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Bilingualism Expensive

The federal government's national policy on bilingualism has been an exercise in futility to say the least, designed to appease the separatist and anti-Confederation element in Quebec. Introduced and promoted by the Liberal Government of former Prime Minister Lester Pearson, it represents one of the bigger "flops" of the Pearson era in Canadian politics. The whole frustrating experiment has cost the Canadian taxpayer untold millions of dollars while the ponderous reports of Mr. Pearson's Bilingualism and Biculturalism Commission has had little or no positive effect on national unity.

Now we have Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's announcement of his intention to introduce separate French-language units in government departments, Crown agencies and the armed forces and to increase dramatically the number of French-speaking officials holding top positions in the federal civil service. Mr. Trudeau's decision to introduce "language ghettos" will be carried out by one of his most trusted Quebec lieutenants, Gerard Pelletier who also doubles as Canada's Secretary of State.

A federal government advertisement in last week's issue of the Toronto newspapers in a very dramatic way points out the foolish and costly duplication involved in carrying out this policy of bilingualism, especially in areas where either of the two so-called official languages predominates. The advertisement refers to the hearings of the House of Commons Special Committee on Election Expenses and says that in order "to expedite the printing of the evidence, the committee would appreciate receiving briefs in both official languages". Think of the additional costs involved, which must be paid out of public funds, in preparing the many government briefs, reports, etc., in both English and French. It not only places an extra burden on the taxpayer but it also slows the whole government process merely to satisfy the political ambitions of a small group of extremists.

there is no such source assured. The possibility that water could be available from North York next year is being explored.

But right now Thornhill has an acute water shortage. An emergency situation could become a disaster in the event of a major fire.

For this summer, at least, the lawns are going to have to go dry. The emergency water situation this summer in Thornhill makes it essential that there be more voluntary co-operation from the citizenry.

A township bylaw restricting lawn and garden watering, and other non-essential uses of water, may be the only responsible alternative now to Markham Township Council. But such restrictions must be removed in a year or two, if they must be imposed now.

Unless a further supply of water is assured, we agree with Councillor James Jongeneel that it may be necessary to curtail housing developments for the present.

Reeve Stewart Rumble and Councillor Jongeneel split the council almost down the middle by refusing to vote in favor of a bylaw restricting lawn watering to one night a week in Thornhill.

We agree that stopping the watering of lawns isn't the right long term solution as it seems to be considered in Richmond Hill. Nor should the present emergency situation have been allowed to develop in the first place.

It is obvious that Markham Township has been allowing subdivision development to advance ahead of at least one essential service. In this instance it is waterworks. This should not have happened.

The municipality should take a new look at its planning policies. It should make sure that a satisfactory standard for all community services is being maintained.

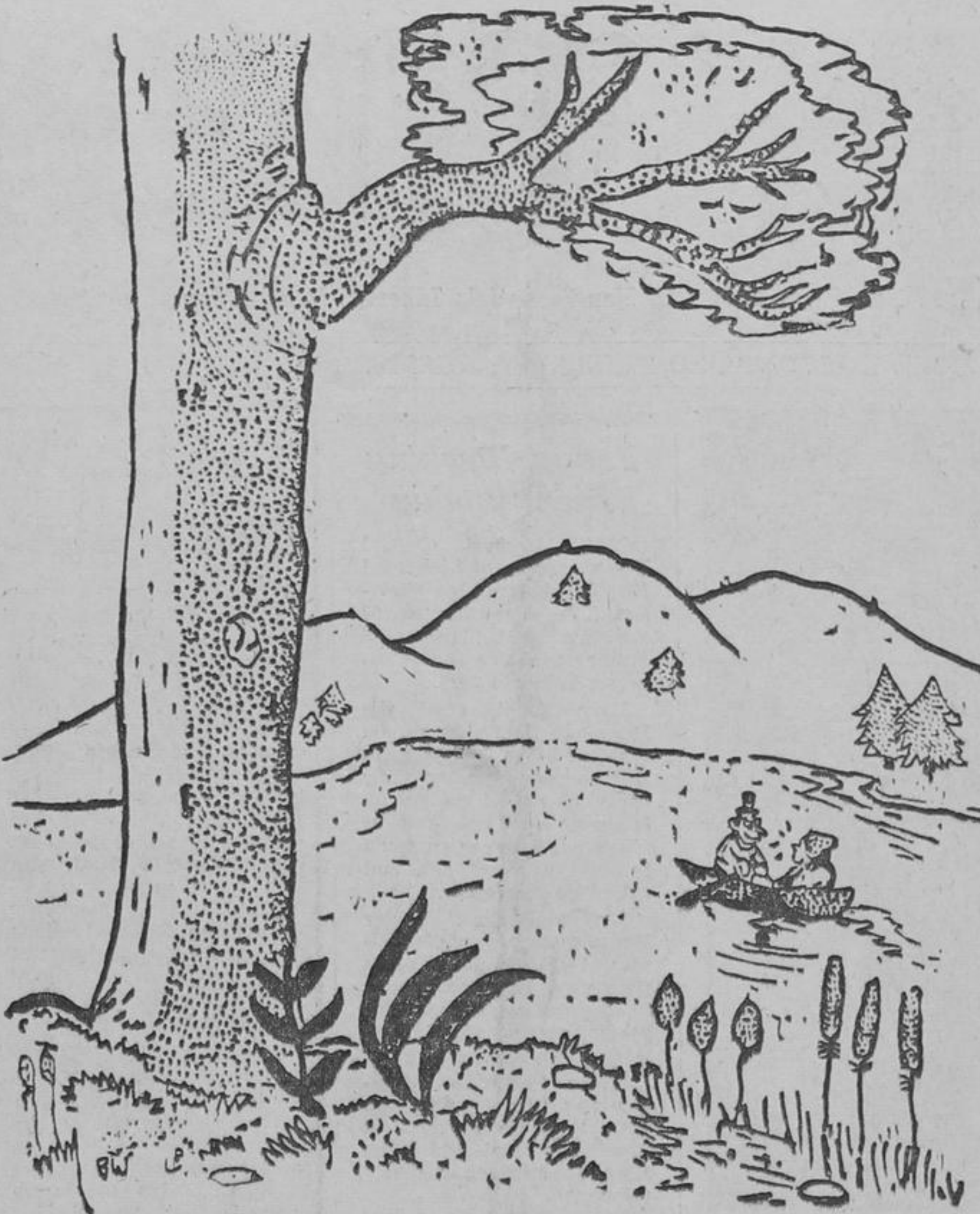
The public should be assured at all times that adequate standards for parks, athletic fields, sewers, roads, libraries, schools and all other community services are being maintained for new development.

An emergency situation has developed in connection with the water supply. What about these other essential services?

It isn't enough to make sure that subdivisions look pretty. They must also be fitted into the municipality's social, physical and financial fabric.

Markham Township should put the brakes on subdivision development in the Thornhill area until the water supply is adequate.

The municipality in its planning should take a wider and longer term view.



I can't stand it here — no smog, no noise, no traffic, everything is so peaceful — I think I'll have to go back to the city.

A Lesson In Reality

I walked through life indeed
 With bold and much assurance.
 Believing — "To have a friend, just be a friend."
 Until a recent occurrence.

The motto is old I know,
 But so thoroughly did I believe
 That events of these past weeks
 I still cannot conceive.

I do not mean to praise myself
 But truly I have tried,
 To live by the "Golden Rule".
 There are many who can't deny.

The story is long and ugly too,
 So with details I will not bore.
 Enough to say — a friend of years
 Has hurt me to the core.

For days and days I was confused,
 I knew not what to do.
 Many say, "There are no friends!"
 My God! Could this be true?

For just a moment I thought "They're right."
 But no — I must not think
 That this could be the way of things
 Or to Hell we all must sink.

Many people seem to feel
 We need, only give half-way.
 Not so! For in the overlap,
 True friends are meant to stay.

Give at least to seventy-five,
 Or even give your all.
 In the end you'll see it's true,
 You may stumble, but will not fall.

My story — which I cannot tell
 Has shown me this is true.
 To turn the other cheek is hard,
 But rewarding through and through.

For weeks I thought — "Yes I will hate
 This friend who was so cruel."
 But the pain was felt just by me,
 I have really been a fool.

Then just last night, the chance it came,
 To help this friend once more.
 So without a thought for yesterdays,
 I completed this small chore.

And oh the joy I felt inside,
 My heart did laugh and sing.
 I felt great peace of mind once more,
 Worthwhile was my suffering.

Now don't misunderstand me,
 I fear to lead you astray.
 This friend I may still have no more,
 But it showed me the light of day.

If races, countries and one day worlds,
 Er' hope to find neutrality.
 These words remember, "Just turn that cheek"
 And peace for all becomes reality.

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 Richmond Hill.

In the Spotlight



By MARY MONKS

Local Musicians Making Mark In Country Bluegrass Music Field

It is only about four years since a musical group composed of five young people from Richmond Hill was entertaining at local church "coffee houses". "The Kinfolk" derived its name logically enough from the fact that two members were brother and sister, Bill and Nancy Kerrigan, and two were twin brothers, Brian and Bruce Good. The fifth was singer Margaret Queen, who has since become Mrs. Bruce Good.

Now Brian and Bruce are on their way to becoming well-known in country bluegrass music. Last fall they teamed up with James Ackroyd, originally from Winnipeg, and James and the Good Brothers are making their mark in a loud, loud world with gentle melodious music, sung well and with a joyful delivery which is communicating itself to the audience. Their aim is to entertain, and though at present they perform very few of their own compositions, they make no attempt to emulate other singers. They give out with other people's material, but in their own style. James and Brian play acoustic guitar, and Bruce plays auto-harp. Recently a bass player has been added to the group — Mike McMaster, also of Richmond Hill.

Early in June, James and the Good Brothers were booked into the Riverboat, where their performance was described by one critic as "pure joy". At the recent rock festival at Maple Leaf Gardens, the group, in a program geared to overwhelming sound and showmanship, succeeded with their non-frenzied style, probably because all three boys can really sing, not necessarily a requisite on the rock scene.

The Maple Leaf Gardens show was the first production in Toronto of Eaton-Walker Associates. The Associates are Ken Walker and George and Thor Eaton, and this summer they chartered a train and rented stadia across Canada to take rock talent to audiences from Toronto to Winnipeg and on to Calgary. This 12-car Canadian National train, known as the Festival Express '70, carried over twenty groups, (Continued on Page 14)

Thornhill Summer School Adds Ten Classes - Few Enroll For Newmarket

More than 960 students are registered for summer school classes operating in two secondary schools in York County.

At a meeting of York County Board of Education on July 6, Summer School Principal Lloyd Morrison reported that when the summer school opened July 2, there were ten more classes than had been anticipated, and two additional teachers were hired.

Last year enrolment was 630, and all classes were held at Thornhill Secondary School. The increase in registration, Mr. Morrison felt, is partially due to the free tuition and bus transportation offered to students living in York County, and to the county-wide organization of the school.

When a trustee objected that students from Georgina Township had to board buses at 7 am to go to Thornhill and did not get home until 2 pm, Mr. Morrison replied that registration at the Newmarket High School had been very disappointing, although information sheets were sent out to students and parents in April. Summer School hours are 8:30 to 12:30 pm.

By early June, said Mr. Morrison, only 30 students had registered for classes at Newmarket, and the board had decided to confine the operation there to classes in mathematics and English

for grade 8 students and classes in home economics for those interested in an enrichment program.

Nine buses transport students from King Township, Newmarket, Sutton and Markham to Thornhill, while most other students go to school on public transportation.

A total of 65 classes are involved in the six-week program, with 16 subjects offered, and because of crowding at Thornhill, grade 8 students from that school have been moved to the nearby Woodlands Senior School.

A student may take one or two subjects, and each period last for about two hours, part of the time for formal instruction, and part of the time for independent study.

There are upgrading courses for students who have done poorly in English, French, mathematics, science, history, geography, physics, and chemistry as well as enrichment programs in home economics, art, science, music and typing.

A staff member suggested that one reason for late registrations might be that many students put off enrolling until after they had received their year-end reports late in June, hoping for a "last-minute miracle".

Many parents, too, were not aware that their children had been recommended for summer school until the final reports were received.

Susan Brown Writes Of Life In Japan



This is the third in a series of feature articles by Susan Brown who is spending the summer in Japan. Susan is a resident of Maryvale Crescent in Langstaff and a third year Honors BA student at Trent University, Peterboro.

Susan and her girl friend are spending the summer tutoring English at a school in Osaka called Osaka Eigo Gakko and living with a Japanese family. They plan to live in this traditional family setting for seven weeks and then spend the last three weeks touring the country especially Hokkaido in Northern Japan.

This year marks Susan's second trip to Japan. She first visited the country in the summer of 1968 at which time she took an introductory language course in Japanese.

"Welcome to EXPO '70 and I hope you enjoy your visit!" This was the friendly greeting of the Japanese girl who took our tickets at the main gate. Dressed in a smart red and white uniform, her smiling face reflected the congenial atmosphere which generally prevails at the exposition. In fact, she was so enthusiastic about Canada that she asked my girlfriend if the latter would sell her Maple Leaf pin. The Japanese seem to have a high opinion of Canada which causes us to wear our country's symbol, the Kaede, with pride. And believe it or not, they know more about "Canuck-land" which is eight thousand miles away than those people south of our border!

Admittedly, though, that last remark is not quite in keeping with the theme of EXPO: Progress And Harmony For Mankind. So far we have been to the site four times and have managed to see at least fifty pavilions (we still have another sixty to go!), including those of the Japanese Government and industries as well as some of the foreign nation exhibits. The theme seems to be especially accurate with regard to "progress" since many of the countries have shown their historical and technical advancement over a time span of many years. In addition, the industrial contributions show a great deal of technical skill whether it is reflected in an amazing manufacturing process or a movie designed to entertain the weary visitor.

And EXPO '70 has most definitely progressed in catering to tired feet, for almost every pavilion has a lounge or theatre where one can gain a brief respite (for some that includes a short nap) from the melee outside. Actually the situation is not all that bad; rather EXPO does seem "harmonious" in one aspect in particular. There are people everywhere and they are mostly Japanese! Only occasionally does a gaijin (foreigner) infiltrate the ranks of a nation whose enthusiastic response accounts for 70% of the exposition's attendance. An exception to this is sometimes witnessed around Tuesday Plaza (the site is divided into seven plazas, one named for each day of the week, plus the main plaza) where the Canadian, German, and French Pavilions are located.

In any case, the number of people visiting EXPO has passed the thirty million mark and unless one times his visit around dinnertime or later in the evening, he can wait in line for two or three hours! The larger pavilions such as that of the USSR and Mitsubishi (an industrial complex which must own half of Japan!) are particularly famous for the unending patience of those who encircle them each day in an attempt to see the displays inside.

However, such hardships are slight compared to the excitement of an international mini-world within a foreign nation. As Japanese schoolchildren ask us for our autographs and others take our picture with the promise of sending us a copy, my friend and I almost feel as if we ourselves were the official representatives of our nation.

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Computer Processes Education Accounts

After three months of satisfactory testing, York County Board of Education agreed July 6 to continue using a computerized financial information system installed in the administration building in Aurora in April.

The county board, along with Ontario County and Hastings County Boards of Education has been receiving a special grant from the Department of Education to assist them in exploring the possible advantages of the system installed by A.G.T. Systems Limited.

In reporting to the trustees, Chief Accountant Jack Joliffe stated the system had been fully tested by staff and

AGT, which is pioneering in this type of installation, and it is a good, workable system.

The staff report recommended that the board not commit itself to carrying on with it, however, until the end of the year after further evaluation.

Trustees did not agree.

"All we would be doing is postponing the decision for six months," objected Vaughan Township Trustee Ross Joliffe, moving that the final decision be made immediately, with the board entering into a contract with the computer firm.

"Staff have had long enough to try it out and they are evidently sold on it. Let's demon-

strate to other boards our confidence in it."

The board was told the computerized system would apply only to the board's financial transactions, that payroll and other operations could be added at a later date, and Mr. Joliffe's motion was carried.

Annual cost of the first stage is estimated at \$95,000, and \$40,000 was included in the 1970 budget for this purpose.

The study to date has shown that the board is dealing with 1,000 vendors a year, generating 25,000 purchase orders, 65,000 invoices, a further 15,000 invoices with no purchase orders, and has 3,800 accounts.