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## Too Many Watchdogs

The continuing frustration of being a school trustee was further exemplified recently with the announcement from Windsor that an arbitration board has decided that the average class size in that city's Roman Cathoic schools will be

It was labelled as a "major breakthrough" by Doug Knott, chief negotiator for the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association. He said the ruling was of "immense importance" to all future dealings between teachers and their employees.

The board also ruled that the separate school board can put no more than 38 pupils in any class unless trustees believe special circumstances exist.

Earlier this year, York County Board of Trustees wound up a lengthy battle with the teachers, in which one of the final resolutions was that the guaranteed pupil-teacher ratio would be 17.4 pupils to each teacher. The latter, however, is established by taking the total number of students and dividing them by the total number of teachers, which, in the case of York County, came out to 17.9.

But as Trustee Ross Jolliffe pointed out, this didn't prevent some classes from having 37 or more pupils in them.

So what is to be established from the Windsor ruling?

Well, apparently, if anything, it means that major decisions should be left to arbitration boards. Electing trustees to attend meetings several times a week, 40 to 50 weeks a year, isn't enough, it seems; when it comes to the crunch, severe looking gentlemen from afar should be called in to decide just what should be done.

There are already "too many watchdogs" in the system, as Trustee Margaret Coburn of King said not long ago at a meeting of York County Board of Education. "Trustees are elected for a rea-

The States of Oregon and Ver-

mont have now had legislation

banning non-returnable bottles for

soft drinks and beer in operation

for more than a year and studies

son," said Mrs. Coburn. "Why elect them if you don't trust them?"

A good point. Why elect people to positions of responsibility, if you're not prepared to give them free rein?

York County Board of Education and the secondary and elementary teachers of the region are at a crossroads right now; they have laid aside their axes and have come to an agreement of sorts. They are on even terms, as it were, so maybe now is as good a time as any to start trusting a bit in each other.

That goes for their critics, too, the ratepayers' groups and the unions and anyone at all who has a vote in such matters.

They'll have that chance to declare quite unequivocally this December when they go to the polls just whom they wish to represent them. And once making that choice, they should give them the chance to make a go of their mandate and not try to intervene every time something happens that they don't completely agree

Encouragement, not constant harrassment makes people flexible and willing to listen to other views.

An elected school board and not an appointed arbitration board should decide what's best all around.

Mistakes will be made, of course, but they will not be the mistakes of fools. Those kinds of mistakes only come about when fear enters into the picture; usually the fear spread by frightened people of the kind who are always trying to destroy the system.

So it might be wise to remember that when you go to the polls in a few months and mark an X opposite the candidate of your choice.

Have the courage of your anonymous convictions.



Bell Canada held an open house July 17 for the mayor and councillors of Richmond Hill and their spouses. Guided tours were given of the building and its equipment. A special display was set up also to demonstrate new optional telephone services. In the above picture Guide Al Roberts of Bell Can-

(Photo by Susan Samila) ada (centre) explains the optional services to (left to right) limitations. Councillors Jack Major and Bill Corcoran at the phones, Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Andy Chateauvert.

Latest Telephone Equipment Now In Use

Have you noticed a dif- in the switching centre on at a cost of more than \$450,- introduced July 7, to keep rings. ferent pitch in the dial tone Richmond Street.

on your telephone in Rich- Cost of the electronic mond Hill during the past switching equipment, made six weeks? This is one of by Northern Electric and ally served by the SP-1 Besides the lower-pitched such as touch-tone, call for- of more teachers, the provinthe results of the more than known as SP-1, is almost equipment at cutover. Ultbetween exchanges, there is \$3 million Bell Canada has \$2.7 million. It went into spent to provide the latest operation June 23. ing centre is 30,000 lines. time a call in dialed and speed calling are now available both in the new get, to decide whether it is ephone equipment available ing was completed last year A new "883" exchange was when the called telephone change.

000 to accommodate the 10,- pace with the population 800 lines which were initi- growth of the area.

The changeover also time a call is dialed and "883" and in the "884" ex- willing to foot the bill.

It is an educational truism that the effectiveness of the teacher varies inversely with the size of the class. Teach-

(Ottawa Citizen) ers accept that. Parents accept it. School boards accept

Teachers Gain

**Budget Power** 

POLICY CLASH

But a decision by a Windsor arbitration board raises a question: Should school boards be forced to accept it? Should, in other words, the pupil-teacher ratio be a factor in bargaining between teachers and their employ-

The ruling in Windsor was that it should, and the reverberations are already being felt in the rest of the province - with teachers saying they will press for class-size clauses in their contracts, and school boards saying they will oppose any attempt to do so. The teachers say, and

rightly, that the number of pupils in a classroom is an element in their working conditions. A classroom with too many students makes their job more difficult.

Trustees will reply with two arguments: first, that the pupil-teacher ratio is a policy decision, and should be left to the employer, second, that contract clauses limiting class size could have an explosive impact on school board budgets. While they too would like to keep the pupil-teacher ratio to a minimum, they want to do so voluntarily, to keep costs within budgetary

The teachers appear to have the better argument, But before the battle is joined, it is necessary to place some facts before the public. What is the situation now in Ontario classrooms? And what would be the financial impact of a limitation on class size?

If a province-wide application of the Windsor precemeans that optional features dent necessitates the hiring warding, three-way calling cial government will need as

## ROCK TALK

By PAUL JONES

Shantai II

(vocals, bass, piano), Lex Mc- flawless performance.

flawless performance, ac- with Shantai II. commodated by their strong The only problem with

almost refer to him as a will eventually become a number, and when our young singing impressionist. The very successful rock band. hero saw me coming toward

Shantai II is a commercial | background vocals and musrock band consisting of Mar- ical instrumentations added tin Damsel (lead vocals, by the rest of the band just

Gallison (vocals, bass, rhy- which Shantai II provides is Bayview Avenue in Richthm, synthesizer) and Norm the set on graffitti. The only mond Hill. Part of the his-Barker (drums and vocals). word suitable for describing tory of the home was a fire Shantai II is an extremely this set is "priceless". After which destroyed the barn purchased the Albert Wilcovered by insurance. Neightight 'concept' band which hearing them play such old- and the livestock. Blues, Edward Bear, C.C.R.). another 'concept' band in After listening to the band's the city, that could compare

vocals and fine sound sys- Shantai II is that there isn't tem, it's hard to believe that enough space on this page to they have only been playing describe their acts in the detogether for six months. tail they deserve. Even Unlike most 'concept' bands throughout the sets (4) which specialize in only one Shantai II changes their branch of music (eg. Liver- costumes so that they can pool-Beatle music or Sha Na fit the mood of the music Dear Mr. Editor -Na-graffitti music), Shantai being played (eg. greaser I would like to comment on the car door and yelled, Markham which was to have has announced he will seek II spreads its talent across clothes worn during the on the folly of taking the "I'll get the cops. You were taken place last Saturday the mayoralty. He was various categories (country, graffitti set). But what law into one's own hands. I only doing 20 mph." pop and rock). In one of really catches the ear is the was driving in Richmond Hill I keep myself in good con- abrupt termination by the in December 1972. Terry their sets, Shantai II plays fact (and demonstrated in one day last week. I would dition, having boxed as a thunderstorm and rain. A McGail, a real estate salesmaterial from the sixties and the second set) that Shantai be doing approximately 25 pro, am proficient at judo large number of men had man will seek the Ward 5 early seventies. Some of II is capable of playing or- mph. I could see the traffic and karate. My training in a assembled and after putting council seat held by Ken the songs from this category iginal material in the same had stopped for the Centre crack commando unit taught the frame work together, Smockum. Councillor Erik which are well done are tight manner. Even here Street light, so I slowed to me a few tricks that are not found it was impossible to Larsen intends to seek Geor-Cara Mia (Jay & The Ameri- their vocals (in this case let an American tourist car in the books. I guess this ill proceed further that day. The gina's regional council seat cans), Last Song (Edward somewhat similar to those into the flow of traffic. tempered, bad mannered contractor, Mr. William Mc- held by Bob Pollock and Bear), Stories We Could Tell of the Beatles) play the main A car pulled up on my young man and I can both Kenzie asked all to return at Wallace Donnell of Keswick (Moody Blues) and I Started role in strengthening the right and cut me off very be thankful he had children eight o'clock Monday morn- will also be running for resong to a point near perfec- short to get in front of me. with him.

The factor which makes tion. Cara Mia, Last Song, and I There's no doubt that slammed on his brakes. My to walk away I took a lot of a large number gathered and Started A Joke such fine Shantai II is one of the finer wife, who has not been well, verbal abuse, but I'm still a while waiting for the rest, at STOUFFVILLE: Len Keeprenditions is the strong 'concept' bands to ever come hurt her arm as a result of free man and it didn't cost Mr. McKenzie's suggestion, ing is turning in his scissors vocals of lead singer, Mar- out of Toronto. And there's this sudden stop. He pulled me a thing. tin Damsel. Martin's voice also no doubt that Shantai this very stupid trick twice is so versatile that you could II, with the right backing, more. I have his licence

Old "Liberals" Reveal Story Behind Barn Fire Liberal" in 1913, explaining together with eight horses McLean and Mr. Scott Mc-

In The Spotlight

BY VICKERY COOK

drums, organ), Rick Neglia go to strengthen the already "The Liberal" appeared a quent barn raising. feature story about Mrs. Ginness (vocals, guitar), Paul Another set of music Robert Campbell's home on

the circumstances surround- and twenty head of cattle. Nair were chosen as captains, In last week's edition of ing the fire and the subse- Some of the horses and cows the former winning by a

1913 and read as follows: BARN DESTROYED

liams Farm east of Elgin specializes in reproducing ies as Runaway, The Hop Mrs. Campbell very kindly Mills, suffered a severe loss

1939 Vet.

Thornhill.

DON CAMERON

123 16th Avenue,

the sounds of other well and The Twist, I'd just have submitted two articles, both by fire last Thursday when known bands (eg. Moody to agree that there isn't of which appeared in "The his large barn was burned, be controlled. Those who ing our insight and helping

were very valuable but fortu- margin. After the raising a The first appeared May 8, nately his imported stallion sumptuous repast was served "Proud Baron" was in an- on the lawn by the usual other stable and consequently bevy of pretty country maidescaped injury. The loss is ens acting as waiters. Joseph Hoad, who recently heavy, although partially bors soon arrived on the Thanks must be extended scene and worked like Tro- to Mrs. Campbell for locating

fire seems a mystery.

The second article appear-

ed August 21, 1913:

BARN RAISING

ILL - MANNERED DRIVER | him on the parking lot, he The barn raising of Mr. ing to finish the job, Prom- gional councillor. He went a short distance and When I found the courage ptly at the appointed time

were at the fire said it was our imagination in capturing a sad sight to see the animals the real circumstances suras they were tortured in the rounding the incident and flames. The origin of the the feeling of fellowship that existed between neighbors in the community at that time. SUTTON: Politicians and would-be politicians are be-

ginning to line up in Georpushed down the button lock Joseph Hoad's Concession 2, gina. Dr. George Burrows afternoon was brought to an defeated by Mayor Joe Dales

> they turned into a 17 acre and comb after 50 years of field of oats and in the short barbering in this community. space of twenty minutes had The only barber service it all in shock. The raising here now is located in the then proceeded. Mr. James west end plaza.

## reveal that it has been very effective in reducing the volume of about 365 more jobs than before. solid waste and litter caused by In both Oregon and Vermont beverage containers. (where the law became effective Oregon was the first state to July 1, 1973) the law requires a

Non-Returnable Bottle Ban

Works In Two States

pass this legislation with an effective date of October 1, 1972. Opponents worried over reduction of sales, increased business costs and consumer prices, decreased tax revenues and employment. Some were dubious about the bill's effect on litter reduction.

A recent study, however, shows that in the first year of operation the number of beverage containers disposed of during the year decreased by more than 385 million - a reduction of 88% in the volume of solid waste and litter from this source. The decrease could result in as much as a \$700,000 annual saying in trash handling and cleanup costs.

Contrary to the forecast of reduction of revenue, the effect of the bill has been to increase by \$3.93 million the total operating income from the business sectors directly affected - and brewers and bottlers have saved \$8 million.

The impact has been varied on different businesses, however, with beer distributors' operating costs up \$589,000, retailers' costs up nearly \$3 million (because of redistributing the containers) and can and bottle manufacturers have lost profits totaling \$614,000.

As to employment, despite a decrease in personnel in container manufacturing and soft-drink canning industries, the fear of overall reduction in employment was unfounded. All other sectors of business affected by the law increased employment, resulting in

deposit of five cents on bottles used for soft-drink and beer. The deposit is returned to the consumer when he returns the bottle to the grocer. In Oregon a deposit is also required on cans used for the same purpose.

Farmers in Vermont have voiced strong support for the law saying that it has saved them at least a week's work cleaning up their land in the spring before planting.

However, the softdrink and beer wholesalers and retail grocers are keeping the law under constant attack, seeking its repeal or to persuade the courts to declare it unconstitutional. After passage of the legislation beer wholesalers increased prices by 40 cents to 50 cents a six-pack in Vermont as against prices paid in neighboring states.

Similar legislation is in effect in the Province of Alberta and public protest from ecology-minded residents of this province has led the softdrink and beer industries to continue to use reusable bottles. If the public refuses to buy beverages in non-reusable containers, then they will soon be removed from the market and the amount of waste material for which municipalities have to find a disposal site will be substantially reduced.

STOUFFVILLE: Council | AURORA: Opposition to | KESWICK: Georgina Counhas taken an official stand Captain Development's pro- cil has levied a 1974 tax in opposing the proposed posal to raze the Gateway rate which will bring a closing of the CNR station and Haida Drive and replace Sutton but in the former here. A resolution will be it with apartment buildings North Gwillimbury and forwarded to the Canadian and town houses was voiced Georgina areas there will Transport Commission, Ma- to town council by 50 resi- be slight increases, as a reyor Gordon Ratcliff claims dents recently. Density of sult of the OMB's decision the station handles 800 to would be 75 persons to the defer payment for a civic 900 passengers a month, acre. The proposal is for centre over a three-year does \$100,000 worth of 10-storey apartment build- period. Tax bills will be business a year and serves ings which home-owners sent out by August 15 and a 20-mile radius.

the proposed development to permit the township to claim will block their view. | will be due September 13.

Ontario Hydro To Use Garbage For Electrical Energy 'Tis an ill wind that blows no one good, and the ill wind of rate power. the current energy shortage

spring zephyr over the Town of Those people who have been fighting valiantly to prevent the dumping of millions of tons of garbage into 913 acres of gravel pits near Maple have found an

ally in Ontario Hydro. Hydro has plans well under way for conversion of 500 tons of shredded refuse a day in a 300 megawatt unit at its Lakeview generating station just west of Metro, and if the pilot scheme is successful, three of the eight Lakeview furnaces could consume about 200,000 tons a year prepared from 248 tons of raw solid waste.

could be drifting like a warm

Vaughan.

The initial project, starting in 1976 or 1977, would use garbage to replace about 10 percent of the coal consumed at Lakeview, Hydro reports. And if the project progresses according to plan, 1.4 tons of garbage a year would furnish energy equivalent in heating value to 68,000 tons of coal worth nearly \$1 milion at current prices.

The exponents of "Watts from Waste" concede that costs will be higher than the landfill process of garbage disposal, but with fuel costs rising they anticipate that the scales will tip in

favor of using refuse to gene-

The \$15 million project, which includes construction by Metro of a fuel preparation and recycling plant in Etobicoke and conversion of the Lakeview unit, is described as "a frontal attack on the mountainous debris of a throwaway society".

The "Watts from Waste" Study Team was appointed in May, 1973, by former Environment Minister James Auld and chaired by former Toronto Alderman Tony O'Donohue. Other members were Wes James of Ontario Hydro and representatives from Metro, Mississauga and the Ministry of Environment.

The team examined the feasibility of burning specially-prepared refuse in generating stations and visited a smaller prototype project in St. Louis. They were impressed by their findings. Rising fuel prices and pos-

sible energy shortages triggered

On receipt of the team's re-

port, Mr. Auld announced that

a \$3.5 million grant would be

made available to Ontario Hydro

by the 1973 war in the Middle East made the project appear even more attractive. "The Arabs have helped the concept of using garbage for fuel a lot," Mr. James reports.

to modify a Lakeview unit. The province will also contribute \$1.5 million to Metro, which will build and operate a \$11.5 million processing plant. All solid waste is not suitable

for use as fuel, it is pointed out. Ferrous metals (those containing iron) and bundled newspapers can be recycled for other uses, as can crushed glass. The "Watts from Waste" Study Team discussed possible re-

cycling of crushed glass with the glass industry, but found there are problems when brown, green and white glass are mixed. However there are possibilities that mixed glass could be used in asphaltic concrete for street paving or in the manufacture of glass wool for insulation.

They found, too, that non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, copper and zinc have a relatively high value as re-usable waste.

Highly sophisticated equip-

ment will be required to turn the garbage to fuel, including magnetic apparatus to draw out ferrous metals. The Metro processing plant will be located on a completed landfill site in Etobicoke, about 10 miles from Lakeview, and present plans call for operating the plant 16 hours a day, five days a week, to process 625 tons a day during the demonstration phase. Trucks

carrying 20 tons of the "fuel" cach will then transport it to Lakeview.

Despite the fact that the new type of fuel will leave considerably more ash residue than coal, creating another disposal problem, Mr. James says, "At present, energy is the most valuable part of the garbage." And Hydro Chairman George view project is not a small ex-

Gathercole adds that the Lake-

perimental operation.

"The Lakeview unit is one of the largest, if not the largest, ever employed in this type of operation," says Dr. Gathercole. Another ray of light is peaking through the clouds hanging over people like those in Vaughan, Pickering, Port Hope and

Harriston who are valiantly fighting the battle against importing garbage. A proposal has been made by Lake Ontario Cement Limited to provincial and federal authorities. The plan involves use of shredded municipal garbage as a fuel source for making cement.

And in the U.S. researchers are studying the feasibility of converting solid wastes into lowgrade fuel oil or heating gas by

The residual ash would be in-

corporated into the finished pro-

a process known as pyrolysis. Pyrolysis turns wood into charcoal and coal into coke by applying high temperatures in the absence of oxygen, and the researchers are convinced that the same process could be used in

convert shredded refuse. Another futuristic concept, which hinges on controlled thermonuclear fusion involves using a "fusion torch" to get rid of wastes. As described in the Time-Life's 1974 Nature/Science

yearbook: "It would blast the waste material back into its constituent atoms - oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, iron, copper and so on. The basic elements recovered in this way could then be sold, while the energy released would be sufficient to light and heat entire cities."

Concluding his story on "Garbage" in the Ontario Hydro's May-June News, Writer Bob Morrow declares, "It may be a long, slow process that won't satisfy the impatient, but we're learning to turn the social nuisance of garbage into a profitable asset".

Meanwhile the residents of the beleaguered municipalities can be thankful that somebody IS doing something about initiating constructive alternatives to the pressing problem of garbage disposal.