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### An Insufferable Delay

In the absence (up to the time of this writing) of any details of the proposed new county school systems, both school boards and municipal officials are left in a most unsatisfactory state of confusion, completely up in the air in fact.

Following Premier John Robarts' unveiling of the new legislation last November 14, a white paper was promised for January 10. This however, did not appear. Following the reading of a speech for Education Minister William Davis at Niagara Falls January 16 by Assistant Superintendent of Education G. H. Waldrum, the document was to be available last week. The week came and

went however, with no further news. Details of the plan are of particular interest in this area where several school boards have sent in briefs requesting two boards of education for York County, one for the Southern Six and one for the balance of the county.

Similar briefs and resolutions have been forwarded to Education Minister Davis from various parts of the province. A resolution passed by Perth County and endorsed by Elgin and Huron Counties has suggested that school administrative areas should be no larger than present high school districts except under special circumstances.

This suggestion has considerable merit in that the board would be comprised of municipalities which are already accustomed to and have the machinery for, co-operating with each other for educational purposes.

It would also tie in neatly with the suggestion here for a Southern Six board of education as York Central District High School Board already serves the area with the exception of the Villages of Stouffville and Markham whose boards each operate a single high school.

Such a solution too would no doubt find much readier political acceptance - the chairman of the Waterloo-Oxford High School Board recently referred to the county board of education legislation as similar to some of Hitler's. Perth, Oxford and Waterloo Counties have said that the change to county school boards should take place gradually over a period of five to 10 years.

A Southern Six Board of Education would not meet such opposition however, as the idea of the complete political amalgamation of these municipalities, Vaughan and Markham Township, the Town of Richmond

trol Officer James Ryan gave and pick them up.

him has been: "You catch it, risk, we are not.

ed to be far from tame, I was Dear Mr. Editor:

chain it up and I will drop

A few years ago I phoned

Mr. Ryan about a police dog

getting into our garage. This

dog was uncollared and appear-

afraid of what it might do to

might attack the children, to kind

see friends on Concession 7 umns

Vaughan. The wife told her

dogs were back again. When we

It is this type of animal that

carries rabies to house pets,

stock and people. Why should

field behind the house.

too close to the house.

around to pick it up."

Hill and the Villages of Woodbridge, Markham and Stouffville has been explored for over a year, has been recommended by York County Planning Consultant Conroy Dowson and is being actively pursued by at least three of the six.

As it was pointed out to Mr. Davis in the brief sent by Vaughan Township School Board, the residents of this area desire to retain their political, social and economic integrity rather than have their southern boundaries gradually swallowed up by land-hungry Metro.

The Vaughan brief also astutely pointed out that if this latter event did take place, that is the absorption of part of the Southern Six into Metro, York County would lose valuable assessment which would have a detrimental effect on the education of all children in the county.

We feel, however, that the most important consideration is the inevitable growth which will take place in the southern portion of the county over the next 10 or 20 years. The 1966 population of the Southern Six was 68,000, that of the rest of the county 62,000. However, Vaughan Township officials estimated recently that that section of the township east of Highway 400 would have a population of 261,000 in 20 years while Markham Township predicted a population of 100,000.

Thus, while a Southern Six Board of Education would at the outset have just a little over 20,000 elementary and secondary school students in its care, within a decade it could conceivably have too many students for one board to cope with.

The prolonged delay in revealing details of the legislation and whether or not more than one board per county will be permitted is intolerable. It must be particularly distressing to employees of present boards, superintendents, business administrators and the like who wonder whether they will have jobs next year. Many will no doubt put an end to the uncertainty by seeking employment with larger metropolitan boards which will not be affected by the new legislation.

Teachers will no doubt seek similar positions. What teacher living in the southern part of York County would like to be sent 40 miles away to teach in Sutton, say? Rather than chance this, many will no doubt seek employment in Metro, and who could blame them?

So let us have the answers Mr. Robarts — and quickly.

catch these dogs, and chain on the branches before much

MAPLE RESIDENT CRITI- elderly people have to risk Department of Lands and For-

CIZES CANINE CONTROL being bitten in attempting to ests. A lot of ice can build up

I read in last week's issue of them up, so that the man who damage is done. Often it is a

"The Liberal" that Canine Con- is paid to do this job can come wind following the glaze storm

out 82 summonses to dog own- Mr. Ryan has the equipment limbs. Branches and trees will

ers whose pets are on the loose and the experience to handle usually recover from a fairly

at night. It really surprised me these stray animals and to pro- severe bending although some,

active as my experience with them. He is paid to take the susceptible to permanent bend-

25 Keele Street South.

THANK YOU

shoot it - which I did. Again The phone rang all day Sun- jured more seriously than hard-

I phoned Mr. Ryan to tell him day and Monday with calls from wood trees. If their single ter-

the raccoon was dead and ask members of the Richmond Hill minal shoot is broken it means

him what I should do. He told Senior Citizens' Club, of which a permanent crook in the stem

me to put the body in a pail she is a member, and other and perhaps a fork with two or

and within the next few days he friends and neighbors, offering more stems. You have probably

would pick it up. However, he a home, clothing, furniture, etc. seen this in Christmas Trees

Richmond Hill has unfortun-

husband she had noticed the dogs were back again. When we

their neighbors and have no collars or tags. The husband all these people, which helped lessen the weight on the

has to scare them away with a considerably to soften the blow branches. Usually it is best to

Yours sincerely,

7 Welton Street,

Maple.

ILSE M. THOMPSON.

twice a day as he is afraid of To Richmond Hill I say: naturally.

what they might do if they get THANK YOU INDEED

I have been moved to write a The storms which Southern

WILLIAM GARTHWAITE,

Yours sincerely,

Maple.

Trees are tough, reports the

that causes trouble and breaks

Glaze storms are normal to

Ontario, occurring most years

in varying degree, and the nat-

except the most severe will do

little in an untouched forest ex-

Conifers are frequently in-

winter have been severe and

caused considerable damage.

NEED GOOD WORKERS?

GET 'EM FAST

BY USING

LIBERAL CLASSIFIEDS

past it!



(Ontario Hydro Photo)

This attractive four storey apartment building contains 56 suites that are all-electrically heated. The building provides rental housing for senior citizens on Dufferin Street, in Richmond Hill. The accommodation was so popular that the Ontario Housing Corporation was swamped with applications.

### Senior Citizens Housing Serves Real Need

A modern, attractive, all-esting features in this apart-tion, two inches in the walls building is electrically heated County of York should at this of Markham disclosed their eselectric apartment building has ment development for senior and three and a half inches in in a huge 1,500 gallon tank by stage be divided into two area timates of these figures. At the been built as rental housing citizens. The HOME project at the roof. There are double win- three immersion-type heaters of boards. Some of the reasons meeting, John Bower, deputy accommodation for senior citi- Richmond Hill contains ap- dows in each apartment. 20 kilowatts each. zens on Dufferin Street in proximately 8,800 sq ft. on each Each of the 56 suites in the

of the four floors of the apart- apartment building has unob- Ideal For Senior Citizens The four storey apartment ment building. Therefore, the trusive base-board electric heat- Chairman Sam Cook of Rich- Metro have been experiencing following which the representabuilding with its 56 suites that 56 suites are quite spacious in ing units. This provides warm mond Hill Hydro said that these an unusually sharp increase in tives of the municipalities deare heated all-electrically has their accommodation. The even heat with no drafts. There comfortable electrically heated classroom requirements. In the cided to give further consideraproved very popular. It was restructure has no basement and are thermostats in each room suites in a modern, all-electric last year there was a 42 percent tion to their estimates and forported that the Ontario Housing is built on concrete slabs. of every suite for efficient con- apartment building provide increase in primary school class- ward them to the OWRC before

Corporation has been swamped Thoroughly Insulated trol of the heat. with applications, and the en- The apartment is built of The total heating load for the commodation for senior citizens, tire accommodation has been solid masonry construction with entire apartment building "This would seem to be a new filled by eager senior citizen a attractive brick facing. The amounts to 242 kilowatts. The trend and is a most pleasant building is thoroughly insulated lighting load totals 33 kilowatts, and appropriate way to house

There are a number of inter-throughout with rigid insula- The hot water supply for the senior citizens," Mr. Cook said.

### No lime

Scratching, scraping on the roof, The hands of our willow tree With icy fingers beckon now, "Come out and look at me."

A silver coat, by nature sent, To brighten winter's land. No greater landscape have I seen By any artist's hand.

The far flung drifts of purest snow Hold beauty unsurpassed — But we poor humans strain and fret And clear the drive at last!!

We've little time, or so we say, Tho' there's so much to see, Such glory here before our eyes In nature's artistry.

> Joan MacDonald, 170 Duncan Road, Richvale.

George Mayes On -

# The Flip Side

It WOULD be nice to get away from our Canadian winter for a while . . . But Korea??

Guess we needn't worry too much about the Asian situation, though. With the rest of the world on the verge of losing its head, our Parliament still seems chiefly concerned with whether or not the Hon. Paul Martin dyes the hair on his. Trees Can Stand Lot

Letters to the Editors Ice And Snow Damage See where that Royal Commission on the Status of Women spent \$218,946.16 in its first 15 days. Well, they seem to have found the \$tatus \$ymbol all right. . . . And that sixteen cents? Well, there was that lunch at the Chateau when the gals left a tip for the waiter. . . .

Latest bit of bilingual idiocy is a Quebec member's bill in Parliament for a law to have government graded meat stamped in both English and French. . . . So O.K.! Let's make a deal: They can have their meat stamped in French if they'll put it that Mr. Ryan has been so tect us and our children from notably white birch, are quite on the menu in English!

> And speaking of idiocy: How about the United Auto Workers at Chrysler's Windsor plant who, having been given wage parity with U.S. workers, ural forests and native trees went on strike just because the company asked them have developed in this climate for a bit of work parity? Or, without a thought like and have survived. All icing an idi-ought!

Word comes from Grenoble, France, that Can-My mother-in-law was one of cept give the trees a heavy my three small sons. He gave the four families who lost pruning by removing dead or adian girls at the 1968 Winter Olympics are being me the same old pitch, "Catch it, everything they possessed in weakened branches. In a heavchain it up and I will be around the fire which burned down the ily thinned stand or where given saliva tests to prove they are females. Ha Some saliva tests! Those French Playboys are con-Charlton Hardware building trees are out in the open and Six months later I discovered January 21. Although she has receive most of the force of ning the kids with a new name for their French a raccoon which appeared to be only lived in the Hill for less the wind, the damage can be ill. Again I phoned Mr. Ryan than three years, within hours quite severe and even large

and again I received the same the Richmond Hill branch of branches can be ripped off. Or-Danes and Americans joined last week in answer. This time I phoned the the Red Cross and the welfare namental and exotic trees can searching Greenland for four H-bombs missing from police who gave me permission, committee came through with suffer even more, and damage if the animal was sick and offers of assistance of every to orchards can be long lasting. a crashed U.S. plane, with other nations offering their help. . . . Sort of an international 4-H club.

> Last week's editorial page carried Letters to the Editor suggesting that main opposition to a name change for South Taylor Mills Drive was objections to the alternate, Tower Road . . . AND a possible solution in an item about a new locally-written thesaurus with the apt title: In Other Words.

never did show up and I had to bury the dead raccoon in the munity was so tremendous that been the cause. The other day I went over to thank you through these col- Ontario has experienced this And we see where local poet laureate R. D. Little was writing to the Toronto editors complaining that women smoking in offices waste too much time lighting their cigarettes . . . asked what dogs, we were told that five or six dogs roam around their place and those of their neighbors and have no

Tsk, tsk! No gentleman is R. D. A gent should never lag In lighting a lady's fag. Where, oh where is his chiv-al-ree?

Also on the local scene: we see where objections few shots in the air once or sustained by the actual disaster. leave the trees alone to recover are being raised that a new shopping plaza on Crosby Avenue would increase traffic tie-ups at the stop light for the liquor store . . . and make it almost impossible for we weak-willed types to get

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# Rambling Around

What Do You Mean When You Say . . ?

It seems I'm forever running to the dictionary these days. More and more, medical and psychological terms are creeping into what I thought was every day language. And I'm not only running to the dictionary, I'm running to the experts to find out what he means when he says . . .

This is the age of the specialist. All members of a modern medical team are specialists. Each has a special diagnostic idiom, and though each is part of a team, there is difficulty in reaching complete understanding. How confusing for them and how confusing for readers. Take that expression, perceptually handicapped as an example.

THE PERCEPTUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILD

Since Mrs. Chris McMonagle is the president of the Canadian Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, and Mrs. W. A. Haworth is president of the association's Richmond Hill chapter, I contacted them to get some light on the subject. are provided for travel and ond thoughts about how the They can do this because they keep in touch with the experts in this particular field, that of perceptually handicapped children.

We talked about the newly formed York Educa- the department after gradua- governments where fairly large tional Clinic held in the Richmond Hill United tion. Church.

"A perceptually handicapped child is one who is suffering from a minimal brain dysfunction," said Mrs. Haworth.

According to the manual on brain dysfunction issued by the Ontario association, minimal brain dysfunctions are deviations in the nervous system functions which may lead to a wide variety of disabilities. These range in severity from the most subtle alteration of complex thought processes to the grossest mental and motor handicap. Their nature depends on the individual's basic inheritance, the impact on his nervous system of any harmful or post-natal factors, and the age at which such factors may have been operative. The effect of such deviations is markedly influenced by the interaction of the child with his physical and social environment and by his training and education.

Mrs. Haworth said it was only recently that the perceptually handicapped child was considered to have a separate affliction with a peculiar cluster of symptoms of his own. No-one until recently had probed deeply enough into children with emotional and perceptual handicaps to realize that these children were greater problems to themselves than to teachers and parents.

In the past, the ideal child, from the teacher's standpoint was one who gave the least trouble and never had to be spoken to for misconduct or awkwardness of any kind.

Now that we realize that there is no such thing as an ideal child, the thinking that considered the acting-out child as a disciplinary problem must

give way to change. "In short," said Mrs. Haworth, "These children can be harmed physically or psychologically in a way that would never be allowed to happen to a blind or crippled child."

So a child suffering from a minimal brain dysfunction, and this simply means that the brain in not functioning in the normal manner, can be

helped with proper educational methods. Chris McMonagle said you could compare the

inability to cope with symbol systems with the inability to carry a tune.

"The difference is," she said, "a person who can't carry a tune can still read, write and communicate and get by but the child who cannot read or speak correctly suffers a grave handicap."

Mrs. Haworth and Mrs. Monagle say that this type of child through no fault of his own, has often been called lazy or rated as an underachiever by his teacher. The child's troubles usually begin with the first day of school.

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# Deacon Reports

COUNTY EDUCATION

Premier Robarts' announce- The Ontario Water Resources ment in November of the pro- Commission held a meeting posal to institute County Boards with representatives of the of Education came as a sur- Southern Six a few weeks ago prize to most people including and disclosed preliminary plans many in the Department of for the provision of water and Education who first learned of sewage facilities in the riding it in the following morning's as requested by the Southern paper. As a result, consider- Six some 18 months ago. When able confusion has arisen and asked about the per capita cost in December all the trustees in of installing the facilities out-York County held a meeting to lined, the commission said it could not give figures until it

discuss the situation. Maynard Hallman, the area had a reliable estimate of the superintendent for the Depart-population in 20 years' time. ment of Education reported to After some considerable discusthe gathering that the govern-sion, each municipality agreed ment expected to publish some to determine the population for guide-lines early in January which services would be prowhich would assist trustees in vided. planning the change which is A meeting was held late in proposed to be effective at the December in Richmond Hill, at

which Vaughan and Markham beginning of 1969. In the meantime, many trus- Townships and the Town of tees are of the opinion that the Richmond Hill and the Village given for this include the fact planning commissioner of Metthat the Southern Six munici- ro, gave information on Metro's palities with their proximity to estimates of the development

the end of January. Armed In addition, the Southern Six with these figures the commishave already been co-operating sion believes it can quickly prothrough a voluntary organiza- vide cost figures which the tion known as the York South municipalities need before com-Regional Education Committee, mitting themselves to the pro-Most trustees from the northern ject. half of the county seem to share AREA MUNICIPAL this opinion that two boards REORGANIZATION

should be permitted for at least | The Town of Richmond Hill being nearly fully developed When township-wide boards within its own boundaries, bewere organized a few years ago, lieves that the present munici-Markham Township was allow- pal organization within the rided to have two boards instead ing is not adequate to cope with of the regulation one board, and the demands of a rapidly exit has worked out very well. At panding area adjacent to the time of Mr. Robarts' an- Metro. The council recently nouncement, these two boards passed a resolution suggesting were in the process of coming the other municipalities of a together voluntarily. Efforts like mind join it in petitioning are therefore being made to the Minister of Municipal Afpersuade the Department of fairs to assist in developing Education to establish the two plans for a reorganization of boards instead of one, at least the overall area. If we wish to have some voice in the form of by Elizabeth Kelson in the initial period.

> our municipal government, such a step is now imperative. Many (Continued on Page 14) Student Researchers

> > (Wingham Advance Times)

political ball will bounce when

Thomas Wells, Minister With-

# Forestry Experience

The federal civil service ha launched a campaign to recruit 60 university students in the biological sciences to assist in out Portfolio in the Ontario summer research programs for Cabinet, made the statement the Department of Forestry and last week that party politics Rural Development at Sault should be fully operable in Ste. Marie and Maple. municipal councils. There's a

This program is part of a man we cannot agree with. national scheme to involve 400 We elect men and women to university students working in our local councils for the exforestry establishments on pro- press purpose of discussing and jects such as forest and insect deciding upon those issues pathology, forest ecology, silvi- which affect us intimately and culture and fire research. De- personally. We want our reppending on qualifications, sal-resentatives to sit down and aries will range from \$300 to employ their thinking capacities \$640 per month and allowances without the distraction of secfield assignments.

Students will gain valuable they express their opinions. experience and perhaps find Party politics is a necessary continuing employment with tool of provincial and federal

Additional information can be of necessity align themselves obtained in university place- pro and con on major issues. ment offices, the Forest Re-Without this system our upper search Laboratory, Box 490, levels of government might be-Sault Ste. Marie, from the Pub-come so chaotic that no prolic Service Commission, Box 8, gress would ever be made. Such The Toronto-Dominion Centre, is far from the case, however, in local government.

MODERN HEATED . . .

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to everyone