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Historical Plaque, York University

On November 21, an historical plaque commemorating York University was unveiled in the Stong Building at the university. This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Ontario Department of Public Records and Archives, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board.

Teachers Development Day Set For February

Teachers from all areas and levels in York County schools will be having their 1971 professional development day on February 19.

In the Spotlight

Theatre 42 Of Bayview Secondary Provide Enjoyable Christmas Fare For Children

We climbed over the gift wrappings as we headed out the door, swept the new fallen snow off the windshield and pointed the family chariot in the direction of Bayview Secondary School.

New Markham Town Inaugural January 5

The inaugural meeting of the new Markham Town council will be held Tuesday January 5 at 7:30 pm at the former Markham Township municipal building in Buttonville, on Woodbine Avenue north of Highway 7.

KEEP STEELES BOUNDARY

Dear Mr. Editor: Some time ago I wrote urging all those who opposed the annexation of certain areas to stand up and be counted.

It is my belief that 82 percent of the area concerned oppose annexation, and it is my belief that those 82 percent should advise Darcy McKeough to that effect.

Letters to the Editors

FIRE PROTECTION IN THE NEW TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

Dear Mr. Editor: In several days regional government will come into being and one of the major aspects of this new concept, which has not been clarified, is that of fire protection.

As a result of the changes in municipal boundaries ordered by the provincial government, the municipality of Richmond Hill has assumed the responsibility of fire protection for a much wider area with very little increase in fire fighting equipment or manpower to provide it.

At the time of this writing, the only concrete addition to the equipment of the Richmond Hill Fire Department is a former gasoline truck, 1960 vintage, which is being converted for use as a tank truck.

Prior to October 1970 fire equipment stationed in Richvale consisted of a 1969 pumper, an aerial ladder truck and a tank truck. In October, after the announcement of regionalization, these units were spirited away to other areas of Vaughan Township and replaced with a 1953 pumper and a 1953 tank truck.

What are the residents and industry of this area to expect in the future? Which fire department is to be responsible for fire protection in the southwest corner of Markham? If there are coincidental fires in Oak Ridges and Richvale does Richmond Hill possess adequate equipment and men, to say nothing of distances, to service both areas?

I would suggest, if any individual or group have any criticism of my comments, that they request the Ontario Fire Marshall's office to make a survey of the area to determine its requirements and also to comment on the cloak and dagger transfer of equipment, which took place in October at the Richvale Fire Hall.

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law and order. Does Mr. Browne know that in some cases in the United States the judiciary are voted to office? Does he recall the utter fiasco of the Ruby Trial?

For uncheerful holiday reading I suggest the book "Oppenheimer" to learn a little about the CIA... another American Agency whose methods are frightening to one who still believes in democracy.

Railroad Mercy Killing

(New York Times) There is an illusion, particularly prevalent among bureaucrats and businessmen who always take airplanes anyway, that the way to improve railroad passenger services is to cut off its hands and feet.

On the entire Pacific Coast, there is to be no north-south service between the great cities of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. There is no service planned throughout the southwest since the sunset route between New Orleans and Los Angeles is to be abandoned.

Similarly central and northern New England, already almost unreachable by train, are now to be abandoned altogether. The surviving trains between New York, Albany and Montreal, and between Boston and Albany are to be killed.

Even worse than the deficiencies of the proposed network are the false premises which underlie it. According to Secretary Volpe's report, the "intercity" assumption which guided him and his associates is: "Inter-city rail passenger service will survive only if the demand for it increases sufficiently to reverse the decline in ridership and the resultant mounting losses experienced to date in providing such service."

From this assumption, they further rationalize that available money has to be concentrated on "a limited number of routes which show some promise of profitability." They speak blandly of selecting routes based on "realistic projections of further demand and costs."

These assumptions foredoom the whole effort to failure. Has Congress appropriated \$70 billion for the interstate highway system because it shows "promise of profitability?" What "realistic projections of future costs" did the nation follow when for decades it spent billions developing a network of airports and providing mail subsidies to money-losing airlines?

The answer, of course, is that the nation decided it wanted superhighways and airports. In each case, it built the best, most modern system that money could buy. Naturally, once these facilities were available people used them.

The same would be true of railroad passenger service. The assumption Secretary Volpe and his colleagues should have proceeded upon is the following: "Inter-city rail passenger service is essential in a civilized, urbanized society. Its operating deficit, if any, will be supportable if riders are provided with a clean, comfortable, conveniently scheduled, dependable service. As with highways and airports, the capital investment in roadbed and rolling stock will be written off by the government."

It may be that the Nixon Administration, rather than believing in an illusion, knows perfectly well that the present approach will not work. There are cynics who called the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 the "railroad euthanasia bill." If this cynicism is not to be proved valid, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Volpe will have to stop approaching the problem in terms of phony public relations gestures. They will have to stop mouthing support for a "balanced transportation policy" and begin fighting for one.

AURORA - Major league lacrosse is coming to Aurora. Next summer an Aurora team will compete in an eight-team senior circuit that includes Toronto, Detroit, Peterborough, Brampton, Brooklin, Huntsville and Brantford. Home games will be played in the community centre. The season runs from May to September.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

By Rev. Alfred McAlister, Minister of Thornhill United Church

MENDING THE SOCIAL FABRIC

I am concerned about the alienation of youth in society today, but what is more disturbing is the alienation of adults from the youth.

Men and women over forty frequently have very uncompromising attitudes about youth. It is adults' failure to enter into an adequate dialogue with youth that leaves them susceptible to the revolutionary sloganizing of the New Left: "Police are pigs", and unpopular politicians are "tools of a corrupt establishment".

The true answer to social breakdown is another kind of revolution: the revolution that comes about when you and I put our faith in Jesus Christ. Amassing possessions as a way of life is rejected in this faith.

Young people today know vastly more of the world than we did when we were young. My grade 8 daughter talks about the "laissez-faire society" a phrase I hadn't even heard until university. What's more, there is an honesty and straightforwardness, a rejection of hypocritical and superficial morality that is part of the youth revolution. This is shocking and offensive to the over-40 crowd. But the frank discussion of human issues is more moral than the pretense and role-playing of the previous generation.

Tragedy awaits us unless society awakens up and we gladly welcome

the idealism of youth and sincerely accept their contribution of honest criticism.

It is adults' failure to enter into an adequate dialogue with youth that leaves them susceptible to the revolutionary sloganizing of the New Left: "Police are pigs", and unpopular politicians are "tools of a corrupt establishment". Well, making scapegoats of the symbols of our society is a destructive exercise that at best creates an excitement and an enormous stimulus to the emotions, while at worst it destroys the trust that makes a free society viable.

The true answer to social breakdown is another kind of revolution: the revolution that comes about when you and I put our faith in Jesus Christ. Amassing possessions as a way of life is rejected in this faith. Grading people by their financial success is forbidden. Trusting God and seeking His will become top priorities in the real Christian approach. And above all, using the Divine technique in interpersonal relations — love, love, love.

"Oldsters, love the youngsters!" (and vice-versa). We need each other. Youth desperately needs the wisdom and experience of age. Age desperately needs the idealism, the burning concern for truth and honesty expressed by youth. Together we badly need Jesus Christ to keep the whole social fabric in one piece.

More Favors For Quebec

The Trudeau Government has certainly made Quebec the favored province of the Canadian Confederation. Ottawa has repeatedly showered Quebec with concessions that extend the gamut from compulsory bilingualism to huge sums of federal tax monies. Quebec in return makes the greatest demands on the rest of Canada — demands that tear at the very fabric of this nation.

The outburst of FLQ terrorism occurred in Quebec and required the quick intervention of federal troops to thwart what could have been a serious threat by revolutionaries to peace, order and good government. During the past few weeks the Prime Minister has pumped some \$750 million into the province to shore up the sagging Quebec economy. British Columbia is also facing serious economic difficulties but so far Ottawa has not seen fit to offer the same degree of financial assistance to the government of Premier Bennett.

The Province of Ontario makes no

demands on the Canadian Confederation. Instead this province pours millions of dollars into the federal treasury annually. On top of that in the June 1968 federal election Ontario voters were extremely generous in their support of Prime Minister Trudeau and his federal Liberals.

But Mr. Trudeau and his Liberal cohorts in Ottawa adopt a "We couldn't care less" attitude towards Ontario. The latest example of this callous attitude is the appointment of yet another Quebec Liberal to the federal cabinet. When Solicitor General George McRraith, who represented an Ontario riding, resigned, Mr. Trudeau named Montreal lawyer Jean-Pierre Goyer to his post. Now Montreal has seven cabinet ministers no less while Metro Toronto can only boast a grand total of three. Yet in the last general election Metro Toronto voters elected Trudeau Liberals to 20 of the 24 federal seats in this area. Mr. Trudeau has seen fit to ignore this area at his political peril.

Provide Area Birds Winter Food Supply

The birds that inhabit Metro and the suburban areas will be getting a special dinner treat again this year — if they happen to visit 11 of the conservation areas administered by the Metro Conservation Authority.

Light A Candle

Light a candle in your window For the year is growing old, And Old Time has written fims To a story that is told.

ROBERT D. LITTLE, Richmond Hill.

Need Massive Capital Investment For Growing Economy

(We hear a great deal these days of foreign domination of the Canadian economy. Stanley Randall, Ontario's Minister of Trade and Development, in a recent speech to a group of businessmen in Toronto stressed the other side of the coin — the need for vast sums of invested capital in order to provide the 100,000 new jobs this province needs every year — Editor.)

opportunities and challenges that face us. A recent issue of "Forbes" magazine, for example, points out that Canada's provincial premiers are more interested in jobs than in whether a New York or Toronto based firm issues the paychecks. The report states that also favorable to U.S. companies is the fact Canada has its continentalists who think in North American terms believe any investment is good investment.

As Premier Roberts has explained, the Ontario economy has been built by the infusion of foreign capital, primarily American. We should bear in mind that the American economy itself was built on investment from Great Britain and other European countries and this enabled America to become the world's most productive

pendence derives from the strong will of Canadians to maintain our values, our own institutions, and our own way of life. To maintain one of the world's highest living standards, foreign investment in a few sectors of our economy is the price we have to pay. I think it's a bargain. Canadians have survived by being great bargain hunters. And if our bargaining days are over, so are we.

As the "Forbes" magazine report concludes, a lot depends on how the U.S. Government, businessmen, and the press handle the nationalism vs one-world economy conflict. For Americans, to refuse to compromise with so-called Canadian economic nationalism could encourage it. To go along with it to a degree, states the magazine, "will almost certainly prove to be the most sensible of the alternatives."

And a U.S. cabinet delegation recently agreed to lift the American embargo on imports of Canadian oil next year and negotiate a free-trade agreement in oil after that. And a few days ago, Prime Minister Trudeau stressed that Canada must emphasize productivity and efficiency, not tariffs and protection, to capture a

DEMOCRACY AND DISLOYAL CITIZENS
Dear Mr. Editor — I was dismayed by Bernard Browne's suggestion that an Un-Canadian Activities Committee be set up in Canada similar to the one in the United States. No, Mr. Browne, we do not want McCarthyism in Canada attendant with witch hunting and persecution. We don't want to or need to pattern ourselves on American