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Conservationists Should Improve Not Mutilate

"Take, take, take and never give, Is this the way for me to live?" This was the question on the side of a small "mite box" used to collect pennies for missionaries and seen on many a grandmother's dressing table a generation ago.

It seems to us that this is a question that could well be asked of themselves by members of the executive committee of the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority after their action last week in abandoning all principles of conservation and agreeing to Metro's turning a beautiful Vaughan Township valley into a garbage dump.

Here it was a case of Metro doing the "take, take, take" with the "and Region" doing all the giving. If nothing else, the authority should certainly change its title and become in name as well as in fact, "Metro Toronto Conservation Authority."

The action of MTRCA Chairman Dr. Ross Lord was unbelievably churlish when Vaughan's legal representative, James F. McCallum attempted to present the township's case. Gone was the velvet glove and the iron hand of Metro was clearly in evidence when, after having graciously permitted Metro's engineers, solicitor and works commissioner to brainwash the meeting for three hours, he interrupted each point Mr. McCallum attempted to bring forward, objecting that they were "legal" arguments and within minutes of his first getting on his feet, stated that he could only have five minutes to speak.

After about five such interruptions in as many minutes Dr. Lord advised Mr. McCallum that he would give him two more minutes. "I am much obliged. I will just sit down and get out of your way," replied Mr. McCallum with icy politeness.

Even more insulting to Vaughan, which had an expensive array of legal and engineering counsel on hand, having been advised that they would be able to make a presentation, was the action of the representative of its sister municipality, James Haggart of Richmond Hill.

Not only did Mr. Haggart urge the chairman to cut off Mr. McCallum in mid-stream, when Vaughan's representative on the executive, Francis Redelmeier, began his eloquent plea for a retention of the

principles of conservation, Mr. Haggart suddenly found he had to leave the meeting, the first one to do so.

Admittedly it was late — it was 6.15 before Mr. Redelmeier had a chance to speak—but would another five minutes have mattered that much, Mr. Haggart? Surely this was the "unkindest cut of all".

For there can be no doubt about it that Vaughan — and future generations who will live in this area — are being stabbed in the back as surely as was Brutus.

Here is a God-given valley, heavily timbered, long the haunt of bird-watchers, naturalists and small boys enjoying the fast-disappearing thrill of roughing it in the bush. If Metro has its way, the area will become a wasteland on which nothing but grasses will grow for a generation. Even the promised golf course could not be a possibility for 25 years as no clubhouse could be erected on the filled land for at least that period.

Mr. Redelmeier pointed out on the map that the area surrounding the authority's 150 acres, which Metro also proposes to use, includes good farm land, market garden lands and first class homes in the \$50 to \$100 thousand bracket while the valley land could be put to any conservation use.

It seemed to him, and to us, a clear cut case of one municipality wishing to preserve an area for a superior use while another wanted to put it to an inferior use. Even if restored in the very best manner, it would not be as good as it is now.

The authority's action of "improving in principle" this travesty of the principles for which the body was constituted is even more unbelievable in the light of the fact that very close by are several man-made scars on the landscape—gravel pits — which it would be of benefit to hide.

The whole thing smacks of bureaucratic arrogance. Was the obviously sincere Vice-President of James F. Maclaren Limited, Herbert Fennerty, who made the hour-long report to the conservation authority executive, really told to make a comprehensive and impartial report on possible waste disposal plans? Or was he told "I want that Thackeray Site — go and get it for me."

Probably no one will ever know, but meanwhile Metro citizens are paying the \$175,000 for the report, while Vaughan's equally overburdened residents will pay many thousands also in defending their municipality.



Nucleus Of Trouble

(Newmarket Era & Post) At a recent town council meeting, Councillor Tom Surgeoner once again brought to light the problem of controlling loitering and the recurring misbehaviour of a minority section of young people on Main Street. Mr. Surgeoner was right... and it is time something tangible was done about it.

The language... which is audible for blocks sometimes, is from the cesspool, and all of it does not stem from the male members of this "society". Some of the girls have been running a pretty close race when it comes to a low in language.

It is deplorable that decent citizens and even visitors to this community have to be faced with this type of hooliganism almost seven evenings a week in an area which is less than two blocks long.

It appears useless to remind these "smart" young people that should they be arrested by police, the resultant sentence, if they are convicted, will be on record for the rest of their lives and could have an adverse effect on employment applications and many other spheres of their adult life.

Each summer, the situation gets worse and the solution more difficult, but as long as there is hair-splitting as to responsibility these hoodlums will take over and disregard the rights of citizens to walk this section without hindrance.

Councillor Surgeoner is speaking mainly from the merchants' viewpoint, but town council, police, merchants and residents must think up an answer soon to rid Newmarket of this little ghetto of filth and misbehaviour which has been going on far too long.

Lady Of The Stars



Dedicated to Dr. Helen Hogg, Richmond Hill's honored Astronomer

No earth bound creature she, Who calls the stars her own, Whose universe embraces space, Serenity and peace shine in her face.

The order in the universe she knows, And quiet is her soul with wonder, As God reveals to mortal man, Things kept secret since the world began.

The seekers after truth we know shall find, For knowledge is made known to those who knock, Filtering shining rays of light, To those of us who only see the night.

Elizabeth Jeffrey Richmond Hill

Rambling Around

THE CNE MAY BE OLD BUT IT'S WEARING A NEW FACE

Whoever said that anything old can't be good? The Ex is the oldest annual exhibition in the world — but with a new make-up. The Ex is not Expo, nor should it be. Nevertheless the good old CNE has been packing them in since 1878 and it promises to do the same in 1967 while celebrating Canada's first 100 years and its own 89th edition.

The home of the CNE is on a beautiful 350 acre tract stretching a mile and a half along the shore of Lake Ontario. The grounds and flower beds are well kept, and well worth seeing. (Continued on Page 12)

Letters to the Editors

DR. MAGEE AND PLANNERS Mr. Editor: In last week's Liberal, you published an account of Dr. Charles Magee's report to the Industrial and Commercial Association of Vaughan.

It is not my wish to detract from many worthwhile points raised by Dr. Magee, but I do take offence that he would resort to the favorite past-time of many — name-calling. I would think that his remarks are not conducive to harmonious relationships.

Dr. Magee, in his capacity must, on many occasions, make presentations to councils, planners and planning boards. Surely, he must be aware that he might receive better co-operation if he didn't call them stupid, inept, arrogant, and uncivil. Many members of councils and planning boards are, like Dr. Magee, professional, successful people who would like to be given credit for having a little knowledge. Politicians and planners are not all black and neither do they think of businessmen, speculators, and developers and consultants as being all white.

Strange as it may sound to some, I believe that there are politicians who are intelligent, capable, and honest; and in my short life span, I have had the pleasure of meeting many. DON WEST, Maple.

DEDICATED YOUNG PEOPLE Dear Mr. Editor: We sincerely hope that our town Centennial Pool is not closed.

Having a family membership, we have spent many enjoyable hours during public and family swimming and feel that we are most fortunate in having such

dedicated young people employed at our pool. Parents interested enough to go to the pool with their children, are aware of the excellent job being done by Paul Wilson and his staff.

We understand that Brian Paterson of the Red Cross Water Safety Division is in his early twenties, and it doesn't seem right that he should state in his recommendation people his own age are not competent in operating our Centennial Pool.

If it were for young adults acting as life guards, counsellors etc., we are afraid there would not be any parks, pools or conservation areas open in the summer. These jobs require young people that are interested in children and devoted to their work.

Yours truly, Mr. & Mrs. JOHN CLEPHAN, 429 Osiris Drive, Richmond Hill.

WHY IS RED CROSS SO SLOW TO ACT? Dear Mr. Editor: In regards to the news item in the August 17 issue of "The Liberal", we note that Brian Paterson of the Red Cross Water Safety Division, made several recommendations to the coroner's jury regarding inadequate safety measures at the Richmond Hill pool.

Why were these recommendations not made three years ago when our pool opened? Red Cross representatives have been coming here for the past three years testing children in water safety, surely they have been aware of any lack of local safety precautions.

Why must it take a tragedy to bring recommendations from those in authority. Yours truly, Mr. & Mrs. JOHN ROGERSON, 433 Osiris Drive, Richmond Hill.

Leadership Race Senator McCutcheon Aided By Don Martyn

One of the men behind the man at the Senator Wallace McCutcheon's leadership committee rooms in Toronto these days is a well known figure in York County.

His name is Donald Martyn and he's taking time off from teaching at York University to act as assistant campaign manager in Senator McCutcheon's bid to become the leader of the Federal Conservative Party in September.



Mr. Martyn, who lives at Sutton, ran on the federal ticket for the Conservatives in November 1965 in the former riding of York North. He was defeated by Liberal John Addison.

He also sought his party's nomination earlier this year for the new provincial riding of York North but was badly defeated by William Hodgson of King Township.

Why is he helping Senator McCutcheon? "He assisted me in my campaign in 1965," Mr. Martyn said, "and I'm returning the favor in Mr. McCutcheon's bid to become party leader."

"I've known him for a number of years and have travelled with him in Quebec and the Maritimes."

Senator McCutcheon was appointed to the Upper House in August of 1962 by former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and served in his cabinet until the fall of the government in 1963.

He won the nomination for the new federal riding of York Simcoe at the Tory nomination meeting held June 14 in Newmarket.

He is a former Toronto millionaire industrialist associated with the E. P. Taylor empire. He now owns a farm in Whitchurch Township.

The McCutcheon Committee Rooms are also boasting petite, blonde Felicity Cochrane who is running the women's end of things. Felicity ran and was defeated at the Parkdale Conservative candidate in 1965.

CLAREMONT: Official opening of the Claremont Centennial Project, a park, will be held next month. A new refreshment booth, picnic shelter and teetottlers have been built.

BETHESDA: Harvey Clendenning, 95, passed away recently at Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. One of a family of seven he was widely known for his horseho pitching ability. He was one of the best outdoor lacrosse players in the country and a star football player.

George Mayes On — The Flip Side

King Constantine's Toronto visit was sort of a switch on the de Gaulle bit — with Greek Canadians demonstrating for HIS liberation.

And, on the de Gaulle subject: After last Saturday night's game with the Alouettes, it would be pretty hard to convince the Toronto Argonauts that Montreal really needs any French aid.

Three To Get Ready... And Four To Go! Prime Minister Pearson has delayed for a month the decision to allow Barrie's Channel 3 to move to Toronto... maybe he's waiting to see WBN's fall program line-up for something he wouldn't want to miss.

Meanwhile WBN - TV is rumored to be planning a change of name for its oldest program from "Meet The Millers" to "Say Goodbye To The Millers."

One significant indication of the quality of CKVR's programming is that, in all the letters of protest over the Barrie station moving to Toronto, we have not yet seen any letters of protest from the Barrie area.

And significant proof that TV viewers DO have 12-year-old minds is to be seen in the fact that many of the letters of protest are from viewers who expect a Toronto-area Channel 3 will interfere with ALL Buffalo stations: Two, Four AND Seven!

The Barrie station would have to give up its CBC affiliation for the Toronto move and, so far, all they can promise is a daily two hours of news... Two hours of news? Oh, a horror show, eh?

And what a location for what they want to do to us: Pilgrimage... Or: Pall Grave!

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One Nation Sea To Sea

The Hon. Alvin Hamilton is the only one of the nine contestants seeking the leadership of the Federal Conservative Party who has continually opposed the two nation (deux nations) concept of Canada of which we hear so much today. In his speeches to convention delegates across Canada, including those from Quebec, Mr. Hamilton has vigorously refuted this Balkanizing theory of Canada, which is, in reality, very destructive of our cherished dream of one nation from sea to sea.

A former agriculture minister in the Diefenbaker Cabinet, Mr. Hamilton is a native of Saskatchewan.

The Canadian people today are being bombarded continually in the daily press and TV about the special status of Quebec and the incessant demands of its provincial government and the separatists. Our politicians have forgotten completely, about the other nine provinces which go to make up Canada and the historic traditions and rights and privileges of those of us who reside outside Quebec.

Leaders in all parties, Liberal, Conservative and New Democrat in varying degree — are all guilty of this headlong rush to gain favor among the French-Canadian population. Now we have Ontario Premier John Robarts promising to establish a system of French secondary schools

across the province. Mr. Robarts' announcement comes just before an expected fall provincial election but at a time when provincial grants to our established public school system are most inadequate. The same Mr. Robarts has been telling the municipalities he can't increase the present system of school grants.

The chairmen of the two largest public school systems in Ontario have both been critical of the premier's plans. Chairman William Ross of Toronto Board of Education, said the "costly" scheme would come at the expense of English-speaking schools which desperately need increased provincial grants.

In Metro, provincial education grants amount to between 10 and 15 per cent of total costs but the province will have to pay 70 to 80 per cent of the cost of the French-language schools, Ross said.

He accused the premier of "pandering for French votes" and said the scheme was "purely political."

Chairman Barry Lowes of the Metro School Board deplored any move that would result in further separation of students into groups based on religious or ethnic lines. "I have always felt we should be moving toward closer integration into one school system instead of setting up parallel systems", said Mr. Lowes.

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Tory Organizer Comments On Leadership Convention

(The following feature story on the September leadership convention of the Federal Progressive Conservative Party was written by Arthur Smoke a prominent local member of the party. A resident of Richmond Hill Mr. Smoke has held many executive positions with the county Tory organization. At present he is president of the Richmond Hill Men's PC Association and serves on both the York Centre provincial and the North York federal Tory Organizations—Editor)

No matter what your political persuasion may be, most responsible and thoughtful Canadians will be watching the September

Conservative Leadership Convention with much interest as the successful aspirant will in all likelihood be prime minister one day, like it or not.

Much importance can be related to this convention for another reason. Many people have felt for some time that a strong two-party system is much preferred to minority government and splinter parties. Should we someday succeed in having a distinct party of the right and one of the left, the new leader of the Conservative Party will be carrying the banner for a much larger section of the populace than the leader of any of our parties does at the present time.

With leadership goes responsibility and the delegates to this convention have a mighty big weight on their shoulders — at least it is to be hoped that this is the attitude they have as they make their deliberations. Let us hope that the 2,400 delegates (king-makers if you wish) think beyond personal aggrandizement and choose not necessarily the most "deserving" candidate but the one who, all things being equal, would make the best prime minister — because he'll be only a ballot box away from the position.

Some frequently and recently expressed opinions across the province on the leading candidates may be synoptised as follows:

• GEORGE HEES: The best vote-catcher the Tories have because of his great

personal charm and salesmanship. There's nothing the Conservatives could use more right now than an Elmer Wheeler, that salesman's salesman. Hees appeals to the male — being an alumnus of the Toronto Argos during the latter's hey-day; he's effusive, approachable, and out-going. The ladies are attracted by the good looks and his magnetic personality. Whether he could run the country or not is not a factor his backers will tell you, because the country (or province or municipality for that matter) is being run by the civil service bureaucracy regardless of who sits on top of the pyramid.

• DUFF ROBILIN: Though a latter-day saint (small's) is thoroughly bilingual and has successfully led a province with a B-B culture without the expense of a B-B commission. Geography is in his favor but the last Manitoba premier to try and buck the Liberal dynasty, John Bracken, went the way of that widow's twin sons we used to hear about.

You remember, one son joined the navy and the other became vice-president of the U.S. — poor mother — she never heard from either of them again. But Robilin could be a very acceptable candidate.

• DAVIE FULTON: Commands as much respect in the Tory Party as any man has ever attained in any line of endeavor. He has the education (Rhodes Scholar), the wit and charm which ad-

mirably fits him for a weighty position. He along with some others, namely Hees and Dalton Camp, has been unfairly criticized for forsaking the incumbent leader of the party.

These critics must base all their arguments on 'what's not white is automatically black', as though they'd never seen a rainbow. Davie may not be the best vote-catcher but if he ever does make the grade we'll have a well-run country.

• ROBERT STANFIELD: Would be a distant fourth in most people's mind. Just because he can keep you warm in winter with his BVD's in Nova Scotia is not necessarily a criterion as to how well he'd fare in the mighty cold Ottawa Valley. The man has been a great success in his own back yard, but because you were a successful mayor in Peterboro doesn't mean you could automatically cope with problems of Metropolitan Toronto.

• ALVIN HAMILTON: Is sincere and dedicated and helps give the leadership convention some balance in that no one else from his province will be a candidate! Alvin's claim to fame is his salesmanship and if Mitchell Sharp and Robert Winters were delegates they should certainly support Alvie as the latter has contributed much to the success of the two present ministers.

Hamilton's influence, not unlike that of the other lightweight contenders, will be felt during the third and

fourth ballots when the delegates get down to some serious politicking.

• DONALD FLEMING: Is equally as well-educated as Davie Fulton but there the similarity ends — as do Fleming's chances. Although held in as high esteem in his profession (law) as in the party he would be a flop as a vote-catcher outside his middle class royal-side riding of Eglinton, Canada's Thomas Dewey ran behind Dief and Fulton in the leadership race in 1956 and few can see him making a comeback now.

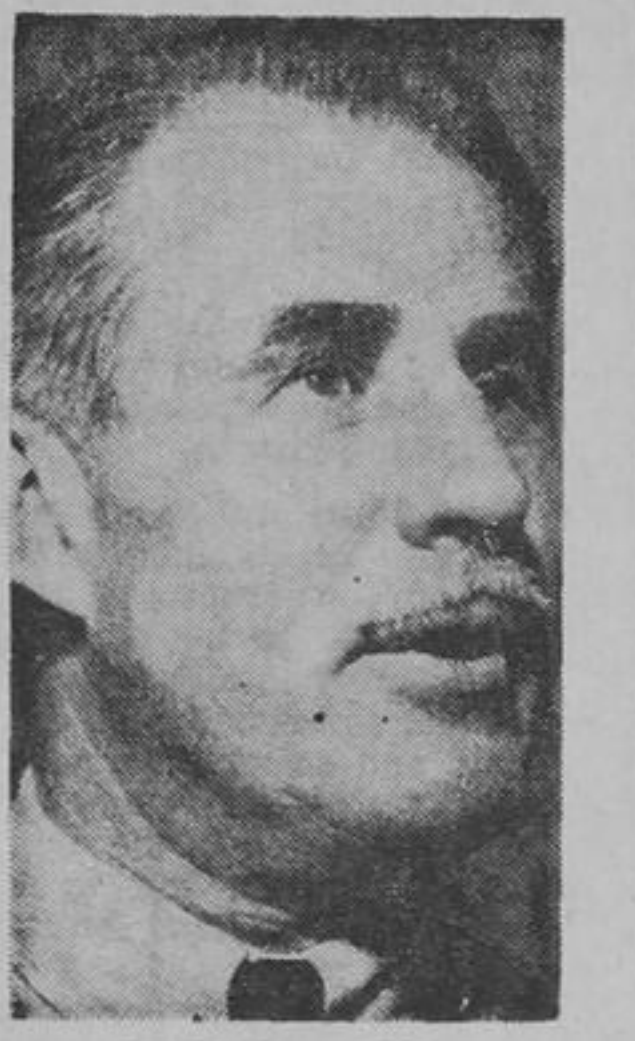
• SENATOR WALLACE McCUTCHEON: Should be running on a joint ticket with a Dalton Camp would do the trick. The latter half of the Progressive Conservative motto of having the "Vision to Create and the Courage to Retain". While Dalton is busy visualizing the future (maybe not without some accuracy and common sense) the Senator speaks much good sense in suggesting that individuals' rights should transcend all else — providing of course other individuals aren't having their own rights abrogated. Unfortunately for the Squire of Gormley not enough people believe in good conservative principles so most of his utterances fall on deaf ears.

And of course the Senator is about 30 years late in making his bid. These days a man should engage himself in politics almost before he buys his first razor,

if he is serious about going to the top.

• MIKE STARR: Is a self-made man and anyone carrying the Tory banner in a labor oriented riding such as Oshawa and for as long as he deserves the highest accolades the party can afford him — short of the leadership, that is. But Mike by his candidacy now, is getting much free and favorable publicity for the next general election in his own riding, and he is showing his astuteness in so doing.

The grand old man of the party, John Diefenbaker, will succumb to Olive's pleadings and step aside graciously. A new era will be with us and half the country's problems will be solved.



GEORGE HEES, Leading Contender



SENATOR McCUTCHEON, York County Candidate