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Mr. Spooner's Folly

The Roberts' 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.

basic services if any sizeable dent is to be made in the need for new housing. 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.

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.

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.

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 dangerous than before.

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 hopefully, such disturbed children will be identified.

Should Unify Police

(Newmarket Era) The Ontario Police Commission recommendation that the police forces of the county's three northern municipalities, Sutton, Georgina and North Gwillimbury townships, be amalgamated would appear to be quite sound.

Aurora Makes Police Bills Part Of Salary

Aurora Council last week reached a salary agreement with the Police Association, in which it also agreed to pay the officers' basic telephone bill during the year.

At present each of the township forces has a large area to patrol, much of it side roads with few or no built up parts, constituting a lot of travel and perhaps depriving another area of police protection while the men are far afield.

Garbage Problem Continent-Wide; Study Rail Shipment

Beleaguered council members and residents of Vaughan Township who have been fending off onslaughts of Metro Toronto garbage for many weary months may take small comfort from the knowledge that their problem is not an isolated one, as evidenced by the following story, condensed from an article in the New York Times of May 7.



White Pine - 350 Years Old

This giant white pine was a seedling when 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 years. It has a circumference of 13 feet.

White Pine once clothed much of Southern Ontario 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, evident in this picture, might be the explanation.

Letters to the Editors

PEOPLE INDIFFERENT VIETNAM SUFFERING

Dear Mr. Editor: As the war in Vietnam escalates, it is terrible to observe the casualness and indifference with which the average person adjusts to and accepts the increasing fierceness. A brief comment or perusal of the headlines and then on to more attractive subjects of Expo, domestic issues, fashions, food and comics. People are adjusted to degrees of ghastliness which a year ago would have shocked them and which they would have denied as possible.

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 a greatly expanded program supporting recreation, sports, physical fitness and the arts under a proposed new Department of Youth.

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?

George Mayes On - The Flip Side
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 satisfied.

It was a bad holiday weekend for patrons of the 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 grubstake.

On the other hand, Victoria Day was a good day for the Love-in at Queen's Park, and Toronto's creeps all came out of their crannies in holiday spirit. (A creep's version of "holiday spirit" is the bravery to appear on the street on a day when they can't be picked up by the garbage collectors.)

Lately, when anyone talks about Prime Minister 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. 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!

A Sudbury mother of six says she is going to Phoenix, Arizona, and win that \$200,000 with a secret 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.

Expo is reported to be expecting visits from 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)

Window On The Past
by Doris M. Fitzgerald
The Boyle Farm And Its Expropriations
Between 1911 and 1913 his neighbors to the north and east, — James Russell, Nathan Chapman, William Russell, George Quantz and Walter E. Quantz — sold their farms to the City of Toronto.

Hard work had brought prosperity and he made sure that his three sons and two daughters were given a good start in life. David Jr. planned to do the same for his children so when the agent from the city called upon him, Mr. Boyle said politely but emphatically, that his land was not for sale. Ordinarily this would have ended the matter, but the solicitor for the city wrote a letter to the effect that the property was needed for the proposed Langstaff Jail Farm and if Mr. Boyle was not prepared to accept the offer of \$39,000, the farm would be expropriated. This harsh word, frequently used nowadays, was an unfamiliar term in the district at that time. Shocked and chagrined, Mr. Boyle engaged a prominent Toronto lawyer, Hartley Dewar KC to conduct his case against the city but to no avail.

On May 1, 1914 the Boyles moved to Homewood Hall, an interesting older house in the heart of Thornhill, after disposing of all their livestock, farm machinery and equipment at an auction conducted by Mr. Prentice, uncle of Auctioneer Ken Prentice. Morgan Boyle remembers that his father was very concerned because he had no place to keep May, a pet horse, then over 20 years old. He gave her to Jake Graham, an elderly man living near Aurora who liked to drive to, and from, the town occasionally. But May never forgot her former owner, and home. Three years later she made her way safely back to the Boyle Farm on the west side of Yonge Street, at Langstaff. This farm had been rented to William Richards but when he retired shortly after the expropriation, Morgan Boyle took up farming again, commember 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.

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