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Dumps Are Dangerous

The discovery of several hundred pounds of explosives at the Vaughan Township dump north of Maple last month serves to underline once more - and even more emphatically why people object to living next door

to a dump. When finally tracked down by the RCMP the material, a quantity of blasting wire, was found buried in the dump. After one lot had been exploded, the dump operator, Jack Fawbert was injured when knocked down and partially buried by a landslide, loosened by the first explosion.

The miracle is that Mr. Fawbert was not even more seriously injured or killed when he buried the wire in the first place as at that time it had become entangled in the treads of his tractor.

While we would certainly assess no blame for this (we hope!) once-in-alifetime mischance, we trust it has made a lot of people a little more alert to the dangerous possibilities which exist not only at this but at any and all dumps.

The danger of fire is of course ever present, as residents of Maple well know, as do other residents of the township who have often seen

the oily black plumes of smoke rising from the dumps on the Teston Side-

Nearby residents also know that when fires do break out, their properties are often overrun by rats and other vermin who escape from the dump and take up residence else-

Added to this are other threats to health which go hand in hand with the operation of dumps — the putrid odors, flies, and possible pollution of water supplies.

When added to these dangers are the nuisances of smelly, noisy trucks and waste which blows both from them and the dump itself, it is clear to all that dumps are no asset to a municipality, necessary as they may

We sincerely hope that Vaughan Township officials will bear this in mind at all times during negotiations with the province and Metro concerning dumps in the township.

Neighboring municipalities would also do well to note these considerations carefully against the time when they too are approached for dump sites by Metro, as they inevitably

Needs Careful Investigation

The Ontario Humane Society has won itself high regard for its services in other areas. Some districts not far distant from here, where the problem of dog control is a perennial one to which no satisfactory solution has yet been found, need these services extended to them.

However, we feel that Richmond Hill, Markham Township and Vaughan Township do not fall into that category. After many years of dissatisfaction with canine control, four years ago they acquired the services of James Ryan, who brought to his job a love of animals, an intense interest in the people of the communities he serves, and a devotion to duty that is seldom equalled.

We would caution the three municipal councils to give much thought before dispensing with a service which has been tried and found satisfactory for one which is untried. Even its proposer admits he doesn't know if it will work.

A proposal has been made to the councils by General Manager Tom Hughes of the humane society to take over dog control in this area. It will be operated from a shelter to be built somewhere between Richmond Hill and Aurora and involve the use of "mobile animal centres". He claims these vans could hold animals up to 24 hours without distress. We wonder if an unheated van in subzero weather or one without air-conditioning in mid-summer would meet the society's normal requirements for holding an animal "without dis-

Canine Control Officer James Ryan has a reputation he treasures for loving care of the animals he impounds. He has spent a great deal

of money in acquiring a suitable property and in installing satisfactory kennels, so he can give these animals the best of care. When a dog remains unclaimed past the deadline, in most cases Mr. Ryan continues to feed it at his own expense until it finds a good home. No animal, domestic or wild, sick, injured or healthy, furred or feathered, has ever been refused shelter, food and loving care by Mr. Ryan and his assistants.

As far as we have been able to ascertain there have been few, if any, complaints of the service given by Mr. Ryan and his staff. We can, however, report that numerous people have phoned us to praise these men for services far beyond those they are required to provide. Perhaps it is the old story, when we are satisfied we say nothing, it is only when we are unsatisfied that we become vocal.

Mr. Ryan also operates a rabies isolation unit, a service not required by his contract with the municipalities, but a very necessary service in this area where the incidence of rabies is mounting steadily. Every time he or his assistants go out to pick up an animal suspected of being rabid, they put their lives in jeop-

His is a service not confined to standard business hours, but is operated on an around-the-clock basis for emergencies. His dog patrols start before dawn and continue until long after dark.

Councils are the servants of the people who elect them. If you feel Mr. Ryan's services to our three municipalities have been satisfactory, let your elected representatives know before they reach a decision on the humane society proposal.

The Cell - The Basic Unit Of Life

By KELL ANTOFT Of The National Cancer

Institute The bulk of modern cancer research deals with one of the smallest units of organized life - the cell. Because a single cell cannot be seen with the entirely new types of scientific apparatus. And as the mysteries of cell life slowly unravel, a new language is being created to describe and record the observations being made.

The complexity of this research often makes it difficult to describe to people outside the laboratories. Yet the work is exciting, progress is being made, and cell research is accumulating the basic knowledge upon which rests our best hopes of solving the cancer problem.

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It is well known that the cells within the body's organhealthy human body is made ization. When enough cancer up of billions of cells, each hav- cells accumulate in any one ing a specific, well defined place in the body, a tumour is function in the whole organism. formed. In time, one or more All cells undergo constant re- of cells from the tumour may Dear Mr. Editor: newal, with old cells either dy- break loose, and through the I really should address you ing off or reproducing them-circulation migrate to distant as "Dear Fellow Second Class

the numbers of new cells pro- With an understanding of duced, maintaining a fairly con- these basic concepts, it is easier of Woodbridge is one of the system. stant cell population in the body to see why so many of our re-stant cell population in the body to see why so many of our re-most desirable residential sites Industry should take a back

The exception to this happy exploration of cell life state of affairs is, of course, in what are the mechanisms by the case of cancer. Cancer is a which normal cells pass their disease where certain cells have identity on to their offspring, faced with unbearable worries cerned with the development of escaped the controls that direct how do the latter know when to the function and rate of repro-stop multiplying, and what is duction of normal cells. These the derangement that occurs in real assurance of the outcome. necessary to do so in areas bandit cells follow no rules - occasional cells, causing them they continue to multiply with- to lose their place as upright ample of the need for an oms- development. out regard to the needs of other (Continued on Page 14)



Kambung Arouna

The Coin Has Two Heads

In my opinion, there was too much attention given to a two-word title called Peyton Place, and it resulted in some sad and silly publicity. If unfavorable publicity reached the newspapers you can assume that it was an effect, not a cause. Unfortunately, newspapers have unpleasant duties to perform, like highlighting bad publicity as well as the pleasant duty of giving out genuine information and expressions of goodwill. How could it be otherwise? There would be no newspaper if there were no people. The newspaper is a medium for mirroring back to people all the contrary, contradictory and unpredictable happenings of human beings in their environment. It mirrors also their human worth and their good works. Extenuating circumstances have no place in this column, only the reaction to Peyton Place.

Peyton Place has become a nasty label. Why? Have you read the book? The people in Peyton Place were very human people. There were good people velopers would not have had as the downward move in taxes is in it and there were some bad people in it. They loved, lusted, strove with each other and suffered for their mistakes like people the world over, and like the people of all time. Are you in fact saying that the community you live in must be simon pure?

How people love their nasty labels, individually and collectively, to justify lazy thinking, to indulge their Pharisaism, and perhaps to pass the buck! What mystifies me is why there has been such a reaction to the name. What in the audience is there that tells them that they are too good to be identified with Peyton Place? Is that just a place to keep their poor relations, a closet to keep their skeletons and their bad conscience that it won't bear the light of day?

The answer must be, they don't mind living in it provided they are not aware of it. The stuff of Peyton Place never changes. Who woke them out of their dream state? Grace Metallious? Newspapers, radio, TV, somebody's careless word? Whatever the source, it certainly found an echo. People are suddenly confronted with a possibility that the should the developer go out of pointed to Canada's newest replace they love so dear is actually Peyton Place, and his way to please anyone, when ligious journal, Ferment 67. He

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In Years Gone By

Early Roads In York

E. A. James as engineer for York County was naturally interested in the development of the road system. He wrote at length on this subject for "The Liberal" in 1926.

Road development in the vince, laid out a system of roads, county dates back to the closing radiating from Little York, hav- to the carrying cost of the land evangelical, ecumenical protestyears of the 18th century. Prior ing in mind the military re- but the potential profit will in- ant, Greek Orthodox, Roman to the formation in 1791 of the quirements of the province. Province of Upper Canada, com- These included Yonge Street, now the scarcity of serviced Buddhist and Muslim communimunication between the new Kingston Road and Dundas land will be that much more ties.

may soon have a network of of close to 50,000 people, settlements in the vicinity of Street. won't be included in the Niagara and the older settle- In 1794 the building of Yonge also become speculators who agree without being disagreestudy because it's in another ments along the St. Lawrence Street was begun, Surveyor contribute nothing to the com- able," says Dr. Paul Smith of was infrequent and irregular Augustus Jones leading the way munity, rather than developers the People's Church. Rev. A. C. Community planners agree and was attempted only by and 30 men of the York Rangers who "negotiate" with councils. Forrest will be the publisher. that Guelph and some other water. In the settlement of the cutting down trees to mark the areas of Wellington County province the pioneers followed route. Each mile they chose a are all part of a regional city the course of lakes, bays, rivers large tree to be marked as a around the Kitchener-Water- and smaller streams. Wherever milepost. One of these has sur-

was found an Indian path it was vived until the present time, a It has also been suggested pursued. Necessarily the crea-large elm, in Thornhill. that Guelph will be invited to tion of roads through the dense Yonge Street was first laid make submissions to a local forest by cutting and burning out as a portage road between government review board. trees was gradual. Lakes Ontario and Simcoe and

But since the city will not | When settlers took up their formed a link in a short route have any close contact with land on lots remote from the from Lake Ontario to Georgian the study group officials water, paths would be formed Bay by way of Lake Simcoe and wouldn't be too happy about to the nearest navigable water- the Severn River, an inland accepting any recommenda- way. These were irregular to route which would not be haravoid the natural obstacles bar- assed by our southern neighbors. Several months ago, Mayor ring the way. In time the foot- While opened up primarily as Robert Kerr of Galt argued paths became widened for horse- a military measure and with that the Waterloo County men and later for vehicles. Then military labor, its possibilities area planning board should attention was given to straight- as a means of colonization were investigate stepping outside ening the road, levelling hills, not overlooked and farm lots of county boundaries to plan the grading and bridging streams, two hundred acres each were At first this was accomplished immediately laid out along the by the early settlers working road. Settlement rapidly follow-He was particularly con- in groups or singly. Later pub- ed and Yonge Street soon becerned with the Puslinch lic funds were used to open up came, what it has continued to Lake area, which is the Galt- new roads and improve existing be, the "backbone of the County Hespeler - Preston district's highways.

The first settlers found an The development of Yonge Three local government re- Indian trail connecting the Street as a highway is characterviews are being conducted in mouth of the Don with the istic of other highways in the mouth of the Humber. When county. Those who have studied These include the Niagara they followed these rivers to the original location of the road Peninsula, Halton County and their headwaters they found In- and its various relocations at dian portages connecting them York Mills, Thornhill, Jefferson The first one to be com- with the headwaters of the Hol- and Holland Landing have been pleted was in Carleton land River which emptied into able to trace, not only the pro-County, but the report has Lake Simcoe. gress of highway transportation,

MILFTARY ROADS

- By Wayne MacDonald John Graves Simcoe, lieuten- district. Kitchener-Waterloo Record ant-governor of the new pro-

SECOND CLASS CITIZENS By developing now, the town-

ship can gain more from developers than later, when the scarcity of land will FORCE de-

come out and dump on ours? tion for depressed areas, or an The area immediately south alternative, change the taxation

search dollars are spent in the in Ontario. Because of the Metro seat because industrial expandecision to turn it into a huge sion is not the need of the hour. dump families living there are Communities should be conand great expense in an effort land! Homes must be built now, to protect themselves with no fast, and cheap! It may even be To me, this is a classic ex-where people are objecting to

budsman to take up the cause President John F. Kennedy of the individual against the once said, "Orthodoxy is always whims of ever-increasing bur- one step behind the problem." Could it be that "orthodoxy" is

Mr. Editor, I am suggesting

Perhaps Vaughan can take a

that people like Mr. West illu-

minate their thinking on hous-

In studying many reports on the culprit? the matter, I can see no clear- I am not sensitive to insinuacut assurance that pollution of tions, accusations, etc. Our inboth surface and underground vestment in Vaughan is geared water will not result from to wait indefinitely and persondumping on the so-called Thac- ally, I have been immunized by keray Site. the current events on housing

I simply cannot understand development. I am sensitive why any members of the legis- however, to any delaying action lature representing outlying which is not profitable for the areas such as ours did not raise township. In other words, dea real outcry against Bill 81 be- velopers have a great deal more ore it was passed. profit to share with the munici-Yours sincerely, pality now, when carrying costs

eaucracy.

MART KENNEY are less than say, five years RR 3 Woodbridge from now

DEVELOPER RE-STATES HIS CASE FOR MORE HOUSING

ing development while at the same time assist the developers Dear Mr. Editor: by calling public meetings, Don West of Maple, in reply having panel discussions, etc., to my letter of March 10, has shown that he is intelligent be- so that developers like myself will have an opportunity to cause I purposely avoided being controversial by staying in the answer their questions and nebulous atmosphere of the un- prove that we are not ambigsolved housing problems. He is wous, but that our ideals are also ambitious because he has positive, sincere and honest. I trust I have arrived at the asked for clarity of the policies, logical conclusions requested, to

He says he does not believe the satisfaction of Mr. West and that a developer could be moti- others like him. vated by a personal interest in the community. I am not sur-tip from Preston, as reported prised that he holds such feel- in "The Telegram", with regard ings. It must be pointed out that to taxes, ".. This means about a if the majority of the people \$20 reduction to the average did not feel as Mr. West, de- householder. Basic reason for much difficulty in dealing with due to an unprecedented Vaughan officials. Neither would amount of new construction ... it be necessary to go to great which has added \$1,600,000 to lengths, such as writing to the the value of taxable property." editor, explaining my feelings. I am supposing that some

It goes without saying that people in Vaughan are objectthe first concern of the land ing to housing devlopment be-(Continued on Page 14) developer is profit; however, this is not being debated here. We are actually discussing what is best for a community, its Paul Harris On Staff people and just what the "intelligent" and "ambitious" are prepared to do to solve the problems of the less fortunate. Insofar as I am concerned, I am Paul Harris, who lived for ready to "blend" profit motives several years in Richmond Hill with whatever other benefits East was formerly executive dircan be derived from my ef- ector of the Roman Catholic forts, which "combination" re- Information Centre in Toronto, sults in a better community as is beginning a new career. a whole. There are good returns He will be one of three edifor one in business who relates tors, one United, one Evangelihis actions to the motives which cal Baptist and one Roman make people happy. But why Catholic, who have been apall he gets for his proposals will be working with Rev. John

is a "kick in the teeth" and Burbidge of Lakeview United Church, Port Credit, senior ediconstant opposition? The reason for the increas- tor, and Rev. Leslie Tarr, welling price of land in the six-city known Baptist writer. complex of Metro, is people in The new journal, to be pub-Vaughan, Markham, and other lished by Ryerson Press is denearby municipalities who com- signed to provoke dialogue bepound the shortage of land by tween rabbis, priests, ministers restricting development. If Mr. and laymen. It is intended to West is amongst these people, be "open, controversial, responthen he is helping to make the sible and honest." developers and speculators rich. Rabbi A. Gunther Plaut of To-

I might also say that while these ronto's Holy Blossom Synagogue municipalities frustrate our ef- has been elected chairman of an forts to move immediately, any editorial advisory board, with loss of time will not only add members from conservative crease because a few years from Catholic, Unitarian, Jewish,

acute. At this point, we may "We want to be able to dis-

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selves by the processes of cell parts of the body, where a new Citizen", for that is exactly velopment of any kind. naked eye and can only live in division, known as mitosis. The colony of malignant cells is where the infamous Bill 81 puts dustry to these communities by a highly specialized environnew cells inherit the character- thus started. If a cancer tum- those of us who reside outside making it financially attractive ment, and because the life cycle istics of the parent, thus, mus- our is detected before this Metro Toronto proper but in for their establishment" I mean of cells is regulated by incredcle cells are the offspring of spreading takes place, the the fringe municipalities including that instead of placing the buribly complex systems of chemmuscle cells, liver cells descend growth can be removed surgic- ed in the Metro Planning Area. den of industry on taxpayers, ical reactions, cell research has from liver cells, and so on. ally or by radiation, but once For why should Metro dump that the provincial government developed painfully slowly, with Apart from maintaining their the cancer cells have started to on its own doorstep and annoy establish it by taking advantage each forward step requiring new "family" identity, there is also wander, treatment is not likely its own electors when it can of the present Federal legislaskills, new techniques and often

> CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

> > Richmond Hill Area

Are We Too Old? They call us an old granny, At the age of sixty-two. And there we sit with idle hands For there's nothing much to do.

Completely on their own The one we loved has gone before And now we walk alone.

There are so many old folk

With our knitting on our knee, Patching quilts, or fancy work, Or what ever it may be. We find many clubs for the aged

So often we sit by a window

We even have our bowling team At the age of eighty-five. Now you may think this very queer, But it's really lots of fun

To go down to the race track

Which keeps the spark of life alive

And watch the horses run Now dear friends, are we too old, To answer the pleasure call, For as long as there's a spark of life We are not too old at all.

VIDA E. WILLIAMSON,

53 Edgar Ave.,

Richvale.

George Mayes On -

The Flip Side

Spring - when the frost and the Hondas come out of the ground. April showers bring forth May flowers, and these Japanese mosquitoes!

Last week brought the Battles of the Beaches - with the British fighting oil on their south coast and Florida Police fighting collegians in the annual Easter riots at Ft. Lauderdale. Easter is very big in Florida - in fact, returning vacationers say, hotel staffs consider every day a Palm Sunday.

Toronto's office-girl agencies say newly arrived British stenographers have to be de-modded of their mini-skirts before being sent to Canadian employers. . . . No long legs with the short-hand, eh?

Defense Minister Hellyer forecasts that our armed forces will soon be fed in the field on TV dinners. . . . Obviously preparing for cold wars because an H-bomb wouldn't give them time to

Religion got into one of the recent Diefenbaker-Hellyer arguments over the unification bill - with Dief stating that his Baptists would never do away with the navy. . . . Sounds like "his" Baptists don't fool around with their baptizing - "Amen, and May

Reports from Cuba advise that either Premier Castro or President Dorticos will head a high-level Cuban delegation to Expo in July. . . . And if Cuban exiles manage to get their bombs placed, "highlevel" will be the right words.

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loo area.

Regional Rule Will Retain County Boundaries

You can't change something that has been around for more than 100 years without shedding a few tears. But when it comes to the outdated county boundaries, no tears will be shed-there regional development as anywon't be any changes.

Provincial officials have made it clear they are not willing to upset the centuryold county political boundaries, now or in the near future.

But there is a quiet local government reform going on that may ultimately lead to regional governments in several areas of Ontario.

These regional governments will follow county boundaries since the studies that lead to them are constained inside the boundaries. What it will amount to is

a return of the cities to the county system and a reassessessment of county government responsibility cloaked with the new name-regional government. But it may offer only a part solution.

county is not a proper region; that the proper region can simply be determined by a look at the market and work area of an urban development.

After all, there is little need for a change in local government in a county that trees.

The key to local government problems is the increasing difficulty of administering areas of rapid population growth and development. The Robarts Government seem to be as confused about

For years the Department of Agriculture has operated regional departments in counties. And it worked in many parts of Ontario that

were farm-oriented. In the last few years, and even in the past year, other provincial departments have started down the road to regionalism.

The Department of Highways divided the province into planning districts and is currently embarking on a massive study program. The Department of Education also set up regional offices covering several counties.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission is studying water and sewage on a regional basis, but its regions Some officials feel the are based on watersheds.

The Department of Municipal Affairs, particularly the community planning branch, has lent strong support to regional planning, based on the county.

planning board was establishis populated mainly by clus- ed in Waterloo County and ters of rocks and acres of this year Municipal Affairs gether. Minister Spooner announced

the establishment of a county-wide planning board in El-

gin County. And last but not least are the 10 economic regions established by the economics and development department. most of them made up by a combination of counties.

* * * * But none of the departmental regions coincide. Some are large, covering all or parts of several counties. Others contain only one

The regions of the future appear to be the ones of the economics and development department, as indicated by Premier Robarts' white paper on the government's policy of

regional development Based on a regional development study by Dr. Ralph Krueger, head of the geography department at the University of Waterloo, Mr. Robarts set the course for are anxious to get the study regional development.

He lends support both financially and verbally to those regions, which were estab- clude Guelph because it may lished by the Dominion Bur- delay the study for more eau of Statistics for the purpose of gathering data. Mr. Robarts promised to

name a cabinet committee to

head the move to regionalism. He also suggested there Last year the first county would be changes in government departments to bring ideas of regions closer to-

Out of all this, Ontario loo County, with a population

regional governments, based on counties, the first major local government changes since Metropolitan Toronto was created in 1953.

But with the concentrations on county boundaries, the province may end up with only half-solutions to urbanization problems. A good example is in Wat-

erloo and Wellington Coun-With a large concentration of urban areas, from city to village, the province sees the need for a study of local government. So do local

people. Guelph, which is in Wellington County, has shown a keen interest in the Waterloo County local government study. And its planning board has asked to be included in the study.

Waterloo County officials started as soon as possible. They, and the province, have decided not to officially inthan a year while Wellington County council debates the issue.

will unofficially be included in the study but there will be no representatives from the city or area on the local government study committee. So, a city only two miles from the boundary of Water-

It's argued that Guelph

Ontario.

the Port Arthur area.

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tions involving Guelph.

proper region.

never been dealt with by the province.

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