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United Front Needed

At a time when we hear so much about regional co-operation and regional government it was indeed discouraging to see the municipalities in southern York County fail to present a united front in the face of Metro's repeated attempts to establish a mammoth garbage dump in Vaughan Township.

Four men — James Haggart and Frank Barrott of Richmond Hill, Councillor Allan Sumner of Markham Township and Grant Henderson of Woodbridge — all ignored their sister municipality of Vaughan and cast their votes with the Metro and City of Toronto delegation. Everett Harper of Unionville, who with Mr. Sumner is Markham's other representative on the conservation authority, did cast his vote with Vaughan and the other fringe municipalities.

Messrs. Haggart, Barrott, Sumner and Henderson are appointees representing their respective municipalities on the Metro Conservation Authority. Before granting approval of the 600-acre Thackeray site which covers a beautiful wooded valley, the Municipal Board had asked the conservation authority if it approved of its use as a garbage dump. The authority's decision by a 29-15 vote to support Metro's bid to seize the area for a dump was purely political and opportunistic in nature and was completely foreign to the basic principles of good conservation and land use.

This latest skirmish isn't the first time that Richmond Hill's two representatives have refused to support Vaughan in its bid to halt Metro. In February of this year Messrs. Haggart and Barrott at that time also sided with the Metro representatives on the conservation authority.

If such voluntary groupings as the Southern Six (the six municipalities of southern York County) are to survive and grow, what better place to begin acting in unison than in this vital issue of stopping Metro using Vaughan as a garbage heap. If the massive Metro Government, which is the largest municipal organization in Canada, can force its will on Vaughan in this way, then soon it will begin exporting all its unsolved problems to York County. In addition to a garbage dump in Vaughan it is also seeking to gain permission from the Robarts' Government to use the former Langstaff Jail Farm in Markham Township as the site for homes for 20,000 Toronto and Metro welfare cases.

If the municipalities of southern York County are to survive as a separate political entity, then they would be well advised to present a united front to their big neighbor to the south before they wake up some day to find themselves just a pawn in the hands of "Big Daddy".

Young People With Purpose

In direct contrast to the "hippies" and "diggers" of Yorkville, who refuse to work and think the world owes them a living, are a group of young people, numbering hundreds throughout the province. These are those grade 13 students who have achieved the distinction of being awarded Ontario Scholarships this year.

Twenty-three young people in York Central High School District are among this elite group, representing 7.7% of the grade 13 enrolment, 2% better than the provincial average. These young men and women are all hard-working and ambitious and determined to make their contributions to the future. They know where they are going and are determined to reach that goal by means of their own ability and efforts.

Many of them have contributed in leadership to the community in working with groups interested in children and have already proven that they will be the leaders of the future — in education, in business, in industry and in public service. We can be confident that the future will be in competent hands when they take over, since they are doers and builders determined to do their best instead of being content to get by with as little work as possible.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to these 23 high-ranking York Central students and to all the grade 13 graduates, on a good job well done. We know that they will continue to bring the same maturity and concentration to anything they attempt in the future and through their efforts will succeed in making this world a better place in which to live.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Present day residents of Richmond Hill admire the pond on Mill Street as a natural beauty spot. Its beauty has been enhanced this year by a pair of swans and many geese and ducks, and the town has acquired additional land for park purposes at its northern end.

However, this beauty spot is not a natural one, nor was the pond formed by a mill dam, although it is often referred to as the Mill Pond. It originated in 1921 when the village built the dam and filter beds filled with quartz sand, to supply a municipal waterworks system. The water was drawn from this reservoir through the filter beds into the standpipe where it was chlorinated and thence into the village system.

This process continued until 1927, when at the March meeting of the village council, Councillor G. H. Sloan, who chaired the waterworks committee, reported receiving many complaints about the odor, taste and color of the water. He felt objections could be eliminated by following recommendations of the Ontario Department of Health at the expense of several hundred dollars.

"If the people of Richmond Hill realized the serious condition of many private wells in the village a lot more homes would be using municipal water," he stated. It was reported that in 1924 84% of private wells had been found to be polluted.

At the same meeting an application from the Bedford Park Floral Company was received for installation of village water. It was reported they would use millions of gallons annually.

At council's July meeting it was admitted the local water supply was very bad. Although "absolutely pure" Mr. Sloan admitted it had a disagreeable taste due to the action of extreme heat on the weed growth in the pond. He advanced the department's recommendation for acquisition of five acres of land from James Rumble of Vaughan Township to construct a concrete basin at the north end of the reservoir.

The village had offered Mr. Rumble \$400 for his land, which he did not accept. Council then agreed to expropriate and in August passed the necessary by-law. It was estimated the work would cost \$4,000 for which debentures would be issued.

On August 19 MOH Dr. J. P. Wilson warned residents it was unsafe to use the village water for domestic purposes without boiling it, because of the unsatisfactory quality as shown by the August 15 laboratory report. The next week he reported the water was much improved but still required boiling. To bring about this improvement, water was pumped

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'Only Work Part Of Year In 21st Century'—Bacon

By FRED SIMPSON

Richmond Hill Planning Consultant Max Bacon forecasts that the 21st century will find the federal government owning all the land in Canada, people working for a few months and then having the next few off, and parks and recreation areas on the roofs of apartment buildings where you live.

His prognostications were given along with other speakers at the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Parks Association in Toronto. The federal ownership of land, Mr. Bacon said, would have to be implemented to solve land usage and population growth problems. Mr. Bacon also thought government takeover of all lakeside land in Ontario to provide public access would come fairly quickly. And in 50 years there would be no privately owned cottages — they would be owned by either the government, unions or business.

"In the next 100 years," he said, "work habits will change considerably with machines taking over so much of the work that production will increase and the need to operate these machines will require men working 24 hours a day."

This could lead, he said, to employees working part of a year and then going on vacation to be replaced by ones returning from vacations. Increasing population with a corresponding decrease in land area would also find employees, union or businesses, or governments owning vaca-

tion centres at which holidaying employees would be transported en masse and then returned to be replaced by others.

"I can foresee a great deal of this integration of facilities," he said, "and you already have examples of this taking place at the present time."

"It's very common even now for people to rent their houses in Toronto while they are away for a considerable period of time. In time I think you'll see this occur in whole apartment buildings."

Mr. Bacon also sees the continued emphasis on land use control as the land becomes even more scarce and what he termed as present-day "Little Canada" become part of a closely knit world community with vast number



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Town Industry Enlarges Facilities To Meet Expanding Market

Ramsay REC Limited has moved into a new plant at 385 Enford Road in Richmond Hill. The new 7,000 square foot building is located on one and a half acres in the Richmond Hill industrial area one block off Yonge Street. The firm designs and manufactures specialized control equipment for the mining and process industries. Some of their products include conveyor scales, bin level sensors, unitrain loadout systems, blending systems, batch weighing systems and crusher controls. Ramsay REC Limited was formed in 1961 and was previously located at 67 Industrial Road here in Richmond Hill. The firm has enjoyed an ever expanding market since its inception. It was required to build the new enlarged facilities to meet the increasing acceptance of its products and services by Canadian industry. The firm is associated with Ramsey Engineering Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. President is J. T. Sniezek and sales manager is Don Babbitt.



To insure that events scheduled for the future in Richmond Hill will not conflict with other events Richmond Hill Chapter IODE presented a beautifully bound book in which such events may be listed to the town.

At the suggestion of the donors, "The Liberal" accepted the responsibility of making this book available to the public.

All organizations and groups are urged to make use of this TOWN CALENDAR. There is no charge. All you have to do is to come in to our office and enter the details about your forthcoming event under the correct date. If it is impossible to come in, you may phone the information to Mary Dawson at 884-1105 and she will make the entry for you.

As part of the chapter's Centennial project, the calendar of events should play a large part in preventing a multiplicity of events on the same date. If every organization will co-operate, all should benefit.

George Mayes On —

The Flip Side

Happiness is owning an appliance store and not having any air conditioners to sell.

With all the new TV shows coming on, the most talked about show of the week was an oldie: John Diefenbaker in "I've Got A Secret!"

And the United Auto Workers had a suspense thing going in which Ford, Chrysler or General Motors they would pick for a strike target. We suspect their Ford selection was a case of Enie-Meenie-Minie-Motors.

The Company of Young Canadians have hired a couple of expensive public relations firms to "improve their image" . . . a result that could be simply achieved with just a few bucksworth of soap and razor blades.

Which reminds us that the Hippies were at it again last week with their Love-ins, Sleep-ins, Starve-ins, etc. They certainly are an "In" crowd: any kind of "Ins" . . . except, it seems, wash-ins or work-ins.

And, as the Yorkville Hippie said: "We hang around the coffee houses all the time because we happen to like coffee — and we haven't got a pot."

We got the military tattoo and Prime Minister Pearson is getting the needle to send the show to the States, Britain, France, and even Russia . . . and it should go over big too in Vietnam.

Of course these "Flower Children" do have a bit of a problem in finding a strong enough deodorant.

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Letters to the Editors

HAGGART, BARROTT et al

Dear Mr. Editor:

As a resident of Vaughan Township I would say that I was disgusted at hearing of the recent coalition of high-powered politicians and members of the Metro Conservation Authority, which went to great lengths in order to snuff out the free voice of the people who live in this municipality.

I refer of course to the farce which was enacted at Woodbridge, and at which the authority decided to turn over 600 acres of prime land for the filling of millions of tons of sewage sludge. If subsequently approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, twenty Vaughan homes will be expropriated, \$20,000 a year in tax revenues will be lost and the water supply of many Vaughan residents will be seriously jeopardized.

I have always had the impression that a conservation authority is made up of persons who advocate the preservation of land from loss, decay, waste, injury and impairment. But apparently this is not so. Why then do we have need for such an authority?

It is interesting to note that the authority is not an elected group. It is appointed in much the same manner as the police commissions, magistrates and others, for the purpose of serving the public in a manner to which it has regrettably become accustomed, and in a manner in which the provincial government thinks it should be served.

It is also frightening to know that Vaughan has received little support from its neighbors, even though our battle is also theirs. The actions of supposed conservationists Haggart, Barrott, Sumner and Henderson should be recorded by local councils and constituents as despicable, to say the least. And if such men are to be allowed to ride roughshod over public opinion, then it is about time we had them elected by public vote.

I would mention that Vaughan's battle has not yet ended. The final episode will be heard by the Municipal Board. A petition is being prepared and the argument will continue until the democratic rights of all of the people of Ontario are observed. And if they are not, I know that Conservative votes will be sadly lacking in this area in the very near future.

Yours sincerely, ERIC CHAPMAN, 6 Stancoff Drive, Elgin Mills.

A MAN'S BIRTHRIGHT

Dear Mr. Editor:

It seems that every time people get into a discussion involving the two so-called founding races of this country, it inevitably ends with the utterly ridiculous statement — quote: "The only true Canadian is an Indian."

This is ridiculous in the sense that only men not born on a continent are immigrants. All men born in a country, any country take their nationality from that fact.

A man's birthright is very important to him, therefore no one should, by action or words, deprive him of this right. I, for one, being proud to be a Canadian, born in this country, vehemently deplore any such illiterate and hateful statements that cause dissension between our two main founding races.

If people wish to continue on this course of thinking, it should be pointed out — and remembered — that all men, forming any nation or country, at one time or other migrated from a central point to points that could be called transits. Men were and are still on the move. Men do not stand still and their offspring should enjoy the nationality given them by right of birth. The English, French, Italian, German — were they not immigrants at one time? Yet they enjoy being called English and Frenchmen, as it is their birthright and as it should be for all others.

Being born in this country made me strictly a Canadian. Origin need not enter into this. Canadians tend to conserve their identity, not as Canadian, but in the sense of the nationality of their ancestors. Until the time we are willing, not to forget our origin, but to put it second to the name Canadian, there will be no hope of stopping this malady which is causing continuous turmoil in this great country of ours.

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Getting The Political Call

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record)

The former Shirley Temple, famous child movie star who is now Mrs. Charles Black of San Francisco, is considering a political career as a Republican candidate for the United States Congress.

She is following a trail successfully blazed by former song-and-dance star George Murphy, now a senator, and, of course, Ronald Reagan, governor of the most populous state in the United States and a possible presidential candidate.

As it has never been established that the appeal of such former film stars has anything to do with government in its important aspects, it is natural to believe the individuals concerned and parties who use them are interested only in capitalizing on popularity.

Ability and service, in this view, are well down the list of qualifications. Of course Canada is by no means immune to the same temptation, and Parliament on occasion has listed among its members MPs more at home in a hockey game than in the House of Commons.

MARKHAM VILLAGE: The village lost a well-known and highly respected citizen recently in the sudden passing of Mrs. Percy Wideman. Born in Markham Township, she was a lifelong resident of the area.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

NOT MANY IDA STORES LEFT

The drug store business has changed remarkably in the last 10 years," said Hal Harley, proprietor of the Thornhill IDA. "The independent drug store is gradually giving way to the chain drug store."

This trend, according to Mr. Harley, helps to destroy initiative and independence of the individual. On the other hand, the hours and pay are much better. It stands to reason that the young graduate pharmacist would prefer the security of the chain store to the many headaches of an independent drug store owner.

Hal Harley served his apprenticeship as a graduate pharmacist at a Galt drug store. His career was interrupted by World War II. He became a captain in the Highland Light Infantry and was on active duty with the 9th Brigade, Third Division of the Canadian Army Overseas.

In 1947, he opened his first drug store in a part of the old Thornhill hotel. In 1950, the hotel burned to the ground, and Mr. Harley moved his drug store to temporary quarters in his own home.

A new block of buildings was erected on the ashes of the historic hotel the same year. When it was completed, Mr. Harley leased a store in the Anstey Building.

Business expanded and new lines kept demanding space. For instance men's cosmetics came into fashion. In 1955, Mr. Harley acquired the adjacent store and joined it to his own and proceeded to give his premises a modern professional look.

NEW TRENDS IN THE DRUG BUSINESS

There has been a considerable increase in the number of prescriptions the last few years due to the expanding population.

More professional pharmacies are in evidence (Continued on Page 12)

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