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Help Wanted

The chilling lack of response from the provincial government in the face of inexorably increasing municipal tax rates, throwing as they do such a burden on the small home owner, is becoming increasingly hard to understand. Once again word is coming back of rising mill rates in the surrounding areas - 9.75 mills increase in Metro, 7.2 at Newmarket. Equally disturbing jumps are expected in 1967 mill rates closer to home. Complaints of rising municipal tax rates were heard throughout the 1950's, increasingly during the 1960's and probably the provincial government is just as tired listening to them as the local municipalities are airing them once more. It seems to us that the time for action has come. It is true that individual communities have made sporadic attempts to deal with the problem, one by firing a policeman, one by cutting down the number of high school teachers, one not buying any school sites for a year. The Borough of York has attempted to ease the burden on pensioners by making their properties eligible for a rebate of up to \$100 on the education portion of the tax bill. All these are at best however, stop-gap and piecemeal solutions. More fundamental change will have to be made in the face of what begins to look like a threatened total collapse of the municipal financial system. One way a municipal council has of bringing its financial plight into sharp focus is by refusing to pass school board budgets and referring them to a plebiscite of the people. While admittedly this is a time consuming and expensive process and one which would inevitably disrupt the provision of proper school facilities and services to children, it may be that some courageous municipal council will be forced into such a distasteful step in order to wake up provincial authorities. Of course a much more positive and less destructive step would be for the people of the province to elect at the forthcoming provincial election a government which will not only give sympathetic hearing to the municipalities but will actively assist them, by lifting more of the burden of education costs from real estate and spreading them over a broader basis. We are sure that the electorate will examine closely the programs of the various parties to learn how they propose to deal with this widespread and deepening emergency.

Essential Role Of Governor-General

Have you ever tried to explain to an American the functions of Canada's Governor-General? Although realizing that he plays an important role in Canadian life, it is difficult for the average Canadian to enumerate and evaluate the duties performed by the holder of this office. As a new incumbent begins his service to the country, it might be well to consider the very real part he will play in the life of the nation. The office of Governor-General has now existed for a century. It is an important office, and under the present constitution an essential office. Its effectiveness in the future will depend on how its functions are interpreted by Canadians. Many of the duties of the office are the same as they were a century ago: formal, ceremonial, essential only because the constitution says they are. But in the last 15 years something new has been added to the picture — unofficial, intangible, yet making the office essential. The seed for this development was planted by Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) during his tenure of office and has grown and flourished under the encouragement and initiative of their Excellencies Vincent Massey and George Vanier. We are all well aware that the Governor-General is the representative of the Queen. He fulfills her duties in Canada, granting royal consent which gives formal existence to decisions made by Parliament. He opens and dissolves Parliament, gives and gets advice in meetings with the Prime Minister. These are essential functions, without which our present system could not function. But in themselves they do not make the office essential, for they could be transferred, if the constitution were changed. The Governor-General acts as head of state, presiding at national ceremonies, receiving representatives of other countries and acting as the embodiment of the nation. These are essential functions also, but again do not make the office essential, since they could be transferred. Since 1952 the office has become a sort of focal point for a national awareness. Another respected Canadian has just assumed the office, his predecessors having brought it to the people while retaining the dignity and influence inherited from the past. The result is that it is now a truly Canadian institution, playing a vital part in building the national unity that is imperative if Canada is to survive. The head of state is divorced from politics and can command the respect of every Canadian regardless of political affiliation. This is a truly vital function that the governor-general must fulfill in Canada. It is one to which His Excellency Roland Michener, the third Canadian to hold the office, has pledged himself. It is a function uniquely suited to the authority and influence which has grown up around the post, a function that could not be performed from any other office, particularly not from an elected one. The pomp and circumstance which surrounded the Governor-General in 1867 are still there. They should continue, if only for their ceremonial value in a world which still loves the color, pageantry and magnificence of the ceremonial. But they should not obscure the new and vital functions of the Governor-General as a leader among Canadians, a leader with a unique opportunity to serve the country.

Manor Members Bring Cheer To Residents

The 165 residents of York Manor Home for the Aged have found many friends and received many small comforts from members of the very active York Manor Auxiliary, a report of its work for the past year indicates. With a membership of 41, the auxiliary brings comforts, entertainment and services to residents which officials of the home are unable to provide. During the past year the auxiliary took residents on bus trips from June 1 through September, with a trip in October to visit an apple orchard and one in December to see Christmas lights. Mirrors were placed in each room of the normal care section, 63 in all, 18 stacking tables were provided for the use of residents, a 100-year-old resident was entertained on her birthday and celebrations were arranged for a golden wedding and a 70th wedding anniversary. Coming events include an open house at the manor, Yonge Street at Eagle St., Newmarket, May 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. The annual picnic will be held July 12 and the annual bazaar November 11 with afternoon tea and door prizes. Auxiliary members also look after the tuck shop which is open three half days weekly. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. More volunteers are needed for this work and anyone interested in serving in this capacity is asked to call Mrs. Lloyd Gohn at 895-4064. Through the support of the auxiliary, the craft rooms at the manor are very busy and interesting places, under the supervision of Mrs. Grace Waltho and Mrs. Audrey Hillis. Visitors are welcome any afternoon from Monday to Friday and articles made by residents are for sale. All materials are supplied and the resident receives one third of the selling price of the article. Donations of clean used nylons, good remnant ends, printed or plain, jewelry, beads, pins, artificial flowers, lace, wool, embroidery thread, discarded flannelette blankets and used greeting cards would all be put to good use in the craft rooms and much appreciated. The manor doctor, Dr. Margaret Arkinstall has stressed the need of the residents for visitors and anyone who could devote some time regularly for this purpose and to read or write letters for residents, is invited to call Dr. Arkinstall at the manor, 895-5181 or the visiting convener, Dr. Audrey Devins, 727-5551 who would be happy to give the necessary information. Many groups and individuals adopt residents and the auxiliary would be happy to see more of this. The adoptions convener, Mrs. H. Thomas would like to hear from anyone interested at Keswick, 476-4130. Birthday parties are also very important highlights for manor residents and any organization or individual who would like to be in providing a party is asked to call Mrs. J. L. Smith, Keswick, 478-4184. Many groups have generously donated parties in the past and it is hoped they will come again. The auxiliary holds business meetings at the manor auditorium at 2 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month, July and August excepted. Visitors are always welcome and the membership fee is 50c. Officers for 1967 are President Mrs. Alice Hare, Holland Landing, 895-2211; Vice-President Mrs. Arthur Pollock, Keswick, 478-4194; Second Vice-President Mrs. Irvine Rose, RR 1 Queensville, 478-4194; Secretary Mrs. George Richardson, RR 1 Gormley, 727-4352; Treasurer Mrs. Arthur Pollock, Keswick; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. D. Pitzinger, 8 Catharine Ave., Aurora, 727-4607; Publicity Mrs. Wilbert Jennings, RR 3 King City, 773-5892 and Mrs. O. D. Hess, 23 Victoria St., Aurora, 727-3310. For any groups which would like further information on the work of the auxiliary, speakers are available and a call to President Mrs. Hare or Secretary Mrs. Richardson would see that one is speedily arranged.



Rambling Around Smiling Al Harris Goes Centennial With CBC's "Canada Entertains"

Once I heard an American television personality say about the CBC. "You're lucky to have such a broadcasting system. It's one of the best in North America. Be thankful for it." I think we ought to be. Al Harris, Henderson Avenue, Thornhill, is one of CBC's finest studio musicians. He is also the featured guitarist on all the CBC concert parties. He tells me that one of the latest efforts of CBC, and a special Centennial project for this year has been a nation-wide song writing contest devised to promote the composing talents of Canadians. Al was fortunate to have one of his musical compositions with lyrics by Joan Folkin, one of the 32 selected out of 3,000 entries. It is a real shame that CBC's "Canada Entertains" doesn't get more recognition. We should be a lot more enthusiastic about our Canadian talent in all fields. It is not a small thing for top performers, directors, announcers and technicians to go to Canadian Forces and their technical personnel wherever they may be. From where we sit, it looks glamorous, exciting and adventurous, but the other side is downright discomfort, discouraging and often dangerous. CBC co-operates with the Department of National Defense, and the organizing genius and originator of "Canada Entertains" is Ken Dalziel of Willowdale. Ken has been putting this show on the road for seven years as CBC's producer and supervisor of light entertainment. The concert party is a regular feature in conjunction with the Department of National Defense. I HATE THIS FRIGID PLACE Al doesn't actually hate the Canadian Arctic. Rather he has good reason to be proud of his status as an "Airborne Earthworm". Early last winter, the "Canada Entertains" revue went to military bases at Thule, Frobisher Bay and Alert. Al was the featured guitarist in Bert Niosi's Orchestra. The rewards for this trip were certificates entitling Al and company to belong to the ancient and honored Order of IHTFP. To qualify it was necessary to have crossed the Arctic Circle at an altitude of 21,000 feet in the Canadian aircraft Hercules and to spent approximately 2,125 hours in the air. Picture if you can, the entire cast sitting along the inner sides of the big plane, secure in webbed seats, with their luggage strapped about their feet. The Greenland trip was Al's second to the Arctic in four years. Earlier he performed at Frobisher Bay, Churchill and Resolute. "The flight north was rather frightening," said Al. "Nothing but snow as far as eye could see. It seemed as if we were flying for hours upon hours. At Thule the atmosphere was semi-dusk but at Alert it was dark." There were 1,000 Americans stationed at Thule Airbase. "It was like a miniature New York with all modern conveniences," said Al. At Alert there were about 300 Canadians. "Canada Entertains" is one of the truly bright spots of the year in the lives of lonely Canadian soldiers. It brings them a breath of home and is a vital link that tells them they are not forgotten while they serve the interests of their country. The show is an ambassador for Canada with its presentation of top Canadian talent giving high quality entertainment.

The WINGED ORDER OF NEPTUNUS REX

Al praises the members of the Canadian Forces Centennial Show. He speaks highly of every one including Producer Ken Dalziel who keeps his weather eye constantly on the show, the popular master of ceremonies, Gordie Tapp, the 38 featured performers (Continued on Page 14)

New Provincial Code To Stress The Rights Of Municipal Police

A new code of discipline is being prepared for police in Ontario. He indicated a more democratic system of discipline would result. R. P. Milligan, chairman of the Ontario Police Commission, states it will spell out clearly the rights police officers have when they are accused of misconduct by their superiors and what appeals are open to them. He said the various charges to which an officer is subject for violating the internal discipline of his force will remain essentially the same in the new code as they now are under the Police Act. The commission revealed in its annual report that it has revised provincial regulations governing police discipline and has recommended amendments to the law. Attorney-General Wishart is expected to incorporate the changes in a bill at the current session of the Legislature. The commission said the amendments were drafted "in the interests of better law enforcement." Under the new code, it asserted, an attempt would be made to maintain effective discipline among all police officers in the province and yet safeguard their rights to fair hearings. Mr. Milligan said some present regulations applied to the disciplining of police officers are imprecise, particularly where they relate to appeal procedures for the men. The revised code will set forth a line of appeal — from police chief, to local boards of police commissioners (or council committees where municipalities have them), and ultimately to the Ontario Police Commission, the final voice. Mr. Milligan said the new regulations will prescribe clearly how charges against policemen are to be dealt with and under what circumstances the lieutenant-governor will allow an officer to appeal.

George Mayes On — The Flip Side

Roland Michener's first act as Governor General was to abolish the curtesy at vice-regal receptions... just when Ottawa photographers were prepped to catch him and some comely deep-dipping commoner in a shot suitable for the "Now Show Me Your Belly Button" series.

Other news from Ottawa included a report from the Department of Health that 30% of today's youth are mentally disturbed. Of course this is by adult standards; but the part that worries is an estimate by the department of statistics that youth will make up 60% of Canada's population by 1980... and then WE will be the mentally disturbed!

Ottawa was also busy last week creating the Order of Canada... while, in Quebec, business was as usual in adding to the DISorder of Canada.

It Could Only Happen In America, Dept. — Where else but in a hockey playoff could 20,000 spectators and millions of TV viewers be set to twiddling their thumbs for several minutes (or collectively, thousands of hours) by any nobody with the price of a cheap ticket and a carton of eggs?

See where the Maple Leafs went into the playoffs wearing new "Centennial Uniforms" as a patriotic gesture... Uniforms that were made in the U.S.A. Oh well, most of the ice was made in Canada.

Royalty made a come-back last week — the King of Greece was reinstated; and the papers were full of advertisements for bigger and bigger King-Size cigarettes... for ease-uppers who were finding it a long time between smokes and wanted a long smoke between times.

And a new cigarette made of lettuce leaves is coming on the market... Does one light them or dip them in mayonnaise?

The Ontario Farmers Union is threatening more tractor strikes this summer unless the government gives them a guaranteed annual income... and the poor taxpayer will be singing the old song: How are we going to keep them down on the farm...?

Spending estimates in the House of Commons reveal that the CBC "owes" the government 26 million dollars and is getting another "loan" this year of 30 million — in addition to 143 million "expenses" and they STILL have just as many commercials as the private station!

... and speaking of commercials: The CBS laboratories in the States have developed a loudness monitor and automatic limiter for excessively loud commercials... Fine, now if they could just develop an automatic frequency control... (Yes, we know they have AFC — but NOT for commercials.)

Both the Ontario and the federal governments say they are planning some action against LSD... Yes, sure, like taxing it!

With all the publicity on youthful LSD "trips", it's good to see suburban students taking walk-in trips to the city for worthy causes. The trick on these trips is to raise money without raising too many blisters.

Question Of The Week— What to do with yourself on Saturday night!

Window On The Past

by Doris M. Fitzgerald Andrew McFall and His Quest For A Mill Grist mills, with immense Arnold; and attendance at the Presbyterians Church. Of course by country standards the McFalls were not strangers in the district. Mary McFall was the daughter of Mr. (Continued on Page 14)

Letters to the Editors

EXPRESSES THANKS HOCKEY OFFICIALS Dear Mr. Editor: There are several people in Richmond Hill, and surrounding area, to whom we would like to show our appreciation for a job well done. They are the members of the minor hockey association. Included in this great number are the convenors of all the leagues from the youngest "mite" up; the coaches and their assistants; the referees and the arena attendants. We are sure many parents join us in saying a sincere thank you to all who donate their time to give our boys a good hockey association. THE WILSON FAMILY, Richmond Hill.

MORE PRAISE FOR JAMES RYAN Dear Mr. Editor: I read in a recent edition of "The Liberal" that the Humane Society contemplates taking charge of the canine control of this district. I am pleased to see that they are finally heading in the right direction, but why choose Vaughan and Markham Townships? It is my belief that statistics show that this is the best controlled area in Ontario. James Ryan has put a lot of effort, and money of his own, into this venture, to control the animals he sincerely loves, whether they be dogs, cats, coons, fox or whatever the animal happens to be. I have always had a dog, and have always been more than satisfied with Mr. Ryan's response. His kennels are spotless, the food is good and the dogs are exercised each day — not in a 2 x 4 fenced in "run", but a good big one, and with love and a kind word for everyone of them. He is a most knowledgeable man, cooperative and agreeable to any safe and humane manner in the handling of any sort of animal. I do know he has been injured in trying to help some of the animals he's been called upon to treat. Let the humane society, and their friends try to "slip in" to a "run down" area and build the reputation and respect that Mr. Ryan, and his very few associates, hold in this district. In my opinion, he is the best in the business, and suggest, for the good of the community, that he be suggested to outline a programme for the animal control of ALL York County! Yours truly, SAM HACKETT, 6 MacKay Drive, Richvale.

VAUGHAN TWP. AND COUNTRY SQUIRES Dear Mr. Editor: Might I be permitted, once again, through the use of "The Liberal" to reply to C. D. Milani's last letter? It is not my intention in doing so that this will alter his thinking but perhaps there is a hope that others will start getting alarmed at what is a serious problem. Mr. Milani accuses Vaughan residents, and I assume he includes me, of living as country squires. If a three bedroom bungalow on a 90' lot is being a squire then I am guilty. If I want to live in a house where I can look out and see fields rather than row houses, apartments or industry then I am guilty.

If by accepting an area with no paved roads, no sidewalks or sewers, fewer educational facilities, high taxes, high rates for hydro and a longer distance to work, then I am guilty. If I want to bring up my children where they do not have to play on a busy street or a postage-stamp sized lot then I am guilty. Yes, Mr. Milani, I may be guilty of being what you call a country squire — guilty, but not ashamed. These may be some of the reasons why people in Vaughan think as they do and as such deserve close scrutiny. Here are the problems as I see them. Why must the City of Toronto expand any further? Do cities reach a stage where growth should be arrested? Is there not enough land in this country to make available a decent size lot on which a salaried person can build an adequate home if he so desires? Will not the development of the fringe townships add to water and air pollution; make necessary costly highways or other forms of transporting people? Should we not be concerned about arable land being gobbled up by industrial, commercial establishments and residential areas? Is it not practical to have farms located near large centres of population? If industries can be encouraged to relocate in other centres why not people? Is relocation any more expensive than redevelopment? Do people realize the advantages of living in a small city? What new concepts of community living have been developed by town planners in the past few years? And more locally. What price home in Vaughan carries its full share of the tax load? Is a subdivision like Bay Ridges an answer to our housing needs? If the province does not assume all costs of schools and other municipal services and improvements, who but industry will help pay our education bills? If the province does, do we want to lose access to our local councils and school boards? Until such time as the structure of financing the services of local municipalities changes then I heartily concur with Vaughan Council in restricting future housing developments. Under present circumstances we should set a ratio of new homes by a fixed amount of new assessment raised through industry and business. Unlike Mr. Milani, I do not purport to have the answers, only questions, and his solutions fail to answer the problems as I see them. DON WEST, Maple.

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