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## No Thank You

Recently Richard Needham wrote in his Globe & Mail column "Let's have a Yonge Street Mall in 1975" but let's have it in Richmond Hill. Channel 5 TV Luncheon Date Host Elwood Glover later read this comment on his program, with evident glee.

We know that both gentlemen were merely being facetious — and probably should be grateful that men of such eminence in the great megalopolis to the south realize that there is a Richmond

Hill and in fact that it is located on Yonge Street. But we would also like to say to them, "No, thank you, we don't want it. Keep your problems to yourself. We already have enough, and most of them generated through our proximity to Toronto. If you can't handle the problem with all a big city's resources, please don't suggest, even in fun, that it be foisted off on a smaller neighbor. Someone might take you seriously."

## Home Property Taxes Should Be Deductible

As the costs of municipal and regional government, as well as of education continue to mount, the tax bill to be met each year by the residential ratepayer also continues to increase rapidly. Soon it will reach the point, if it has not already done so, where it will prove an intolerable burden.

Over the years it has been suggested the federal government could ease the burden for these taxpayers by allowing them to deduct the amount of municipal taxes when preparing annual income tax returns. Owners of commercial and industrial properties have been able to do so.

The suggestion has been revived recently by the council of the Borough of York, who recommend to the federal government that prop-

erty owners be allowed to deduct municipal taxes from federal income taxes. The council believes that such a change would help senior citizens and low-income people the most.

It was reported this is being allowed in the United States.

The subject was also raised by Markham Mayor Anthony Roman in his recent meeting with the new Minister of Urban Affairs, Barney Danson, who promised to give it consideration.

We hope these two recent developments will encourage the federal government to rethink their hitherto adamant stand in the subject and give some relief to the taxes faced by home-owners, taxes which are getting altogether too burdensome.

## Pedagogy Or Politics

Neil Davis, the newly-elected head of the 14,000-member Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation, is, according to recent reports, "out to change the image of teachers from that of self-centred radicals to well-informed activists."

That, says the 33-year-old Davis, means taking an active part in politics, with the first goal to influence the December school board elections across the province, and doing everything from providing information on candidates to organizing their campaigns.

Following that, the teachers will be out to influence the 1975 provincial election campaign.

In between elections, his group hopes to educate teachers in the powers of the various levels of government and the school board, so they will gradually come to influence decisions.

He said his federation would probably be heard speaking out on various social matters.

"Of course, we're going to try to influence how the public votes, but we're not going to try to bludgeon them. We'll say here's why you should vote for him," Davis said.

Why? Can't the public decide for itself?

Why is it lately anyway, the particular conceit of school teachers that they and they alone, have all the answers, both inside and

outside the classroom? What is the function of a teacher, anyway? Is it not to guide and instruct and in doing prepare his or her charge for the next stage of life, whether it be in the business world, or the academic world?

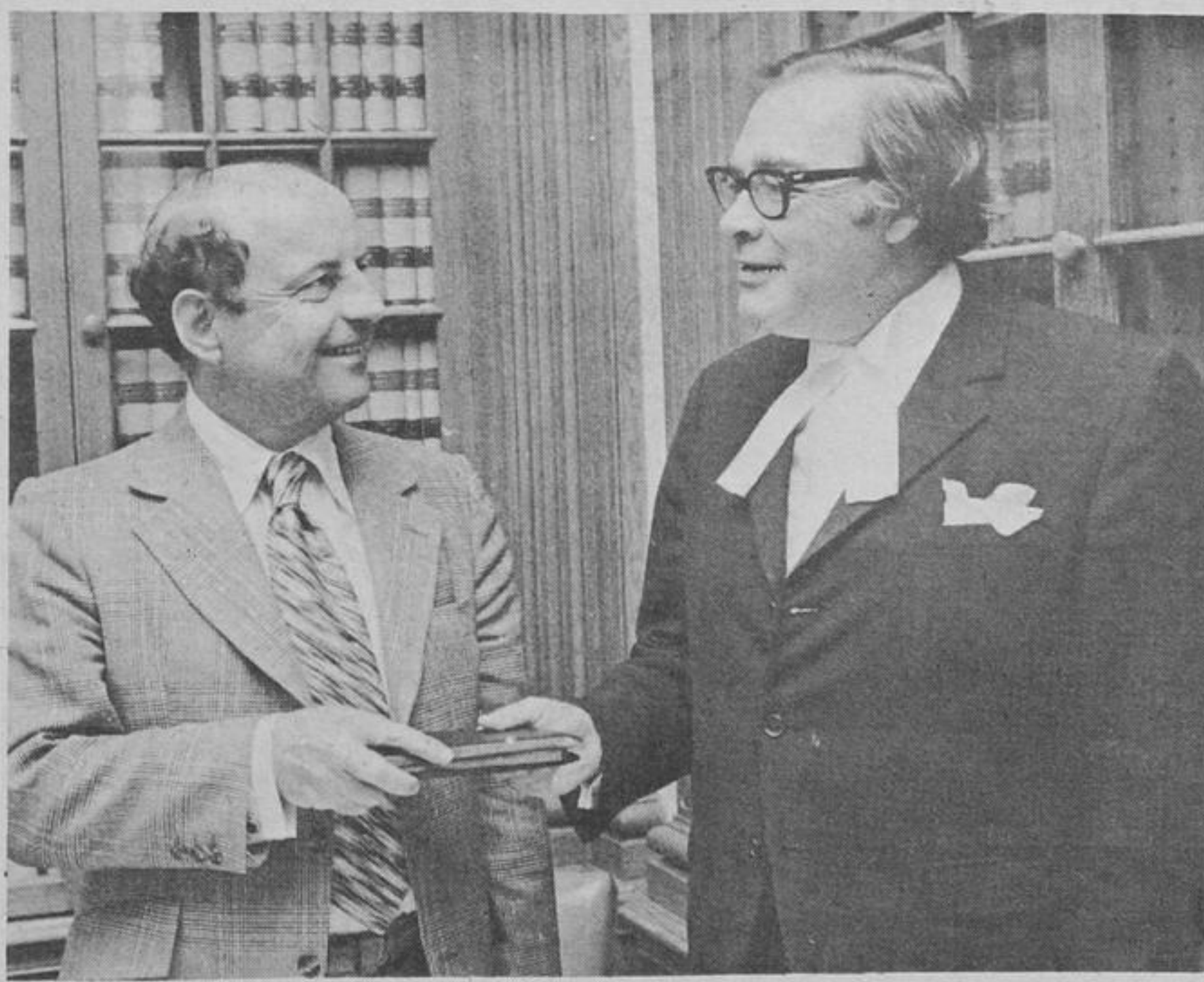
Presumably by that time, his parents have been able to make up their own minds on things of a political nature and don't need what is often the misguided zeal of some overly ambitious, but none-too-worldly teacher.

Mr. Davis, himself, admits he eventually hopes to win a provincial seat for the NDP. But right now, "The whole political process excites me and I run for everything that's going."

That's fine, but if he really has the interests of the teachers at heart, he won't use them and their cause as a platform to launch his own political career.

As for the teachers, do they wish to further their own careers, do they wish to gain the respect they seem to seek, do they wish to establish their reputation — and not their "image", which is just another one of the falsities of life that has come to be taken as the real thing? If they wish to do all these things, then why don't they do them in the classroom? That is the place they are all provided with originally to parade their talents in, anyway.

Or would that be too radical?



## Sinclair Stevens Takes Oath

Sinclair Stevens MP, York Simcoe, from King Township is shown after his second successful federal election bid being congratulated by House of Commons Clerk Alistair Fraser. MP Stevens had just taken the oath of office and signed the members book for the 30th Parliament of Canada at Ottawa.

## Arthritis Society Plans Big Campaign

By MARY DAWSON  
 September is the month set aside by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society to raise funds through an appeal to the public to expand and improve services for the diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and welfare of those who suffer from arthritis, to provide the public with factual information and to sponsor programs of research and professional edu-

cation in rheumatic diseases. Miss Elizabeth Flood is the CARS chairman for this area. Miss Catherine Moriarty is the campaign chairman. She has been hard at work setting up teams of canvassers for a door-to-door campaign to be conducted during the week of September 16. Any volunteers to help in this work will be greatly appreciated.

**BIG HEALTH PROBLEM**  
 Arthritis is a major health

problem because of its widespread incidence, and the pain, suffering, disability, social and economic losses it causes. More than a million Canadians suffer from arthritis and the other rheumatic diseases. More than a quarter million are disabled to some extent and 63,000 are totally or severely disabled.

Arthritis and the other rheumatic diseases are one of the root causes of poverty and cause an estimated 9,000,000 days' lost work and more than \$100,000,000 in lost wages annually.

**CAUSE UNKNOWN**  
 The cause and cure of the common and serious forms of arthritis are as yet unknown, but early diagnosis and prompt treatment can prevent severe disability in about four out of five patients. Many of those severely disabled can be restored to happy, useful living and there are sound grounds to hope for the ultimate conquest of these diseases through research.

The society needs \$4,590,000 this year to carry out its program. Some of this money will come from government insurance but the major source of income is voluntary contributions. Where there is help there is hope . . . hope for care today . . . hope for a cure tomorrow — and you can participate by helping with your dollars this September.



The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society  
 For care today . . . and a cure tomorrow

## Drug Fighters Shock Drinking Parents

Great Britain has taken off the velvet gloves in its attack on alcoholism, drug abuse and other social problems. A voluntary group, Project Icarus, has had great success in promoting shocking, but realistic, warnings on a number of social issues.

As an example, a poster featuring a photograph of a man downing the last draught from a glass, bears the words, "The wife needs sleeping tablets, the son smokes pot, one daughter's pregnant, but the old man only drinks."

Another has the picture of a smiling man using the telephone and the words, "Martin Jenkins is 29 years old, dynamic, popular, successful and alcoholic."

Founders of Project Icarus are TV director Graham Hurley, his wife Jane; John East a senior social worker in

Portsmouth and an authority on drugs; and Ian Dillow, press officer for a regional health authority.

In 1971 Mr. Hurley made a documentary for Southern Television, a commercial network, about the Alpha Rehabilitation Centre for drug addicts in Portsmouth. Network officials, however, felt the language was "too strong" for viewers and refused to air it. Frustrated, the Hurleys discussed with East and Dillow the idea of producing their own film, using the former's own research among school children as the starting point.

Mr. East quizzed school children about the films they liked and disliked and found most of them felt they were not getting the information they wanted on a range of subjects, including drugs and sex. With financial help from the

Portsmouth Corporation and a pharmaceutical company the foursome raised \$3,500 to pay the film crew and processing costs to produce an anti-drug film, "Better Dead?"

That film has been shown around the world, won an Award of Merit at the Chicago Film Festival and provided the revenue for Project Icarus to become self-supporting.

Since then the group has produced campaigns about LSD, venereal disease and several other topics including the latest against alcoholism.

Financing comes from the sales of posters to local educational authorities, youth clubs and other organizations and from films. All profits are plowed back into new campaigns.

They don't preach — rather they say, "Learn the facts before doing whatever it is."

## ROCK TALK

By PAUL JONES  
 Hudson - Ford

It was only two years ago that an English rock band called the Strawbs gained national attention on radio airways. It was through the song "Part Of The Union" that the Strawbs reached the top of the charts. And it was this song, as with many others, that was written by two of the Strawbs members—Richard Hudson and John Ford. Although Hudson - Ford had already written many of the Strawbs' better-known songs such as "Heavy Disguise", "Lady Fuschia" and "Flight", it wasn't till after "Part Of The Union" that they started to take part of the spotlight and become a special part of the Strawbs' stage act.

This exposure for Hudson-Ford was to become one of the main factors leading to their break-away from the Strawbs. Hudson - Ford's style was no longer in uni-

son with that of the Strawbs. Their own success led them to abandon their partnership with the Strawbs and to become their own duo. It was an easy-going departure for it had nothing to do with personality clashes (a chief cause for many groups in breaking-up). Both the Strawbs and Hudson-Ford have their own distinctive styles. Both have since progressed, in their respective fields.

disorderly. Nickelodeon consists of 12 songs with at least five of them being strong enough to make it as 'singles'. Some of the songs worth noting, to mention only a few, are 'Angels', 'I Don't Understand', 'Take It Back' and 'Revelations'. 'Angels' and 'I Don't Understand' are both, though distinctively different, slow folk-rock songs with soft vocals and light orchestrations. 'Take It Back' is an easy-going boogie rock song which features tight guitar playing and excellent keyboard (piano).

Probably the finest song on the album is 'Revelations'. It sounds similar to the Beatles with duo lead vocals that sound like George Harrison and John Lennon. Even the guitars remind me of the Beatles on Abbey Road. What is really noticeable on the whole album is the consistently strong drums and bass playing done by Richard Hudson and John Ford. Along with being fine songwriters, Hudson - Ford are also skilled musicians who, after judging past accomplishments, should be around for some time.



(Photos by Ron Fawn)

## Norfolk Avenue MD Carnival

This group of youngsters on Norfolk Avenue, Richmond Hill, spent many hours planning and setting up a carnival to aid in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy, only to be rained out after one hour, by which time they had taken in \$13.10. They had an auction after the rain had cleared away. Responsible for the event were:  
 Back row (left to right): Scott Hutchison,

7, 222 Norfolk, who was a clown and in charge of the balloon busting; Wendy Hill, 7, 232 Norfolk, in charge of the ring toss; Linda Hutchison, 10, in charge of the ball toss; Charlene Hill, 10, in charge of refreshment; Tracy Hutchison, 12, who told amazing fortunes for only 5¢; and Jim Hutchison, 11, a clown who ran the milk bottle drop.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor—  
 We, the undersigned, wish to express our appreciation to those who have been responsible for the care and maintenance of the Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Richmond Hill during this summer. It is heart warming to those of us who visit there frequently to see the improvement that has been made to this historic site. We are sure that there are many, like ourselves, who would gladly donate time and effort to improve the appearance even further and working together as a group this could be a very gratifying accomplishment.

GUY AND VIOLA WILLIAMS  
 NANCY HONEYMAN  
 PAUL AND ANNABELLE WILLIAMS  
 BILL AND EVIE HONEYMAN



## In the Spotlight

By VICKERY COOK

### The Church In The Community

In society's ever changing world there are countless problems arising — with drastic alterations in moral and social standards following. The Christian Church and its healthy past has been an aspect of society which has been affected by these changes.

Prior to the Renaissance (the 14th Century) and Martin Luther with his preachings of reform (1517 A.D.) was the Church of Rome's most influential day. The Roman Catholic Church and the State at this time, had an exceptionally close association, and its influence was certainly a prevailing factor in the life of every citizen. However, with the passage of time inevitably came change and the Roman Catholic Church became a less powerful institution than it formerly was.

The Christian Church was divided with the Protestant Reformation and has developed into many varied denominations with which we are all familiar. From this point the different churches evolved with the practise of regular Sunday attendance unquestioned and readily accepted. The church was the centre of community activity whether it was Roman Catholic or Protestant and represented security and faith. It was a meeting place for friends and acquaintances, for entertainment and enjoyment.

That day is part of the past. Greater communication, a tremendous range of things to do and places to see and a degree of scepticism has brought about that end.

This is not to say however, that the churches in the community are on the verge of collapse — they are far from it — they are simply less influential on the community as a whole than they were in previous years.

A number of questions were posed to a few clergymen in Richmond Hill about the changes they have had to adapt to in the past few years, in the hope of acquiring greater insight into the whole matter.

The four men were, Rev. Bernard Barrett of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Father Clement Schwalm of St. Mary Immaculate, Rev. William Wallace of Richmond Hill Presbyterian and Rev. Dana Lamb of St. John's Baptist.

The substance of their attitude toward the church as well as the church's role in the community.

### REV. BERNARD BARRETT

Mr. Barrett expressed the opinion there is a "reawakening of interest in the church" on the part of both young and old. He didn't think that any decline in interest could be classified as an absolute thing. Any lack of commitment on behalf of the young can at least in part be attributed to the way in which their parents' commitment, or lack of it, appears to them. There has to be a rediscovering of priorities with the church as a community of committed persons.

The church, according to Mr. Barrett, should provide various forms of worship in order to fulfill most efficiently the needs of all the individuals who attend. The church hasn't evolved sufficiently in relation to the rest of the world — "God calls on the church to be dynamic, not static." The church has to be an outgoing institution, always retaining its buildings as a place of sanctuary, but at the same time increasing its emphasis on worship in the home, with the church being more readily available to the people at the people's convenience.

The church's role in society is one of encouraging people to grow, to be open to the health of God's spirit. "It offers prophetic criticism as well as support," and viewing its opinions on social and political matters for the salvation of society is essential.

### NOT ONLY YOUTH

Mr. Barrett continued to say he didn't feel it was only the youth who was rejecting the church, but people of all ages — it isn't a matter of age but of psychology. "There has been a draining off of both young and old alike."

Those who had a limited interest in the church to begin with were easily sidetracked to other things leaving the genuinely committed to form the congregation. It is better to have a healthy but small congregation than a congregation whose commitment is somewhat lacking and whose motivation is one of social etiquette.

### REV. WILLIAM WALLACE

Mr. Wallace thought that it was a combination of reasons; more school, many more activities with time as "an awfully large factor". He thinks there is a genuine searching by some people whereas others simply don't know. He commented on the fact that in the United States there are a lot of religious courses chosen by young people. However this could be an intellectual interest rather than a return to the church.

Mr. Wallace said that it would be "disastrous" for the church to "bend over backwards" to try to attract the young, or any other group in society for that matter. Life, and particularly youth, has to be challenged and doesn't need an abundance of security and ease.

The role of the church in the community has many facets. Primarily it is to relate man to the ultimate of the universe. It brings like-minded people together, is socially helpful and aids in the bringing out of the best in people.

### ACCEPTS EVERYONE

Mr. Wallace emphasized that "the church accepts everyone and is the only institution that does this — or at least ideally does this." This is both a strength and a weakness of the church — it has to be true to its highest calling.

### REV. DANA LAMB

Rev. Dana Lamb made the same point as did Mr. Wallace about the youth taking religious courses at university. He went a step further, however, and pointed out that there is a rising interest in the oriental mystic religions. Recently in Toronto there were a number of people ordained in the Ministry of Satan. Mr. Lamb also made note of the religious material that was handed out to people at the Yonge Street Mall this year.

He suspects however, that the primary reason for youth's lack of interest in the church is due to a genuine feeling of disbelief and doubt. "There was a turning point in the 60's where the young began to challenge their parents' values." He also believes that the media on the whole "has

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