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Letters to the Editors

URGES DAY CARE CENTRES

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am prompted to comment on the advice of your poetic and practical editorial on day care services ("The Liberal", September 14, 1967). When you wrote "Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long," you might have added "Start day care centres, where some children do belong."

The same day this editorial appeared, the Globe and Mail reported an interview with Barbara Chisholm, executive director of the Victoria Day Nursery in Metro Toronto. She had just taken part in a study tour of ten Scandinavian and European countries. Miss Chisholm said that no country she visited felt it had enough day care services. She said that "the post-war upsurge in industrial development and subsequent rush of families from rural areas to the city has created the present dilemma. Families discovered the wife had to work to meet the higher cost of city living and the traditional family baby sitters, grandparents, were back on the farm."

Does this not describe the Canadian situation as well? Richmond Hill and district has, in addition, the "rush of families" from urban as well as rural areas, with the same lack of built-in baby sitters.
I would like to suggest that the municipality, while acting on the permissive legislation of the provincial government with respect to day nurseries, at the same time expand homemaker services which are expected to be coming under the same 80/20% sharing formula shortly.
There is now a climate of favorable opinion for social utilities such as day care centres, homemaker and nursing services. Our elected representatives should no longer be afraid to act on behalf of our citizens whether junior, senior or simply struggling young families wanting homes.

The suggestion in the editorial of tying in a day care centre with the need of the hospital for staff or the needs of the young people for training, sounds excellent.
Yours sincerely,
MRS. C. PERCIVAL,
128 Elsin Street,
Thornhill

SAVE POLISH PARK FOR THE PEOPLE

Dear Mr. Editor:
Let it be said without qualification that Richmond Hill Town Council deserves the greatest commendation for its purchase of the Polish Park, at such a good price.

But this must not blind us to its short-sightedness in disposing of the only flat grassed part of it for building lots. It is likely too late now, but posterity (which will without doubt wonder what we were at) should be advised that some of us saw that this land which sold irrevocably without any thought for their needs, could have been used to provide a very charming approach to the tree area, such as is found in some Toronto parks; or it could have been used to provide parking for those visiting the woods; or an area with public tables, which are used quite often around the southern end of the Mill Pond; and it seems to have escaped the council that there is no place in this end of town for boys to play football but on the streets.

Any one or a combination of these uses will strike our successors in this town as very obvious applications for a piece of flat grassy land, which was actually in the town's possession, and which is rarely to be found in our subdivisions in the proportion which good planning recommends, and which — once sold — cannot possibly be regained. Our successors may wonder whether the welfare of their children might not perhaps have been worth the mill or two saved. Let them know that some of us today feel the same, and spoke what we could, but were ignored.

Is it possible, even at this late date, since negotiations have stalled somewhat that the sale might be postponed until after the December elections?
Yours faithfully,
N. ROY CLIFTON,
105 Wood Lane,
Richmond Hill.

WANTS MORE BINGO

Dear Mr. Editor:
I recently attended the monster bingo held September 15 and found out that everyone in Richmond Hill likes to play this game.

I would suggest that another one be held to raise money so that every child in town can play hockey in our new arena. The doubled fee this year means that many youngsters, particularly where there are more than one in a family of modest means, cannot participate.

I know there were not just one or two people responsible for the success of this affair, but that hundreds were involved.
Surely providing healthful recreation for our young people and teaching them to be good sports is a worthwhile cause.

How about it?
MRS. HARRY COX,
Apartment 302,
163 Colborne St.,
Richmond Hill.

AURORA: The old Yonge Street Meeting House of the Quakers still continues in use. From May until the end of October each "first day" morning at 11 am the little group of Friends gather in silence, seeking God's guidance. One or more worshippers may break the silence to share a message of hope, helplessness, thankfulness or a deeply felt concern.

LASKAY: Unlike the western community which climaxed its Centennial sewage system project by burning its outhouses, the WI has recently added one to its century-old community centre as part of its Centennial project. There has been an outside "facility" for women but none for men up to now. The WI has spent \$1,200 in renovation of the building.

Candidates And The Issues

Voters in the new provincial riding of York Centre will be going to the polls on October 17 to elect a man to represent this area in the next session of the Ontario Legislature. The new riding which was created by redistribution serves the Southern York County municipalities of Markham and Vaughan Townships, the Towns of Richmond Hill and the Villages of Woodbridge and Markham. It has an estimated population of 58,607.

Lying as it does on the border of Metro, it is subject to a great many pressures and problems all associated with this huge urban complex to the south. The next four or five years, which is the usual term of office of a government, will be extremely important in the life and development of this fringe area. All of the fringe municipalities bordering on Metro are facing trying and challenging times as they attempt to meet the demands of an expanding school population, provide such essential services as water, sewers and roads to say nothing of recreation, social welfare, and the administration of justice. It is obvious we need a strong voice at Queen's Park.

The three major political parties have all nominated candidates. The Liberals have named Donald Deacon, a 47-year-old resident of Unionville

as their standard bearer. A businessman, Mr. Deacon is a former member of Markham Township Council. The Conservative nominee is Lorne Wells, a 48-year-old resident of Maple. He is a former trustee on the Vaughan Township Public School Board. In private life he is a chartered accountant. James Norton, a 32-year-old union organizer with the United Steelworkers of America is the New Democratic choice. Mr. Norton is a resident of Unionville. This election marks the second attempt by Mr. Norton to win a seat at the senior level of government. He suffered defeat in the 1965 federal election. All three candidates are family men.

At this crucial time in the history of our county every citizen should make it his business to become thoroughly familiar with the issues and meet the candidates before election day on October 17. These three young men are out meeting the voters every day and welcome an opportunity to discuss the issues with you. If you want to know where your candidate will be today phone his committee rooms.

As responsible citizens in a democracy, it is our duty to acquaint ourselves with each candidate and his platform in order that we may assure this riding the best possible representation at Queen's Park in the years immediately ahead.

They Deserve Better Than This

Two secondary roads in this immediate vicinity have been slated for extensive improvement for some time now, although little work in that direction has been carried out. The only evidence that better things are to come sometime is the removal of beautiful mature trees from the roadside.

Elgin Mills Sideroad, west from Yonge Street, and Bayview Avenue, north from Elgin Mills Sideroad, designed for horse and buggy traffic, are carrying heavy loads of motor vehicles every day and continuing to disintegrate to the point where the only suitable adjective to describe their condition is "shocking".

In wet weather the roads are a sea of mud, in dry weather they are a series of massive potholes, resembling the aftermath of a World War II bombing raid, which toss the vehicles from side to side, sometimes end to end and often into the ditches — and all this at a moderate rate of speed. When the dreadful conditions are drawn to the attention of road authorities, potholes are patched, but the patching material disappears at the next rainstorm, if it has not already been thrown out by the wheels of passing vehicles.

It is understandable when major expenditures are planned for the near future in extensive roadbuilding operations that authorities would hesitate to spend large sums in re-

pairing these roads. But we feel that sufficient money should be spent to keep them in a reasonable state of repair and not the bare minimum that the public will tolerate. This is false economy and serves only to upset the taxpayer, who sees his tax dollar being spent to provide good roads in other areas when he must drive over an obstacle course to reach his home.

One of these ratepayers on Bayview described the conditions as so bad at times that no emergency vehicle would be able to reach their property. In fact last spring when she called a taxi to take her to the hospital she had to walk a quarter of a mile to the corner through mud that was up almost to her knees in places.

Surely these ratepayers can expect to drive to and from their property without risking their lives and their vehicles, to have their friends visit them in comfort, to enjoy the privilege of delivery service and to be certain that emergency vehicles can reach them when needed, until their roads are brought up to meet the standards demanded by the amount of traffic they carry.

Transition periods always bring difficulties, but these can be minimized by good planning and good maintenance work to remove most of the unpleasantness — and this without wasting money.

Start Concert Band In Markham Village

Last year an attempt was made to start a concert band in Markham Village, with considerable progress. Dwindling attendance during the early summer, however, forced the group to break up temporarily.

Starting again for the new season, the band hopes to recruit 25 to 35 regular members. They will welcome any instrumental players male or female, young or old, whether they have been playing for two years or for 20.

Practice and general meetings will be held Thursday nights at the Veterans' Hall, 7 Washington Street, Markham, at 8 pm sharp.

For further information please contact J. Van Poelcke at 294-1559 or D. Brumby at 294-3724.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The World Of High School

Why does anyone want to spend time going to high school? I've had students tell me they want an education to be qualified for a better job. I always say to them, what else do you expect of being qualified to make a living? So far, I haven't received a satisfactory answer. It could be that I'm asking the wrong students for answers. Why don't they know?

It is my opinion that they are caught up in the rush of day to day living that they fail to give serious thought to what may be the most important questions of their life.

So alright — you high schoolers are among the busiest people in the world. As you go from class to class and join in school activities, do you know why you're doing it and what you have a right to expect at school?

I'll tell you what I would expect if I were a student just starting secondary school. If you think I'm all wet, you can reply in this column.

IF I WERE A STUDENT

I would hope that the teachers would begin right away to teach me to think in an intelligent manner, and by intelligently I mean logically and systematically. This would help me to avoid being betrayed by propaganda that relies for its effect on faculty reasoning or on blatant emotions.

Of course, life does not only consist in arriving at rational solutions to problems. In order to have a full life, I'll need something else.

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That PC Convention — A Retrospective Look

The following background story on the September leadership convention of the Federal Tory Party that elected Nova Scotia Premier Robert Stanfield Party leader was written by Arthur Smoke, a prominent local member of the party. He was a keen observer during the four day convention held in Toronto. 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 North York Federal Tory Organization—Editor)

If the election to be held in Ontario next month were to be federal and nationwide, the Conservatives would form the next government in Ottawa. This is the feeling of some of the so-called observers who follow the trends and topics of a political nature. And not so much because of who the Tories picked at the recently concluded convention but more as a result of the saturation coverage the parties' top personalities received from all major news media.

All major candidates projected positive images and even the lightly regarded John MacLean of Brockville proved that he who can

speak confidently and effectively in public merits attention — if not in the present, the future for sure. Mr. MacLean has reportedly had offers to run in six different constituencies in the next federal election.

Progressive Conservatives as a whole must have convinced the skeptics that they are a force to be reckoned with if the many and varied leadership candidates are representative of the party as a whole, and indicative of the quality of nominees in the 265 ridings across the country. Of course they won't field that many top-flight candidates for office as the troops are never quite up to the calibre of the

generals. If we were to believe the headlines in the dailies and the pipe-smoking professional correspondents and analysts on TV and radio, we could be excused for thinking there was only one province (or state?) in the country. At times you would hardly have known there was a contest between personalities taking place. The other nine provinces should have demanded equal time!

To get a true assessment of the money and really non-existent issue of "deunions" you had to talk to French-Canadians in the privacy of a room where no one was trying to woo or particularly impress anyone else. Fear not they would say — and with justification. And to think that Donald Gordon started it all four years ago when he made the innocent remark that there was not one French-Canadian suitably qualified to become a vice-president of the CNR. Gordon, like C. D. Howe before him was an innocent ball-on-pricker and not too responsive to political niceties. If Donald did nothing more he brought a number of self-conscious Habitants out of their shell — made them realize that if they wanted something they had to earn it themselves, and as individuals. And as a result of

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NEW SENIOR CITIZENS' BUILDING GRADUALLY TAKES SHAPE

In Richmond Hill

Senior Citizens' Home To Be Finished By November

By FRED SIMPSON

Four years of seemingly inch-by-inch progress is slated to end November 1 when Richmond Hill's senior citizens' building will open for occupancy.

The 56-unit structure — located on the Dufferin Street East extension at Church Street — has been under the hammer since late 1966.

Ontario Housing Corporation is developing the project in co-operation with the federal government at no cost to Richmond Hill as regards the actual building except that taxes in excess of \$25 per suite will be rebated.

Cost to the town will be confined to the extension of water and sewer services to the property line of the site and the provisions of hydro services.

Tenders for the sanitary sewer services were received from four Toronto area firms with council selecting Alcan-Colony at a figure of \$15,736.80.

Other bids included Renzetti, Construction at \$19,695; T & D Contracting Co., at \$17,232; and John Bailey at \$15,185.

Also in the wrap-up stages is the acquisition of land for the extension and establishment of the road allowance on the Dufferin Street East extension to Pugsley Avenue.

The 66-foot roadway is a necessary first step to the installation of the basic services. A 66-foot road is also required by the province for subsidy purposes.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, chairman of the works committee, said that cost to the town of securing the right of way "has been practically nil."

He also said the municipality is hoping to install a storm sewer outlet to Pugsley along the Dufferin extension in conjunction with the senior citizen project.

The storm sewer is tied in with the redevelopment of Yonge Street but would be more expensive to install at a later date.

"It would likely be a 48-inch storm sewer and we'll receive grants from the province up to a 27-inch size pipe."

Initial impetus for the now-in-progress building was started in 1963 by The Richmond Hill Senior Citizens who appointed a committee to

study the possibilities.

In late 1964 new legislation provided that the federal government would assume 90 percent of the costs and the province the remaining 10 percent.

Taking up the working-torch from there on was Councillor William Lazenby and his industrial committee which commenced prolonged and often frustrating negotiations with the OHC in March of 1965.

A major portion of the delay was due to the staff changeover at the OHC with the original man handling the project resigning from the department. The proposal then lay dormant until a new appointee finally took over.

But the break through finally came in December of last year when an exuberant Mr. Lazenby announced tenders would be opened within a few weeks.

This was approximately 14 months after an OHC official had stated tenders would "likely be ready to be called in a month and a half."

Council has already passed a bylaw zoning the site to allow apartment dwellings as well as the planned minimum 25 percent parking.

An OHC spokesman informed "The Liberal" that persons eligible must live within the boundaries of Richmond Hill.

Applications will be accepted from persons over the age of 50. When an application is received OHC pays a visit to the party concerned to study living conditions where they may be over-crowded or inadequate in some other manner.

Room rentals are based on an individual's gross income. Property owners are not eligible. The spokesman said that persons applying for space are usually in the 65-or-older bracket but "we do have cases where a person has run into difficulties in his early fifties. Again, it's based on a needs factor."

Anyone interested in applying for accommodations can do so by contacting the tenant placement department of the OHC in Toronto.

The three-storey apartment building will be composed of bachelor and one bedroom units, all fire proof.

Contractor is Minuk Construction and Engineers Ltd., Toronto.

George Mayes On —

The Flip Side

With talk of Christmas in the air look for a come-back this year of that old hit "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" ... by Frank Sinatra.

And Ontario Hydro is promising the possibility of an old-fashioned Christmas this year as a result of summer-long construction strikes. That is, old-fashioned — like candles!

Ah, those smart politicians! Did you notice the way the party leaders all rushed off to Northern Ontario to complete their northern campaigning before the cold weather sets in?

Last week marked the 50th anniversary of our income tax — introduced in 1917 as a TEMPORARY wartime measure. This could be another example of Parkinson's Law — with the world's wars expanding to keep ahead of the taxes.

The presence of Company of Young Canadians representatives in Yorkville can be explained by: (a) CYC workers (?) were recently recalled from Indian reservations because "they couldn't find any young Indians — they had all gone to the city."

(b) According to Toronto Controller Allan Lamport, Yorkville is an old Indian word meaning Hippie-hunting grounds.

The United Nations reconvened last week with (Continued on Page 14)

PRENATAL CLASSES for EXPECTANT MOTHERS

A course of weekly classes beginning in Richmond Hill, 3 October 1967, and Newmarket, 5 October 1967, at 7:30 p.m., in hygiene of pregnancy, how baby grows, food for the family, feeding the baby, the hospital stay, and other subjects of importance to the expectant mother. Fathers are invited to attend the first and eighth classes.

Registrations now being accepted at YORK COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
Richmond Hill, 129 Church Street South 884-1133
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