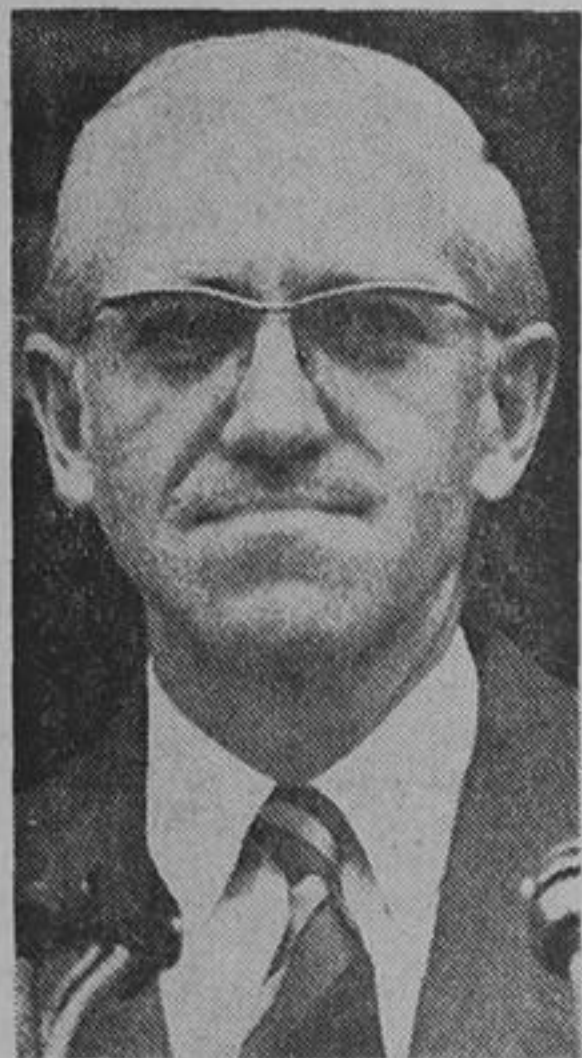


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Metro Isn't Wanted

Metro Council with renewed vigor is pushing its drive to seize the assessment-rich southern end of the newly formed Regional Municipality of York. At the same time it is reaching to the east for a borough-sized area in Pickering. Reports indicate the prospect of joining the Metro complex is at least fairly acceptable to those people now residents in Pickering.

wanted. There is a general determination to keep Metro contained below Steeles Avenue. The final authority on this issue will be the provincial government through Premier William Davis' new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dalton Bales. Minister Bales is from the Metro area just over on the south side of Steeles Avenue. His past political experience has deep roots in North York municipal affairs. He is undoubtedly very familiar with the area where Metro proposes this northern expansion.



DALTON BALES

This grass roots opposition from Thornhill citizens doesn't stand alone. It was preceded by strong and vocal annexation opposition in the new regional municipality's school board and councils. School and municipal officials continue strong in their opposition to any Metro move north. Interested public groups such as teachers are also lined up in opposition against Metro annexation.

The New Morality

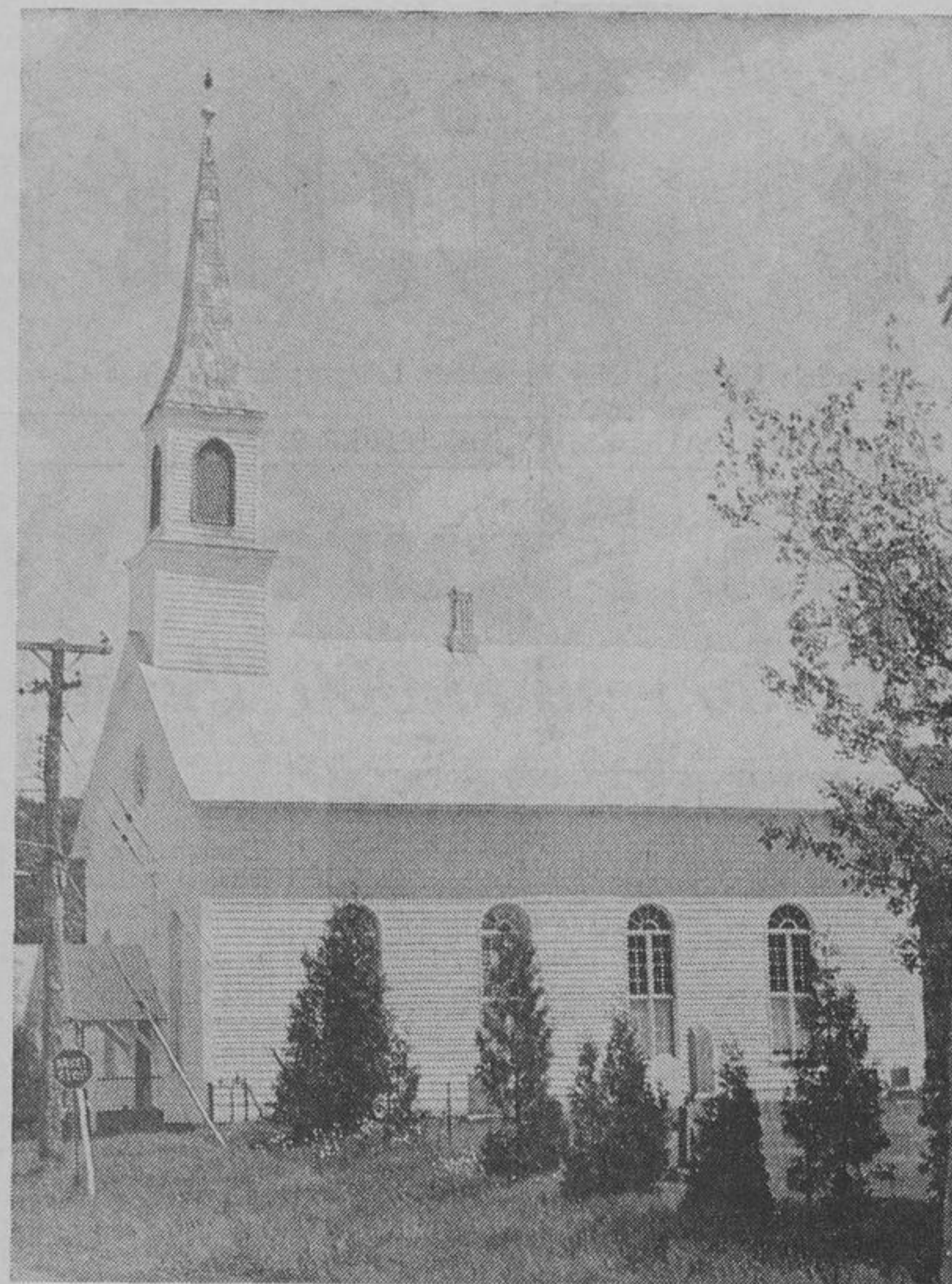
The new morality, the premise that everyone has the right to do what he or she wishes with his or her own body and life, regardless of consequences, is evidenced in the alarming statistics just released that one birth in 10 in Canada in 1969 was illegitimate. The new morality, incidentally, isn't that new, but has only spread through a wider segment of the population. Sexual licence has been accepted as the norm in the lower strata of society and in the upper echelons for years. Children who resulted from this licence in the one case were in earlier years turned out to fend for themselves in the gutters of our great cities, in the other case were hidden away or raised to be retainers of the family.

Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. The statistic probably does not mean that the number of illegitimate births has risen, since the total number of births has declined as is evident in the empty classrooms and over-supply of teachers in the province. Nonetheless, it is alarming, particularly when it is revealed that most of the unwed mothers are aged 15 to 24. More and more of these mothers are keeping their babies. An 18 to 24 year-old woman may be qualified to earn a living for herself and a child and may be able to cope with the problems which will arise. But certainly the younger girls, particularly those 15-16 will have not acquired as yet any marketable skills, will not be able to earn a living for one, let alone two, and will have to rely on parents (who should be looking forward to a little easier life as their family matures) or on welfare. Once on welfare, both mother and child may well become permanent charges and a drain on the public purse, which is your money, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer.

Students Will Cater At Board Christmas Meeting

York County Board of Education will forego its usual coffee break when it meets December 20. Instead festive refreshments catered by students of Don Head Secondary in Richmond Hill will be served to trustees, and staff at the end of the meeting. At a meeting November 22 the board also agreed to have no special inaugural functions in mid-term.

Public meetings of the board normally begin at 8 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. But in December, because of the Christmas season, meetings will take place on December 13 and 20 in the board office at 22 Church Street, Aurora.



CANDLE CHURCH KINNEAR'S MILLS

Letters to the Editors

CHALLENGES ERIC GEORGE'S STATEMENTS

Dear Mr. Editor: The letter to The Editor which appeared in your November 25 edition under the heading "We Need Industry in Elgin Mills Area" and which was signed by Eric George very seriously disparages the political integrity of Ward 1 Councillor Andre Chateaubert. I do not know why Mr. George declined to identify Mr. Chateaubert because Mr. Chateaubert is the only possible person to whom he could be referring in his letter. Perhaps he knew full well that such an attack was unwarranted and unjustified and might possibly bring some reprisal. If any should be forthcoming, it will have been deserved.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Dear Mr. Editor: Each week "The Liberal" keeps us up to date on future development and rezoning to allow more apartments in certain areas of Richmond Hill. In the November 18 issue Reporter Margaret Wade asks "What type of development do people want . . . do enough people care enough to take action before the dye is irreversibly cast?" Surely the answers to these vital questions could be found by persuading council to hold a plebiscite to decide whether the ratepayers of Richmond Hill do want further high-rise/rapid-growth development while present inadequate services exist. THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION says that until sewage treatment facilities are improved no further high density development should be allowed in Richmond Hill. THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL recommends no servicing of major developments until such time as an additional supply of water is available. THE REGION OF YORK ENGINEERING DEPT. says that the Richmond Hill sewer treatment plant can't take any more effluent from new development; capacity of the plant is used up.

For the record, it was not Mr. Chateaubert's intention to appear before the committee of adjustment to protest an application for a severance in the Elgin Mills Industrial Area as claimed by Mr. George in his letter. I know this for a fact because I responded to Mr. Chateaubert's request in "The Liberal" for concerned citizens to contact him. Had Mr. George done likewise he would have learned, as I did, that Mr. Chateaubert sought deferment of a decision to give him and people of the area an opportunity to learn more about the proposed truck depot.

Even without all this advice from experts, long-time residents of the town know from hard experience that the water and sewage resources here are inadequate for the PRESENT number of residents without further deliberate overloading which would prove crucial. As long as the problem of back-up of raw sewage exists, the health of the people in the areas concerned is in jeopardy. Of course we realize that growth is inevitable, but surely the essential part of beneficial planning is good services and until these are available it is our opinion also that Richmond Hill should freeze development. If enough other residents of Richmond Hill feel the same way as we do, surely council could be persuaded to change from their present course (of ignoring the above unpleasant facts in order to rezone right, left and centre) to one of community-approved planning. A plebiscite would seem to be one simple way of ascertaining whether or not council's present rezoning IS community-approved or being done at the environmental expense of the community for the financial gain of few. So that community reaction can be gauged, any residents sharing our views are invited to complete the following and send it to: SIDNEY DINNING, P.O. Box 444, Richmond Hill. I also feel Richmond Hill should freeze development until the present water shortage and sewage disposal problems are resolved.

Name Address or Phone No. SIDNEY DINNING, EILEEN DINNING

In the Spotlight



By MONA A. ROBERTSON

Preserving Canadian History

One of the latest "Canadiana" books to hit the historical scene is, Kinnear's Mills" by James Kinnear of King City. Canadiana is not a newly-coined word by any means, but it is a word that is increasingly voiced with pride by our fellow countrymen. Such symbols as Canadian Art, furnishings and furniture are being collected and used by those who realize the wealth of meaning and beauty represent in this young nation which celebrated its 100th birthday just four years ago. But while we have been restoring ancient landmarks such as Fort York: until the last decade or so, we have, unfortunately, done very little to record in writing the history of every day living which led up to and beyond Confederation.

Today's Canadiana writers, like James Kinnear, are linking the changing present to our deep-rooted roots in our past history. Mr. Kinnear writes in his book, "Kinnear's Mills" about the Eastern Townships of Quebec Province. He began collecting, cataloguing and delving into his family's background twenty years ago. The result, published this year, is an intimate look at early pioneer life which he said was written, "to keep history alive".

The Kinnear Home in King City, is named "East Hill". In the course of his studies Jim Kinnear discovered the name Kinnear is Celtic in origin and means "East Hill" or "East Height". It was originally given by one of his ancestors, Symond de Hameel, to a crown grant of land about ten miles northwest of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland, "on which there was a hill, long known by its Celtic name "Kin" (height) and "Far" (east). (1070 A.D.)

Just how the Kinnear strain evolved and came to Canada to settle in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, where Scottish and English immigrants settled long before the United Empire Loyalists fled into Canada from the United States, is part of the romantic tale of "Kinnear's Mills". During the last century, this part of Canada once so predominantly British in its population, has now become almost one hundred percent French. But it is significant, the author says, that these existing French Families are bilingual and very broad minded and tolerant towards English-speaking Canadians. They are not separatists in their viewpoint, yet regrettably, few of those remaining are interested in their historic past.

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Family Life Education In Two County Schools

Pilot programs in family life education are to be introduced in two elementary schools in York County. At a meeting Monday, York County Board of Education approved a staff recommendation that two programs — one for six and seven-year-old children and the other for 10 and 11-year-olds to be introduced at Walter Scott School in Richmond Hill and at Sharon School in East Gwillimbury. A request for such a program was brought to the board in June by a committee of concerned parents. During 1970, they explained, a four-part series on family life education was presented in Richmond Hill under the auspices of local churches and other community organizations. The participants generally agreed there appeared to be either inadequate or no official planned family life program within the elementary schools of the Richmond Hill area.

educational publishing firm affiliated with St. Paul University in Ottawa which has, together with the Greater Montreal School Board, developed several family life programs for students in the elementary schools.

As a result of the discussion the recommendations for introduction of such a program was presented to the board. SAID TOO SLOW King Trustee Margaret Cornburn objected that the program is a "slow moving thing."

Superintendent of Planning and Development Stephen Bacsalmasi explained that in dealing with such a different concept the group felt it best try it first in a small number of schools that have teachers who will be able to give the best presentation. This is the method being tried in other school systems, said Bacsalmasi. Markham Trustee, John McKay asked if the staff had considered parent reaction to the program. Bacsalmasi assured him that in both schools parent groups are a part of the experiment.

Who Really Cares?

Two additional business places are closed, or about to close on the Main Street of Stouffville. According to reports, two others may follow. Combined with the loss of four commercial outlets due to the recent fire, the downtown area has been hard hit this fall. The "service" offered by these establishments will be difficult to replace. But who cares? I mean really cares? Oh yes, we've seen several folks shake their heads in dismay and utter the usual "too bad" summation, but that's very little compensation for the guy who gives it an honest try, and fails. In our opinion, there are plenty of consumer dollars available in Stouffville to support all business establishments here. But those dollars aren't always spent in Stouffville. Some folks insist on driving several miles, even if it means a saving of only a few cents. More often than not, they save nothing at all. Might we suggest to those persons who shop elsewhere, and enjoy it, also look elsewhere everytime they want a sponsor for a local hockey or ball team; an advertisement for a figure skating program or a donation to a local charity.

David Lewis' Fence Ruled Unreasonable

An injunction restraining David Lewis, national leader of the New Democratic Party, from interfering with the use of a right-of-way over summer cottage property on Lake Simcoe in North Gwillimbury was issued November 24 by Mr. Justice Frank Donnelly in the Supreme Court of Ontario. He found that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had failed to establish title to part of a lot in question and that the restriction they sought to impose is not a reasonable one and constitutes a substantial interference with the rights of the five plaintiffs in the civil action. Mr. Justice Donnelly said the right to restrict use arises only if the defendants have a title to property. The Lewises' counsel, Ian Scott, said the fence in dispute will be removed. The plaintiffs were also awarded costs. In 1969 Mr. Justice Lloyd Houlden issued an interim injunction restraining Rev. Robert Wright, pastor of All Peoples Mission in Welland and others from trespassing upon or entering the property of Sheraton Beaches Ltd. This company owns a 600-acre beachfront property on the north shore of Lake Erie and operates a camp and picnic resort for which public admission is charged. A demonstration had been staged to press for the opening of private beaches to the public. Coincidentally Mr. Wright, at the same time, was president of the Welland NDP riding association.

Symphony Orchestra Has Guest Conductor

More than 200 people were delighted by the November 13 concert of the York Regional Symphony Orchestra and Guest Director Professor Geoffrey Ridout held in the Greenacres Auditorium, Newmarket. A high ranking Canadian composer and conductor, Professor Ridout led the 50 member orchestra in Mozart's 29th Symphony and through his own composition, "Music For A Young Prince", an exuberant and colorful composition that brought solid applause from the audience and closed the program on a particularly happy note. Director Philip Budd and the orchestra did justice to a well-planned and executed group of selections. They were particularly effective in Moussorgsky's "Night On Bald Mountain". NEWMARKET: The town recreation committee will pay \$1,000 to the East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association to cover the cost of 200 players in the latter municipality. Most are residents of the areas north of Davis Drive annexed from the township in January. The grant is computed on the per capita cost of a player in the Newmarket system.

Senator Davey Of York Praises Weekly Newspapers

Weekly newspapers were the only form of news media to receive the full praise and commendation of Senator for York Keith Davey in a speech at Aurora on Wednesday of last week. Senator Davey told his listeners they should be happy and thankful for the weekly newspapers with which the York Region area is blessed. Davey recently conducted a federal inquiry into the nation's news and information media. Radio, television, and especially daily newspapers were the subject of heavy criticism from the senator. He was speaking at the annual civic dinner meeting of the York County and District Real Estate Board at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club. Guests included one of the biggest gatherings of York Region municipal politicians anywhere this year. Davey told his audience the most real threat to press freedom today in Canada is coming from the great silent majority of the people. He said the press is something highly visible, immediate and available. It is therefore subjected to the rage of the extremists who instead should be focussing on the social threat or problem itself. The Liberal senator said he felt the great silent majority is prepared to accept censorship of the press. He warned that press freedom

is only protected by the informed vocal minority. "If the media turn people off, it's because society at large does," he said. "Public enemy number one is the apathy that predominates the soggy centre of the political arena." Davey said the people he admires and that he feels are really alive are the people who have an ideal and fight hard for it, whether or not they win. "This really is an exciting time to be alive and be a Canadian. This is a moment unprecedented in history. Change is a fact of life more than ever before," he said. But in the fast rate of change Davey sees trouble. "Most Canadians don't like

major reason why is highly important for today's media to explain causes, effects and trends. He said facts and events are the bare minimum for a newspaper to contain. Davey said it is clear from his study of daily newspapers that collectively and on the average they have enough profit to publish a much better quality product. "Some publishers are unable, and some are unwilling, to give excellence the same stress as profit," he said, remarking that journalists generally are very poorly paid in comparison to people in other professions. Davey said that if it wasn't for the Toronto newspapers

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