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Guaranteed Income

The question of a guaranteed annual income for Canadians in the low income group is a major topic being discussed at the Dominion-Provincial Constitutional Conference meeting in Ottawa this week. The Trudeau Government is pushing hard for its adoption and before he left last week for Ottawa, news reports indicated Premier John Robarts of Ontario and his delegation of senior cabinet ministers and officials also favored its adoption.

However before saddling the Canadian taxpayer with yet another costly welfare program supposedly designed to aid the less fortunate, the politicians in our two senior levels of government would be well advised to consider what two prominent Canadians familiar with the national scene had to say regarding the proposal when appearing before the Senate Committee on Poverty.

Arthur Smith, chairman of the Economic Council of Canada, told the Senate Committee-

"There's been a tendency to think poverty problems can be solved by welfare programs. I don't think we will find solutions to our problems if this is our only approach to it," he

"The poor should want to participate, and should participate, in the economy. They don't have the cooperation and the opportunity to par-

ticipate at present." Later Smith said many people see the guaranteed annual income as a complete solution to poverty, but this idea ignores the problems of job opportunities, education, health and

poor work habits. Tom Kent, the deputy minister of Regional Economic Expansion in the Trudeau Administration told the Senators that the only real and lasting solution to the poverty question is devising ways and means to operate the Canadian economy at consistently high levels of employment. Mr. Kent stressed it is "essential to create the conditions in which poverty can be overcome."

A former newspaperman who arrived on the Ottawa scene during the Pearson era, Mr. Kent can't be classed as right wing in his philosophies. Considered a left wing Liberal when he served as a member of Mr. Pearson's staff and after an unsuccessful attempt to win a seat in Parliament, he was appointed the deputy minister in the Department of Manpower before Mr. Pearson retired from public life.

Yet we now have the same Mr. Kent advocating an expanding economy as the best solution to the problem of chronic unemployment. This is in direct contrast to recent proposals put forward by Finance Minister Edgar Benson which would mean an extra burden of taxation on the already hard-pressed middle class - the most productive group in the nation. Mr. Benson's proposals would also mean new taxes which will drive many small and independent firms out of the market place and thus decrease rather than accelerate

the rate of economic growth. The hard core of the unemployed need better education, expanding job opportunities and a healthy dose of motivation and self-confidence. The underprivileged are plagued by a lack of mobility, poor work and health habits and usually live in substandard housing in depressed areas.

People can't spend themselves out of poverty. Money must be used as an investment in terms of education and job opportunities. Such an investment must be controlled and managed so that it is not spent foolishly with the net result that those on welfare have more ready cash to spend but still lack the basic tools and drive to strive for a better



Reeve Stewart Burnett of Whitchurch Township has acted wisely in insisting on an immediate audit of the books of the municipality in the light of charges made during the election campaign that some \$1,000 of public funds is either missing or was misspent. Defeated Deputyreeve Lawrence Hennessey is reported to have made the charge in an election campaign speech.

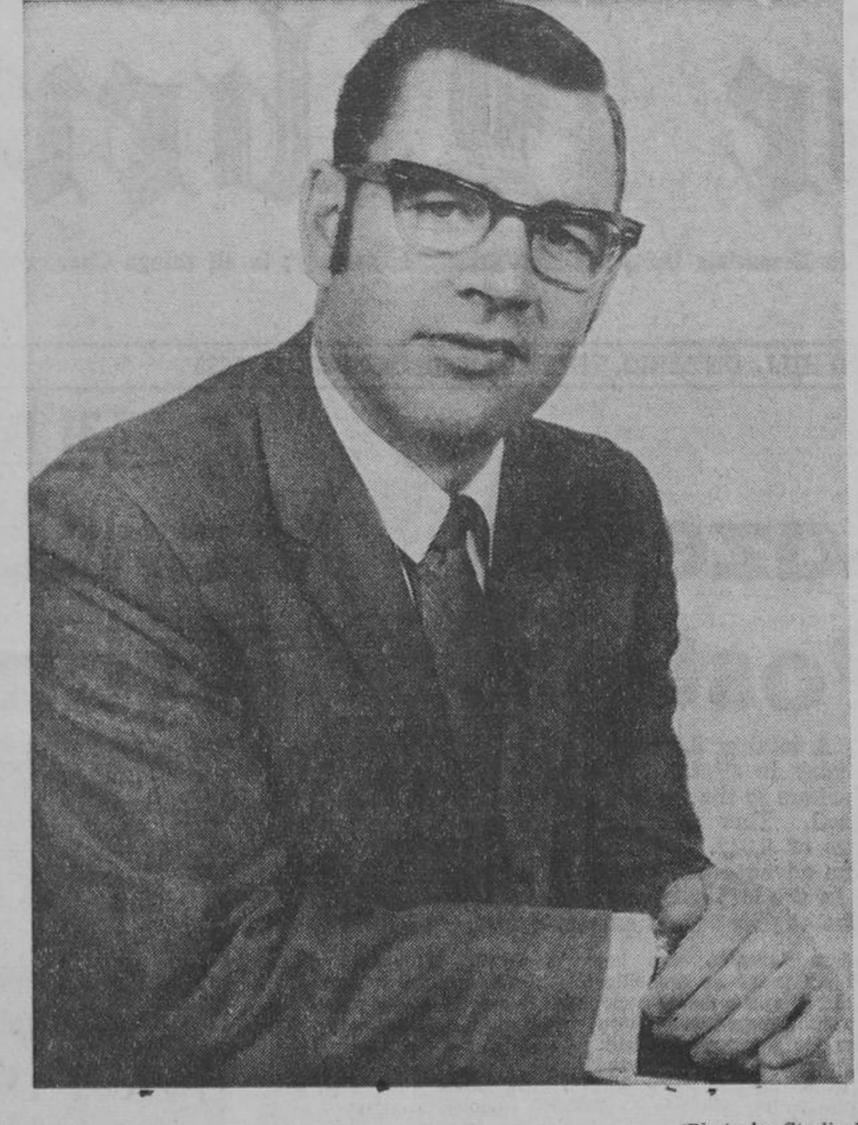
Wasting no time in meeting the challenge, Reeve Burnett on December 2, the day after the voting, ordered that an audit of the township books be completed and ready for council by December 30. However beyond this point the taxpayers of Whitchurch are being kept very much in the dark regarding the background leading up to the election charges.

Councillor Norman Barnard was particularly mysterious at the December 2 council meeting accusing Mr. Hennessey of violating his right to confidential information by revealing

what he was told to the public. Mr. Barnard's attitude is hardly the attitude of an enlightened elected servant of the people. In a democratic society the citizens have every right to know how their affairs are being administered by their elected representatives. However, Mr. Barnard is not alone in his attitude. Too many of our politicians frequently set themselves up as self-appointed censors of the people's right to know.

It was revealed during the meeting that the council has reversed an earlier decision to hire a deputyclerk to assist Clerk Thomas Kerr. No reason was given for this sudden change in their thinking.

This newspaper would suggest to Reeve Burnett that he widen the scope of his inquiry and in doing so take the citizens of Whitchurch into his confidence. A forthright and clear report should be made to the people detailing what has gone on up to now as well as the results of the December 30 audit.



Outstanding Young Man Award

Ken Ham, a 37-year-old insurance man who lives at 116 Talmage Avenue, Richmond Hill, walked off with the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Young Man Of The Year" Award December 2 at a dinner meeting held at Montgomery's Tavern. Mr. Ham was honored because of his contribution in organizing the Richmond Hill Legion International Midget Hockey Tournament in 1967 and his continued efforts in connection with its promotion since that time.

Mr. Ham has been involved in general with local minor hockey pursuits for a number of years. He is also an honorary member of Branch 375 of the local Legion. The hockey tournament - assisted by Mr. Ham - has grown from 16 teams in 1967 to 32 teams who participated last year. Over 300 boys from across Canada and the United States were billeted in private homes for the occasion.

Follow These Safety Tips For Merry Xmas

Safety officials offer the fol-

lowing suggestions for an accident free holiday season. They warned against over-

loading electrical circuits with more lights than they can safely handle and suggested that decorative lights be inspected before use.

A circuit overload, while perhaps not heavy enough to blow a fuse, could cause the wire to overheat and melt its insulation, opening the way for fire or electrocution, the laboratory said. It also said that strings of lights and extension cords that have been stored could have

deteriorated. The officials also warned light strings or extension wiring, placing flammable material near floodlights, leaving electrical fixtures in the reach of children and using string lights

AURORA - Town action designating some town parkland for snowmobile trails has been deferred following confrontation with petitioners objecting to the operation of vehicles in the town. Third reading of a bylaw which would have established limited access to the parks was held up when a delegation backed by a petition of 70 Aurora Heights residents protested its intent.

Rambling Around by Elizabeth Kelson

Lose Your Cool And Get Involved Whenever I get a chance to talk to an old timer in the community I do so at every opportunity. One of the questions I ask is: "What were people like

in your day?" They describe a Canadian of their day as belong-

against working on light strings ing to a hardy breed. They had to be tough to surthat are plugged in, stretching vive. They had to be self-sufficient and resourceful. better tomorrow. Canadian history books describe them as being daring and liberty loving. They took their pol-

itics seriously too. They don't sound like qualities you could apply to the general run of people today. Of course that's only my opinion. Modern people seem to be always talking about "they" as it affects them. Nowhere do I hear them say, "I am responsible for my own life. It is my will, my imagination, my work that will decide the course of my life."

One of my "cool" friends once said: "Why make the effort. We have no country to open up. We can't influence governments, unions or big business. We can't buck the system and the

bureaucracies." What should we say to him? Something like this: "Go help open up the north country, a few hundred miles away. If you don't like society or your circumstances try to change it by offering constructive suggestions. Better still change your attitude and you'll find that life is what you make it. And for goodness sake, stop blaming the other

fellow!" I told my "cool" friend that he was the natural

heir of infinite resources. "You've got to be kidding," he scoffed.

I said: "Don't you believe the government belongs to the people and that includes you."

"No", he said flatly. "The government is yours as much as anyone else's," I insisted. "Study the theory of government, take an interest in its practical side. The government is composed of ordinary people much like yourself, human to a fault. Join a political party. How do you expect to influence a government if you don't have the right approach? You have a right to express opinions about the use of atomic power, communications, pollution, business practices, housing, education, labor problems and social welfare. Get acquainted with your Member of Parliament and the provincial Legislator. And remember, that none of our institutions would exist without people. You have the same equipment as the pioneer farmer, a body, a mind and a heart. Be a thinker and a doer

and the world belongs to you." Hardship used to be a way of life and people learned to cope with it or died trying. Today every little setback results in apathy or resentment.

The picture is not really as black as that. There are some natural heirs of a vanishing pioneer spirit. They work from a centre of reason, faith that is not blind, respect, loyalty and decency. They look on life as a challenge and not a threat. Their native inborn wisdom is allowed to flourish and it says: "As a man thinks in his own heart so he is."

The "cool" people are not always the young and the comfortable. They are found on all levels of society. "Coolness isn't just a quality of the have nots". The haves suffer from this disease too. They are too comfortable. Their biggest complaint is their

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Letters to the Editors

OPPOSES GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Dear Mr. Editor:

through the mail, as I suppose readers who helped me promote sonally and his family must ineveryone else in this riding did, the Go-Go Special to develop corporate to limit his liability. a letter from Donald Deacon nothern commuter service. MLA, York Centre. Included I congratulate the provincial come, he is not penalized taxwas a questionnaire, on which government on adopting three wise for his corporation for the I would like to express my of the main proposals of the tax rate is 23 percent which opinions openly. Particularly to Go-Go Report: question number three.

Quote: "Do you think some (2) Use of existing CNR trains Now, however, he faces an inprovincial tax money should be and tracks on a sponsorship crease of federal income taxes used to assist independent schools, such as Roman Catho- (3) Integration with buses to tax burden for his operation lic secondary schools, private schools, Montessori, etc." Un-

we find parents who wish to either construct the proposed sell the son the business. If he send their children to these Gormley to Aurora rail line or wills the son the business, the prepared, and I think they are, age is discouraged.

religion, far from it.

Grants to Roman Catholic points north. changed or deleted to cope with York North and Simcoe?

ferent ones. To single out a sin- watch them. gle religious group for special It is seldom that a person has consideration is not only a form the chance to put his ideas into of separatism, it is also discri- practice and see them mature. mination of a most insidious The Go-Go Special was a rare

Religion has its place and I triumph for people power over CPR's "Canadian" feel that our churches and or-government and I want to thank should be adequate to look after made it possible. our religious needs. I believe religion should not be taught in any school, nor should educational hours be used for students to attend church. I also believe that only those statutory holidays as laid down should be observed by all Dear Mr. Editor:

this separatism and keep our form completes a formula that mountains on November 7, school, as in the past, open to if applied can only destroy any 1885, the CPR should apply for all races, colors, creeds and re- remaining incentive for con- application to abolish their pasligions. We should let the De- tinuance of small business, senger railway services. This partment of Education look There are three essential ele-application includes permisafter the educational needs of ments of this formula - a 50 sion to drop even their luxury all our children-let them mix, percent tax of all corporate trans-continental train "The play and learn together for a profits regardless of the size of Canadian."

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NORTHERN EXTENSION GO | Since these businesses often SERVICE TRIUMPH FOR PEOPLE POWER

Dear Mr. Editor:

.. bankruptcy of the small busi-The other day I received I want to thank all of your business to protect himself per-

(1) Rail transit in peak hours. if his were a sole proprietorship.

of over 100 percent - a heavy give the benefit of the single and restricts his opportunity to

The provincial government Now too, the small family In Ontario our Department of has shrewdly left its options business cannot be passed on Education supplies schools for open. Buses can test business from father to son, for the all races, colors, creeds and re-north of Richmond Hill and if heavy burden of a capital gains ligions, with no exception, but sufficient business develops, can tax faces the father if he should

other schools. I suggest that if charter service on the Barrie succession duties will force a this is their wish they must be line or use only buses if patron- sale of assets or substantially reduce the company surplus. to meet the financial needs of Unfortunately, the proposed Most small businesses face these schools with NO tax rail service stops at Richmond a shortage of working capital. money provided from the public Hill and those farther north may To decimate the operating capihave to take a mini-bus, trans- tal of the corporation can only These are my own opinions fer to an express bus, transfer force it to close its doors or

depend on a few large accounts,

which could well precipitate the

ness, then the owner of the

With a smaller corporate in-

probably approximates his tax

without consultation with any- to a train and perhaps transfer so restrict its operations that it one and any reference to religion does not mean that I am prejudiced for or against any against those in King, Aurora, There is only one criterion Newmarket, Bradford and that should exist for all busi-

ness and that is that it must High Schools, have been, for I ask the province to send at be sufficiently efficient to opersome time now, quite a contro- least one of the CNR charter ate successfully in the market versial subject. But it is my trains on the Barrie line, since The form of the business, be it opinion that the essence lies in 735 out of 884 tickets on the a "closely held" or a "widely the British North America Act. Go-Go Special were from north held" corporation should not be There never has been an act of Richmond Hill. York Centre a factor in its continuance. that at some time or another Riding represented by Donald Canada has prospered by the could not be revised and Deacon in the Legislature has willingness of individuals to brought up to date, with clauses received full service. Why not take the risks and endure the long struggle of establishing

problems of the times. The part The first step towards a vital new business. of the act dealing with separa- public service has been a vic- The adoption of the increase ted schools was drafted when in tory for citizen action over poli- in corporation taxes for small Canada there were only Roman tical stalling. The politicians business particularly is forcing Catholics and Protestants to be who were recently pooh-pooh- many small businessmen to reing our efforts and frantically evaluate their corporate place Since then our population has giving fanciful excuses for in the business world. Much of increased and our religious failure to act are now doing the incentive for business groups in numbers accordingly, somersaults to show they were growth will disappear with the until we find many, many dif- for it all along. It is fun to legislation of the tax provisions

JOHN MEDCOF

Mount Albert.

BUSINESS

of the white paper. GORDON HURLBURT, P. Eng., Scarboro.

opportunity to do this. It was a ganizations within the church you and all your readers who Should Be Retained At All Costs (Campbellford Herald)

It seems almost a sinister co-FEDERAL TAX CHANGES ncidence that, almost on the WILL DESTROY SMALL 84th anniversary of the driving of the last spike of the Transcontinental Canadian Finance Minister Edgar Ben- Pacific Railway at Craigella-It's time to get away from son's White Paper on Tax Re-chie in the British Columbia

> the corporation, a capital gains We say it is a sinister cotax and oppressive succession incidence because those who know Canadian history will ap-Many small businesses are preciate the fact that British incorporated for limited liabil- Columbia joined Confederation lity reasons, not tax benefits on the condition that a railway

be built to link them with the While admittedly, "The Canadian" of present day travel is losing money, nevertheless the trip across this nation provided appreciation of Canada un-

equalled in its scope and fascination. It would be well if every young Canadian could be afforded this adventure into the saga of Canadiana, The rugged north shore of Lake Superior - the woods

and wilderness of the Lakehead to Kenora area - the vast reaches and panoramic views of the prairies, and last but by no means least, the deep canyons and lofty majesty of the mountains provide a neverto-be forgotten experience in travel right in our own land. The CPR's "Canadian" can

quite rightly be termed "The Confederation train of today. It is our hope, that even if the CPR is permitted by the Board of Transport Commissioners in Ottawa to discontinue other passenger lines, that they be refused the right to cancel "The Canadian" so present and future generations may be able to enjoy this integral part of Canadian geoga federal government subsidy be necessary to maintain its

After all, in the beginning it was the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway and the driving of that last spike by Sir Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona) in that lonely mountain pass that bound Canada together as a nation from coast

The engineering feat was staggering, the results of foremost national importance. Let the transcontinental luxury and varied journeys.

AURORA - A proposal that would set up a system where the town would plow snow from sidewalks this winter as part of now under study.



By MARY MONKS

With the little theatre season in full swing, I find it difficult sometimes to catch all the productions in which fellow actors are involved. Quite a number of Curtain Club members have affiliations with other drama groups, just as the Curtain Club "borrows" talent from outside when necessary. By the time this goes to press I shall have seen Monica Vermeulen and Mike Gosling in the Aurora Musical Society's production of "The Pirates of Penzance", (set by Buster Vermeulen), so more of that anon. I was sorry to have missed the Mississauga

Players' festival entry, "Staircase", in which Ron Scott played the difficult role of "Charlie". From all reports he gave a very fine performance. Ron will be playing the title role in the Curtain Club's children's play "Rumpel Stiltskin" after Christmas. raphy and history, although That's versatility for you! A club member whose performance I did see is

Art Sinukoff, who has contributed a lot of time to the Richmond Hill group, but who has been working recently with the newly formed Temple Players. Though named for and associated with Holy Blossom Temple, the group is non-sectarian and would like to develop as a community theatre.

The Players' first major production was a program of two one-act plays, "Not Enough Rope" and "The Hundred and First", which was presented in the spring. Last week they gave four performances of an unusual modern play by Lanford Wilson, "The Rimers of Eldritch".

The play was first seen in 1967 as an off-Broadway production at Cafe La Mama. The author tinue to travel and appreciate is a member of the New Dramatists' Committee, the not only the facts of Canada's Playwrights' Unit of the Actors' Studio and has origin, but enjoy as well one of received a Rockefeller grant in playwrighting. He the world's most magnificent has also been awarded an ABC Fellowship at the Yale University School of Drama, where he was playwright-in-residence for the 1967-1968 academic

A recent New York production of the "Rimers of Eldritch" brought Mr. Wilson the coveted Drama its winter works program is (Continued on Page 16)

Drug Study Program Includes Teens Parents, Professionals In Scarsdale Confronted with the dangers posed by the increasing use of dangerous drugs among teenagers, York County Board of Education last week agreed to set up a special committee of board

have arisen in senior public and secondary schools in the county. Growing concern was expressed last week, also, at a meeting of the Metro Branch, mental health association, which deplored lack of hospital facilities for providing emergency and continuing treatment in general hospitals for victims

officials, professional people, community workers

and students to cope with drug problems that

of drug abuse. Evidence that the drug threat is becoming epidemic among the teenage population of this continent was presented when the Community Committee on Drug Abuse, Scarsdale, New York, made its first report to the community on November 29.

Scarsdale is a residential suburb of New York City with a population of about 14,000, and the committee was set up a year ago in an effort to stop the spread of marijuana and dangerous drugs among its teenagers.

The committee includes local doctors, lawyers, ministers and student leaders.

The first step toward control, the committee suggested, must be education of young people and parents, including introduction of special narcotics prevention programs in the public schools.

Although no official statistics are available,

school authorities in Scarsdale estimate that about 30 percent of high school students have tried marijuana or the more potent hasish. There are also indications that, although the use of heroin, LSD, and other "hard" drugs is low, the figure is growing.

During the past year Dr. Marvin Moser, a cardiologist and chairman of the Scarsdale Committee, has organized parent-student seminars in homes in the community to talk about drugs. About 200 students and their parents have been meeting regularly once a month, but parents are never placed in the same group as their own children.

Plans are under way to set up a series of afternoon seminars on drugs in the high schools of Scarsdale in 1970.

Meanwhile, the committee reports, parents are not as hysterically frightened about drugs as they used to be, and the young people are learning that the use of marijuana, which they consider non-addictive, leads to experimenting with more damaging drugs more often than they had realized.

Evidence that trafficking in drugs is increasing in York County was brought out in Richmond Hill Provincial Court last week when four local youths were arraigned on drug charges - two of them were charged with trafficking in LSD and two with possession of a cannabis drug (hashish).

The Crown Attorney alleged at the hearing that there is an organized ring of people responsible for selling narcotics in Richmond Hill.