

The Liberal

An Independent Weekly: Established 1878

Subscription Rate \$5.00 per year; to United States \$6.00; 15¢ single copy
 Member Audit Bureau of Circulations
 Member Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association
 Published by Richmond Hill Liberal Publishing Co. Ltd.
 W. S. COOK, Publisher
 "Second class mail, registration number 0190"



NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Ellard Corbett, Richmond Hill Baptist Church

Somehow it is not difficult to believe that the future is now. An American Bank advertises itself as "the bank poised on the edge of tomorrow." Tomorrow is quickly today. The future is now, and we dare not put off what we should do today for what we are as human beings today writes the history of our times. But in biblical terms most everyone feels weighed in the balances and found wanting.

This realization shows up whether or not we like to admit it in our attitude to world events. Through modern communication the wars and wants of the day are brought into our living rooms daily, but the exposure has little altered our interest. Perhaps we sailed through Christmas and its feasting without much thought as to human suffering and want and deprivation the world over. Perhaps we offered not so much as even a prayer for men and government grappling with these problems.

It shows up in our attitude to world evils. Too much testimony exists as to the questionable merits of smoking and liquor and drugs. Yet society puts the lie to any positive effort in dealing with these influences by the increasing use of all three! Our delinquency shows up especially in the matter of morals. A gay day seems to have arrived. And at what a cost in welfare, broken homes, disoriented children and an upcoming generation to spawn more of the same.

But in no level of consideration is our position more wanting than in spiritual matters. The religious dimension to living is little considered. Most every place of worship has suffered in attendance. Few believ-

ers know what they believe or why they believe. Our young people are being raised in a day devoid of religious training in the schools, in the home, and when even the quality and the content of religious instruction in places of worship is held in question. Few children know much of their religious text, be it the Bible, the Torah, or the Koran!

But the bright side to our period of history is our young people. The problem children of years back are turning full circle. From anti-establishment and the experiments of liberty there is encouraging evidence of a turning back to the basic principles of life and spirit. Initiated by way-out, hippy-like pioneers in all levels of society the young are turning to the Bible and many, even men and women of name, are giving witness that they have found in the Scripture the answer to the needs of their lives.

Through its message, young people have been turned on to Christ. Without doubt its spiritual power has provided the strongest answer known to man for drug cure and home disaster. In all fields of religious interest and worship innumerable Bible study groups are leading men and women deeply into its resources. And people are claiming to have encountered Jesus Christ almost as Paul of the New Testament and are as completely changed.

The future is now and this refreshing spiritual revival brings a dimension of hope to man that is little publicized yet is open to all for exploration and faith. Hats off to many of your young people for their courage and faith in finding and pointing us to God's unchanging way for man through the years of life.



(Photo by Photique Studio)

Jolly Old Man In A Red Suit

It was a very merry time on the morning of December 18 when the children of Victoria Square and district gathered at the community hall to welcome Santa Claus. Lion Dave Tinker served as master of ceremonies and Bobo The Clown led the children in games. Magician Michael Ross from the Agincourt area amazed and confused the youngsters and their parents with his illusions and feats of legerdemain.

After refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed, Santa arrived and held each child on his knee while they confided their list of gifts. Not only the children got into the act as is evident in the above photo, which shows Leslie Baker and her mother, Mrs. Ross Baker both enjoying Santa's hospitality.

Letters to the Editors

MAYOR LAZENBY CRITICIZES NEWS REPORTS OF MALLORY INQUEST

Dear Mr. Editor:
 In the past as a politician I have wanted to take umbrage with press reports which were either inadequate in explanation regarding the conclusions headed above them or which were over-emphasized in some aspect to completely overshadow the actual action or incident which was being reported. This I have only done by verbal comment previously but I now feel I must make comment directly to you.

I am surprised that a local paper and you as an editor would take two full pages to report on an inquest which resulted from an occurrence in our local hospital, the findings of which could only recommend that possibly the hospital admitting laboratories procedures should be done more immediately after a patient's admission. Your article however seemed to imply that the hospital, physicians and nurses concerned were on trial for a death which even an expert couldn't have predicted. The part which was most distasteful to me however is that your article should identify each witness, his or her position and his or her private address. In my position as mayor of this municipality I expect my private life to be exposed as one of the conditions of my position. I can however appreciate how physicians and nurses cherish their private life once they have left their offices or the hospital to relax and unwind like other human beings. I can see no justification for the nearly two columns of names and private residence addresses which you and your reporter used to expand an article which

should have originally been minimized to protect the patient's family as well. Nothing consequential actually came out of a necessary inquest but an injustice was certainly perpetrated on many innocent victims by your article.
 Since I am a pharmacist you may wish to negate my remarks which you will probably consider as a defence to the medical field in which I am a member of the team. Since I am the mayor of this municipality and thereby a director of the local hospital board you may justify my retort as seeking to ameliorate the hospital's position in this incident. I would ask you to allow me to sign this request for "considerate" reporting as a citizen concerned by the impact which the press is creating on our community and country.
 Mayor WILLIAM LAZENBY,
 Town of Richmond Hill

CONTROL RABIES — STOP DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

Dear Mr. Editor:
 Regarding the articles in newspapers concerning the current outbreak of rabies, may I say that much of the hazard to the public, especially in urban areas, could be reduced or eliminated by enforcing the present bylaws regarding dogs running at large.

Many dog owners, including myself, keep their pets in fenced-in areas or walk them on a leash but there are too many who merely turn the dog loose to roam everywhere. This is extremely unfair to those who control their pets and, indeed, to those who do not own pets. The problem is more complex regarding cats, but if it were made mandatory to have all dogs and cats immunized against rabies and the by-laws strictly

enforced, the situation would be far less serious than it is at the present time.
 This community needs someone who will enforce these regulations. A fancy uniform, long and meaningless title and a desire for publicity will not accomplish this. We must have someone who will do the job efficiently and conscientiously.
 I control my dog and never allow her to run loose to be a nuisance to my neighbors or create a hazard to motorists on the roads but I cannot prevent other dogs from coming to my property and being in contact with my dog. I do this not only to prevent her from annoying my neighbors but also because I am concerned for her welfare. If other dog owners were truly fond of their pets, they would do the same. Since many of them obviously do not care, it is up to the local authorities to force them to do so.
 STAN HILLAR,
 225 Essex Avenue,
 Richmond Hill

BUSES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED

Dear Mr. Editor:
 I have just arrived home from a trip to York Central Hospital by bus.
 I paid 20c on boarding the bus and had to pay an additional 20c when it arrived at Richmond Heights Centre. My home is not in the Richmond Heights area; it is closer to the Bayview Shopping Plaza in Richmond Hill East.
 I do feel that the buses should be plainly marked as to their destination or else have a more pleasant driver who would do the COURTESY of explaining to the passengers that they must either wait for the next bus or pay the extra fare.
 AN IRRITATED PASSENGER.

30 Boys Need Big Brothers

The week of January 2 to 9 is Big Brother Week in North America, and most particularly in the Region of York. With a very small budget and limited staff the Big Brothers of York are proud of their achievements. More than 40 "fatherless" boys eagerly look forward to the four or more hours they will spend each week with the Big Brother who will share with them their interests in sports, hobbies, their hopes and their fears, and provide the man and boy relationship that is so necessary to the healthy development of the man of the future.

The Big Brothers of York are not, however, proud of the fact that there are more than 30 boys — 14 of them in the Richmond Hill area — who need a Big Brother and do not have one.

The volunteer board of directors is grateful for the support it receives from the region, from service clubs and from interested individuals. But it is worried about the boys it has not been able to serve. The board is delighted with the service given by social workers each Saturday in three locations — Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket. But it is not happy when it hears that Johnny is still waiting for a big Brother. Deserted by her husband, Johnny's mother works hard to support her son and two daughters. Last summer Johnny appeared in court on a charge of vandalism and is now on probation. He is outgoing and well liked by his friends, but they are the wrong friends. Johnny's mother is hoping Big Brothers can find a man who will help to redirect his exuberance and his energies.

There are many more boys six to 16, some solitary, some sullen, some

bright and eager. They all have one thing in common — no man in the house.

Great care is given to screening and pairing Big and Little Brothers. That is why the social workers are so busy. That is why Big Brothers need the financial and moral support of the community. That is why they are launching a membership drive as well as a drive for more men to be friends to lonely boys.

Those who serve as Big Brothers have found that they receive as much as they give. Many return for re-assignment when a Little Brother goes out on his own or when the mother re-marries. Men of good character from 19 up are always in demand, however, and Big Brothers will continue to seek them out as long as there is a boy who needs a friend.

Men who are interested but do not have the time can support the movement by becoming members. Memberships range from \$2 a year for associate members up to \$100 for honorary membership. Women, too, can become members.

The people of York have always been quick to rally to the support of a worthy cause, and what can be more worthy than helping to develop confident, self-sufficient citizens for tomorrow?

Big Brother volunteers should contact the local case worker, Mrs. Dorcen Wright, any Saturday at 225 Yonge Street North, telephone 884-9121. For membership send your contribution to Cam Smith, Bank of Nova Scotia, 43 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill. As the saying goes in Big Brothers, "NO MAN EVER STANDS SO STRAIGHT AS WHEN HE REACHES OUT TO HELP A BOY."

Consultant Forecasts County Government Dead In 20 Years From Natural Causes

"County government in Ontario as we have known it is dying of natural causes. It will be dead in 20 years," warned Donald King, in opening the 12th annual conference of the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario, held in Sarnia in late October.
 Mr. King is a principal with Stevenson & Kellogg Limited, management consultants located in Toronto. He reminded the more than 200 delegates that he had made the same prediction four years ago and is still of the same opinion. He suggested that the future of the counties and therefore the future of their association depended on the initiative individual counties take in strengthening their own futures.
 His predictions this year were specific — that by 1981: Ottawa-Carleton, will go

through a re-organization of boundaries and responsibility for services;
 Toronto, Niagara, York and Muskoka will remain as regional governments with minor changes;
 There will be new regional governments in Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Ontario County; Mississauga, Brampton, Oakville, Peel (part of Halton); Hamilton-Burlington, Wentworth; Waterloo County; Haldimand-Norfolk.
 He also predicted that there will be fewer special purpose bodies at both provincial and municipal level; that there will be major restructuring of Ontario government departments based on an increasing need for more integrated government planning and co-ordination; effective regional economic planning will start to be effective because it will start

to be rational, involving, realistic and patient.
 Mr. King believes that the May 1970 edition of the Toronto-Centred Regional Plan will be "a treasured and unimpaired antique by 1981. Nothing much will have happened. The document is not clear about where it wants to go, and even less clear about how to get there."
 He further predicts that provincial payments to municipalities will be less on a conditional basis. They will be based more on stated plans (official and otherwise), programs and clearly identified needs of municipalities.
 A further forecast is that "it will be increasingly realized that municipal government is where the real action is — that this is the point of major influence for planning, types of development

and the character of the community."
 "I believe in strong first-tier and second-tier municipal government. I believe in a stronger second-tier government than the county represents," Mrs. King stated.
 He then challenged the delegates to help bring about worthwhile changes. "Most will be in partnership but I see you as leaders."
 "I believe we will continue to have second-tier governments for a long time," he continued. "The point is: they will be different from what exists now. Not only in the heavily urban areas but also in other areas you represent," he said.
 "I believe that changes are needed (planning, development, financial base, re-arrangement of responsibility for services, etc.) I think you

can give the leadership to bring about these changes. I think the alternative is provincially imposed changes or provincial takeover. I believe you strengthen municipal government when you give leadership on changes and work to bring them about. I believe that every time you fail to give real leadership (and then get mad at the province because they set up new policies and legislation) you are taking a step backwards in strengthening municipal government," was the speaker's warning.
 Mr. King described the booklet "Guidelines For Action" as containing "the seeds of potential destruction of strong county government in Ontario. But stronger county government can also grow from the same seeds. This document talks about

rejuvenation of the county system to bring about more effective local governments. It specifically calls for:
 "Active involvement by local government (first and second tiers) in the planning and development of their specific areas;
 "Consolidation of municipalities into more viable units of local government with more equitable representation of the second tier; elimination of so many special purpose bodies.
 "The head of each municipality to head representation at the second tier;
 "Review and re-allocation of services best performed by local municipalities and the second level, then clarification of financial implications;
 "Two year term for warden and selection of most effective person;
 "Conscious efforts to re-in-

volve cities and separated towns in the second-tier government. Open up areas for city and county co-operation.
 "If four years from now — in 1975 — individual counties and local municipalities have not thought through, taken action or pushed for action on these points you will have further weakened the very municipal government that you should be strengthening," Mr. King emphatically declared.
 He also told his audience that some counties are using the fear of regional government as an excuse for lack of leadership in the desired direction.
 In closing he challenged those present by stating, "You can make changes in representation on your county council to make it stronger, fairer and leadership-oriented. You can make a de-

cision to devote a third of your time, talents and energies to work for the future, not with yesterday's and today's problems. You can give leadership to change the role of the warden from one of chairman and official host to one of leadership. You can strengthen your county administration, you can develop an official county plan that integrates with plans of local municipalities. You can undertake co-operative programs with nearby cities. You can open your minds to new ways of attacking problems of planning, development, attracting new industry, keeping industry, dealing with matters of pollution, police protection and fire protection.
 "I believe these steps will move you forward into a better, stronger future."

Family Life Centre Has Deep Roots Now

In its three years of operation the Family Life Centre in Markham has become deeply involved in the community. In appreciation the community has undertaken a number of projects to raise funds to keep the centre in operation.
 In November the volunteer women's committee sponsored a snack luncheon which was attended by about 250 people. Funds raised by the women's committee go to further work of the centre. It provides counselling in the field of family, marital, personal and budget problems for residents of Markham and surrounding municipalities.
 For most of its short life, the centre has depended on local church groups, town council, service clubs and the women's committee for monetary support. The work was spurred on in 1971 by a provincial research grant. But the grant was for one year only.
 The centre's education committee arranges for lectures, panel discussions and group discussions on a variety of topics, for example: School for Brides and Grooms, Budget Counseling, Drug Use and Abuse, Problems of the Single Parent.
 Executive Director Mario Bartoletti spends most of his time in counselling, but has found time to lecture to students of Markham High School and other schools in York Region in the family life education courses. He is also active in the 3C Council and serves on the regional health and social service committee.
 Counselling at the centre is not confined to the office. Bartoletti often goes into the homes of clients when it is not possible for the family to come to him. All counselling, he points out, is strictly confidential.

ARRANGES LECTURES
 The centre's education committee arranges for lectures, panel discussions and group discussions on a variety of topics, for example: School for Brides and Grooms, Budget Counseling, Drug Use and Abuse, Problems of the Single Parent.
 Executive Director Mario Bartoletti spends most of his time in counselling, but has found time to lecture to students of Markham High School and other schools in York Region in the family life education courses. He is also active in the 3C Council and serves on the regional health and social service committee.
 Counselling at the centre is not confined to the office. Bartoletti often goes into the homes of clients when it is not possible for the family to come to him. All counselling, he points out, is strictly confidential.

At Year's End

We have turned the key in the old year's door,
 And firmly closed it and called it quits,
 With never a pause to count the score,
 Or name the errors or call the hits;
 As we look toward the Newborn Year
 A freshened song has called the dance,
 So with hope that is shining and crystal clear,
 We have asked Old Time for another chance.

Another chance at the goal ahead —
 A chance to gather the prize we lost,
 To make old failures success instead,
 And in the effort not count the cost.
 For we only keep that which we give
 As the hurrying years perform their part;
 There's another page for each day we live
 As the clock chimes out for a brand new start.

The year that is gone is gone for aye,
 But tomorrow is fresh as a morn in May!

ROBERT D. LITTLE,
 54 Arnold Crescent,
 Richmond Hill.

In the Spotlight



By MONA A. ROBERTSON

A Gift Of Music

It was standing room only when Bayview Secondary School Band and the Pleasantville Elementary School Choir presented the "Sounds of Christmas" to a very appreciative audience in St. Mathew's United Church, December 18.

Conductor of the Bayview Band, Roy Barton, who is head of the music department at the secondary school, is to be complimented on the excellent performance of the student members of his band. The only regret one might voice is that this band is not heard more often; for it is faultless in its presentation and the players, while concentrating on their playing are at the same time natural and unassuming.

The Pleasantville Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Judith Wales, added to the enchantment and loveliness of the Christmas Music with the exception of their final offering "O Holy Night" when their voices were lost in the swelling music from the band. However their interpretation of the Huron Indian Carol and the clear announcement of the Twelve Days After Christmas and 'Twas The Night Before Christmas, were a joy and delight to music lovers.



ELLIS MCLINTOCK

Guest Conductor Ellis McLintock, music teacher at Thornlea Secondary School, led the Band with feeling from a conventional start in "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" into a Rock interpretation of this carol that had the audience foot-tapping and hand-

(Continued on Page 12)



IS A FRIENDLY CALL ENOUGH?

The new neighbors will be glad to meet you. And they'll want to visit with you... later. Right now, they need something more—a list of schools and churches, utility companies' telephone numbers... all the information one needs on arriving in a strange city.
 So be a friend indeed. A Welcome Wagon hostess will call at your request to provide all this and gifts as well.
 Make your welcome warmer when new neighbors arrive. Call Welcome Wagon at
 Mrs. Watters
 Thornhill 881-0917
 Mrs. Owen Trunk
 Richmond Hill - 884-4690
 Welcome Wagon