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YRP Growing Pains

The 18-month-old York Regional Police force is having some organizational pains. Whether this was inevitable or not, we couldn't even venture to say. But the painfulness of the process is evident.

As we see it, the aim of regionalization for our local police was mainly to provide a more efficient and effective unit of operation than existed before with the small local police departments. But we don't think the intention was to drive out any of the tried and true, relied upon, faithful and respected senior officers of the existing forces.

Unfortunately there is some cause for worry in this regard. Along with the resignations of young and junior officers during the new regional force's first months, there also have been resignations by some very senior and long term policemen. Two of York Region's top 10 pre-1971 police officers are gone, the second - just recently being former Richmond Hill Deputy-Chief Joseph Rainey, a young well-liked officer aged 45 years and an inspector in the regional force.

The situation begins to make us feel uncomfortable. If the aim of the new York Regional Police Commission is to impose new standards for its officers, then surely suitable positions can be offered to existing officers of proven capability. Officers with long service should be able to continue in a suitable job without being made uncomfortable to the point of despair and resignation.

The question of what the standards and policies of the police commission are to be is one that also concerns us. The quality and attitudes of our local policemen are prime concerns of this region's communities and their citizens. These things will be getting close public attention.

The newly-formed York Regional Police Commission is to be commended for the degree to which it has provided the press and public with access to its meetings. This has been a great improvement over the past, although there still tends to be a bit of unnecessary timidity. The commissioners recently adopted, with little public discussion, a

handbook called "Rules and Regulations, York Regional Police". The guidebook for the working life of our local policemen is now being tried in the flame of experience and we will soon have an impression of the police entity that is to emerge.

The importance of this handbook and the policies determining the future traditions of the York Regional Police cannot be overestimated. The police issues before the community here just happen to be brightly illuminated by a rather warm controversy generated recently over the same sort of things in our national police force by highly critical articles published in the current issue of our largest national magazine by admittedly disgruntled former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers. Already there have been a few squalls in Parliament as a result. The articles might be read with profit here.

In this national criticism of the RCMP the nub of the matter seems to be whether or not the police officer is brutalized by an entwining, stifling and impossible set of rules, regulations and discipline to the point where he takes out his troubles mindlessly on the public. There is criticism of what might be described as policing by statistics, where the allconsuming aim is to get more and more convictions on the record, regardless of other crime prevention considerations and all else, including strict honesty at times.

If there is even any small degree of merit in these charges against the RCMP, then here in York Region we should feel ourselves lucky to be warned at a time when we are forming a new regional police force. Undoubtedly the new YRP will have its successes and its failures, its knotty problems and its fine solu-

Along with the police commissioners and the officers of the force, we are sure the public is hoping for great things from the YRP. We wish the force well and an exemplary future. May its growing pains be not too severe.

Your Help Is Needed

Ask any citizen of this area what he considers the biggest asset added to the community in the past decade, and without exception, we believe, he or she will answer, "The Hospital". York Central Hospital, after several years of planning, raising funds and construction, accepted its first patients in December 1963 with 126 heds available to the people of Southern York.

For a few years, a hospital bed was available whenever needed, but it was not long before a waiting list had to be established for elective surgery. Today, a person in need of surgery which is not an emergency, may face a wait of five to seven months and the hospital averages 90% occupancy. On occasion it has recorded 129 patients by putting beds in tub rooms.

All this points up the need for enlarged facilities.

And these have been in the planning stages for three to four years with the budget set in 1970. Additional features have had to be added, some at the suggestion of the Ontario Government and provision has had to be made for new procedures, new techniques and new equipment, but the amount of money available has not increased. The planned extension will provide a total of 403 beds, an increase of 227.

The Ontario Government has committed a grant of \$8,500,000 and the Region of York half that amount. But the rising costs of construction

and equipment have made the gap between these funds and the actual cost a very large one.

York Central Hospital has operated on the expressed intent of providing the very best for everybody. But to provide the equipment to make this possible is very costly. For instance, a new x-ray room for special procedures will cost \$100,000.

Young people of the area appear to be well aware of the service rendered by the hospital and of its needs. An active corps of Candy Stripers assists in the hospital throughout the year, but particularly in the summer months their help is invaluable.

Other youngsters have raised money through walks and other projects and the hospital has received more than \$5,000 this year from them. This is the spirit that will make the enlarged hospital facilities available with the "best for everybody."

If you are looking for a memorial gift for lost loved ones, or a gift to Richmond Hill in its Centennial Year, what better project could you select? This applies to groups and clubs as well as to the individual. Rooms can be furnished for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$4,000, other rooms and equipment can be paid for, up to a maximum of \$100,000, with a wide range of prices in between.

The need is desperate and the time to plan is NOW.



By MONA A. ROBERTSON

They Have Eyes To See . . .

"No child should be denied a complete "visual assessment" - between the ages of two and three years - and again before starting kindergarten", Dr. Peter Martinello told me, on a recent visit to his Thornhill office to discuss with him his work among our Northern Indian children.

"This is the stage when visual components (in the eyes) are developing", he explained. "Of course, such things as crossed eyes, or deviation, or eye disease, should cause parents to take a child to an opthomologist as early in life as possible", he advised.

I had gone to Dr. Martinello's office to hear about his recent trip among the Ontario Indians, in the outposts north of the Sioux Lookout. Only to learn that during the past two summers Dr. Martinello had also visited outposts north of Moose Factory and James and Thunder Bay areas too.

In the winter of 1971. through the auspices of the Department of National Health and Welfare, Dr. N. E. Woodruff (University of Waterloo - where Dr. Martinello was a former student). instituted a two week

Dr. Peter Martinello program for eye care of our Indian children and their parents. The first program was held during the Christmas break from university classes.

a group of six other student optometrists and two supervisors, took part in an extension of the original program. During their stay, they managed to see and test

That same summer, Peter Martinello, along with

1,500 patients. They returned to classes in the fall, vowing it was "a marvelous and satisfying experience, all 'round.'

This year, following graduation in May, Dr. Martinello returned as a supervisor, accompanied by one student. They left this area June 1, returning at the end of that month. Again the program had been re-organized and they saw approximately 450 patients. Mostly school children.

"Between 40 and 50 per cent of those tested for were good to me. They took eye problems required a prescription", he told this

amazed listener. He also told me the only problem with the program, as he sees it, is the time lapse (at present) in re-checking of the patients. He believes eye ly announced his retirement at examinations should be made more frequently than every six months or even once a year. But he added he is hopeful this fault may be rectified in the

(Statistics on the various clinics are being compiled now for release at a future date.)

In answer to our question as to why more frequent checkups are needed, Dr. Martinello explained who are super," he said. "Many that due to the high degrees of astignatism-prob- fine things happened to me as lems found in these Indian children, changes in prescriptions should be available at more frequent inter-

To remedy the situation - at present - Dr. Martinello said, "We cannot subscribe the whole amount (of correction) with the first visit. Maybe we give them about half the prescription needed, and when the next test is done, six months or even a year later, we increase to the full amount of cor- mer teammates or owners, the rection needed. This is the most common error in the present program", he told me.

Answering our query as to the co-operation of the adults and children, he said, "They are all apprehensive at first. However when the children realize we are not there to give 'needles', they react very cheerfully!

"Some of the Indians, such as a mother from Round Lake, are very health-orientated", he explained; for this mother had brought her sevenmonth-old child to him for examination.

Four hundred miles northwest of Thunder Bay (the doctor and his companion had to be flown to the outpost), they met with Objibway Indians. They also visited Kenora and Sioux Lookout. In Moose Factory area they met communities of Cree Indians. Since the clinics were often held in the schools we were interested to hear that teachers come from all over the world to work with Indian students. "And the school principals helped make our program (Continued on Page 14)

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and a host of like descriptions of York Council in Newmarket, If the purpose of our educa- Mayor Anthony Roman of

Consider Political Clubs York Schools creasing traffic on Kennedy Road South, possible change in

cation has agreed to draft a in the Unionville section would policy regarding the formation no doubt mean additional arterof political clubs in the sec- les in the area. ondary schools, providing they have a staff sponsor.

The motion was put forward basis, as well as technical basis, coming back for decision.

Old Fashioned

in Atlanta," he explained simp-"I don't want to be like some other players who knock the club when they leave They care of me last year when my knee had to be operated on.

Then there is the case of Tucker Frederickson, New York Giant running back who recent-

ful, believe me."

In an age when athletes and ex-politicians are falling all over themselves to detail everything that ever went on behind the scenes, and when every scullery maid who ever peeled a potato in the White House is bursting to give us the inside story of the Presidency, it sounds strange to be reminded of loyalty. It also sounds strange to hear star athletes blame their fortunes not on unenlightened management and a corrupt system, but on their own luck and circumstance.

But, strange as it sounds, it "thanks," and "friendship."

HONEST PEACE WITH THEIR CONSCIENCES

students will reassess their Dear Mr. Editor: Concern that a grade 13 ex- moral convictions and make an amination paper should fall in- honest peace with their conto the hands of some York sciences. County High school students prior to the writing of this important examination should not be restricted to educators, but

Village's Pioneer en to maintaining the pioneer

dents must give up such words Unionville in any future develas honorable, fair, right, just, opment, it was agreed at the equitable, square, above-board, July 13 meeting of the Region when assessing their personali- following a report of its engineering committee chaired by

tional system is to prepare our Markham. young folk for the cold cruel In its report the committee world of business where to take said that residents of the vilany advantage for personal gain lage had been concerned about is accepted, then this particu- any future plans for the road, lar group of students have especially in the Main Street learned their lessons well. area of the village.

I write this letter not to up- This concern of the people set our educators, or the par- has been recently magnified by rumors of construction to four

traffic patterns due to the pro-York County Board of Edu- posed airport and development

by Trustee John Honsberger of will be necessary before any definite recommendations can Markham at the July meeting, definite following discussion of a letter be made. from John Roberts MP, York Markham Town Council that no any regulations against the commitment had been made by the Regional Corporation on clubs, and the board's new policy will be circulated to the future of the road, but it schools and other interested would be kept fully advised of groups for discussion before any upcoming plans.

Words

(Wall Street Journal)

When slugging First Basemen Orlando Cepeda was traded to the Oakland A's recently by the Atlanta Braves, he refused to criticize his former employ-

"Things just didn't work out

The injury-prone Mr. Frederickson, long troubled by bad knees, said that he was retiring because he can't play the way he would like. "I leave with fantastic memories and the friendship of a lot of great people, including the Maras (who own the football Giants) result of my association with the Giants and I'm thank-

In recent years a trade or retirement was usually the sig nal for another book explaining how athletes are little more than exploited chattels. And the more seamy the charges and revelations about one's for greater the chance of the book's success, frequently opening the door to new careers as TV commentators, social critics, even political pundits.

also sounds pleasant to the ear - just as it sounds pleasant to the ear to hear again such old fashioned words as "gratitude,

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Aug. 17—a rousing Parade of Massed Bands through Toronto, with over 2,000 pipers taking part.

Aug. 18-Trooping of the Colours by the Toronto Scottish Regiment at the CNE Grandstand.

Aug. 19 & 20-The Inter-Continental Pipe Band and Drum Major Championships (first time held outside the U.K.) when 600 of Scotland's best pipers and drummers will compete with bandsmen from North America and countries such as New Zealand and Australia.

Aug. 19 & 20-The Inter-Continental Highland Dancing Championships featuring over 700 international dancers in 11 classes of competition.

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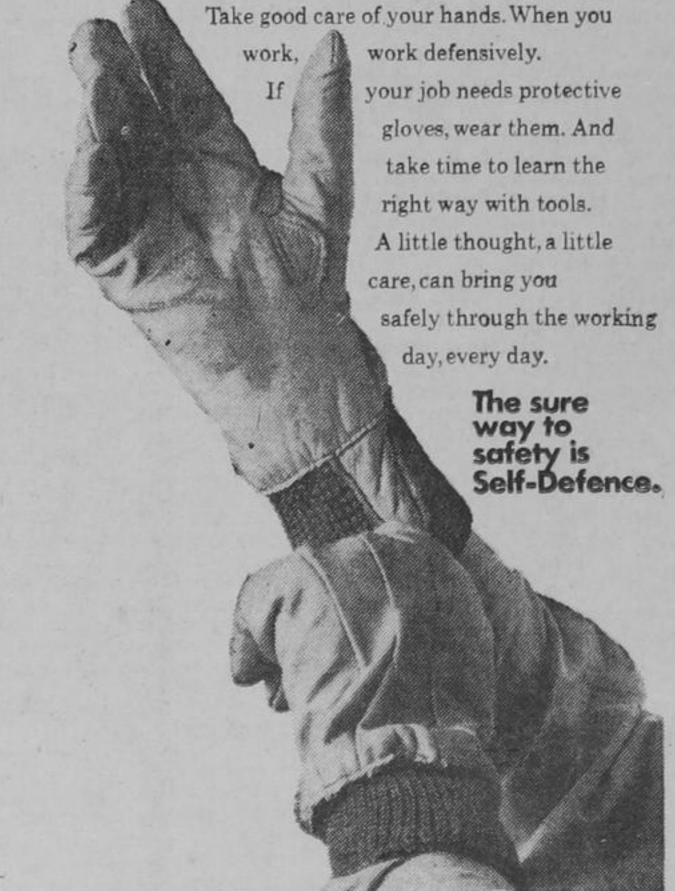
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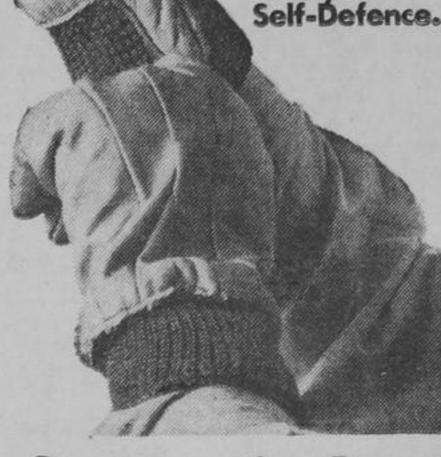
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tario are not alone in their fight to have the burden of education costs removed from the municipal taxpayer. Their fight has been quite successful over a matter of many years, so that now the

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provincial government picks up an overall average of 60% of the costs. les from area to area, those that "have not" receiving a larger percentage (up to 80%) and those that "have" receiving less, which goes a long way to providing equal-

ity of education opportunity throughout the province. Of course in Canada, education is the responsibility of the provinces, and no grants are forthcoming from the federal government. In France, the national government contributes 93%, Eng-

land's 19%, Sweden's 60% and Denmark's 65%.

In the United States 52% of the money collected for running the schools comes from local property taxes. The rest is divided 41% from state sources and 7% from the federal government.

In that country also, the California State Supreme The amount of grant var- Court has ruled that reliance on the local property tax to finance education is unconstitutional because, "it makes the quality of a child's education dependent on the wealth of parents and neighbors. To allot more educational dollars to the children of one district than to those of another merely because of the fortuitous presence of such property is to make the quality of education dependent on the location of private, commer-

cial and industrial establishments. Surely this is to rely upon the most irrelevant factors as the basis of educa-. . affluent districts can have their cake and eat it, too. They can provide a high quality education for their children while paying lower taxes. Poor districts, by contrast, have no cake at all." (This decision along

with similar ones is at pres-

ent under review by the U.S.

Supreme Court.)

to \$543 in Alabama.

The National Educational Association with 1.1 million members has gone on record as supporting a proposal for one-third federal financing of education to provide poorer states with the means to raise their per-pupil expenditures which range from a high of \$1.468 in New York

The NEA Executive Secretary Sam Lambert advocates transfer of the cost of education from the local property tax to the federal income tax. Then he would make financial support for the defense department dependent on the property tax ject to voter approval. "The results," he predicted, "will be less war and more educa-

Property Tax Needs Reform Not Abolition According To Nader

President Nixon has also proposed to relieve property taxes by imposing a national value-added sales tax. * * *

But, according to Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers, writing recently in the New York Times, people are beginning to realize that the attack on the property tax has gone too far-"that it is are applied regressively and

not the property tax as such which is the problem, but the Balkanized local property tax." He notes that local income taxes would have the same Balkanizing effect as local property taxes. Funk & Wagnell says that Balkanizing means separating into small, dissenting political units. Mr. Shanker notes that

Dr. Mason Gaffney, in his paper, "The Property Tax Is A Progressive Tax," presented last September at the annual conference of the National Tax Association. "A local income tax similarly lets tax havens attract the rich by low rates." He then claimed that whether a propery tax is regressive or progressive depends on its administration. "But all taxes

income tax may be the worst administered of the lot." Dr. Gaffney maintains that "to own property is to be owns, and to tax the quality of richness should not be presumed to burden the poor

> "A common argument for property taxes," according to Dr. Gaffney, "is their broad base, discouraging the poor from voting for public extra-"If the property tax were really regressive, one would

more than the rich.'

expect the wealthy to prefer it; instead they have pressed for sales taxes," Dr. Gaffney pointed out. "It is the rich who have second homes, hobby farms, summer resorts, tax shelters, ski hous-Caribbean hideaways,

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