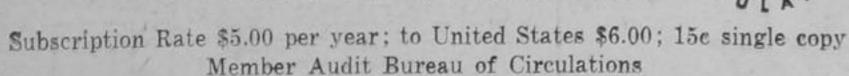


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## Regional Council Wrong

Two unfortunate mistakes in hiring procedure have marked an otherwise good start made in the past month by the council of the new York Region Municipality.

The new regional government's two top jobs were filled without the free and open contest which the public interest demands.

The positions of chief administrative officer and municipal clerk were not advertised.

Incumbents from two former local regimes were arbitrarily installed in key posts in the new regional admin-

istration. We feel this was a highly improper procedure. Making appointments in this manner opens the way for all sorts of political patronage and sculduggery.

These staff appointments should have been made strictly on the merits of all available applicants.

The appointments should not have been made by a process of "log rolling" and political jockeying by members of council in secret meetings behind the scenes.

It is to the credit of our two local regional representatives, Mayor William Lazenby and Councillor Donald Plaxton, that they stood upon the proper democratic principles of mun-

icipal government and opposed the procedure followed in making these appointments.

Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth is to be congratulated especially for his strenuous opposition. It was Mayor Illingworth who capably labelled the council's procedure for what it was,

a "con" game and political patronage. We realize that exactly the same appointments could very well have been made by the regional council after following the proper procedure.

But it is no doubt possible that even more capable and experienced applicants might have appeared if they had been given the opportunity to come forward.

Regardless of the demonstrated integrity and capability of the two appointees, Administrator Jack Rettie and Clerk Robert Vernon, the new regional council now has a stain on its record.

The council also has already moved toward making the same kind of mistake in selecting an interim banker without a free and open hearing of applicants.

We will be watching to see if this unhappy practice continues to spread in the new regional regime.

## A Thing Of Beauty

More than a century and a half ago John Keats wrote:

"A thing of beauty is a joy for

Its loveliness increases; it will

Pass into nothingness; but still will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."

Richmond Hill's Parks Committee recognized that the words of the first line of this poem are still very true, and are planning to keep the beautiful environs of the Mill Pond

"a joy for ever". Unfortunately, under present conditions, its loveliness will only be preserved and increased through the expenditure of a fairly large sum of money. Pollution and deoxygenization by human acts and by nature itself would have seen this beauty spot "pass into nothingness" had concerned people not taken definite

Residents at this time in future years will owe a debt of gratitude to Parks Committee Chairman Shaun Beggs, who through his association with the Ontario Parks Board learned substantial provincial grants are available and set out to secure them to develop this beauty spot and to ensure that it will continue to offer "a bower quiet" for us and for future generations.

The debt also extends to the other members of Mr. Beggs' committee and to members of town council who have supported him in his endeavor as well as to the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources, which is striving to preserve our streams and beaches through financial aid to municipalities.

Next year, the first phase - and the most important — of a \$285,000 program to rejuvenate the Mill Pond and to enhance the natural beauty of the whole park will begin with the draining and cleaning of the pond

In the meantime during the winter months, the pond will be the focal point for skaters, the winter carnival, and other cold weather activities.

## Can-Mailing III-Advised

Since the advent of non-refundable bottles on the soft drink market, this newspaper has, on many occasions, supported all moves aimed at having such containers banned. We have also supported more stringent legislation against those who litter the landscape with empty pop and beer cans, many times, since these containers appeared on the market.

But we did not support the canmailing campaign by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, which was discontinued last Thursday. The campaign was aimed at embarrassing Premier John Robarts into banning non-returnable beverage containers. We do not believe this irresponsible decision had the support of the membership of the organization.

The Naturalists are an organization to which we all owe a great debt as they are serving as volunteer watchdogs in the fight against pollution and exploitation. If it had not been for them and their efforts in pointing out the problems of pollution of our natural beauty spots, we could well have lost, through indifference, our heritage of clean air,

sparkling streams and lakes and stands of virgin forests. We compliment them on their unremitting fight to preserve these things for us and for future generations.

However, we feel we must call the campaign to mail empty pop cans to the busy Premier of this province an irresponsible and thoughtless act. Premier Robarts is so busy, in fact, that concern about his health is openly expressed, and such harrassment is ill-advised. Especially in poor taste were those bundles of garbage and broken glass which joined the mail going to the Premier's office at Queen's Park.

That the campaign was conceived without too much thought is evident. It should have been clear, even in reaching a spur - of - the - moment decision, that the 35,000 to 40,000 cans for which labels were requested would never be seen by Premier Robarts, but would only increase the workload of those who handle his mail. In fact, they did not even reach his office, it has been disclosed but were "combed out" in the Legislature post office.

## Be A World Champion To Children WithUNICEF Christmas Cards 99

York County supporters of the United Nations Children's Fund are busy promoting the annual UNICEF Greeting Card campaign, and committee chairmen have been appointed in Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Stouffville.

The heart of UNICEF's work is long-range involvement in the desperate difficulties that face three-quarters of the world's children - difficulties that arise from insufficient (or non-existent) medical, educational and welfare facilities.

Since direct assistance to 900 million children is obviously impossible, UNICEF's goal is to encourage and mobilize people in all the developing countries who are striving to improve the future of their countries' children. In addition to supplying food, medicine and equipment, UNICEF aims to help people to help themselves, following the philosophy of the Chinese proverb that says "If you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day; if you teach him how to fish, he will never go hungry.

The UNICEF approach is the same in all fields, whether nutrition, disease eradication, mother-child health care schooling, vocational training, or social welfare. UNICEF helps provide the supplies, equipment, financial assistance for training personnel, transportation facilities, and whatever is required to get a long-range program off the ground, and firmly established, in the national policy of

the assisted country. Frequently, as in the case of disease eradication or improvement of water supply, adults will benefit as well —but the target of all UNICEF programs is, as it has always been, tomorrow's adults — the world's children.

Every year distinguished artists from over 100 countries donate their work for consideration for the renowned UNICEF Greeting Card Collection. The 1970 selection of cards features work from paintings by well known contemporary Canadian Artists William Winter and the late Marc Aurele Fortin, whose work is permanently represented in the Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City museums at Queen's University and in Paris.

A striking painting, "Eskimo Fishing" from recently deceased artist, Paunchiak, is also included in the collection, and a beautiful card has been produced from Noel Lavasseur's "Kneeling Angel", a wood carving which he executed in Quebec in 1732 and is now in the National Gallery in Ottawa.

The UNICEF Christmas Folder is packed with colorful illustrations of artist designed Christmas Cards, the calendar diary, delightfully illustrated by children, and the ever popular hasty notes, in a choice of three designs. One hundred and twenty countries are served by your UNICEF contribution - and the needs are many and growing each year. This is why UNICEF greetings are so vital and why so much depends on your purchase of cards, calendars and hasty notes.

Every card you send sends needed medicine and aid to a sick, or distressed child. Five boxes send enough vaccine to protect 300 cildren from tuberculosis. Order 16 boxes and you can help cure 120 youngsters of trachoma. Everyone wins when you send UNICEF greetings

These may be obtained locally from Richmond Hill Credit Union, 66 Yonge Street South, from 9 to 5 pm weekdays, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Greeting Card Committee Chairman for Richmond Hill

is Mrs. James Fraser, 336 Crosby Avenue. In Aurora is Mrs. Shirley Horton, 42 Algonquin Crescent, Mrs. John McDermott, 121 Fairview Avenue, is in charge of card sales in Stouffville, and the person responsible for the Newmarket area is Mrs. Ann Nasato, 29 Belfry Drive.

> Everyone Wins With UNICEF Greetings

## Board Gets Bouquets, Brickbats

The York County Board of tive or research activities which Education publication, "Growth have been carried on in York Points '70 has been generally County in the past years. It is Dera Mr. Editor: well received, but enthusiasm designed primarily for teachers It is high time the officers for the report has not been un- to communicate with each other of the Canadian Labor Congress A slim paperback volume re- available to the public.

outlines experimental, innova- been circulated to other boards, months.

return bottles in the spring and cation are so much more mean- kers. Alberta is planning similar ingful than theoretical models legislation to discourage use of distributed by faculties of eduthrowaway soft-drink bottles. cation," said Mr. Fraser. "The This legislation will require projects outlined in Growth merchants either to exchange Points are real and alive, and soft-drink containers of less know you will have no reserthan 40-ounce capacity for new vations about any plagiarism ones in purchases, or to pay the that may occur in our area. customer 2¢ each for used con- Education Director Sam The CLC leaders are prone to ted Appeal Month in York.

Gordon Taylor has described reported too that one York alternatives which would be efthis proposed legislation as County teacher had returned fective in coping with labor and disposing of no-deposit, no- from the board so that it could up or shut up? return bottles and cans where be redistributed to save money I am passing along the followit belongs - with the produc- and permit the hiring of more ing suggestions: teachers to relieve the "deplor-

this legislation, the little town Board comment was that not hour, for two years; drink bottles. The bylaw, which county.

Several Ontario municipalities which has been made available other stringent steps toward barous and that these methods and concerned groups have told to other boards of education, straightening out the situation are still in use. the Ontario government they and a limited number are avail- we could well find ourselves This is more of a national want similar legislation.

of Claresholm, Alberta, a town many teachers could be hired (2) Freeze prices for the same gram on the "fur harvest" of 2,573 persons, has become for the \$2,500 it cost to produce period (including cost of hydro made the viewer acutely aware the first community in that pro- the book, copies of which were and telephone); vince to ban no-return soft sent to all teachers in the goes into effect December 1, Seventeen studies and pro- for the next five years. imposes a fine of \$500 for any- jects in planning, program de- (4) Stop all immigration into I also became aware that the one who sells solf drinks in velopment and research are des- Canada for the next five years. methods of trapping used in the

cribed and analysed in the book "If we don't take these or old times were cruel and barable to the public at \$1 each. faced with another lengthy disgrace than the much-talked

# ters to the Editors

SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT STAGNATES THE ECONOMY

Dear Mr. Editor:

Mrs. Beatrice Bryant's letter in your November 12 issue entitled "Only The Socialists Guard The Worker's Rights," and which praises Tommy Douglas, the federal NDP leader for opposing the War Measures Act and painting a dismal picture of what will happen under more repressive legislation, proves she is what our Prime Minister called, "A bleeding

Sometimes our country needs drastic surgery to cut out the cancer of society, not the platitudes of those who give aid and comfort to traitors, criminals and murderers. The majority of Canadians agree with Prime Minister Trudeau, especially those of us who have studied his background, and recognize that he is the last Canadian politician who has the ambition to destroy our democratic system.

Regarding only Socialists guard the worker's rights, she didn't explain what workers. If she means the labor union members, the NDP backs them every time and never objects to the 20% or 30% wage increases which are the chief causes of inflation. The NDP did not even object to the \$3.00 an hour raise the crane operators received recently, and those of us who are non-union members, pensioners, farmers and on fixed incomes wonder if the political arm of labor gives any thoughts to our declining standard of living.

As a former resident of Saskatchewan when Tommy Douglas was the Premier, I learned that at the end of his career there the province had a lower | nual Victorian Christmas, Nov- Canadian economic scene, there standard of living than Manitoba or Alberta, chiefly ember 27 to December 20. because of his antagonism to foreign investment which stagnated the economy and caused many of us to leave for greener fields in Ontario where those of us with trades, professions and ability could find employment and live in comfortable bungalows with central heat and indoor toilets.

I would like to remind Mrs. Bryant that Stephen Lewis, the new leader of the Ontario NDP was elected because of the full support of the labor union delegates, and therefore he will support them 100% no matter what they demand. Consequently every time unions demand and receive increases in wages beyond their capita increase in production, prices rise which lower the standard of living of farmers, non-union workers, pensioners and others on fixed incomes. These groups far outnumber the members of labor unions, and in their own interests should not support the demagogues of the NDP who profess with tears in their eyes that they are working in the interests of all workers, the poor and de-

Mrs. Bryant is naive and one of those dreamers who believe we can have utopia and all of us live the life of Riley under a Socialist government. We cannot have a perfect society as long as human beings are imperfect. The selfishness of labor unions and their political arm, the NDP proves this fact conclusively.

Yours realistically, FRED MATTICOTT, Richmond Hill.

LABOR UNIONS CAUSING | period of "depression". UNEMPLOYMENT

on a professional level, but is woke up, faced the true facts, UNITED APPEAL FOR YORK and shouldered 50% of the Dear Mr. Editor:

cently produced by the board's At a meeting of the board on blame for the present high rate department of planning and de- November 9, trustees were told of unemployment, which will velopment, "Growth Points '70" that copies of the report have continue through the next few Appeal A Must for York", and

and a letter from J. A. Fraser, High wages demanded by labor your thoughts. I know the prodirector of education for Kenora have closed the doors of some blems facing the Richmond Hill Alberta Town Bans Board of Education was read small industries. Strikes have and District Social Planning stating he was "particularly im- not only affected those workers Council in trying to establish a No-Return Bottles pressed with 'Growth Points directly involved but have workable scheme for a United caused industries supplying Appeal, because we in Aurora "Descriptions of ongoing ac- materials to the plants which have gone through the same British Columbia banned no- tivities within a board of edu- are struck to lay off their wor- frustrating experience.

It is not the rank and file of success it must be carried out

Chapman reported several other blame and criticize the federal Alberta Highways Minister letters in the same vain, but government without suggesting placing the onus for handling the copy of the book received problems. Why don't they put

GEORGE LINSDELL, Apt. 311, 7471 Yonge Street, Thornhill.

Reference is made to your very excellent editorial "United

I agree wholeheartedly with

If a United Appeal is to be a trade unions who are to blame on a regional basis, I have alas much as their leaders, al- ready contacted some members though the ordinary members of the Social Planning Council should do more thinking for to offer my services in any way themselves rather than always possible to introduce the subject at the York Region in hopes

that in 1971 we can have a Uni-RICHARD ILLINGWORTH Mayor,

Town of Aurora. \* \* \* \* TRAPPING STILL BARBAROUS Dear Mr. Editor: Two recent TV programs (the

excellent documentary on the However, tired of waiting for able" situation in the schools. (1) Freeze wages at \$3 an history of the Hudson's Bay Company and the Take 30 prothat the whole opening-up of Canada, you could say the whole history of our country was founded on the fur-trade.

### about seal hunting, because ment reached between General millions of small animals have been, and are, involved, because Canada lags behind other civilized countries in having no laws against the vicious leg- grossly inflationary settlement, hold traps, and because a hum- hope for much better from the ane, instant-death trap has been UAW's parity-committed counand approved by them, as they adian contract.

and crawls away). try - and for centuries, is the of \$3.80 this year; over three worst pollution of all. Let us re- years, with cost of living incremove this bolt from our national ments, increase average 10 record by writing to our local percent a year. less leg-hold trap.

"Windrush". RR 1, Kettleby.

# At MacKenzie House

The simple pleasures of the traditional Yuletide Season will effect this wage settlement will be revived when MacKenzie have throughout the economy. House celebrates the ninth an-

and other trimmings to adorn to make this a dismal hope. mantles, archways and staircases. The forerunner of the INNISFILL - Edith Kleinveld. Christmas Tree in England, the 9 died in hospital in Barrie, of "Kissing Bough", which was injuries suffered as she helped decorated by the family on harvest corn on her family's Christmas Eve, is again aglow Concession 6 farm. Last year with candles and gay home- Edith's father was killed while

fresh baking to the basement of East Gwillimbury residents kitchen, you will find "Our coming into this town January 1 Favorite", a wood-burning fire- will double immediately. The place range where ladies in rates should have been inperiod costume are preparing creased a year ago, according to cookies and fruit loaves, to be the township's deputy-reeve who served to visitors along with will sit on the area municipalcranberry punch and hot mull- ity council next year, but in

freshments included.

It does not seem an exaggeration to suggest that the lives of all Canadians will in some way be touched by the costly agree-Motors Corporation in the U.S. and the United Auto Workers It is, by any measure, a

Auto Wage

Hit Consumer

(Ottawa Citizen)

Pact To

invented and could be used terparts here as they sit down This has been tried by trappers to negotiate details of the Canlose fewer pelts by wring-off In all it is estimated by some when using it. ("Wring-off" is to add \$1.80 an hour in wage when an animal chews off a leg and fringe benefits to union contracts. On flat pay increases, Surely cruelty on such a seale workers get 51 cents (13 per-- spread over the whole coun- cent) added to hourly earnings

members of parliament demand- The UAW won, after all, in its ing the abolition of the merci- bid to protect itself from costof-living increases, both retro-ETHELWYN WICKSON, actively and through the three

years of its next contract. Any vested interest this powerful union might have had in keeping costs down is gone-Victorian Christmas while the new rates virtually ensure that the pay of the workers rises at three times the rate of their productivity rises. The consumer will pay-in the cars he buys, and in the ripple

Viewed from the troubled could scarcely be worse news. Mackenzie House, 82 Bond The government has been Street in Toronto, the mid-19th forced to lift its foot from the Century home of Toronto's first economic brake in an attempt to mayor, will be decorated to por- relieve unemployment. It is tray Christmas as it used to be, banking now on restraint at the when the children of the house cost end, and particularly in spent many happy hours making wage boosts, to keep inflation popcorn and cranberry ropes, from again running rampant, paper chains, rosettes, candles The UAW settlement appears

made objects to delight young repairing a machine on the and old alike. The aroma of same farm, Mrs. Kleinveld has fresh evergreens and crackling been operating the farm with wood fires complete the festive her four young daughters.

If you follow the smell of NEWMARKET - Water rates stead the cash reserves were

MacKenzie House is open 9.30 depleted. Increased costs of opam - 5:00 pm Monday to Satur- eration are responsible h day and 12 Noon to 5.00 pm stated. However, East Gwillim-Sundays. Admission is 75¢ for bury water users will still be adults and 50g for children, re- paying less than residents of the present town.



### Buster Vermeulen's Paintings On Display At Public Library

By BONNIE SHEPPARD

The name was familiar . . . Buster Vermeulen. Yes, the reputation had preceded the man and I was happy to meet him in person at last.

This week at the town public library, his paintings and sketches are on display. Usually, in a display of this kind, the viewer can detect a style or a definitive technique, then he can confidently identify the artist again at a later date. Ah-h yes that is an A. Vermeulen, you can tell by . . . and on and on. Perhaps you will be intrigued then by this exhibition because Buster is not tied down to one style. His many pictures range from colourful and vivid acrylics and collages to very serene pastel sketches.

As a young man, Buster sold his paintings to help subsidize his university education in South Africa. However, it wasnt until eighteen months ago that he began to devote his time more seriously to painting and sketching. It was about the same time that the Vermeulen family moved permanently to Richmond Hill and many of his works reflect that move. In this last year, in fact, Richmond Hill seems to have taken over his brushes and pastel box. His pastel sketches of the Mill Pond, the Presbyterian Church and the United Church are about to be made into postcards by the Chamber of Commerce. (Imagine, an original Vermeulen for a few pennies), Personally, I think his pastels of Richmond Hill scenes, and there are seven, should be purchased as a group. They reflect the community very effectively. A recent pastel sketch of autumn colours struck me as one of his best yet.

One subject which was Buster's main theme behind the inteview (aside from the library exhibition) is the establishment of a group or society of local artists. Certainly in the last few weeks it has been driven home to me just how many creative and highly talented people there are in the immediate area. Just as small villages or areas in the New England area spring to mind as artist colonies, he feels Richmond Hill could become one of these very easily. He is voicing this view as actively as he can and promoting it himself by entering as many exhibitions locally as is possible. It's a darned good

Back to the current exhibition, Buster has a great idea for those of us who enjoy his work but are a little unsure of our own tastes as yet. He allows his paintings to be leased out by the month. He has color coded those which he is leasing or selling and it may be easily seen which is which. It should be a very interesting display for Richmond Hill residents in particular because the man's intense feeling for the community is so evident. Do go and see his work at the library, it's there all this week. And if you don't know him already - try to meet Buster Vermeulen. Good Luck, Buster.

### New Outdoor Education Centre Planned For Boyd Conservation Area tion Area have been ear-

Last year, more than 148,-000 persons of all ages took part in educational programmes provided by the Metro Conservation Authority. This year the demand for these programmes con-

tinues to grow School groups continue to swamp authority facilities with ever-increasing numbers of students to be accommodated. Some teachers do not even apply after learning that certain programmes may be reserved bion Hills and Claremont as much as a year in ad- Field Centres are residential

of increased leisure time

Conservation is a group action in terms of what the authority does, building dams to control floods, controlling erosion, reforestation, etc., but it all boils down to man's attitude—the attitude of the individual towards his

Three conservation field centres are presently operated by the authority. Alfacilities with classes in res-The authority feels that idence from Monday to Friboth young and old need to day during the school year. become more aware of their 'They also accommodate total environment - to ac- weekend groups from Friquire interests and skills day until Sunday afternoon. outside the urban areas Cold Creek Conservation where most people live. To Field Centre programmes a feel comfortable in the out- different class each day durof-doors is an important ing the school year. All

viding facilities and programmes for teacher training, summer programmes for students, and seminars for groups interested in conservation education.

The classroom is the "great wide world," just outside these centres so that our renewable natural resources can be better understood. Soil, water, forests, and wildlife in relation to the needs of man must be cherished and conserved. Participants in these programmes achieve a greater awareness of the interdependence between man and the natural world of which

ne is a part. The residential centres provide important experience at an early age for students in democratic processes - each doing his or step towards rewarding use centres are active in pro- her share of "chores" - set-

ting tables, washing dishes, sharing equipment, co-operating on study projects, and sharing in entertaining others in evening programmes. Black Creek Pioneer Vil-

lage is well known across Ontario as a fine example of a pre-Confederation village. Tens of thousands of students have conducted tours here during school days and they bring their parents, aunts, uncles and cousins back on weekends and during the summer. Many classes opt for a

"Pioneer Life" programme where there they become familiar with the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes experienced by the pioneers. Here, work with pioneer tools and utensils and the creation of "essentials" is its own reward.

Many thousands of per-

sons who would like to understand and feel more knowledgeable in the out-of doors take part in various kinds of field trips. Five mile hikes, breakfast hikes, find-your-way hikes, open house at flood control dams and field centres are just a few of those offered by the Authority on weekends. They are for family groups and are led by people skilled in the interpretation of the outdoor environment. Early each year a telephone call to the authority office will bring a programme outlining the year's events.

School classes can have field trips of several kinds where instruction is also provided by people who can interpret the out-of-doors and the programmes of the Authority. One hour and flood control dam and res- end of the Boyd Conserva- ture.

ervoir, and all-day watershed tours are some of those provided. For many urban children a trip to a conservation area provides an allimportant introduction to the rural environment where the great city can be forgotten for a few hours. An apt definition of con-

servation is, "Use without using up." Conservation education helps people of all ages to appreciate that proper management of our renewable natural resources will help to provide a better life for us all.

Metro Conservation Officials are planning to meet the increasing needs of the region for outdoor educational facilities and programmes. Twelve hundred start on this Boyd Interprehalf-day hikes, visits to a acres of land at the north tive Complex in the near fu-

marked for development for outdoor education. First, an environmental studies centre will be constructed which should accommodate up to 200,000 students on partialday visits, and a similar number of adults and children on weekends, each year. Later, up to six residential field centres are being planned to operate in a manner similar to the existing field centres.

This land is admirably suited to this type of programme. The woods, fields, ponds, streams and marsh are unique in that they are located so close to the large urban areas.

The conservation foundation is preparing to accept funds which will permit a