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Mr. Gillespie On White Paper

Seldom has there been a public document which has created such wide spread controversy and violent opposition among the Canadian people as Finance Minister Edgar Benson's White Paper on Taxation.

White Paper proposals. He disagrees with the contention that public and private companies are different and that the private company competes mainly with other private or unincorporated businesses.

The small businessman has a vital role to play in our economic life. Yet if Mr. Benson has his way the countless number of small and, in most cases, family-owned enterprises across this nation will be severely penalized.

Mr. Gillespie terms unrealistic the White Paper goal of symmetry—with a 50 per cent corporate tax rate, a top personal tax rate of 50 per cent and the taxing of 50 per cent or 100 per cent of capital gains.

In 1967 some 81,366 small firms, 88% of all Canadian firms incorporated, earned \$35,000 or less and paid a total of \$177 million in federal taxes.

The present system, he contends, is simple, flexible and encourages the purchase and ownership of Canadian shares by Canadians.

Liberal MP Alastair Gillespie (Etobicoke) is vice-chairman of the Commons Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs studying the White Paper and he has recently put forward five proposals for amending the Benson legislation.

Small business, he maintains, can be assured that it will get an alternative form of support to replace the elimination, in the White Paper, of the lower 21 per cent tax rate on the first \$35,000 of corporate profits.

"I find it very difficult to justify a system which would tax 50 per cent of the gains on, let us say, the sale of Bell Telephone shares, but 100 per cent of the gains on the sale of shares of a closely held corporation or the ownership of a small commercial venture."

Mr. Gillespie says he is not sure his system would work, but he thinks it is worth studying. "Such a plan would assist the company that is plowing back all its earnings to finance growth."

In Good Hands

Assurance that the world will be in good hands when we of the older generation leave it to the youngsters of today is frequently evident.

ary School have once again conducted a very successful KAP Campaign.

Recently, there have been many incidents which prove this point in Richmond Hill and area. We adults in recent months have become quite critical of the many faces of pollution, but have done little to clean it up.

Hundreds of our young people have shown an awareness that others are not as fortunate as they and have participated in "walks". It takes a lot of courage to go out and secure sponsors for a project of this kind.



(Photo by William Wallace)

First Licensing Service In 154 Years

In Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church May 6, ten graduates of Knox College, University of Toronto, were licensed to preach by the Presbytery of East Toronto.

An impressive service of worship was conducted by the Presbytery Moderator Rev. Hector MacRury, minister of Cook's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Mr. Ross, who spent his boyhood in Woodbridge, was ordained May 7 in the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church, and received the congregation's gift of a gown and hood.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

A Short History Of The Police System

According to definition, police are public or private agents concerned with the enforcement of law, order and public protection.

In modern cities their duties range from criminal investigation and apprehension to crime prevention, traffic control and maintenance of records.

The foundation of the present metropolitan system was laid in 1829 by the eminent British statesman, Sir Robert Peel.

On the American frontier, before the government was well organized, vigilante committees functioned as volunteer police.

Regular police forces appeared in many states after the establishment of the New York City organization in 1844.

Administration of the police system varies in different countries. In Europe it tends to be centralized.

Federal government police include members of the RCMP and agents of the Department of National Revenue and the Department of Justice.

I'M FOR MORE POLICE PROTECTION, NOT LESS

I've heard it said that a uniformed policeman standing around with nothing to do could still be considered a good investment of taxpayers' money.

One has only to think of a few recent events in the area to be aware that the police spring into action when the need is there.

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Letters to the Editors

THE TIN GODS AT QUEEN'S PARK ARE DICTATORS

Dear Mr. Editor:

The announcement that Metro is to expand another 50 square miles to the north is typical of the dictatorship of the provincial government at Queen's Park.

Have the people concerned no voice in this matter, or have we another "Hitler" or "Stalin" at Queen's Park?

It is time we told Premier John Robarts and Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough we do not want to enter Metro and we want no part of reassessment as it is constituted at present.

Stand up for your rights and let the powers that be know where you stand.

Speed the day of the next provincial election. CECIL JONES, 116 Woodward Avenue, South Thornhill.

MUNICIPAL POLITICIANS ARE EMPIRE BUILDERS

Dear Mr. Editor:

The poor taxpayer has been laboring under a delusion for a long time. He thought that politicians at the municipal level ran for office because they had his interest as well as their own at heart and would strive to do a good job and at the same time, keep spending of public money to a minimum.

Now comes the rude awakening. The provincial government proposed that the County of York be reorganized into a regional government by streamlining it to nine municipalities in place of the present 14.

Has the time come when we, the taxpayer, should organize a ratepayers association in every municipality and join together to form a central association at the regional level, to enable us to convince the government that we are the people and that we are deeply concerned and truly interested in saving money and eliminating unnecessary and wasteful expenditures?

JACK WILLIAMSON, 67 Catherine Avenue, Aurora.



In the Spotlight

Fine Production Of "The Crucible" By Theatre Company Of Thornlea

"We would not have done that in our day". I am almost as sick of hearing that phrase as the youngsters to whom it is addressed. What it means in many cases is that we could not have done it.

The action of the play demanded four locales, and these were achieved by groupings of furniture on an open stage, assisted by lighting.

The dialogue, and sustained the sombre theme of the play. (Continued on Page 14)

New Plastic To Solve Pop Bottle Problem

Nuisance disposable pop bottles may soon become a thing of the past.

University of Toronto chemists have devised a method whereby plastics can be made to disintegrate in sunlight, thus promising a solution to the problem of disposing of unsightly plastic containers.

Resetting The Schedule

(Montreal Gazette)

Finance Minister Benson has conceded, admittedly in a roundabout way, that his tax reform proposals won't be implemented in 1971 as he intended.

When will the proposals be implemented? It will depend on the speed with which the Commons and Senate Committees complete their examinations of them.

There is a very good chance the proposals will simply be shelved until after the federal election.

The KAP (Korean Adoption Program) Committee, headed by Barry McKillop, reports that Bayview Secondary School students this year have raised \$4,700.

Events of the well-organized campaign included a 20-mile walkathon to Toronto City Hall, a student variety night, a dance featuring SHE and a bridge euchre.

Each year the students pledge themselves to raise through their own efforts almost \$2,000 to support seven Korean youngsters.

The KAP Committee and the other students of Bayview extend deep appreciation and thanks to Staff Advisor Don Rawlings and Principal Arthur Martin for their time and effort in co-ordinating the events of the campaign.

Blue Hills Great Challenge To Workers Says Speaker

BY MARGARET LADE

Any person who sets out to plan facilities for a child treatment centre must be a very dedicated person said the guest speaker at the official opening of Blue Hills Academy for Emotionally Disturbed Children on CFRB Sideroad in King Township on May 30.

Before declaring the building officially open, Dr. Naomi Rae-Grant, chief of child psychiatry at the University of Toronto Medical School and at the Hospital For Sick Children, added that the dedication of those who initiate the project is nothing to the dedication involved once the project gets underway.

members of the medical profession, the board of education and dozens of supporters and interested spectators were assembled on the freshly sodded and landscaped grounds for the opening ceremonies.

They were welcomed by Russell MacDonald, chairman of the board of directors, who described the achievement as "a labor of love".

The two new buildings on the six acre site are just a beginning, said Mr. MacDonald. There are now six children in residence, and soon there will be 12, all referred by their parents through the family physician to the psychiatric services of York County Hospital and

the buildings, and to D. Bourke Construction Company of Maple for finishing the buildings by the April 1 target date.

York County Commissioner Stewart Burnett, Reeve of Whitechurch Township, brought greetings from the county.

Dr. William Hughes, director of psychiatric services for York County Hospital, Newmarket, told the assembly that the medical profession in York County "welcomes Blue Hills with relief as well as with pleasure. It is sorely needed."

Six years ago, said Dr. Hughes, a report was made to the province, and the greatest needs cited were for psychiatric services for children and adolescents and services for addictions.

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