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**Canada's Own Anne Murray Visits Pioneer Village**

It was "love at first bite" when Canadian recording star Anne Murray met Snowball and Whitey, the pair of six-months old oxen at Black Creek Pioneer Village during some location shooting for Miss Murray's first special of this television season, "Anne Again", which will be shown November 8 at 8:30 on the CBC network. Black Creek was used as background for Miss Murray's version of "Cotton Jenny", a Gordon Lightfoot song which she does during the show.

Miss Murray was making friends with the young oxen when Snowball decided the poncho she was wearing looked too good to resist and took a bite. Jack Cowan, of Woodbridge, the livestock man at Black Creek quickly rescued the edge of Miss Murray's poncho before any damage was done.

**Letters to the Editors**

**TRUDEAU'S PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES**  
 Dear Mr. Editor:  
 In the Ottawa Report by John Roberts MP, York Simcoe, he expresses his pleasure at being appointed a Parliamentary Secretary. One question if the taxpayers are as pleased as Mr. Roberts at this appointment. At the present time Prime Minister Trudeau's personal staff is three times larger than that of Prime Minister Pearson, and at today's inflation many times larger in salaries paid.

A Parliamentary Secretary is paid \$4,000 over and above his greatly increased (this year) stipend of \$28,000. The recent appointment of thirteen secretaries brings to fifty-eight Liberal MP's (out of a total of 150) receiving a salary of \$32,000 a year. One wonders if there is sufficient quality to warrant an increase to this number of secretaries, and if the cost of government is increasing in a ratio to the unemployment in the country. Perhaps this "office overload" prevented Finance Minister Edgar Benson from reducing taxes more than three percent.

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**NEW YOUNG CITIZENS**  
 The law of Ontario now says residents 18 years of age and older may quaff a few ales in the local "watering holes" without fear of prosecution from the courts.

This increase of ale and wine consumption by you, the "New Breed", has caused a slop over which is splashing on the teenagers immediately below, specifically the 16 and 17 year olds.

These younger teenagers are emulating the acts of you, their friends, their school mates, their sports buddies, their neighborhood chums, and have taken to drinking on a much heavier scale than was apparent prior to the age change this summer.

House parties, local dances, and informal gatherings are being saturated by the indiscriminate use of beer and wine which, coupled with the family automobile, makes for a lethal weapon.

To all the new young citizens of Ontario who recently donned the mantle of legal maturity, I suggest, you have a responsibility. The responsibility of directing your younger friends away from the folly that a bottle of ale, or a quart of wine, is a short cut to maturity.

We, the establishment, have shown a confidence that you are responsible and adult at 18 years of age... here is an opportunity where you can justify this confidence.

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**THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS**  
 RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 Young Canada Book Week  
 November 15 to 22nd

If you were in the children's section of the Richmond Hill Public Library, or it's Richvale Branch during the past few weeks, and were perhaps puzzled by staff members poring over lengthy booklists, muttering to themselves as they went around their duties, tossing around stanzas, searching for the perfect rhyming word, making like an artist or perhaps staring into space hoping for brilliant ideas, we hoped that you would understand that our geniuses were at work! Once again the excitement of Young Canada Book Week is upon us, and our staff was preparing for the annual celebration to be held from November 15 to November 22.

We report however that plans are now finalized and Mrs. Frances Kucera, Mrs. Mary Decantis, Mrs. Alice Burnett, Mrs. Lila Ross and Mrs. Josie Fleming have descended from the cloud of children's fantasy with a program of which they are justifiably proud. Fellow workers, prejudiced though it may appear, are pleased with the poetic presentation of their colleagues who announced to all children in the area, that in order to enter the competition for Young Canada Book Week:

Here is what you have to do To win a prize — or maybe two!

As the contest rules have stated Write a book and illustrate it. Or, make a poster. Don't delay.

Start your handiwork today! Representatives from local schools and community groups will be invited to judge the entries, and all children, whether or not members of the library, are welcome to participate. We hope however that if you have not yet enjoyed a visit to the children's library that you will visit us very shortly and let us show you the many pleasures that we have in store for you.

Activities at the main library throughout the coming season include story hour for pre-school children each Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 pm, and for children, a little older on Saturday morning at 10:30 am. The book club continues to meet on Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Work with puppets is planned for a later date. A pre-school story hour is held on Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Richvale Branch, and as at the main library includes a varied program of stories, games and simple crafts.

**Davis And Leadership**  
 (Don Mills Mirror)  
 Premier William Davis and his Progressive Conservative Party are to be congratulated for their decisive victory at the polls on October 21.

It was a great personal victory for the Premier. The whole Conservative campaign was based on Davis leadership. The party was pushed completely into the background. Even Cabinet Ministers, for the most part, were asked to stay in their own ridings and leave the provincial fight for Davis to handle.

Liberal Leader Robert Nixon and New Democratic Party Leader Stephen Lewis tried desperately to campaign on issues and party platforms. But Davis refused to be drawn into that kind of battle. He forced his opponents to stand against him and be measured for leadership qualities. He won his own fight.

In the party standings, with a Conservative sweep of 78 seats, the Liberals appeared to be the biggest losers, with only 20 seats where they had held 28.

But the real defeat was for the NDP, even though the party wound up with a net loss of only one seat out of the 20 they held going into the election.

The party's rejection was most apparent in the loss of Oshawa — a solid labor riding and the home of thousands of General Motors auto workers.

The Conservatives won that seat with a greater margin of votes than the NDP had in 1967, even though the Liberals had a respectable number in third place.

There was also a sense of personal rejection for the NDP leader, Stephen Lewis, who almost lost his own seat in Scarborough West. He beat the Conservative candidate by a scant 166 votes and a recount has been sought.

Some of the losing candidates have said that the Conservatives won the election with money — money which paid for a massive electronic advertising campaign.

It is true that a fortune was spent by the Conservatives in presenting their case to the voters.

But we do not believe the people of Ontario were bought.

They got the message that Ontario's leadership was the basic issue at this point in Canada's history. They made their own decision.

In winning such a decisive victory — on the leadership issue — Premier Davis now holds great personal power, not only in his own Cabinet and party caucus, but also in the Legislature. It will be difficult for the opposition leaders to criticize his policies.

We think Premier Davis is capable of using his power wisely.

**Negative Economic Policies**

A great deal is being said and written these days about the proposed sale of the Canadian owned Supertest Oil Company to British Petroleum, a multi national giant which has been aggressively seeking a major share of the North American market. Several years ago B.P. successfully acquired control of Sinclair Oil in the United States.

The proposed Supertest sale has been under the scrutiny of the federal government since the sale was first announced several months ago and Canadian nationalists and much of the large urban press have been advocating that Ottawa should prevent the sale and thus prevent the last large Canadian owned oil company from falling into the hands of a large multi national corporation. Cabinet Ministers, Energy Minister Joe Greene and Trade Minister Jean Luc Pepin after studying the matter, announced last week that Ottawa will not interfere in the proposed merger.

What so many people and politicians have failed to realize is who the real culprits are in the sale of yet another Canadian company to outside interests. One of the major reasons for the Supertest sale is the negative taxation and economic policies of the Trudeau Government. The woolly thinking of Finance Minister Edgar Benson is forcing not only the Supertest sale but other such family owned enterprises as Dornan's Northern Ontario brewery, which was recently acquired by Rothmans, another multi-national company with headquarters in South Africa.

Supertest is the creation of one man — John Gordon Thompson of London, Ontario who founded the firm with one gas station on Dundas Street in London in 1923. Through his drive and leadership he has seen it grow to where today the firm now employs 600 people, has 1,300 retail outlets across Ontario and Quebec and total assets of \$52 million. Here

is a Canadian businessman who has an intimate knowledge of the gas and oil industry and his record over the years has shown he can not only survive but make a profit in a highly competitive area. Yet why is Mr. Thompson ready to sell out to multinational interests? A clear case for the Supertest sale was given by Mr. Thompson in a recent interview in the London Free Press.

Even under ideal conditions it is very hard for a private family owned corporation to compete in the petroleum industry with the big giants. Any hope of being able to remain viable are being thwarted by the Benson White Paper and Ottawa's tax policies in general and especially estate taxation. Mr. Thompson was also critical of the collectivist political and economic policies of the Trudeau Government with its increasing regulation over private business. With today's bureaucratic harassment and Ralph Nader-style consumerism he doubted if anyone could repeat the success story of Supertest. It is inevitable that more and more Canadian firms are going to fall into foreign hands.

Mr. Thompson's message is clear. Instead of trying to stop such multinational takeovers the federal government should gear its tax and economic policies to encourage Canadian business expansion and ownership. Dynamic economic growth for family owned enterprises is going to mean more and more jobs and prosperity for Canada. Heavy handed tax policies at Ottawa mean only very large firms are able to meet the bureaucratic challenge of government and still survive in the marketplace in the face of stiff worldwide competition. Instead of using its legislative powers to forbid such mergers, the Trudeau-Benson Administration should be fostering the spirit of the entrepreneur in our people with enlightened taxation policies. Failure to do so is going to lead to other "Supertests".

**Time To Take Stock**

In this jet age society people — particularly those of the over-30 generations, tend to race ahead, hell bent for goodness knows where, sweeping everything before them in the name of "Progress".

It pays sometimes, however, to stop and look around, to see where we are going and where we have come from.

All over York Region municipalities are eagerly grasping at development plans, and the real plums are the high-rise apartments, the townhouses, the producers of large assessments. They are the "in" thing, and next to industrial development, most sought after by local politicians.

But are they really all that desirable? Markham Town Council seems to think so. Last week it approved a development of four 13-storey apartment buildings in North Thornhill. It has on its books a 50-acre development which includes two 19-storey apartment houses and 450 townhouses, all jammed in at the corner of John Street and Bayview Avenue.

Also in advanced stages of planning in Markham is a 190-acre development with 18 townhouses to the acre and numerous apartment buildings north of Steeles Avenue and east of the Highway 404 right of way. True, the development also includes a 30-acre school campus site and 25 acres of open space and valley land earmarked for parks. On the drafting board it looks like a good thing, but let us consider the implications.

A \$25,000 study in the Metro Borough of York revealed that in redevelopment, high-rise does not produce the pot of gold at the end of the assessment rainbow. Boxed in by surrounding municipalities, York has no place to go but up. Before getting carried away, however, the borough council decided to see if it was all worthwhile.

The report revealed that, as a redevelopment scheme, after necessary services were provided, the added assessment would save the average taxpayer from \$1.96 to \$5.76 on his property tax bill. Apartment development seems to have little effect on property values of surrounding areas, but transportation is an important factor. Where expressways and rapid transit routes are lacking, value of apartment development declines.

Pressure on schools, parks and recreation facilities in York are not appreciably increased by apartment development because, the report shows, there are fewer children in apartments.

But the picture is different in the Region of York. Planning studies by departments of education in suburban areas such as York Region and North York have shown that apartments are producing far more children than had been anticipated a few years ago. The criteria for forecasting the number of school children likely to emanate from a development is the number of bedrooms.

In the City of Toronto and core boroughs many apartments have only one bedroom. There will be no one-bedroom suites in the 19-storey apartment buildings at Bayview Avenue and John Street. There will be 36 two-bedroom suites and 482 three-bedroom suites. In the same development there will be 450 townhouses — 132 with three bedrooms, 318 with four bedrooms. York County Board of Education planners predict an influx of 679 children of elementary school age, 210 of secondary school age.

And what of libraries, recreation, health and welfare services? These at the moment are unknown quantities.

True, in Markham it is not a case of redevelopment. It is a matter of producing the most desirable development to provide homes for the people who want to live here, and at the same time to bring in sufficient tax revenue to supply the needs of the people who have been here for many years as well as the newcomers.

Markham is not the only municipality that is putting out the welcome mat to high-rise developers. They are coming into Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket. Vaughan is eagerly awaiting an improved sewer system so that it can also rake in the revenue from high density development.

Perhaps now is the time for the regional authorities to ask member municipalities to call a brief moratorium on high density housing development, and for the Region of York to commission its own study of residential development.

As Markham Trustee John MacKay pointed out at a meeting of Markham Council last week, what we do now will determine the kind of world we will have in the future. Our young people are making it very plain that they do not want a world of steel and concrete. And it is the people that are creating this kind of world who are the first to hit the highways in summer to head for the wide open spaces, leaving the rest of us to cope with the congestion and the smog.

**In the Spotlight**



By BONNIE SHEPPARD  
**True Love — And The Aurora Drama Workshop**

A famous cigarette manufacturer puts it, "I'd walk a mile for a...!" I would rephrase it slightly to read "I'd walk a mile to see, hear or read Peter Ustinov". How many times have I stayed up to watch him on a late night talk show? Each time has been a delight! You may understand my enthusiasm then at going to see a production of the Aurora Drama Workshop — "Romanoff and Juliet", by Mr. Ustinov. Perhaps I anticipated too much.

Romanoff and Juliet is a three act comedy in which Ustinov wraps up Americans and Russians alike in their own propaganda until the actors are exhausted and the audience is in stitches. Ustinov intends people to listen to his play as well as enjoy it visually and much to the actors Chagrin, he studs his sentences with almost unpronounceable words the way a cook uses icing on a cake. It's marvellous!

Staged at St. Andrew's College in Aurora on October 28, 29 and 30, the play heralded the beginning of the A.D.W.'s season. Briefly, Igor Romanoff (son of Russian Ambassador) and Juliet Moulsworth (daughter of the American Ambassador) fall in love. He is encased in Russian ideology and dedicated to service on an icebreaker in the Bering Strait. She is the television situation comedy idea of an American girl — wrapped up only in herself and "mommy and daddy". Location is the smallest country in Europe (never named); the situation which has thrown them together — U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. — are both wooing the small country; and our narrator is "the General" of the country who is hilariously aided by two slip shot privates. Of course boy gets girl, Russians and Americans see each other in a new light, and the general with his

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**YORK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Dear Mr. Editor:  
 I would like to express my thanks to "The Liberal" for the excellent reporting of the activities of the York County Board of Education.

The readers of your paper are able to get a good picture of the scope of the work of the board through the full and objective articles that can be found throughout most editions.

As a trustee, I am naturally encouraged that so many articles have a positive tone. At the same time, I accept that such may not always be the case since our organization, being made up of people is bound to occasionally make an error in judgement. However, I feel that such incidents are reported fairly and with a sense of perspective. Never is such an item made to appear as the only thing worthy of note in a whole evening's work.

Thank you for your work in keeping your readers well informed about their school board.

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