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## Government Waste

While members of the general public are habitually given to complaining about the quantities of "junk" mail they receive, we doubt that it reaches the proportions in an individual home that it does in a newspaper office.

Normally we don't get too much riled up over this. After a quick glance, it is tossed into the wastepaper basket and never thought of again. If private firms and individuals wish to waste their money in this way, we don't really care, one way or the other.

What does irritate us to no end, however, is getting this type of material from government departments, all sent out courtesy of the taxpayers' well worn wallets.

Worst offender along this line we estimate, is the Ontario Department of Education.

This week for instance, we received a three page summary of a speech delivered by Minister of Education William Davis to the Irish American Cultural Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota.

It all seemed mildly interesting, drawing a parallel between D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation and the late President John F. Kennedy, both of whom died at the hands of an assassin.

Also of interest was the fact that Mr. Davis had flown to St. Paul directly from Scotland where he had presented the George Brown collection of Canadiana to the University of Edinburgh.

What was so completely irritating about the whole thing however, was that along with the three page summary of the speech, we received the complete text — all 28 pages of it!

Leaving aside the question of why, with the Ontario educational system going through the greatest revolution in its history, the Minister of Education should be spending his time travelling to Minnesota or even to Edinburgh, presumably at tax-

payers' expense, we protest strenuously the time and money which has been expended to send this lengthy address to Ontario's 47 daily and 220 weekly newspapers.

Postage on the parcel was 20c and it must have taken hundreds of hours to write, print, collate and distribute this weighty document. Yet we would bet dollars to donuts that 90% of the copies will end up just where ours did — in the wastepaper basket.

It's nice to know of course, that our Minister of Education is so erudite — or even that those who prepare his speeches are so learned. (Although, frankly we don't feel D'Arcy McGee's poetry has that much appeal now.)

Another example of this same flagrant wastage of the taxpayers' money arrived in the mail just a few days earlier. It was the report, 23 pages in length, prepared for the Minister of Education by Douglas T. Wright on the operation and administration of the Ontario College of Art.

Now here was a document of wide interest which had important things to say about the administration of post secondary educational institutions, and said them well.

But was it really necessary to print it, in three colors, on the most expensive glossy paper possible? We, in our business, are well aware that the cost of paper has gone up along with everything else we buy. We have no doubt that this brochure could have been produced in different paper for half the cost.

"Oh, now," we can hear them scoffing down at Queen's Park. "This is only peanuts."

Well, we have said it before, and we will say it again.

It may be only peanuts, but it all adds up to a lot of hay and we are getting a little tired of forking it over.

## A Warning To Be Heeded

Pickering Township Reeve John Williams has made it amply clear that his municipality wishes to join Metro. Pickering has been facing serious financial problems for a number of years when previous administrations allowed unbridled residential growth throughout the southern part of the township. Taxes, for example, in the Bay Ridges area, which was a development of moderately priced homes, have reached such high levels that people are caught in the unfortunate position of not being able to sell their homes in order to escape the high rate of taxation, which in many cases is as high as \$600 on homes valued at \$12,000 to \$13,000.

Appeals for special financial assistance made several years ago to former Municipal Affairs Minister Wilfrid Spooner fell on deaf ears. Speaking in the Legislature, Mr. Spooner blamed Pickering Council for allowing such an obvious imbalance to develop between industry and housing. The northern part of Pickering is still mainly agricultural in character. What Mr. Spooner neglected to say was that it was the provincially appointed Municipal Board which sanctioned council's decision to

flood the southern part of the township with housing.

Realizing Pickering's serious financial plight, the Municipal Board placed a limit of only 100 new homes to be constructed in the township this year. Reeve Williams says he would prefer to see Pickering join Metro rather than form a regional grouping with the City of Oshawa. The Goldenberg Report on the future of Metro Government of several years ago suggested that if Pickering was unable to provide its residents with essential services, then the township should be annexed by Scarborough which is one of the large Metro boroughs.

Pickering is a classic example of a municipality which, through poor management, has allowed itself to become faced with a heavy influx of housing with its attendant needs for more schools and services and a resultant imbalance with industry.

Pickering apparently feels the only way to resolve its problems is to allow itself to be swallowed up by the Metro colossus. It's plight should be a warning to other municipalities on the fringe of Metro who fail to control residential development.

## English Taught As Second Language R. Hill Schools

To help pupils, whose native language is not English, acquire sufficient basic skills for communication in the classroom, Richmond Hill Public School Board has initiated a special program under direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Foote, who is bilingual.

In Toronto where there are large groups of such children, according to Assistant Superintendent Murray Dobson, they tend to communicate in their native tongue with other children. But in Richmond Hill, 30 children have been listed whose learning is handicapped by the frustration of an inability to communicate with anyone but their parents.

Mr. Dobson told the board that Mrs. Foote is now assessing where she can be the most effective. "The program will develop slowly as we don't want to make mistakes. It has been set up as an experimental service. I know of no other school board which is undertaking this work," he said. "Many New Canadian children acquire language skills quite easily, but some others don't make this adaptation. We're trying to find

out why they don't." The program is designed to assist in the prevention of academic retardation which may result from lack of English with pupils in the understanding of cultural differences and to increase feelings of security in pupils in mixed cultures, and to assist teachers of pupils who are

handicapped because of a lack of experience in English. It is planned to assess the need and approach to be taken with each referred pupil with the principals, teachers, psychologist, and remedial teachers to pool all resources and techniques in remedying language problems.

## Pioneer Village Prepares Festive Season

In Upper Canada's pre-Confederation era, pioneer housewives began their household preparations for the Christmas season early in November. There was cooking and baking, and the making of decorations and gifts.

This month (November), the staff at Metro Toronto's Black Creek Pioneer Village will recreate the pioneer preparations for Christmas each weekend, commencing November 2-3 by demonstrating all of the activities performed by the settler and his

family leading up to the Christmas celebrations.

The demonstrations will take place in the various homes and buildings in the Village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue.

During that era, the Pennsylvania - German influence was strong and the decorative aspects of the Christmas season were simple and home-made. The Christmas tree, for example, did not make its debut in North America until about 1856, and it was trimmed simply with homemade decorations.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Above is one of the many Canadian scenes painted by Harold Howarth

## Exhibition Of Oil Paintings

The public is warmly invited to an exhibition of oil paintings at the studio of Harold Howarth, The Garrett Gallery, Bathurst Street North, just west of Richmond Hill. Mr. Howarth has been a local resident for 25 years and took up painting as a hobby 16 years ago.

He has in the meantime developed his talent into full-time occupation. Among his many beautiful paintings are Canadian scenes, florals, still life and horses. The exhibition will continue from November 3 to 18 from 2.30 pm to 10 pm.



## Don Deacon Reports

MLA York Centre

It is just over one year since I was elected to represent this riding of York Centre in the provincial Legislature. I, therefore, thought it appropriate to review the main points in provincial affairs that I raised during the campaign and note what I had been able to do about them.

One of my main contentions was that the real culprit in housing costs today is high building lot prices. This is the result of the shortage of adequate building lots because of the lack of water and sewage treatment facilities and the high education costs in areas where rapid residential development is needed. I suggested that the province must take steps to ensure the supply of serviced building lots is well in excess of demand.

Fortunately, as a member of the Select Committee on Taxation, I was able to ensure that several recommendations were included in the report, which, if adopted as legislation in the coming session, will go a long way to correct the situation. Steps to ease the burden of ser-

viceing land and education costs in dormitory areas are strongly recommended.

I also spoke strongly in support of "Go North" commuter service both in the Legislature and out, co-operating with others to make the government aware of this important need of our area. We do not have any tangible results yet and a more intensive programme to prove the wisdom and need for such service will be launched in the next few weeks. It still requires more effort on the part of all of us to bring this about.

In addition to the many opportunities I have had at public gatherings to meet with and discuss problems of the area, I have held nine evening meetings in my home each with 12 to 18 interested citizens of wide backgrounds, interests and political views to obtain their opinions and ideas on provincial affairs and to explain mine. Those who are interested in participating in such an evening, should kindly write or phone me at Box 32, Richmond Hill, (884-5837) or at Queen's Park (365-5806).

## Visit To England

The Cotswolds lie so near the clouds That almost every day A gentle rain sweeps o'er the fields, And hides the sun away. But still, in spite of rain or cloud, We tour the English scenes Where every storied castle speaks Of Princes, Kings and Queens.

We turn to Chipping Campden now, And then to Lower Slaughter; How green the rolling country is At "Bourton-On-The-Water!" "Stow-On-The-Wold" has ancient charm, And Cheltenham a spell, Then up to Lower Oddington, And down to Upper Swell.

The sheep upon the Devon hills; The cattle standing by: A rose in every dooryard blooms, And spires touch the sky. May there always be an England With its lovely highway "bends", And may memory hold its treasures Until the journey ends.

Robert D. Little

## Canada Should Recognize Red China Speaker Tells York Presbyterian UCW

Canada should recognize China, is the belief of Ray Wylie, B.A., M.A., who gave a "Review to China Today" to members of York Presbyterian United Church Women at the autumn rally held October 8 in Mt. Albert.

Mr. Wylie and his wife taught in Shanghai University for two years and were observers of the "cultural revolution". They found it a profound experience, frustrating, enlightening and not always pleasant. There are no starving millions, they report, and the people are fanatic in their acceptance and devotion to the doctrine that the individual has importance only as a member of the collective whole.

The Wylies were allowed complete freedom of movement and so visited factories, communities, schools and homes. The Chinese, Mr. Wylie said, claim no great miracle of progress but compare the present with the past and consider it great. New homes, bridges, agricultural development, irrigation are all projects which are carried on with a religious fervor and completed almost entirely by manpower, the country's great economic bank, he reported.

Chairman Mao-Tse-Tung has brought about a miracle in uniting his millions of countrymen in hope, according to Mr. Wylie.

He has attacked simple problems — the country is free of disease-carrying flies and mosquitoes, a feat accomplished not by insecticides but by a universal wicking of a fly swatter.

Mr. Wylie said the West must stop analyzing the East by western standards. He believes there is immense significance in the development of China and westerners must educate ourselves to evaluate this development and the effect it will have on the world.

The worship service on the theme, "Toward Understanding China," was conducted by Mrs. A. F. Binnington of Mount Albert. She said that China has the longest continuous civilization on earth and it is most important that we understand the aims of this nation of 750 millions.

Included in the book display in the narthex, presented by the United Church Book Room, were "China" by Charles Lynch and "I Saw Red China," by Lisa Hobbs. For an hour before lunch films and film strips of the new China were shown. These were all geared for this year's study of the "Land of the Dragon."

The Mount Albert Church, built in 1945, has just been beautifully renovated. However, the congregation has a long history, the first church being built in 1857 on a different site.

## In the Spotlight



By JOAN HAROLD

"Here let us stand, close by the cathedral. Here let us wait".

These are the opening words of "Murder in the Cathedral" — the inspiring story of the martyrdom of Thomas Becket by T. S. Eliot — and very appropriate words they are, as we all wait and watch with great anticipation, the talented members of the congregation of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill and their guest artists, work towards the opening of this ambitious production on November 14.

Last night I visited St. Mary's for the first time, and producer Rosalind Anderson took me on a tour of the old original church — nostalgic, peaceful — the traditional old village church — and then through to the beautifully appointed new building, where various backstage personnel were working industriously.

Wardrobe mistress Thelma Long and her co-workers were fitting the priests (Joseph Rabinowitch, John Anderson, and Honorary Assistant of St. Mary's Fred Jackson) with long flowing brown robes. The costumes, designed by Verna Aconley in collaboration with set designer Ann Featherstonhaugh and director Cicely Thomson, reflect the painstaking research that has taken place, and the choice of a range of earth colours was a stroke of brilliance.

A few of the costumes have been rented from Stratford — such awkward garments as suits of armor, and lavish, fur-trimmed cloaks for the knights. There is a great deal to be learned from inspecting these costumes closely. For example, a marvellously metallic effect is achieved on the armour with liquid latex and a coat of paint — light, manoeuvrable, and convincing. The rich looking cloaks are made to look even more opulent under the lights by the "breaking down" technique — great smears of paint that on close inspection seem to ruin the luxurious fabrics, actually are enriching from a distance.

The church itself is a quietly awe-inspiring piece of architecture, and as I sat in a pew and watched the action taking place in the chancel, I could half-close my eyes and imagine the finished production — the well-projected voices echoing to the high peaked roofs, and the costumes toning softly with the grey-beige stone, and the terra cotta beams.

Rector of St. Mary's, Rev. James O'Neil, who is playing the demanding role of Thomas Becket, is a navy veteran and first became interested in drama while studying in Canterbury, England. The trend of the poet-dramatist towards returning drama to its place of origin, the church, intrigued him. It was with this idea in mind that he worked with the architect to create the new St. Mary's, a beautiful combination of traditional and contemporary, so adaptable to drama.

Mr. O'Neil, who has no trouble with voice projection, is enjoying "being shaped into the role." With the studying necessary for the playing of such

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## Walk Through Woods Of Glen Haffy Area

A five-mile walk through the fall-flecked woodlands of the 750-acre Glen Haffy Conservation Area is scheduled for hiking enthusiasts and nature lovers by the Metro Conservation Authority this Sunday commencing at 10:30 am.

Glen Haffy area is located in Albion Township, one mile south of Mono Mills and No. 9 Highway.

The walk, led by Ken Strasser of the authority staff, will start out from the south parking lot and proceed to the Glen Haffy extension known as The Dingle. Those taking part will be able to obtain a splendid panoramic view of the entire

countryside from several vantage points along the edge of the escarpment.

On a clear day, one can see the tall buildings in downtown Toronto. There may be some fall colors still worthy of appreciation along the route, and it may be a good idea to bring along the camera for color photography.

Those taking part are reminded to bring along a lunch and beverage, wear sturdy footwear for walking, and to dress warmly.

Further information on the walk may be obtained by contacting the authority offices at panoramic view of the entire 889-5425.

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Four thousand Greek school children received

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