

The Black And Red

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First Column From Bayview Secondary

I suppose the best thing to do first when starting out with this column is to tell you a bit about myself. My name is Ruth Bolton, a former student of King City Secondary School presently attending Bayview Secondary. I have a wide interest in the social problems which are faced by many people in our world today.

Look around at people who are laggards in business: are they not people who have buried themselves in their jobs? The most dynamic of human qualities can be pictured as an idea descended on earth fighting with reality. Our present state of this world is a disaster, people don't care anything for anybody. I want to help in correcting it, starting with this community.

We're being swallowed up like fish, having no idea of where we're going or why. The only way to approach a problem is wholeheartedly. I'd be interested in hearing your suggestions as an individual in producing a place pleasant enough for everyone and his brother to live in.

We talk with others, work with them, buy and sell with them, and carry on all kinds of interchange. People are organized into families, vocational groups, churches, political parties, clubs, societies, and endless organizations. We have individual and group relationships, whom we face problems with, in other words, whenever we associate with people we need to get along with them.

I am not talking about the tool-using animal, but with man as a person, a rational, spiritual, living being. A person of character, recognizes the dignity of duty, fairness, sympathy, co-operation, and everything else that goes with the making of a decent society.

A well-rounded school life makes for a better personality development, better use of skills, and abilities, and happier living — for the years in school are not only preparation for life, but are part of life itself.

During the next few months, each week, I will be reporting to you about our coming school events which possibly might interest you. Each and every parent should be interested and aware of his child's activities in school. Teenagers are particularly sensitive about their freedom and complicated and extremely varied, and during this period of adjustment it's always nice to have a helping hand.

WINTER CARNIVAL

In closing I would like to mention the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival being held February 8, 9, 10 and 11 at the Mill Pond. Won't you come? I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself at the pond and you'll make me happy to think that man still has life enough to use it.



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Opposition Alters Trudeau's Plan

With the conclusion of the debate on the Speech from the Throne, Parliament this week settled down to a more normal routine. On Thursday, the striking committee named members to the standing committees of Parliament. I was pleased to be appointed to the standing committee on Resources and Public Works. These committees will likely be among the busiest on Parliament Hill.

With no party holding a majority in the House, no one will control the committees. For example, my two committees each have 19 members, eight from the Liberal Government, eight from the Progressive Conservative Opposition, two from the New Democratic Party and one from the Creditiste group. The chairmen of the committees are appointed from the government members which leaves the government with only seven votes on these committees.

It is anticipated that the committees will be quite active and they may make significant changes to government legislation when it is referred to them by Parliament. The government may accept such changes or it could hold to its original position and force the matter to a vote in the House.

In any event, it is likely that legislation arising from the 29th Parliament will reflect, generally speaking, the wishes of that Parliament, which may or may not be the wishes of the government itself.

An early example of this occurred last Thursday night when the government's motion to establish a joint committee of the House of Commons and the Senate to enquire into food prices was amended by the Progressive Conservatives who wanted to drop the Senators from the committee. When the matter was put to a vote the amendment carried by 128 to 102. As a result, the government gracefully accepted the change and the Senators lost a job.

There may be many instances when Parliament will alter government proposals. If the change is not one of sufficient substance to indicate non-confidence in the government, the government may carry on.

The Secretary of State has advised me of his 1973 Opportunities For Youth Program. I am impressed at the efforts the Secretary of State intends to take to ensure that the 1973 programme will be well screened by his department, by local MPs and by concerned and knowledgeable citizens in each riding.

The Secretary has asked me to provide information on what may be regarded as priority community needs and the availability of com-

munity resources. This summer his department hopes to put the main emphasis of the programme on community benefits.

They hope to establish local advisory committees to provide additional information on priority community needs and existing services. It is intended that youth, community resource people and provincial representatives will be asked to serve on these committees. Such committees will, hopefully, ensure that approved projects have broadly based community support.

This approach is sensible and should go a long way to remove the unsatisfactory aspects of previous Opportunities For Youth grants.

I intend to cooperate with the Secretary of State in furthering his plans and I sincerely hope the various communities in our riding will take an active interest in the programme. To this end, let me hear any suggestions you may have with respect to who you feel should be asked to serve on the Minister's advisory committee in York Simcoe.

While I feel it is unfortunate that the federal government has to get into such subsidization programmes with respect to our youth, I do feel that the plan is an attempt to make the best of a bad situation. If it is properly administered with good liaison with local people, many of its past bad features should be eliminated.

March 1 has been set as the deadline for mailing applications for Opportunity For Youth grants and I would suggest that those interested in making such applications should be organizing their groups and thoughts as soon as possible with a view to tendering their applications early in February.

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