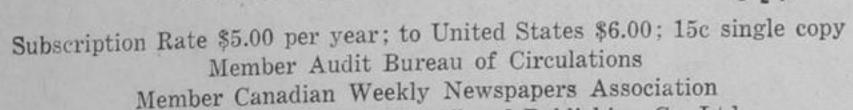


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MESSAGE

By Rev. Alfred McAlister, Minister of Thornhill United Church

MENDING THE SOCIAL FABRIC

More Favors For Quebec

Liberals.

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.

We constantly hear blatant denunciations of young people because of their appearance, their disrespect for parents and teachers. 'This is a permissive society and there is a moral breakdown," wail the oldsters.

The real breakdown, however, is in communication and most of us possibly underestimate the investment of time and effort and self that is required to gain a deep understanding of any person with a different view-

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 hyprocritical 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 wakens up and we gladly welcome

The Trudeau Government has cer-

tainly made Quebec the favored

province of the Canadian Confedera-

tion. Ottawa has repeatedly show-

ered 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

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 mil-

lion into the province to shore up

the sagging Quebec economy. British

Columbia is also facing serious econ-

omic difficulties but so far Ottawa

has not seen fit to offer the same

degree of financial assistance to the

The Province of Ontario makes no

government of Premier Bennett.

Provide Area Birds

Winter Food Supply

The birds that inhabit Met-

ro and the suburban areas will

be getting a special dinner

treat again this year - if they

happen to visit 11 of the con-

servation areas administered

by the Metro Conservation Au-

This year, the authority is

putting out four tons of feed

for a start. There'll be two

mixtures . . . three tons of a

mixture made up of 20 percent

sunflower seed, 40 percent

wheat and 40 percent cracked

corn, and one ton consisting

of about 10 different varieties

of seeds, including peanuts

Incidentally, the four tons

of feed will last until about

February, and the authority

and buckwheat.

thority.

very fabric of this nation.

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.

demands on the Canadian Confedera-

tion. 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 gen-

erous in their support of Prime Min-

ister Trudeau and his federal

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 Gen-

eral George McIlraith, who repre-

sented 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 To-

ronto 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.

Light A Candle

Light a candle in your window

For the year is growing old,

And Old Time has written finis

Light a candle in your window

For the memories that start,

And for all unknown tomorrows

Light a candle in your heart.

Light a candle in your window

While the winter shadows play;

May a shining New Year's coming

Bring a finer, brighter day.

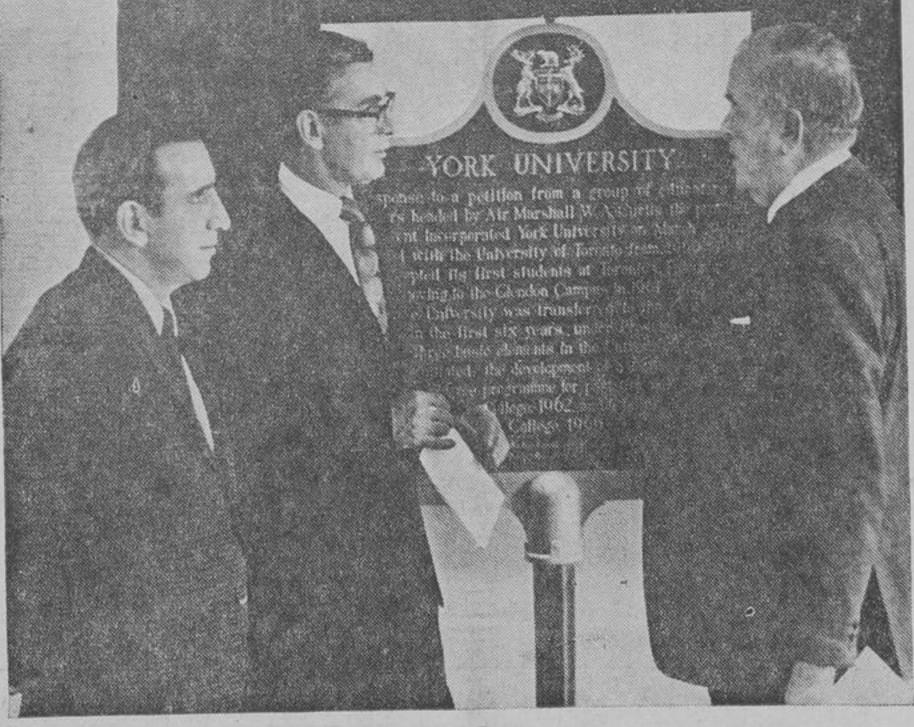
Light a candle in your window

For the old year to depart,

Light a candle in your heart.

And to greet the New Year's dawning

To a story that is told.



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.

Shown (left to right) after the ceremony are: Prof. W. G. Ormsby of Brock University who represented the province's historic sites board; Dr. D. W. Slater, president of York University and W. P. Scott, chairman of the York University Board of Governors.

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 a series of meetings, the board's Superintendent of Planning and Development Stephen Bacsalmasi and a committee of teachers appointed for the purpose agreed that core programs for teachers from kindergarten to grade 13 should be presented at several different centres in the county.

At a meeting December 14, trustees of York County Board of Education approved a full recommendation that a group of not more than 20 teachers from schools be authorized to draw program will be built around contemporary trends in teaching, with workshop sessions in which implications of these

will be reviewed. In addition to the programs for academic teachers, there will be separate programs for teachers of physical education, home economics, etc.

The teachers will be putting up most of the money for expenses - \$1,200 from the local Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation's professional develoment fund, \$1,000 from the elementary school \$500 subsidy from the board.

program, February 19, a Friday, W. will be a holiday for the stu-

New Markham Town

7:30 pm at the former Markham Township muncipal building in Buttonville, on Woodbine Avenue north of Highway 7.

but arrangements are not yet

municipality composed of the former Town and Township of Markham.

al meeting of the new municipality of Whitchurch-Stouffville will be held here January



By BONNIE SHEPPARD

Theatre 42 Of Bayview Secondary Provide Enjoyable Christmas Fare For Children

We climbed over the gift wrappings as we elementary and secondary headed out the door, swept the new fallen snow off the windshield and pointed the family chariot in up programs for the day. The the direction of Bayview Secondary School. D'arcy and Shannon were anticipating Theatre 42's program, Once Upon A Clothesline and Frosty The Snowman. Although they had staged the plays trends for classroom activity twice on December 23, it was Boxing Day when we attended — and let's face it, Christmas is a hard act to follow!

Once Upon A Clothesline had an energetic cast of eleven and they all did themselves proud. Briefly, outdoor education, art, music, two clothespins, Pinno and Pinnette, are accosted by a nasty black widow spider who abducts Pinnette. All the tiny insects, co-ordinate their efforts to free Pinnette. Mr. Grasshopper and Pinno spearheaded the attack and of course, all turns out well.

Pinno was capably handled by Mike Woodcock who especially thrilled the children with his clothesline walking antics. Debbie Belger was a most attractive Pinnette but difficult to hear at times. The board expressed its appreciation to the federations of the cast were insects, (colorfully nexation of certain areas to not be greatly affected but further rationalize that available and inventively costumed — thanks to Susan Dowand to their representatives for ney, Marg Sheehan, Cornelia Blyth, Donna Johnston the co-operation and consider- and Malcolm Sandy) they were able to use variaable investment in planning the tions of their voices to good advantage. Mrs. Ant professional development day was characterized by Janet Dilworth as a busy flustered mother who chased each word impatiently this, and received a letter from and the naming of municipaliwith the next. Her tiny offspring, Jr. Ant, played the Minister to the effect that ties - calling areas "towns" inby Debra Locking achieved quite a rapport with the careful consideration is being stead of "boroughs." young audience.

non with his vigorous hopping about. (Play or no play, Shannon loves to jump). He was very good in The inaugural meeting of the his role as the braggardly coward. Each of his new Markham Town council will children (Barb Howden, Patti Peterkin and Caren belief that those 82 percent have brought Thornhill under costs" did the nation follow be held Tuesday January 5 at Crawford) in their tiny parts, assumed an individual, separate identity and stayed with it throughout the play. Dr. Beetle, a cantankerous old physician was Bill Barker who had a most unusual bag of tricks Wenue north of Highway 7.

Markham Clerk Harry Crisp and didn't hesitate to use it (even on the audience). of North York are the biggest the south, and Highway 7 on the The answer, of course, is that says a reception for council His pratfalls were great. Ian Henderson was colormembers and guests will be held ful Mr. Cricket and the children loved his awkwardfollowing the inaugural meeting, ness and backward character. (Ian had a broken arm to boot!) The tiny butterfly who flitted only once across the stage was wee Nigel Smith - a most outa history making gala affair, standing butterfly! Lorraine Smith and Jo-Anne since the council in 1971 repre- Carter were the nosy baby birds, again well in charsents and governs a much larger acter but sometimes difficult to hear. The Spider, Kathy Troy, was very good. From her maniacal laughter to her creepy crawly hand movements, borough in Metro. It also has to keep Thornhill together by his colleagues should have Kathy was despised by all the audience (except STOUFFVILLE: The inaugur- D'arcy who had taken a fancy to her and was ready to cast our heroes directly into her hands)

Two things irritated me in this production. The first was the music. Although it was well chosen, (Continued on Page 12)

Letters to the Editors

FIRE PROTECTION IN THE NEW TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

Dear Mr. Editor:

In several days regional government will come Does he recall the utter fiasco 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 an Agency whose methods are municipality of Richmond Hill has assumed the re- frightening to one who still sponsibility 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. From your paper I also note that funds of \$30,000. have been put aside for purchase of additional equipment. I would assume that this would partially cover the cost of a new pumper. Acquisition of this truck would take approximately six months after bids are submitted, reviewed and the order and specifications placed with the manufacturer. In addition to the above, Richmond Hill will inherit, as of January 1, 1971, two antiques from the Vaughan Township Fire Department. These units are now stationed at the Richvale Fire Hall.

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 "experts" announce that the announcement of regionalization, these units were public will not patronize the spirited away to other areas of Vaughan Township railroads. and replaced with a 1953 pumper and a 1953 tank These useless experts and truck. The dependability of both these units is, to this harmful illusion still presay the least, questionable. The action of the persons who made the decision for this transfer of senger train routes made public equipment is too small to warrant further comment. by Secretary Volpe is patently Surely the residents of the Richvale area have con- defective. tributed more financial support, in the past, to the Vaughan Township treasury than this sorry collection of antiques would indicate.

What are the residents and industry of this Francisco, Portland, and Searea 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 fast-growing sunbelt states nothing of distances, to service both areas? If there Texas, Arizona, and Southern is a fire at York Central Hospital or 67 Richmond Street or Ratcliff's what do we do for an aerial ladder truck? Indeed a mutual aid agreement exists between the area municipalities but why should Richmond Hill have to buy fire protection from other municipalities? Has the possibility of fire de- ern New England, already alpartment amalgamation been considered? If not, why not?

I would suggest, if any individual or group have any criticism of my comments, that they request the treal, and between Boston and Ontario Fire Marshall's office to make a survey of the area to determine its requirements and also to President Nixon and Secretary comment on the cloak and dagger transfer of equipment, which took place in October at the Richvale public to stand and cheer this Fire Hall. As the situation now stands both the citizens of the area and the fire crews who protect them are being placed in a very uncertain position.

In conclusion I must state that this letter is in no way meant to be a criticism of the members of the various area fire departments.

B. W. GRANTON, M.D., 64 Denham Drive, Richvale.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Some time ago I wrote urging gional government, because he

It was suggested that they a great deal of its assessment, routes which show some promshould let their views be known I also take issue with the De- ise of profitability." They to the Minister of Municipal partment of Municipal Affairs speak blandly of selecting Affairs Darcy McKeough. I did on the new regional boundaries routes based on "realistic progiven to what future is desired Thornhill crosses Yonge the whole effort to failure. Has

Ian Adnams as Mr. Grasshopper intrigued Shan- by the people in the area im- Street, but under the new sys- Congress appropriated \$70 bilmediately north of Metro. tem it will be split in two. Here lion for the interstate highway It is my belief that 82 per- is a place as old as Richmond system because it shows "promcent of the area concerned op- Hill and it loses its identity, ise of profitability"? What pose annexation, and it is my More careful planning would "realistic projections of future should advise Darcy McKeough one borough, not two towns as when for decades it spent bil-

> annexed to North York. The nue on the east, Bathurst Street subsidies to money-losing aircouncil and board of education on the west, Steeles Avenue on lines? spenders in the whole of Metro. north, there is a population of, the nation decided it wanted They have no respect for the I would judge, nearly 18,000 to superhighways and airports. In taxpayers. A million dollars to 20,000. The greater part of the each case, it built the best, them means nothing. If they area east of Yonge Street is most modern system that mondecide a million dollars for park still growing, and there are ey could buy. Naturally, once land it is voted. A million dol- some parts of Thornhill on the these facilities were available lars for frills for a school - west side of Yonge Street that people used them, the taxpayers won't mind. are as old as some of those on The same would be true of More money is wasted in the east side.

> North York than in any other It would have been simple assumption Secretary Volpe and the highest taxes. In "The Star" calling this area the Town of proceeded upon is the followof December 16 it was stated Thornhill, Borough of Markham, ing: "Intercity rail passenger that a house assessed at \$7,000 County of North York or York. service is essential in a civilpays \$678 in taxes. Compare There is also at present a ized, urbanized society. Its opthat with your present taxes and Town of Markham. It cannot reyou will have some idea of what main as the Town of Markham supportable if riders are proyour taxes might be. Also, it was in the Town of Markham. stated taxes would have to be I believe the Department of conveniently scheduled, depend-Municipal Affairs bungled when raised in 1971.

service. We wand not receive ham and Vaughan "towns" inthe service we have today. stead of "boroughs". A great the government." There are some streets in North deal more thought should have It may be that the Nixon Ad-York that are not plowed out been given to this before boun- ministration, rather than befor at least three days after a daries and names of areas were lieving in an illusion, knows snowfall. Our streets are either announced. salted or plowed in less than 24 May I suggest that if you ophours. In the summer the pose joining Metro, you stand are cynics who called the Rail

There is another thing - the telling him point blank that you If this cynicism is not to be human touch and personal con- want no part of Metro. tact with our representatives which is lost in Metro, and in particular in the Borough of

North York. I believe those of us who

moved out of Metro to get away And a U.S. cabinet delega- from Metro are still of the same

DEMOCRACY AND DISLOYAL CITIZENS tion recently agreed to lift opinion and want no part of it. Dear Mr. Editor -

the American embargo on I do not believe Darcy Mc- I was dismayed by Bernard AURORA — Major league lacimports of Canadian oil next | Keough will force us to join Browne's suggestion that an rosse is coming to Aurora. Next year and negotiate a free- Metro if enough protests are Un-Canadian Activities Com- summer an Aurora team will trade agreement in oil after made by the people concerned mittee be set up in Canada compete in an eight-team senthat. And a few days ago, and supported by the councils similar to the one in the Un-ior circuit that includes Toronto,

CECIL JONES.

* * * *

Thornhill.

stressed that Canada must | However if we have people we do not want McCarthyism Brooklin, Huntsville and Brantemphasize productivity and like the Mayor of Richmond in Canada attendant with witch ford. Home games will be efficiency, not tariffs and Hill (William Lazenby) who hunting and persecution. played in the community cenprotection, to capture a would have no objection to us- We don't want to or need to tre. The season runs from May

law and order. Does Mr. Browne know that in some cases in the United States the judiciary are voted to office?

of the Ruby Trial? For uncheerful holiday reading I suggest the book "Oppenheimer" to learn a little about the CIA . . . another Americbelieves in democracy.

> RILL BROWN, 71 Trench Street, Richmond Hill.

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. In the name of efficiency and costcutting, lines are lopped off, the dining, parlor, and sleeping cars are eliminated, and schedules are trimmed. When the number of passengers then declines still further, these same

sportation. The network of pas-

On the entire Pacific Coast, there is to be no north-south service between the great cities of San Diego, Los Angeles, San attle. There is no service planned throughout the southwest since the sunset route between New Orleans and Los Angeles is to be abandoned. Yet the California — have increasing numbers of older, retired people who have the leisure and the preference for quality ser-

Similarly, central and northmost unreachable by train, are now to be abandoned altogether. The surviving trains between Albany are to be killed. Do Volpe expect the travelling

vice by nearly two-thirds? Even worse than the deficiencies of the proposed network are the false premises which underlie it. According to Secretary Volpe's report, the first assumption which guided him and his associates is: "Intercity rail passenger service will survive only if the demand for it increases suffic-KEEP STEELES BOUNDARY | boundary line, then God help | iently to reverse the decline in the new County of York remounting losses experienced to

date in providing such service." Markham Township would lose trated on "a limited number of

These assumptions foredoom

lions developing a network of they are called today.

The area concerned would be In the area of Bayview Ave- airports and providing mail

railroad passenger service. The Another soint to consider is they called the areas of Mark-investment in roadhed and roll-

perfectly well that the present approach will not work. There streets are swept at least once up and be counted by bombard- Passenger Service Act of 1970 ing Mr. McKeough with letters the "railroad euthanasia bill."

> proved valid, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Volpe will have to stop 116 Woodward Avenue, approaching the problem in terms of phony public relations gestures. They will have to stop mouthing support for a "balanced transportation pol-

icy" and begin fighting for one.

ited States. No, Mr. Browne, Detroit, Peterboro, Brampton,

will set out an additional sup-ROBERT D. LITTLE, 4, 1971, at 7:30 pm. The public ply to tide over the birds un-Richmond Hill. is invited to attend. til spring. Need Massive Capital Investment For Growing Economy

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).

Besides creating Canadian investment. jobs and higher incomes, your members pay considerable taxes, generally help lift our living standards, and certainly help raise our sights. The wide scope of your meeting today is proof of that. And its a pleasure for me to take part, along onomic, social, and political the world's most productive

ges 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

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 with the previous speakers, European countries and this in discusing some of the ec- enabled America to become

(We hear a great deal opportunities and challen- and wealthiest nation. Quite simply, Americans took advantage, as Canada has, of foreign capital to expand their economy and provide millions of jobs for people

from all over the world. Over a century ago, at the time of Confederation, Canada for the most part was an empty country, with a small and undeveloped economy. Without inflows of people, capital, knowledge and technology from abroad, without the developing of growing As Premier Robarts has external markets for Can- way of life, our Canadian ingly independent world, we adian products, Canada's economy would have remained

> developed. So there's little reason for Canadians to be panicked, because some people from other countries invest money here. We have a strong, dominant, Canadian personality, which will not be altered by

be undermined by the influx of money, technology, or know-how from other countries. That's why we welcome foreign investment - it makes us stronger economically. It increases jobs, incomes, productivity, trade, and the equitable distribu-

tion of resources. Canada, and particularly Ontario, has become an appealing place for people from are over, so are we. many parts of the world. Our personality, our customs, our have to work out more mutfolkways, our way of doing ually advantageous deals, small and relatively under- things, our particular rhythm such as the Auto Pact, with -all those charactaristics our major trading partner, have made us powerful in the U.S. We should do so in our own right.

In the definitive analysis, way, and get on with the job we're not owned by anybody! Government in Canada is deals and other profitable responsible to Canadians, markets for our products and Period! Our political inde- services.

pendence derives from the Our distinctiveness can't strong will of Canadians to maintain our values, our own institutions, and our own way 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 To survive in an increas-

a calm, deliberate, rational of finding other profitable

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."

Prime Minister Trudeau of the County of York. (Continued on Page 5) ing the railway cut-off as a new pattern ourselves on American to September.