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Mr. Spooner's Folly

The Robarts' Government is still exhibiting a blind and unrealistic attitude in the whole matter of the municipalities and the current housing shortage. Speaking in the Legislature last week Municipal Affairs Minister Wilfrid Spooner berated the municipalities for not encouraging more and more housing developments. He criticized them for delaying subdivisions as long as three years by swamping the applications in a sea of red tape.

Mr. Spooner's remarks are simply another example of the province's repeated failure to face up to its responsibilities in this area. Not only does Mr. Spooner hold the major portfolio of Municipal Affairs but, according to all reports, he is a powerful voice in the Robarts' Cabinet. In the face of this kind of negative thinking the municipalities can't really hope for any change in the present relationship between them-

selves and Queen's Park. The only way the municipalities can ease the serious housing shortage is if they receive a massive injection of financial assistance from the province. Premier Robarts must be prepared to assume a far greater share of the cost of education and

basic services if any sizeable dent is to be made in the need for new hous-

No municipality wants to become another Pickering Township with a lopsided assessment ratio of 85% residential to only 15% industrial and commercial. Pickering is where people living in a house assessed at \$5,000 are paying \$600 a year in property taxes. The crushing burden of education, elementary and secondary, is slowly but surely strangling the municipalities lying on the fringe of our large urban centres. With provincial grants averaging just 40%, close to 70 cents of every local tax dollar collected is going towards our educational systems. Thus funds are virtually non-existent for such badly needed local projects as public works, parks, recreation and social welfare. All these facets of community life must suffer because of this total emphasis on education.

If the Robarts' Government is really sincere in its desire to see more houses built, then let it at once begin paying 80% of the total cost of education and make a worthwhile contribution towards the cost of providing such essential services as watermains and sewers.

A Woeful Waste And A Woeful Want

It was a distressing commentary on our society last week when a young man, reported to have had a history of flying into blind rages, was convicted of assault in a Magistrate's Court and sentenced to three months in jail.

Our criticism is not of the magistrate who imposed the sentence, but of a society which has stood idly by and permitted this 16-year-old's mental health to deteriorate to the point where he committed an assault described as "dangerous and vicious" and even at that point did not provide facilities for his treatment. Undoubtedly he will emerge from the short period of incarceration with an even greater load of repressed hostility and will be thus more dan-

gerous than before. A society which permits such grievous waste is shortsighted in the

What will the cost be to society for the neglect of just this one youth? In terms of money, he had already cost society a good deal now. This was not his first brush with the law and he has been maintained for some time at the House of Concord. If he goes to Guelph, it will cost \$12 a day to maintain him there, \$18 a day if he goes to a training school. If he

rate of \$3,000 per year for his stay. This is only the beginning. It appears inevitable that, given no kind of treatment, he will be before the courts again, probably on a more serious charge.

goes to jail, taxpayers will pay at the

The costs he has and will pile up in terms of human suffering are equally great. Undoubtedly his widowed mother has already suffered grievously with a boy she described as "bull-headed" and hard to discipline. The youth whom he injured in the

Should

Unify

Police

(Newmarket Era)

At present each of the township forces has a large area

to patrol, much of it sideroads

with few or no built up parts, constituting a lot of travel and perhaps depriving another area

of police protection while the

Some time ago a unified force

was advocated for York County

but was not considered feasible.

north, probably other sections

King Townships with Richmond

Hill and Stouffville joining

Regardless of how the unifi-

cation might be arranged, and

how many municipal police

forces might be involved, ultim-

ately it would lead to a more

complete service and probably

individual arrangements.

men are far afield.

might now follow suit.

forces.

episode which brought him to court required medical care, suffered a temporary loss of balance evidently from injury to his brain and in the words of the magistrate "may or may not recover". It is quite possible that in his next fit of blind rage this boy may commit murder.

Must we wait for this? Wouldn't it be cheaper and in every way better to provide facilities for psychiatric treatment for such young people?

The fact that this youth was involved in such a serious episode at such an early age indicates that treatment should have started years ago when no doubt signs of emotional aberration were first manifested.

In this connection, notwithstanding steeply increasing school costs, we feel that local school boards are to be complimented in providing psychological services in our elementary and secondary schools, where honefully, such disturbed children will be identified.

But if there are no treatment facilities available for such children when they are found, to what avail is their diagnosis?

Certainly members of the psychological services team can help teachers - and parents - deal with mildly disturbed youngsters which could prevent further deterioration of their mental health, but it is an admitted fact that treatment centres for the seriously disturbed are sadly lacking.

Such facilities are obviously beyond the scope of local bodies, but provincial and federal governments should provide them without further

Otherwise the total of human suffering will be compounded several times over and money will continue to be wasted at every level.

Aurora Makes Police Bills Part Of Salary

Aurora Council last week constable, while the police emerging people is immoral. To more war." How many Christian reached a salary agreement with wanted \$6,400. the Police Association, in which Both, however, agreed upon is to condone it and to partici- were there saying that with it also agreed to pay the offi- \$6,900 as the salary for 1968. pate in it. This is the indiffer- her? We need active moral leadcers' basic telephone bill dur- Deputy-reeve Jack William- ence which allowed Ethopia to ership. Christians and all religi-The Ontario Police Commis- ing the year.

son said that, if council didn't be bombed, the democratic gov- ous people who will have the sion recommendation that the The telephone bill, which last agree to pay the extra \$50 for ernment of Spain to be destroy- courage to stand up and be police forces of the county's year amounted to approximately telephones, it would cost the ed, Hitler and Mussolini to get counted for what they profess three northern municipalities, \$50, is to compromise for the town \$1,500 for arbitration ahead, and defeated the League to believe in. Sutton, Georgina and North \$50 difference in wages sought costs.

Gwillimbury townships, be by the police and those offered Newmarket pays \$2.31 a heard is that the concern about amalgamated would appear to by council. The latter had of- month to police officers towards civil liberties and moral behavifered \$6,350 for a first-class their telephone costs.

plans. One site considered

of Nations. One expression

our among nations is "inter-

Richmond Hill.

fering." Our society is too nice

Sincerely, H. COWAN, 228 Mill Street,



Rambling Around

Youth Department Urged By Select Committee On Youth

According to a Globe and Mail story April 5, the Legislature's Select Committee on Youth outlined training schools for delinquents and crash training programs for leaders and counsellors.

tation? Will the proposed Department of Youth accomplish what youth workers in the municipalities cannot do? I think of the lack of adequate co-operation given to those who make real attempts to set up facilities and programs for local youth. Money is scarce and leaders are hard to come by. Can wholesale co-operation of youth be compelled or will it respond to invitations?

The surveys made by the Legislative Committee have been costly. Will there be a follow through? The nation's filing cabinets are stuffed with briefs, surveys and reports. The road to hell is always paved with good intentions.

THE YOUTH CORPS ISN'T FOR EVERYONE

I agree the utopian vision is necessary but a knowledge of society must go along with it. Proposals for reform must be compatible with social conditions. What does the select committee propose to do about the rebellious ones swelling the ranks of the new generation? It is the rebels who have inspired the search for new values yet it will not be they who benefit. The suggestions of the committee are sound and constructive but they are geared for the conventional predictable young person whose ap-

The committee says Ontario should set up a youth corps to utilize the creative energies of young people. Such a corps would take on volunteer services in hospitals and senior citizens' homes. They could tutor and help other youngsters in a juvenile

at this chance to be useful. Many of them have well developed social consciences. They are the salt of the country, the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Rangers, Rovers, Candy Stripers, "Y" and church

So Toronto couldn't make its mind up on plans for downtown development . . . and THIS time Eaton's took THEIR money back because THEY weren't

Woodbine-with Avelino Gomez and Richard Grubb both suspended, they had only horses to bet on. But, with the seven-at-a-blow kid coming back this week, most punters figure all they need is \$2 for a grubbstake.

for the Love-in at Queen's Park, and Toronto's creeps all came out of their crannies in holiday spirhome, school, church and its it. (A creep's version of "holiday spirit" is the bravlittle man's world. Why should As the war in Vietnam esca- Jesus' followers care about ery to appear on the street on a day when they can't lates, it is terrible to observe hundreds of thousands of civil- be picked up by the garbage collectors.)

> ter Pearson's speech impediment, you never know whether they're referring to his little lisp or Walter Gordon's big foot in his mouth.

No wonder they're calling Toronto backward. comics. People are adjusted to Harlem, teachers, high schools, Did you notice the advertisement for Mayor Dennison's Proclamation of May 1 as Commencement of Decorations Time, for Centennial decorating in the city? The advertisements appeared on May 8!

United States is now assuring ness to the humane and comus that it will not use atomic passionate feelings civilization A Sudbury mother of six says she is going to Phoenix, Arizona, and win that \$200,000 with a secis supposed to represent as op-Besides the inertia with which posed to ruthless force and ret method of proving she has a soul-and she will use the money to help the adult retarded . . . Ah, like the old expression: Charity begins at home.

participating in it. Any person me, "sometimes they won't let Expo is reported to be expecting visits from who does not protest this most us live and work where he want savage murder of a struggling, to, but there ain't gonna be no 60-or-so heads of state . . . and, without mentioning any names, you could include one fat-head.

> Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, was taken to hospital last week after suffering a "mild stroke" in his Ottawa office . . . Probably after getting word about one of his unions NOT wanting to go on strike!

> We keep thinking we're going to get a summer SOME time this year . . . and then we see reports (Continued on Page 14)

a greatly expanded program supporting recreation, sports, physical fitness and the arts under a proposed new Department of Youth. They recommend general social instruction on sex and drugs. They suggest a youth corps to channel young energies,

Will any of these projects be accomplished on a wide scale and can it be done without regimen-

proach to life is yes instead of no.

big brother and sister scheme.

I feel sure a lot of really nice kids would jump (Continued on Page 14)

George Mayes On -

The Flip Side

It was a bad holiday weekend for patrons of the

On the other hand, Victoria Day was a good day

Lately, when anyone talks about Prime Minis-

keep silent about wrong doing churchmen and their families

Garbage Problem Continent-Wide; Study Rail Shipment

White Pine - 350 Years Old

Samuel de Champlain set out for the New World,

and is the oldest representative of its species in

South Central Ontario. The Ontario Department

of Lands and Forests has estimated its age at 350

tario and was an important source of revenue for

early settlers. In the earliest days the tall, straight

mature trees were reserved for masts for sailing

vessels. How this tree escaped the woodsman's axe

is a mystery, although the curve in the trunk, evi-

ural lifetime was assured recently when a member

of the York County Real Estate Board successfully

negotiated the transfer of the 80-acre Whitchurch

Township woodlot, on which the tree stands, to a

Thornhill syndicate. The Ratcliffe family of

Stouffville, which has held the land or several gen-

erations, agreed to the sale but with the provision

that the huge tree remain the family's property for

the casualness and indifference ian bodies burned and des-

adjusts to and accepts the in- I am proud to have walked

creasing fierceness. A brief com- down New York's street with

ment or perusal of the head- 400,000 conscientious, sincere,

lines and then on to more at- moral protestors. Doctors, scien-

tractive subjects of Expo, dom-tists, psychologists, social

estic issues, fashions, food and scientists. Columbia, Harvard,

degrees of ghastliness which a unions, and many other groups

year ago would have shocked stood and walked quietly for

them and which they would six hours and more with a sense

have denied as possible. The of deep committal and serious-

the democracies are drifting to-cruelty. One little negro lady

wards and countenancing the pushing a baby carriage with

slaughter, it is awful to see them three little ones in it said to

as long as it lives.

PEOPLE INDIFFERENT

VIETNAM SUFFERING

with which the average person troyed?

Dear Mr. Editor:

weapons. Until when?

A guarantee that the tree will live out its nat-

dent in this picture, might be the explanation.

years. It has a circumference of 13 feet.

This giant White Pine was a seedling when

White Pine once clothed much of Southern On-

Beleaguered council mem- age out of Westchester by han Township who have been fending off onslaughts of Metro Toronto garbage for many weary months may With this leadership from the take small comfort from the knowledge that their problem is not an isolated one, As a start, perhaps Newmar- as evidenced by the followket, East Gwillimbury, Aurora ing story, condensed from and Whitchurch could consider an article in the New York amalgamation, Vaughan and Times of May 7.

> The heading was "New Dump Sought for Westchester - County Considering Sending its Garage Upstate". (King and Whitchurch Townships and points north, take due note!).

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prove less costly than present The idea of shipping large

bers and residents of Vaug- train is gaining attention as a possible remedy for the county's garbage disposal problem. The New York Central Railroad would transport the garbage to low areas far upstate for use as sanitary land fill. No cost estimates for the shipping have yet been made.

> Compacting stations for handling all refuse could be set up along the tracks at trucking garbage 25 miles to Harmon, North White Plains, Bedford Hills and South Mount Vernon. The garbage could then be transported or some other recreational out of the county late at night when commuter trains are not on the rails.

bundles of compacted garb- cities are studying similar penditure of \$11,015,000 for contribute air pollution and

for the dumping of San Francisco garbage is 450 miles from the city.

At the end of next year Westchester is to halt all dumping of raw garbage and other refuse at the Croton Point Park dump on the Hudson River south of Peekskill. It has been used for 40 years by most of the communities in the county, some of them it. Now the swampy area has been filled and the county intends to build a golf course facility on it.

The chief remedy the and its village of Croton-oncounty has been considering the Hudson because it is felt San Francisco and other up to now called for an ex- that an incinerator would

an incinerator at Croton Point. It could handle 1,500 tons of garbage a day, an adjacent bulky waste incinerator and the development of a carting transfer station at the gravel pit of the Colonial Sand and Gravel Company near Bedford Village. Yearly operational costs have not been determined.

The Croton incinerator plan has been advocated by Malcolm Pirnie Engineers of New York, the county's consultants and by 10 towns which would particularly benefit.

It is opposed by Cortlandt

the destruction of wildlife wetlands.

Another remedy, composting the garbage at several plants in the county was said by acting County Executive James C. Harding to be too costly and would produce large quantities of fertilizer that would have little market value.

Still another remedy could be use of the new destructor which has been tested at Whitman, Miss. Officials have inspected this blast furnace type of apparatus which reduces bottles, automobiles and ordinary garbage to small ash.

Form letters have been distributed by the Cortlandt Conservation Association denouncing the proposal for an incinerator at Croton, which engineers report already has four of the 16 major causes of air pollution in Westchester County. The letter states that the low level of the site would give the inevitable fumes from the incinerator the best possible path to move upward and blanket the

The association estimated the cost of setting up the compacting plan at \$3 million but some think this is too high. The association's estimated operating costs of \$1 million a year have also been disputed. Whatever the costs, they would be paid by the communities that joined a proposed county garbage

Window On The Past

by Doris M. Fitzgerald

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The Boyle Farm And Its Expropriations

Between 1911 and 1913 his Hard work had brought prosneighbors to the north and east, perity and he made sure that - James Russell, Nathan Chap- his three sons and two daughman, William Russell, George ters were given a good start in Quantz and Walter E. Quantz - life. sold their farms to the City of David Jr. planned to do the

Toronto. They were mostly same for his children so when getting on in years and found it the agent from the city called convenient to accept good offers. upon him, Mr. Boyle said polite-However, to David Boyle, owner ly but emphatically, that his of the west 100 acres of Lot 36, land was not for sale. Ordin-Concession 1, Markham Town- arily this would have ended the ship, selling seemed out of the matter, but the solicitor for the question. Mr. Boyle had a son city wrote a letter to the effect ready and willing to carry on in that the property was needed the family tradition; he had for the proposed Langstaff Jail very recently built a large brick Farm and if Mr. Boyle was not house on a knoll overlooking prepared to accept the offer of the corner of Yonge Street and \$39,000, the farm would be ex-Highway 7 east; and he was propriated. This harsh word, justifiably proud of his beauti- frequently used nowadays, was ful property with its gently roll- an unfamiliar term in the distling fields and three fine orch- rict at that time. Shocked and

chagrined, Mr. Boyle engaged a Originally part of a crown prominent Toronto lawyer, Hartgrant to Abner Miles in 1803, it ley Dewart KC to conduct his had been held by Miles' des- case against the city but to no cendants, one of them the well avail. remembered John Langstaff, for On May 1, 1914 the Boyles

90 years. When the farm came moved to Homewood Hall, an on the market for the first time interesting older house in the in 1893 it was bought by David heart of Thornhill, after dis-Boyle Sr. for his son, David, posing of all their livestock, The following year Mr. Boyle farm machinery and equipment also transferred to David Jr. the at an auction conducted by Mr. east 105 acres of Lot 36, Con- Prentice, uncle of Auctioneer cession 1, Vaughan Township, Ken Prentice. Morgan Boyle across the road, which he had remembers that his father was purchased in 1869. This was very concerned because he had the former Jeremiah Atkinson no place to keep May, a pet farm mentioned in an earlier horse, then over 20 years old He gave her to Jake Graham,

The elder Boyle had come to an elderly man living near Au-Canada from Ayrshire, Scotland, rora who liked to drive to, and in 1842 at the age of 22. After from, the town occasionally. But working as a blacksmith for a May never forgot her former few years he established himself owner, and home. Three years on a farm in East York, then later she made her way safely bought Lot 45, Concession 1 back to the Boyle Farm on the Vaughan, a 200 acre farm which west side of Yonge Street, at included a saw mill. A public Langstaff. This farm had been spirited man, he served his com- rented to William Richards but munity well as reeve and when he retired shortly after deputy-reeve of Vaughan Town- the expropriation, Morgan Boyle ship, school trustee and mem- took up farming again, commutber of the Presbyterian Church. (Continued on Page 14)

Song For Young Canada

Our forebears came from o'er the foam To this dear land to make their home: It's written now on history's page — We are one hundred years of age. O Land of Home we cherish thee, Hold fast our bonds from sea to sea!

CHORUS

Dear Canada we love thy plains, Thy mountains and thy April rains; We love the snow, the autumn too, And so we sing our love for you.

A wild rose on the prairie land, Gay trilliums bloom on every hand; And in the marsh by Scotia's tide Forget-me-nots are golden-eyed. Dear Land of Home we cherish thee, Hold fast our faith from sea to sea!

Robert D. Little

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