA — (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson said yesterday, St. Andrew's Day, he can't think of a better way to strengthen Canada than to encourage immigration from Scotland. . . . and there should be a LOT of encouragement in the new armed forces pay scale which places pipers in a lower category than "musicians"!

A news item from New Zealand says apes in the Auckland zoo have learned the purpose of tranquilizer darts and now catch them and hurl them back at their keepers with "uncanny accuracy". . . . Yes, but let's see them do it in a pub!

Parenthood is seen as a future sin by the head of Britain's Family Planning Association. . . . So what? Some of today's examples of "parenthood" are already a sin!

Metro's Citizens Safety Council is plugging the phrase: "Break no hearts this Christmas. They say the secret of their success (?) is "no slogans or horror stories, but person to person contact". . . . just so long as the persons don't get into a car first.

A member of our Senate-Commons Committee on Voluntary Health says: "Smokers should be aware of the responsibility they assume by smoking in front of others who might follow their example." . . . Yes, but these days, where can you find a barn to go back to?

The Defence Department revealed last week that deep green is to be the color of the common army-navy-air force walking-out uniform. . . . But who walks?

Toronto's election results were televised in full color this year — a fact which few thought really necessary. . . . particularly the red-faced losers.

Question Of The Week — Why, if This Hour Had Seven Days, did the CBC have to pick Sunday?

County Council Accused Of Hasty Action On Regional School Boards

The future of education in York County is possibly the greatest single challenge facing municipal councillors and school board officials next year when the acceptance or rejection of the York County Consultative Committee's recommendations for three boards of education in the county will be decided.

Several questions about the recommendations are discussed in the following article, contributed by Bruce Mickleburgh of 297 Lorne Avenue, Newmarket. Mr. Mickleburgh is editor of The Educational Courier, the professional journal of the public school teachers of Ontario, published five times a year in Toronto.—Editor.

By BRUCE MICKLEBURGH
Are the parents aware that the York County Council, of all people, is moving to abol-

ish the school systems their children now attend and replace them by three regional school systems?

Do they know that this is being done without consulting them, and without consulting the teaching profession in this county?

Just how does the electorate get at this situation? We elect our school trustees, but they are not doing this. What did the county council ever have to do with running schools before now? What experience has it got? Now these untrained surgeons are proposing the most fundamental kind of surgery.

Did you know that the county clerk has said that no copy of the report proposing these changes will be available till the changes have been adopted? How can I, as a parent and ratepayer, study the changes if I can't get a

copy of the report? How can you? What is there to hide? Why is this deed being done in a corner? Isn't it true that such a report is supposed to be public property as soon as it is tabled? Are we now to have government by fait accompli instead of democratic government in the county? The issues involved here are as deep as democracy itself.

For generations we in Ontario have elected municipal councillors to deal with general local government and school trustees to administer the schools. Our forefathers recognized that school matters are different from sewers, roads and other important municipal matters. The welfare of pupils required special attention and was not to be sacrificed to other municipal needs. Direct com-

munity administration of the schools through elected trustees has been a pillar of strength in Ontario society.

Now a council of municipal representatives, if you please, is proposing to abolish all the school boards in the county (over a score in number) and replace them by three. And it aims to do this in a hurry. Can you picture a school board suddenly bringing in a plan for revising the county roads system? And, what's more, doing this without the advice of the people who use the roads or the engineers and technicians and work crews who build and maintain them? This would likely do less damage than what is happening. The county council is not elected to administer schools. It lacks any organic connection with the schools. It has not sought the

advice of the teaching profession as such. The report is suddenly sprung, copies are not available, and it must be adopted in a hurry.

The fact that a single school inspector served as the secretary of the committee is no substitute for the popular consultation the council has shunned. It cannot excuse the failure to consult the teaching profession. Many of us can remember the county council seriously mooting the abolition or curtailment of public health and welfare services. This was also without professional advice or popular consultation. Sanity finally prevailed and may this time if there is no fat accomplish.

Six months ago, a good government in Quebec was defeated by its own steam-roller tactics in education.

Let us hope the same does not happen here. It is hard to discuss a report you can't get but there is enough in the press reports to cause deep concern.

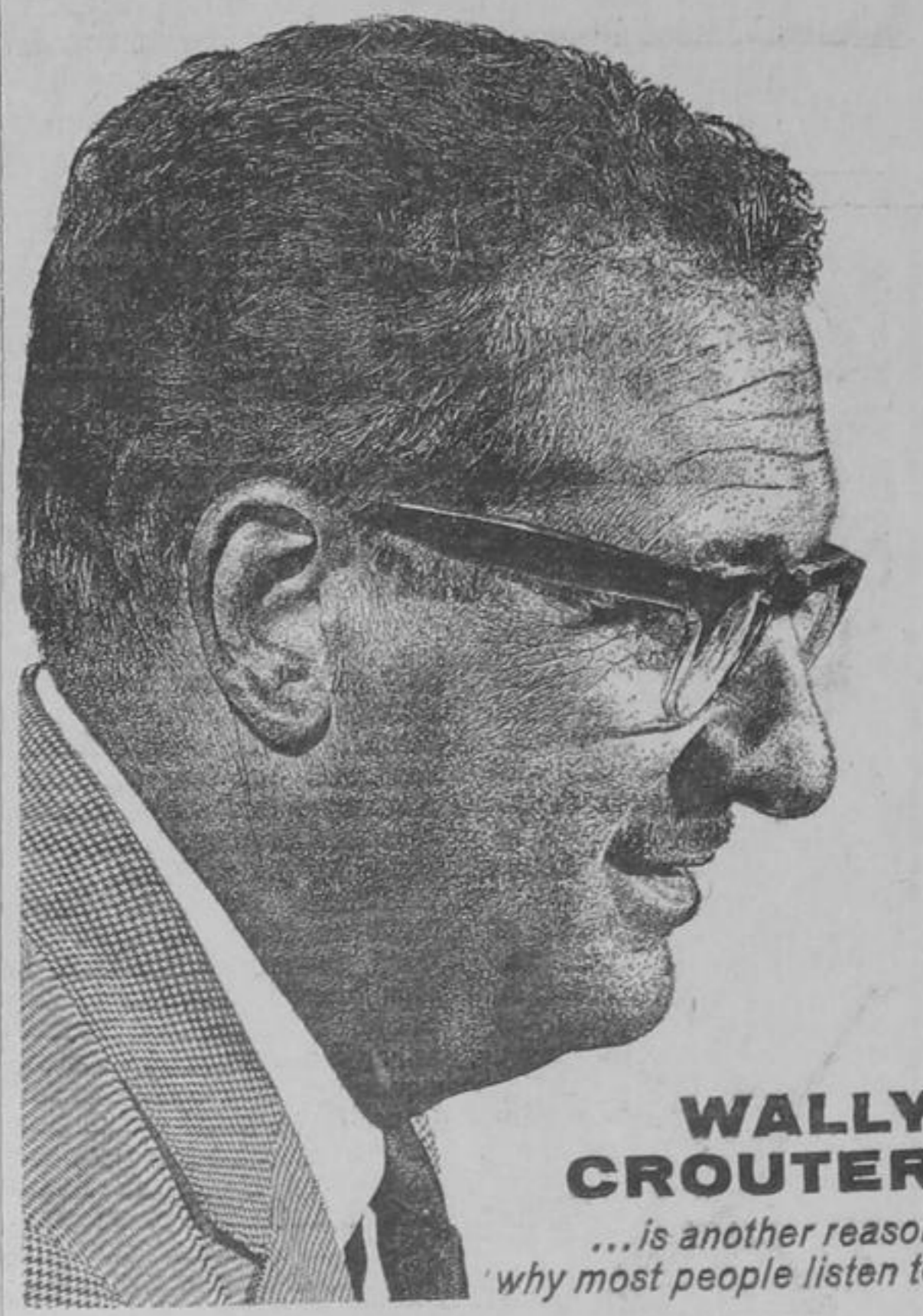
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put the question in its simplest terms, as follows.— Parents are no longer content to have their children go to work after elementary school. They want them to graduate from high school at least. Secondary education, as the Minister of Education has said, is now also basic.

The complete school system is no longer the little red schoolhouse but the system that takes the child from kindergarten to grade 13. It meets all his general needs in all the paths that he can take on the way (including the paths that terminate before grade 13). The school system, then, has to be big enough to do this — but no bigger.

Why no bigger? Because the meaning of the reforms that enlightened persons are trying to implement in the (Continued on Page 16)



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