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## Compounding An Error

With Donald Deacon, MLA York Centre, providing the main opposition, the Legislature last week passed new legislation granting a municipality the right to dump its garbage in a neighboring municipality.

The new bill is an extension of the earlier dumping legislation which came into effect January 1, 1967. At that time the Robarts Government granted Metro the right to dump its mountains of garbage anywhere in the 720 square mile Metro Planning Area, which includes the southern part of York County.

Ever since the introduction of this first dumping legislation Vaughan and several of the other 13 fringe communities have been locked in a tough and costly battle with Metro in an endeavour to keep their townships from being turned into one vast garbage heap.

This newspaper has long maintained that the initial dumping legislation was wrong and this latest move simply compounds the error. As is so often the case, rather than provide any constructive leadership for the municipalities, the province takes the easy way out and delegates the responsibility of settling any disputes or interpretations to the Municipal Board.

In this particular case any disputes the municipalities may encounter in the choice of a garbage site will be settled by the Municipal Board which will act as a referee.

This is the way things are done in Ontario today. Whenever a situation becomes contentious or defies a quick solution the Robarts Government washes its hands of the whole

matter and turns it over to the Municipal Board for settlement.

This latest garbage legislation means that a municipality could very well become involved in a lengthy and expensive legal battle with a neighboring municipality in order to protect its borders against a garbage invasion. The problem is particularly acute for a smaller municipality adjacent to a huge metropolitan area. The larger urban centres can adopt Metro Toronto's tactics and attempt to convert their smaller neighbors into vast dumps.

It is obvious that the fringe areas around large urban centres are going to be particularly vulnerable to such an invasion. The growth of dumps around our cities will be like a series of shock waves. Once a smaller neighbor has been exploited the city will push on to the next ring of municipalities and make application to begin dumping there.

It is difficult to realize that in today's advanced technology when the Americans are preparing to make a soft landing on the moon man is still unable to find any better way to handle the problem of waste than by digging a hole in the ground and burying it.

The only real solution to the garbage problem lies in the construction of incinerators in our large urban centres. They should be compelled to handle their own waste without dumping it in somebody else's backyard. Queen's Park should have been busy during the past two decades preparing a master plan to handle the problem of waste that was certain to result from the rapid urban growth that followed the end of World War 2.



**Metro Still Dumps Garbage In Vaughan's Back Yard**



## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

### Down Doncaster Way

It was a bright sunny afternoon as I walked along Clarke Avenue in the Doncaster area.

At one time Doncaster was a huge farmland stretching from Yonge to the Don Mills River and southward to Steele Valley Road.

It is a matter of speculation how Doncaster got its name. One resident claims that Steele Valley Road was once known by the name of Doncaster. And it is well known that the former post office was known by that name.

Markham Township likes to refer to the area as South Thornhill but just about everyone clings to the more popular name of Doncaster. Clarke Avenue became a reality in 1922.

An observant traveller knows better than to dismiss any sight along the way. That's why a flock of buttercups lining a ditch on the right side of the street drew my admiring attention. How could a ditch be ugly when it is full of buttercups?

One glance took me in St. Luke's Separate School, Thornhill United Church and Thornhill Secondary School on Dudley Avenue which is the first through street.

There were quite a few distractions. Across the way, dandelions were spending their old age in a vacant lot. Shetland Collies were advertised for sale at one residence. There were no end of caution signs. Watch for Children. Do Not Enter. Maximum Speed 30.

### MRS. LEAH PETRIE

Mrs. Leah Petrie was at her gate talking to a neighbor. This friendly little woman who lives at 47 Clarke is nearly 79 years old. Originally she came from Staffordshire, England in 1909.

She has lived at 47 Clarke for 23 years. She tells me that the trees on the back of her property are more than 100 years old. Her only daughter, Mrs. Jack Stow lives on Henderson Avenue.

Friendly inhabitants like Mrs. Petrie make these walks of mine very stimulating experiences. They ask you in, chat with you and you can't help but leave with the best of impressions.

### BUILDING, BUILDING, FOREVER BUILDING

The Doncaster Bible Chapel has had a face-lifting job. There is an attractive new front to this chapel which plays a meaningful role in the life of many citizens in the area.

Building developments along the north side of Clarke indicate a new population explosion will

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## Why Not Settle It Now?

(The London Free Press)

The Canadian postal crisis, having passed through a conciliation board examination of working conditions and employment procedures is now moving into the hands of a federal mediator on wages.

The situation is also moving inexorably toward a strike. Mediation proceedings over the next few days will try to work out a solution between the 70 to 75 cents an hour increase reportedly sought by the postal unions, the lower figure they would probably accept, and the figure that is considered appropriate by the treasury board. The answer is not likely to be reached without a walkout.

Yet ultimately, after Canadian postal services have been ritualistically paralyzed, there will be a settlement hammered out either through negotiation or government-ordered arbitration that embodies the same kind of give-and-take now being attempted.

It would be gratifying if for once this mediation could get down to realities with a determination to complete the job before a strike, not after it has occurred.

On the contrary, the determination seems to be for a walkout, with the assumption that a settlement before July 18 is impossible.

"The strike will not last less than two weeks," a representative of one of the contending parties is quoted as saying. Why two weeks, any more than two days or three weeks? It seems an immutable chain of events is an operation which everyone feels powerless to stop. If the dispute can be settled in two weeks it can be settled in less than two weeks. Both sides should seriously try.



## Don Deacon Reports

MLA York Centre

### Bill 155 And Garbage

I was dismayed last week to watch the provincial government rush through Bill 155 amending the Municipal Act. The bill includes a clause which will make it easier, not more difficult for Metro Toronto to dump garbage outside its own boundaries. One upsetting aspect is that the bill does not contain any guidelines for Ontario Municipal Board to follow in considering applications for such dumping rights. Surely Metro Toronto and any other large municipality should have to prove that it has no other means of coping with the problem of garbage disposal within its own boundaries. The second aspect that dismays me is that it is not then the responsibility of Queen's Park to decide where the garbage job should be disposed of. All methods and sites for garbage disposal should be considered, not just those beyond the boundaries and responsibilities of the large cities. It would now appear that we face months of controversy as Vaughan and outlying municipalities endeavour to protect their citizens and beautiful countryside. The situation is caused by the refusal of Queen's Park to face its responsibility of dealing with the increasingly pressing problem of garbage disposal for major cities on a long term basis. Everybody loses except the lawyers involved in resulting litigation. The Department of Municipal Affairs and others involved are failing to do their job.

## In the Spotlight



By JOAN HAROLD

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada will be holding two more Summer Star Nights in August, so if you missed the last one on July 5, take note of the following dates. Friday, August 2, at Goulding Park, just below Steeles Avenue, West off Yonge Street, and August 30 at Cedarbrook Park, Scarborough, north on Markham Road — turn west on East Park Boulevard, just below Lawrence Avenue. Time 8:00.

Gregory Bailey, 16, of Denham Drive, Richvale, has been a keen member of the society for two years and is now handling the publicity. He has the following to say about these fascinating evenings:

"This year, our summer star-gazing parties are bigger and better than ever, with a program that goes on regardless of weather. If clear, telescopes will be set up at dusk for inspection and later, for celestial viewing. If rainy or cloudy weather prevails, visitors will have an opportunity to examine a set of fine displays of photographs, data, etc., and will see several films. The displays and films will be at the star night regardless of the weather.

The object of this effort — indeed the entire effort of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada — is to interest and educate the public about the universe of space in which we live. For this reason, any questions that you might have during the course of the evenings will be eagerly answered by the members on duty.

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## Where Was The Opposition?

Section 18, Bill 155, the latest garbage legislation, sailed through three readings in the Legislature the other week virtually unopposed. Of a total of 117 members in the Legislature only Donald Deacon, the member for York Centre (Southern York County), actively opposed the very poorly thought-out piece of legislation which grants a municipality the right to dump its garbage in a neighbor's backyard.

As is usual the 69 government (Conservative) members supported the legislation introduced by Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough. But where were the opposition members — 28 Liberals and 20 New Democrats? Realizing the full effect of the proposed bill, one would have expected them to vigorously oppose the measure in a lively debate. Instead, outside of Mr. Deacon's efforts, it passed with a minimum of debate after a few perfunctory questions by the opposition directed to Mr. McKeough.

With the rapid growth in urbanization the whole question of waste disposal has become increasingly important to many parts of the province. The wholly inadequate solution proposed by the Robarts Government of allowing the municipalities to fight it out among themselves should have been the subject of a searching debate in the Legislature. The opposition parties should have

had a free and frank discussion of the whole proposal in caucus. After appreciating the full extent of the bill, the opposition parties could have then prepared a suitable list of amendments. Or they could have suggested that the government refer it back to committee for further study and debate.

The original dumping legislation which came into effect on January 1, 1967 and gave Metro the right to dump anywhere in the 720 mile Metro Planning Area met stiff opposition from the fringe municipalities and from the York Centre candidates prior to last October's provincial election. The dumping question was a vital issue in this riding which saw the election of Liberal Donald Deacon. On that basis alone it would have seemed good business for the Liberals at least to have given careful thought to the bill and to have been guided by Mr. Deacon's feelings on the subject. It is the duty of an opposition in a democratic assembly to oppose in a forceful and responsible manner the legislative program of the party in power.

The difficulty is that all the parties in the Legislature for the most part today are Metro oriented in their thinking. It seems that everybody is afraid to oppose the big cities and their wishes. It's about time some party began to champion the cause of the smaller and medium-size communities in Ontario.

### Open CNE Job Office

Canada Manpower opened its employment office at the CNE July 8, prepared for a record crowd.

A much larger staff than usual was on hand, able to handle 150 applicants at a time and new short registration forms were in use.

The regular manpower office just inside the Dufferin Gate will remain open July 15 to September 3 and will operate daily from 8.15 am to 4.15 pm. Last year Canada Manpower registered 6,800 persons at the CNE and placed 2,652.

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## 450 Mile Bruce Trail Is Open To Hikers

The Bruce Trail now stretches 450 miles from the Niagara River to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

The trail began as a dream of one man, a soft-spoken metallurgist from Hamilton. Ray Lowes first hiked in Saskatchewan and when he moved east, he fell in love with the rugged, wooded ribbon of the Niagara Escarpment which loops around Hamilton and winds on to the north. At the same time, Lowes acquired a pet aversion: "I got tired of walking into 'Keep Off' signs whenever I tried to hike in the country."

Behind his idea for a Niagara Escarpment trail, Lowes admits he had two purposes. He hoped it would get people back to nature, in a place where they

could hike freely, and also encourage preservation of a great scenic resource.

He convinced the Federation of Ontario Naturalists in 1960 the escarpment was ideal for hiking, with its wild woodlands, rocky glens, waterfalls and breathtaking views from towering limestone bluffs.

The FON promptly set up a Bruce Trail Committee with Lowes as secretary, and donations and well-wishing letters poured in from across Canada. The Atkinson Charitable Foundation of Toronto gave \$12,000 to cover initial expenses and to pay a full-time director for a year.

Nine Bruce Trail Clubs were organized, maps and photos were pored over, walks explored and scenic

routes selected. Finally, the trail-building itself required clearing and blazing, erecting of signs, building hundreds of footbridges and fence stiles.

The trail-blazers met with a surprising degree of cooperation from the 1,500-odd land-owners whose permission was needed for routing the trail across their property. In the rare cases where landowners denied permission the trail was routed along unused overgrown road allowances to bypass their property.

Within a few years the Bruce Trail will be part of a vast network: New York State hiking clubs are well advanced with a 500-mile path to link up the Bruce with the famed Appalachian Trail. Then there'll be a continuous hiking route

through rural and wilderness lands from Georgian Bay to Georgia, says the April Reader's Digest, beckoning to a continent that's showing signs of wanting to get back on its feet.

The northernmost segment, which twists for almost 150 miles up the Bruce Peninsula, in the wildest, rugged and probably most beautiful part of the whole trail. Here the escarpment forms a sheer and towering shoreline: in many places, Georgian Bay's white surf beats the rocks a dizzying 300 feet below.

Most people will hike this trail as they do now—in small sections. But some—probably many—will do it all in one trip. For hardened hikers it's a three-week hike; strollers would take five or six weeks.

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