

Further Discussion

Markham Undecided On Planner Or Consultant

Markham Township Council will meet this week with the township planning board to discuss the question of hiring a full-time planning director.

Since former Planning Director Ian Keith vacated the post last September, planning consultants have been employed by the board as required.

Both Reeve Stewart Rumble and Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby were in favor of continuing the use of engineering and planning consultants rather than hiring a full-time director. Mr. Rumble noted that the township had difficulty in keeping a planning director, while Mr. Gadsby felt that with the township official plan completed and secondary plans now being dealt with "we should be able to get along with consultants".

Councillor Allan Sumner disagreed, however. "The budget is approved for a director and it is strictly up to the planning board whether consultants or a director are hired," he insisted.

Council subsequently decided to meet with the planning board to discuss the question.



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United Church Medical Missionary Honored

A veteran United Church medical missionary, Dr. Robert McClure told something of his lifetime of service to the teeming multitudes of China, the Middle East and India at a recent reception and tea held in his honor by ministers of the York Presbytery at King City United Church.

Dr. McClure is seen above, seated, surrounded by (left to right) Rev. Norman Boogers of Maple, Rev. Donald Parr, Markham, Rev. Robert McNaught, Queensville, Rev. Norman Gibson, King City, Rev. W. March, Mount Albert and Rev. Earle Stotesbury, Temperanceville.

Kaleidoscope

By CATHY WILSON

How often have you been in the position of wondering what to give a hospitalized friend to relieve the tedium of a long stay in bed? Should it be something that will brighten walls made dreary because they're so confining? Or should it be something that will somehow entrance the mind and for a while distract the feeling of being closed off from the rest of the world?

Not an easy decision because it's so difficult to know whether your choice can be successful. Even so, I wish to report that this past weekend brought me a gift that not only gave me the most blissful pleasure, but actually transported me out of my hospital environment for hours!

The gift? What else but the Liberal Leadership Convention! And the pleasure? The fourth ballot that gave Pierre Elliott Trudeau the leadership of the Liberal Party. In the remarks that follow, I'll try to explain some of the ways in which I find Mr. Trudeau an impressive man, and why I think his political future promises so much.

On a number of past occasions and again during the convention, I have been impressed by Mr. Trudeau's low-keyed, unruffled manner. In the McLuhan sense of the word, I think Mr. Trudeau is 'cool'. He's not at all the typical stump-type politician who tries to emotionally stampede people into supporting him. Thoughtful and self-possessed, he appeared to me to solicit our reason rather than our emotions. Not that he is without emotional appeal.

I found him an attractive man, and I much enjoyed the play of his quiet, sparkling wit. His charm, tact, warmth and seemingly bashful smile made him very appealing in a very human way.

Another aspect of Mr. Trudeau's character that really struck me was his never speaking directly or indirectly in terms disparaging to his opponents or to other parties.

Yet, amiable as he appears to be, he is obviously his own man. Unlike other candidates, he made no deals. It seemed to me that he was determined to pursue his course on his own terms so that, should he win, he would have no blatant political obligations to pay off. He was obviously going to be master of his own destiny.

He makes this point in his book, "Federalism and the French Canadians", where he says: "I have never been able to accept any discipline except that which I have imposed on myself... for, in the art of living, as in that of loving or of governing — it is all the same — I found it unacceptable that others should claim to know better than I what was good for me."

Obviously, Mr. Trudeau is a self-disciplined man. This does not mean, however, that he will reject all help in solving the problems that lie ahead of him. He made this quite clear in his acceptance speech when he said he would be turning to Mr. Pearson for guidance and aid, and when he thanked not only his campaign advisers and workers, but also those fellow cabinet ministers who had done so much to initiate him into the intricacies of cabinet management.

Without in any way disparaging Mr. Pearson's achievements — they were many and distinguished — I think it true to say that Joey Smallwood was right when he said Mr. Trudeau would attract many young people into politics. We find it easy to identify with this new young leader. His zest for living we understand and respond to. And we admire his reluctance to be swept along by popular currents of opinion and feeling, his resistance to pressures that threaten the detachment necessary for objective judgment. We applaud, too, his stand against regimentation against structures that, in supplying human needs, threaten to take over human lives in ways unacceptable to individual freedom.

Yes, there is promise. I think, of a new dawn in federal politics. Some commentators have suggested that with Mr. Trudeau, we will be taking a risk in departing from the old and established managerial style of governing. Well, Canada is a hundred years old, and the world today is light years different from the world of Confederation. It is my feeling that Canadian government today needs a new shaping spirit. Mr. Trudeau, I think, represents that spirit. That's why I'm delighted that he will be our new Prime Minister.

I cannot, this week finish off my column without some comment on the tragic death of Martin Luther King Jr. I have long been interested in the racial problem and have read much and thought much about it. It grieves me to think that men can hate so bitterly that they can cast out justice and charity and resort to violence, even to the point of murder.

This senseless act seems so much at variance with the spirit of love and hope that is symbolized by the Easter feast that is almost upon us. With all the personal resources I have, I pray that Mr. King's death will, in the end, prove a catalyst that will bring peace and racial justice to a land he loved well enough to die for.

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)

York County Agrees To United Health Services

With only 16 of its 28 members present, York County Council at its last session voted 11 to 5 to amalgamate its health unit with those of Ontario County and the City of Oshawa in order to qualify for high provincial grants.

However, Ontario County has still not agreed to enter the regional health district and Oshawa has agreed only on the condition that headquarters for the district is in Oshawa.

In a statement to "The Liberal", Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble, chairman of the board of York County Health Unit said that the unit had previously offered the use of its new building in Newmarket as headquarters for the regional board. "We have space in the building and it has suitable board room," he said.

Mr. Rumble felt it would be no disadvantage to York County to have headquarters of the district board in Oshawa, however. "It makes no difference where it is," he stated. The present York County health unit building would still be utilized he thought and the regional headquarters would merely house the MOH, his secretarial staff, the head nurse and chief sanitary inspector.

York County Health Unit has proposed that an evaluator be appointed to evaluate the assets of each present health unit and that no capital building program be undertaken for at least three years to give member municipalities a time to determine whether they wished to continue in the amalgamated region.

Although Oshawa had proposed that costs of the new region be shared on a population basis, York County has proposed that expenses be shared on the basis of the provincial

HEADFORD NEWS

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Church News
Headford High-C group of Headford United presented a program of Negro Spirituals Sunday evening, April 7, with Mrs. Stewart Rumble at the organ and Douglas Johnson, Gormley, at the piano. The script was written by the group leader, Mrs. E. Leek, using the theme of Brotherhood and the whole service seemed to be a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King.

The congregation, following the call to worship, sang, How Great Thou Art. The choir, comprised mainly of the young people of the church sang the Lord's Prayer using the West Indian negro chant as their opening number. Added to the numbers by choir and congregation were fine selections by Douglas Johnson, piano solo, Mervin Pickering, Victoria Square who sang three solos and Brenda Wellman, a violin solo. Douglas and Mervin contributed a trombone duet.

Each selection was preceded by narration, telling the story of travail, sorrow, joy and worship in the words of the negro.

The narrators were Rosemary Leek, Jean Clark, Brenda Wellman, Kathy Burton and Michael Calder who conducted the opening service.

The church was filled and the congregation was invited to remain for a social hour.

Neighborhood Notes
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton entertained family and friends Saturday evening at a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross who are moving to the Cochrane area where they have bought a church and plan to

make it into a home.
Don Brodie was welcomed to church Sunday morning after a long absence due to his accident. Recuperation is slow and it will be sometime yet before he can assume full farm duties.

I heard a youngster say, "Well of course I was whelmed, but not overly," and it pleased me it sounded so fresh. We tend to use the negative in words, ruthless we say but I have never used the word 'ruth' to describe compassion. I expect there are many good words lying around unused.

February and March are the tired months, just before the spring rejuvenation and when I feel that I fit the season I remember the school boy boner, "The Equator is an imaginary lion running around the middle of the earth." I have no ruth.

The picture of the poor old lion padding along on weary feet going no place but around, is so silly and descriptive of the reason for being weary that I just chuck work and curl up with a good detective story.

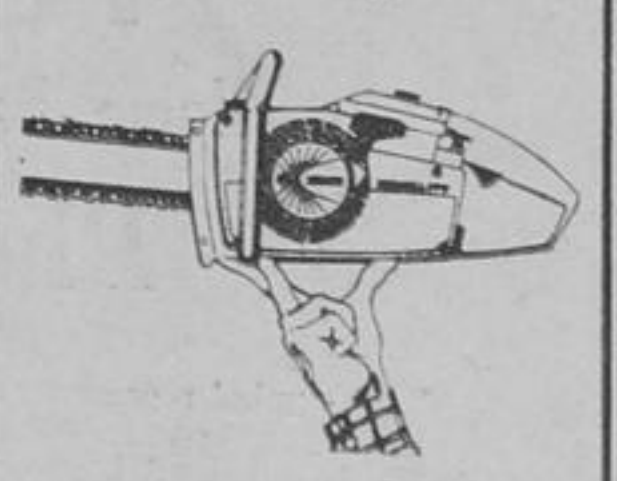
Rash Stolen Cars Motorists Warned

Richmond Hill Police have made one arrest and are continuing investigations in connection with a rash of stolen automobiles. In the last two weeks, some 12 cars have been stolen in the town.

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