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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.

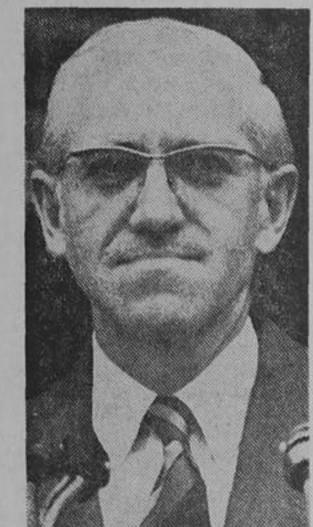
At the same time it is reaching to the east for a borough-sized area

in Pickering.

Reports indicate the prospect of joining the Metro complex is at least fairly acceptable to those people now residents in Pickering.

But this is certainly not the case in the Thornhill and adjacent southern areas of our new regional municipality. During the past year there have been very reliable indications the residents of the Thornhill area are very nearly unanimous in their opposition to any northerly march by

Metro. This has become evident in many quarters, including ratepayer group activity. Ratepayers have mounted against annexation an intense campaign probably unprecedented in this area. A comprehensive survey conducted by high school students in Thornhill last year showed overwhelming resident opposition to Metro annexation.



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.

Altogether it is evident that Metro annexation here and now just isn't

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.

There was some evidence the former Minister of Municipal Affairs, Darcy McKeough, was somewhat favorably disposed toward Metro's northerly ambitions, but he was from a distant area and not nearly so familiar with the Thornhill situation. Mr. Bales, on the other hand, is much less likely to be swayed by those from afar who would impose annexation upon the people of Southern York.

The citizens north of Steeles Avenue are there in large part because they wanted to create a community different from Metro where they could follow a different

"drummer". The Metro argument is that it must have space to grow because of population pressure, general economic considerations, etc. If Metro must grow, let it not be in steam roller fashion over the wishes of those most involved.

In passing, there might be some value in pointing a finger at a rather far-fetched solution to the type of space-for-expansion problem apparently faced by Metro. There have long been those versed in city affairs who have said a city need not necessarily expand by moving its boundaries into immediately adjacent

There is nothing but old ingrained habit preventing any city from jumping over a green belt area and creating new city boroughs in the most economical spot in the not-too-fardistant hinterland. This is a solution Metro and the provincial gov-

ernment might seriously consider. Alternatively, Metro could look for areas along its boundaries where annexation is at least welcomed by a substantial number of the people affected, such as is apparently the

case in Pickering. In any event, Metro isn't looking in the right place for breathing space when it casts an acquisitive eye on the Thornhill area of Southern York Region.

# CANDLISH CHURCH KINNEAR'S MILLS

# Letters to the Editors

CHALLENGES ERIC GEORGE'S STATEMENTS

Dear Mr. Editor: ember 25 edition under the heading "We Need Industry in Elgin Mills Area" and which was signed by Eric George very integrity of Ward 1 Councillor Andre Chateauvert.

I do not know why Mr George declined to identify Mr. Chateauvert because Mr. Chatson 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 have been deserved.

Chateauvert's intention to appear before the committee of adjustment to protest an application for a severance in the Elclaimed by Mr. George in his letter. I know this for a fact because I responded to Mr. Chateauvert's request in "The to contact him. Had Mr. George done likewise he would have it was designed. learned, as I did, that Mr. Chateauvert sought deferment of a decision to give him and

posed truck depot. As one interested taxpayer in the area, I would like publicly to commend Councillor Chateauvert for very conscientiously areas concerned is in jeopardy. doing his job as my representato my attention in "The Liberal" and, on top of that, for taking the time to obtain more information for me about it. Far from turning his back on the

ving their cause. While everyone accedes to the need for industrial assessment in the community, planning had every right to question the terms of the severance, to learn about the use of the property, to inquire about excessive noise by trucks in the night adjacent the following and send it to: to a residential area, and to proved to be in the interests problems are resolved. of the neighborhood. To the extent that he tried to do these things is to the councillor's Name ..................

As it turns out, Mr. Chateauvert learned, and reported back to me, that the depot will be located to the north of the Reynolds Plant, that it will essentially be a transfer point and #- WHOM THE TRANSPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE will use small trucks for disarrive or depart in the dead of night. That assurance was acceptable to Mr. Chateauvert. It is acceptable to me. That is the story of good performance by a

One parting observation let us plan for people first and let us always implement our plans by making certain people are not going to be hurt in the name of the assessment dollar, almighty as that may be. Good planning must be flexof the community compatible

because of the Christmas Sea- and unacceptable to me as one

ROBERT KEIR, 288 Skopit Road, Richmond Hill.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Dear Mr. Editor:

Each week "The Liberal" keeps us up to date The Letter To The Editor on future development and rezoning to allow more which appeared in your Nov- apartments in certain areas of Richmond Hill. In the November 18 issue Reporter Margaret Lade asks "What type of development do people want . . . do enough people care enough to take action seriously disparages the political 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 eauvert is the only possible per- present inadequate services exist.

THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES COM-MISSION says that until sewage treatment facilities are improved no further high density development should be allowed in Richmond Hill.

THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OF THE should be forthcoming, it will TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL recommends no servicing of major developments until such time as an For the record, it was not Mr. additional supply of water is available.

THE REGION OF YORK ENGINEERING DEPT. says the Richmond Hill sewer treatment plant can't take any more effluent from new develgin Mills Industrial Area as opmen: capacity of the plant is used up.

We understand the REGION OF YORK PLAN-NING DEPT. has stated no further substantial development can be connected to the Richmond Hill Liberal" for concerned citizens sewage treatment plant. Figures show the plant is handling 150% of the average daily flow for which

Even without all this advice from experts, longtime residents of the town know from hard experpeople of the area an opportunience that the water and sewage resources here are ity to learn more about the pro- 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

Of course we realize that growth is inevitable, tive by bringing this situation 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 citizens, as Mr. George charges, be persuaded to change from their present course Mr. Chateauvert was busy ser- (of ignoring the above unpleasant facts in order to rezone right, left and centre) to one of community- in East Gwillimbury. approved planning. A plebiscite would seem to be one simple way of ascertaining whether or not concessions need not be signed council's present rezoning IS community-approved away blindly. Mr. Chateauvert 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

suggest the imposition of some SIDNEY DINNING, P.O. Box 444, Richmond Hill. conditions in the terms of I also feel Richmond Hill should freeze development granting the severance if such until the present water shortage and sewage disposal

Address or Phone No. ..... SIDNEY DINNING, EILEEN DINNING

Who Really In the Spotlight o Cares? are closed, or about to close on the Main Street of Stouffville, others may follow.

(Stouffville Tribune) Two additional business places

According to reports, two

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

But who cares? I mean really

Oh yes, we've seen several

folks shake their heads in dis-

may and utter the usual 'too

bad" summation, but that's very

little compensation for the guy

In our opinion, there are

plenty of consumer dollars avail-

able in Stouffville to support all

business establishments here.

insist on driving several miles,

only a few cents. Mole often than

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

also receive.

He that also gives, must first

Ruled Unreasonable

An injunction restraining

David Lewis, national leader of

right-of-way over summer cot-

age property on Lake Simcoe

in North Gwillimbury was is-

sued November 24 by Mr. Jus-

tice Frank Donnelly in the

Lewis had failed to establish

title to part of a lot in question

and that the restriction they

sought to impose is not a rea-

sonable one and constitutes a

substantial interference with

Donnelly said the right to re-

strict use arises only if the de-

fendants have a title to pro-

The Lewises' counsel, Ian

will be removed. The plaintiffs

In 1969 Mr. Justice Lloyd

Houlden issued an interim in-

junction restraining Rev. Robert

Wright, pastor of All Peoples

Mission in Welland and others

from trespassing upon or en-

tering the property of Sherks-

ton Beaches Ltd. This company

owns a 600-acre beachfront pro-

perty on the north shore of

Lake Erie and operates a camp

and picnic resort for which pub-

lic admission is charged, A de-

monstration had been staged to

press for the opening of private

Coincidentally Mr. Wright, at

Director Philip Budd and the

beaches to the public.

were also awarded costs.

Scott, said the fence in dispute

He found that Mr. and Mrs.

Supreme Court of Ontario.

not, they save nothing at all.

even if it means a saving of

to replace.

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 who gives it an honest try, and means, but it is a word that is increasingly voiced with pride by our fellow countrymen. Such symbols as Canadiana Art, furnishings and furniture are being collected and used by those who realize the wealth of meaning and beauty represent in this But those dollars aren't always young nation which celebrated its 100th birthday spent in Stouffville. Some folks 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. A small ripple was made in the great pool which

comprises Canada's history by such groups as the Women's Institute, through the Tweedsmuir file; the Ontario Genealogical Society is striving to make to a local charity. its voice heard on the Canadian scene. We believe the upsurge will eventually result in recorded events of past times, places and people which will make our children and their children proud of their birthright David Lewis Fence as Canadians.

Today's Canadiana writers, like James Kinnear, are linking the changing present to our deep-founded roots in our past history. Mr. Kinnear writes in his book, "Kinnear's Mills" about the Eastern Townships of Quebec Province. He began collecting, cat- the New Democratic Party, from aloguing and delving into his family's background interfering with the use of a 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".

To write such a book meant hours of work and miles of travel; for many of the chapters in "Kinnear's Mills" resulted from visits with hitherto unknown members of the Kinnear Family and its many branches across Canada.

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 the rights of the five plaintiffs means "East Hill" or "East Height". It was orig- in the civil action. Mr. Justice inally 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

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## the same time, was president of the Welland NDP riding asso-Symphony Orchestra

Pilot programs in family life educational publishing firm af-delighted by the November 15 education are to be introduced filiated with St. Paul Universi- concert of the York Regional in two elementary schools in ty in Ottawa which has, together Symphony Orchestra and Guest with the Greater Montreal Director Professor Godfrey Rid-

At a meeting Monday, York School Board, developed sev- out held in the Greenacres Au-County Board of Education ap-eral sections of a continuous ditorium, Newmarket. proved a staff recommendation family life program for students A high ranking Canadian comthat two programs — one for in the elementary schools. poser and conductor, Professor six and seven-year-old children As a result of the discussion Ridout led the 50 member orand the other for 10 and 11- the recommendations for intro- chestra in Mozart's 29th Sym-

year-olds to be introduced at duction of such a program was phony and through his own com-Walter Scott School in Rich- presented to the board. position, "Music For A Young mond Hill and at Sharon School SAID TOO SLOW Prince", an exuberant and color-King Trustee Margaret Co-ful composition that brought

A request for such a program burn objected that the pro-solid applause from the audiwas brought to the board in gram is a "slow moving thing." ence and closed the program on June by a committee of concer- "Does this have to be?" she as- a particularly happy note. ned parents. During 1970, they ked. explained, a four-part series on Superintendent of Planning orchestra did justice to a wellfamily life education was pres- and Development Stephen Bac- planned and executed group of

ented in Richmond Hill under salmasi explained that in dealing selections. They were particuthe auspices of local churches with such a different con-larly effective in Moussorgsky's and other community organiza- cept the group felt it best "Night On Bald Mountain". number of schools that have PROGRAM LACKING

The participants generally ag- teachers who will be able to NEWMARKET: The town recreed there appeared to be either give the best presentation. This reation committee will pay \$1,inadequate or no official plan- is the method being tried in 000 to the East Gwillimbury ned family life program within other school systems, said Bac-Minor Hockey Association to cover the cost of 200 players in the elementary schools of the salmasi. Richmond Hill area.

Markham Trustee, John Mac-the latter municipality. Most lected data regarding such pro- program.

Following the presentation of Kay asked if the staff had con- are residents of the areas north the committee, board staff col-sidered parent reaction to the of Davis Drive annexed from the township in January. The grams, meeting with members Bacsalmasi assured him that grant is computed on the per of the committee and two mem- in both schools parent groups capita cost of a player in the bers of Novalis. Novalis is an are a part of the experiment. Newmarket system,

# will use small trucks for distribution of the freight it will handle, that no large trucks will seem and of the freight it will be dead of the freight in the dead of the freight it will be dead of the freight in the dead of the freight it will be dead of the freight in the dead of the freight in the dead of the freight it will be dead of the freight in the th

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 Wed-

nesday of last week, listeners they should be happy and thankful for the weekly newspapers with which the York Region area conducted a federal inquiry into the nation's news and

information media.

pecially daily newspapers were the subject of heavy self. criticism from the senator. He was speaking at the an- he felt the great silent maing of the York County and censorship of the press. He District Real Estate Board at warned that press freedom

the Aurora Highlands Golf Club. Guests included one of the biggest gatherings of York Region municipal politicians anywhere this year.

Davey told his audience apathy that predominates Senator Davey told his 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 are really alive are the peois blessed. Davey recently highly visible, immediate and available. It is therefore subjected to the rage of the extremists who instead Radio, television, and es- should be focussing on the social threat or problem it-

The Liberal senator said nual civic night dinner meet- jority is prepared to accept

is only protected by the informed vocal minority. "If the media turn people off, it's because society at large does," he said. "Pub-

lic enemy number one is the

the soggy centre of the political arena.' Davey said the people he

admires and that he feels 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

"Most Canadians don't like

change Davey sees trouble.

and resent it. Yet in our society there are some things that should and really must be changed, Kids can't understand why social progress must lag behind technological progress," he said,

The former national chairman of the Liberal Party said all the hassles in society enough profit to publish a ple who have an ideal and seem to involve people vers- much better quality prodfight hard for it, whether or us institutions. "Everybody wants to be somebody, but it's becoming increasingly difficult to do so. Yet we all want to be heard, involved and participating," he

> Senator Davey cited the high rate of technological change and the tendency of social change to lag as a

major reason why is 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 uct. "Some puplishers 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

Davey said that if it wasn't for the Toronto newspapers

people in other professions.

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and her illegitimate child is still no easy road. Crusading Grace MacInnis, the Vancouver - Kingsway NDP Member of Parliament, has called the above statistic "a frightening forecast of the future" unless the government pumps money into birth control. She

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. In more recent times, since the introduction of social legislation, in some slum areas illegitimate children have become an asset - the more children,

the larger the welfare cheque. It was the great middle class which conformed to the standards of morality, which outlawed the unwed mother and blacklisted the illegitimate child. This attitude needed changing and has indeed changed. But the future of the unwed mother

complained in Parliament that the government is spending only \$125,000 on family planning education compared to \$9 million on the Royal

The New Morality The new morality, the premise Commission on Bilingualism and

aged 15 to 24.

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

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.

A major conference will be held on family planning in February, it was announced in the House, which will include delegates from provincial governments, welfare groups and citizens' groups. It is to be hoped this conference will come up with some solution to the problem. But it must be remembered that it is one thing to make birth control information and materials available — it is another thing to persuade the young girls to use them.

# Students Will Cater At Board Christmas Meeting lible to the degree that it pro-

York County Board of Educa-special inaugural functions in was elected in October, 1970. with the interests and aspirations tion will forego its usual coffee mid-term. In election years Public meetings of the board of the people. break when it meets December (every two years) however, pre-normally begin at 8 pm on the Mr. George's philosophy that 20. Instead festive refreshments sentations will be made to re-second and fourth Monday of the road was there first, to hell catered by students of Don Head tiring trustees at the last meet- each month. But in December, with the people, is repugnant Secondary in Richmond Hill will ing in December. be served to trustees, and staff There will also be a trustee- son, meetings will take place of those people. at the end of the meeting. sponsored social function in late on December 13 and 20 in the

At a meeting November 22 the November at the end of the board office at 22 Church Street,

board also agreed to have no trustee term. The present board Aurora.