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## Curb On Election Signs

Anticipating the municipal elections in December, the Borough of York has passed a bylaw prohibiting posting of election signs on public property. The exception will be two or three large signs to be erected in each ward listing, in alphabetical order, the candidates for the ward. Cost of the signs will come out of public funds.

There is merit in this plan. It will help to cut down the forest of signs that inevitably crop up like mushrooms on every street and byway and vacant lot in mad profusion (and confusion). It will also cut back on the personal costs incurred by those seeking election.

We are pleased to see that the borough is not outlawing election signs on private property, however, as has been proposed by some politicians in municipalities in the Region of York. Individuals should have the right to give public support to the candidate, or candidates, of their choice and put signs on their own front lawns if they so desire.

Candidates, too, should have the right to such public pronouncement of their intention to seek office as councillor, mayor, school trustee or whatever. (In Metro they have controllers and aldermen. In York Region we have municipal and regional councillors.)

Since municipal elections are poorly supported at the best of times — a turnout of one-third of the eligible voters is about par for the course — every encouragement should be given to those who are willing to put their names before the public, to seek an opportunity to serve their community as elected representatives. It is a demanding and often thankless task, and even to stand for election can be a costly business. Cutting down on that cost is a step in the right direction and will hopefully encourage more public-minded citizens to come forward.

The biggest item on the candidate's budget is usually the cost of informing the public that he is standing for election and why. Restriction on the number of signs that may be posted on public property will serve as a bit of an equalizer, giving the man with a low budget a better chance in competing against the man with the unlimited budget. It will also help to eliminate much of the litter that we have become resigned to when an election is pending.

Municipal elections, by the way, will take place throughout the region on December 2, and nominations must be in no later than November 12. Municipalities will be making official pronouncements on specific nomination dates in the near future.



## Champion Gormley Hunter

The Gayford family of Highway 7, Gormley, this summer at the shows found they had a real winner in Likely Story, a four-year-old hunter acquired from Vern Mason of Sunnybrook Riding Stables, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. Shown by the youngsters of the family in local events this horse gathered a lot of ribbons, including top placing in seven classes at Sutton and in four classes at Richmond Hill. This is the first year Likely Story has been shown.

Veteran horseman Tom Gayford of Gayland Farm, a retired member of the Canadian international team, took Likely Story into competition at the CNE and came out on top, even against the older horses. Likely Story is this year's CNE Green Conformation Hunter Stake champion and also won on total points in five open classes against older experienced horses. Competition was keen against 25 entries from an area ranging between London and Montreal.

## MP Stevens Sees Canada, U.S. As Sheiks Of Food World

Fresh from a muck raking session at the Ontario Government Muck Research Station in the Holland Marsh, Sinclair Stevens MP, York Simcoe concludes in his weekly press statement that the government's policies are keeping local market gardeners out of local markets. At the same time phoney U.S. border inspection holdups are suspected of keeping Canadian products out of the continental market.

MP Stevens also brings to public attention the fact that the Middle East may have the oil but Canada and the U.S. have the resources to become the Arabs of the food world.

Stevens says farmers at the recent Muck Station open house complained crops are good but prices down. They were puzzled as to why consumer food prices should continue to rise while their prices on many items were down. They cited examples of inconsistencies in the marketing of their produce, such as cauliflower and lettuce. He checked these out and found the farmers were right.

**MARKETING SNAFU**  
"Due to cumbersome marketing policies, Dominion Stores chose to sell American cauliflower produced near the Pacific Ocean in 2,500 miles away, yet a better cheaper Canadian product was available for sale within four miles of the Newmarket store. The Dominion store cauliflower was wrapped in cellophane, labelled KOL KROP and was distributed by Valley Harvest Distributors of California. It weighed 1 lb. 10 oz. per head. The Canadian product, sold by the competition, had no cellophane, was whiter and weighed 2 lbs. 11 ozs. on average.

Some heads weighed over 4 lbs. Dominion Stores officials acknowledged they would like to handle the local product but to date they said they'd not been able to purchase sufficient quantities to service all their stores in the Toronto marketing area. As a result, consumers in this area are offered a higher priced, poorer vegetable produced in the U.S.A. while our farmers are shut out of this market," said MP Stevens. But he notes Dominion's competition moved locally grown cauliflower six times as fast as the U.S. variety, a tribute to astute consumers.

**LETTUCE BLOCKADE?**  
Stevens said lettuce prices are down and farmers complain export trucks are being held at the U.S. entry for phyto inspections that take 30 hours, so long that the lettuce becomes no good and has to be destroyed. They believe this is being done deliberately to protect the U.S. market while at the same time loads of U.S. lettuce are being delivered into Ontario, hurting the local market, he said.

The local Oak Ridges - King - Vaughan MP says such distribution problems will have to be eliminated as the world grows hungry for food and quotes a Canadian Catholic Conference Administrative Board statement. It was made before the United Nations World Food Conference in Rome and asks, "Can we continue to rely on present market forces to set prices and determine the distribution of so essential a commodity as food?" Stevens concludes with the following opinion. "The world has almost unlimited potential to produce agricultural products — especially Canada. What is needed is a distribution system to handle the product."

## Pay Your Happy Speculation Tax At Local Offices

The provincial government has moved to reduce the inconvenience suffered by local buyers and sellers of property due to requirements of the controversial new land speculation tax. Minister of Revenue Arthur Meen announced last week that Newmarket and Brampton land registration offices will be included among 15 outside Metro where lien clearance personnel and service will be provided. The new decentralized administrative procedures will go into operation September 16 for the convenience of lawyers, realtors and related groups.

The service will be available also in all assessment offices in Ontario. Meen said. The system is scheduled to be extended to all land registration offices in Ontario within two months.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**  
"This decentralization will allow lien clearances required under the Land Speculation Tax Act to be issued upon presentation of completed application forms and the necessary supporting documents. In instances where time or circumstances don't permit the filing of completed documents, the lien clearance certificate will be issued upon receipt of an undertaking to file a completed application within 60 days. However, this procedure won't apply to taxable sales by non-residents," said Meen.

"In certain complex cases, it may still be necessary to refer applications for lien clearances to the ministry in Toronto. These applications may be forwarded directly to Toronto or through ministry staff in the assessment or land registration offices. In these latter instances, where the information is complete and the disposition of the designated land is exempt or where tax has been paid or secured, a lien clearance certificate will be issued from Toronto and mailed back to the applicant within three working days after receipt of the application," said the revenue minister.

## Students On German Exchange Do Regular Work While Away

A total of 53 York Region secondary students left this week for Germany for a three-month stay, as part of an exchange program which will see Canada students come to Canada at the end of December and early January.

While in Germany, the students will be billeted in private homes in the province of Baden-Wuerttemberg in the southern part of the country. Not more than two will attend the same school. The students, who are from grades 10 to 13, have entered into a contract with their principals to complete their regular school work while abroad, so they will be able to pick up where they left off on their return.

**STOFFVILLE PLANNERS**  
Plans for the exchange, which have been underway for a year, were headed by Joe Turko and Dave Shopier, master teachers of modern, and Siegfried Chowanetz, head of modern languages at Stoffville Secondary School.

Members of a committee set up to handle it included Mrs. Jean Van Dalen of King City Secondary and her husband, Tobias Van Dalen of Dr. G. W. Williams; and Mrs. Inge Bundemann of Markham District High School.

More than 100 students applied for the trip, and acceptance was made on the basis of their academic qualifications and the recommendations of the school. Those taking part wrote a profile of themselves, including academic background and interests.

**EXCHANGE MATCHES**  
These were sent to Germany, along with each student's most recent report card, and the students were matched with compatible German pupils, who were also taking part in the exchange.

The students are paying all expenses themselves.

with three passes for the three teachers accompanying them, being provided by the airline company.

The board will provide \$300 for each of the teachers for their accommodation and travel expenses while away.

## Letters To The Editor

ADVISORS NEEDED ON TRANSIT PAY

Dear Mr. Editor—  
The attached poem is to draw attention not only to the current transit strike, but its methods of settlement.

Those who complain about the lack of transportation may, themselves, be next to strike in some other part of the work sector. Obviously, when the economy is adversely affected by a minority, it is in the interests of all to find a different, and equitable, means of settlement.

Why not (have) an economic advisory committee as "third party" to settle (pay to employees in such) services such as transit, hydro, communications and those others selected as essential to the welfare of the people? Such a committee would be the one to which labor and/or business representatives would turn if settlement wasn't possible by the date of contract termination. This body would continue to work with representatives of the groups concerned to settle, within given time limitations, on a binding contract — without termination of essential services in the interim.

Surely this would make more sense than the present situation where the public awaits a Legislature that is still on holidays.

Mrs. L. Ayres,  
Norton Avenue,  
Willowdale.

## Transit Strike

A hissing snake of workers wait for the green-eyed monster to let them coil on — and they strike another day.

L. AYRES

## Obituary



JOHN P. SPAULDING

Vice President, Scholastic-TAB Publications, Ltd. President, Scholastic Magazines, Inc. Chairman, Association of American Publishers

John P. Spaulding, founder of Scholastic-TAB Publications, Ltd., Richmond Hill, and President of Scholastic Magazines, Inc., New York, died Wednesday, September 4 of cancer. One of the leading figures in the publishing world, Mr. Spaulding was Chairman of the Association of American Publishers at the time of his death. He was 51 years old and lived in Armonk, New York.

Mr. Spaulding graduated from Harvard College in 1947 following service during World War II with the U.S. Office of Strategic Service in the European Theater and in French Indo-China. After the war, he spent four years in the United States Foreign Service, two of them as Vice Consul in Madras, India. From 1951 to 1954, he was an Assistant Editor of the Reader's Digest International Editions.

After joining Scholastic Magazines, Inc. in 1954 as a promotion copywriter, he served as Direct Mail Manager, and Director of Product Sales, and in 1961 was elected a Vice-President. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the corporation in 1963, was made Executive Vice-President in 1967, and President in 1971.

In 1957, he established the Canadian company, Scholastic-TAB Publications, Ltd. of Richmond Hill. Later, he continued to lead Scholastic's expansion abroad, setting up subsidiaries in England, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan; and the

## Family Gardening

A large field divided into small plots on which are luxuriant growths of all kinds of vegetables, occupied by family groups hoeing, cultivating, weeding, hilling and harvesting — this is becoming a familiar sight around large metropolitan centres on this continent. The families who are enjoying the muscle-stretching exercise, getting their hands into the earth and relishing the unmatched flavor of vegetables harvested fresh from their own gardens, come mostly from high-rise apartment buildings.

The garden plots not only give

these people a chance to work with the soil and a chance to be outside in the sunshine doing something productive but are a budget help in feeding families and provide a new hobby as well.

These gardens, reminiscent of the "victory gardens" of two World Wars, may well lead some families to victory over inflation — if the cost of food continues to skyrocket. They may also lessen the psychological impact of apartment living on families as they work together to produce their food, just as their forefathers did.

## ROCK TALK

By PAUL JONES  
Joe Cocker

It's been over two years since Joe Cocker has had an album released in Canada. However, Cocker's last album, "Joe Cocker" (this fourth at the time) was hardly his finest, for it consisted mainly of material that had been recorded much earlier. Cocker's finest album would have to have been his first album, "With A Little Help From My Friends," which was recorded in 1967. Featuring some of the most prominent names in English rock, such as Denny Cordell (producer of Move and Procol Harum), Steve Winwood and Jimmy Page, "With A Little Help From My Friends" gave Cocker world-wide exposure.

His live performances, somewhat dynamic — while to others revolting, displayed an unstoppable, twisted person, bellowing out vocals with brute-power. This is nothing short of spectacular. While most of Cocker's material is written by others (including the likes of Bob Dylan, Randy Newman, Gregg Allman, Leonard Cohen and John Lennon-Paul McCartney), it has earned Joe the reputation of being one of the best interpretive singers to ever come along in rock music.

To understand Cocker's music, one has to understand Cocker himself, (noted for his prolonged periods of disillusionment), who isn't singing with a harmonious voice, but with guts, passion and raging intensity. I, for one, can't get into all of Cocker's music, for some of it is just too demanding, and in some cases, frightening, for my liking. But even so, I can't help but admire this human being, who, along with his sincerity, is able to put so much of his personal anguish and passion into music.

ber of Wings — Henry McCullough) and, of course, the vocals of Joe Cocker, which in this case range from soft to raucous.

Other songs which I found extremely enjoyable were "The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress," "Don't Forget Me" and "Gully" — all basically relying on strong, yet soft, acoustic piano playing and light, yet effective, orchestrations. This album obviously proves to us that Cocker's layoff has done more good than harm. For although Cocker's sincere anguish is still present, it is purely subdued to the point where a much wiser and mature artist is being presented.

**NEWMARKET:** Ontario Treasurer John White thinks town council is providing "excellent stewardship" for the citizens of Newmarket. His comments were prompted by a newspaper editorial stating "Newmarket taxes go down again."

At Willowdale's historic Gibson House the staff is not only preparing for a fall session of craft classes. It is also currently displaying pioneer cruets, demonstrating the homely art of pickling and preserving, and handing out recipes for the home cook. When the pickle patch was an important part of the pioneer garden, pickles were honored by serving them in elaborate containers, and Bick's Pickles have collected 84 Canadiana cruets, each different in size, shape, color, design and type of glass, reflecting the fine craftsmanship and artistry of design.

From mid-August to October some 30 of these cruets are on

display at Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, behind Willowdale Post Office. At the same time expert cooks in pioneer costume are cooking and selling some of the goodies made from the century-old recipes which they are also passing out to visitors.

With fruits and vegetables ripening in profusion in many a home garden and selling fresh from the field at roadside stands this is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to try out some of these recipes for yourself — spiced currants, marmalade, chili sauce, green tomato pickles, bread and butter pickles, bean pickles.

And while visiting Gibson House, which is open from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday and noon to 5 pm Sunday you may register for craft classes to start September 30. Many of the crafts in the program will be demonstrated from 1 to 5 pm Sunday at the Gibson House Craft Festival. Other activities that day will

include apple butter making, taffy pulling, blacksmithing, Highland and Scottish dancing and 19th Century folk music.

Craft demonstrations will include china painting, spinning and dyeing, crewel work and embroidery, chair caning and rushing, rug hooking, doll making, decoupage, macramé, needlepoint, pillow craft, and stenciling. Admission at any time is 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children.

For those who would like to try them, here are a couple of the recipes being distributed this month at Gibson House:  
**CHILI SAUCE**  
8 quarts tomatoes  
3 cups green pepper  
2 cups onions  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup salt  
1½ quarts vinegar  
3 teaspoons cloves  
3 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 teaspoons each of ginger and nutmeg  
Chop tomatoes, peppers and onions very fine; and spices,

sugar, salt and vinegar. Bottle in sterilized containers.

**BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES**  
6 quarts sliced cucumbers  
4 sliced sweet green peppers  
12 sliced onions  
½ cup salt  
2 quarts vinegar  
8 cups white sugar  
¼ cup mustard seed  
1 pint water  
2 teaspoons turmeric  
Put sautéed sliced cucumbers, peppers and onions. Let stand three hours. Drain off liquid.  
In large pot mix vinegar, sugar, mustard seed, water and turmeric. Add drained vegetables and let come to boiling point. Bottle in sterilized containers and seal tightly.

To see how it is done, visit the Gibson House. And to enquire about times and schedules for craft classes, register while you are at the craft festival or telephone 225-0146.

## Seneca Arts Festival

Seneca College's Fall Festival, King Campus, Dufferin Street north of King Sideroad, Sunday will feature arts, crafts and antique displays on the grounds adjacent to Eaton Hall from 10 am to 6 pm.

More than 80 artists and craftsmen will display their works on the beautiful grounds, and as an added attraction, there will be free guided tours of Seneca's visual arts centre and of Eaton Hall, studio demonstrations, Seneca-style lunches and hayrides around the 696-acre estate, former property of the late Lady Eaton.

The works of the artists

and craftsmen as well as antiques from near and far will be offered for sale throughout the day. Admission to the grounds is \$1.00 for adults, 25¢ for students, and no charge for children with parents. Parking is free.

As an extra bonus, persons registering during the fall festival for King Campus continuing education classes this fall will have their festival admission price refunded.

Organizer of Seneca King's Fall Festival is Gordon Barnes, director of Seneca's visual arts centre. For further information call 884-9901.

## Pioneer Festival Features Pioneer Foods, Crafts

A band led by an "oompah" band and a "Bloom Powder" shoot will be among the treats to be offered at Black Creek Pioneer Village's colorful annual harvest time celebration September 21 from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will also be an auction of homemade quilts and an old fashioned spelling bee for children at the village schoolhouse, with prizes awarded to the spellers.

Cooking, baking, preserving, quilting, sausage making will be among the sights, sounds and aromas that will help to recapture the festival atmosphere of harvest celebration in years gone by.

The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, the Menomonee community and Black Creek staff are preparing apple fritters, cheeses, cakes, sorted home preserves from the pioneer kitchen for the occasion.

Traditional arts, crafts and chores associated with the in pre-Confederation rural Ontario: harness making, broom making, blacksmith-

ing, soap making, candle moulding, open hearth roasting and butter churning are among the many demonstrations planned.

For the bargain hunter an emporium with a treasure trove of mystery gifts will be offered—china, glass, books, toys and other new and old items.

The Village is located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue and festival admission will be the regular entrance fee: \$2 for adults, 50¢ for students and children, with a maximum family admission of \$5.

For further information contact Metro Conservation at 630-9780.

## Another Hiker Another Rape

(Niagara Falls Review)

One suspects that the cries of outrage when girls are found murdered after being raped are so much hypocritical noise. Two more hitchhiking girls have been found dead near Toronto and a third luckily escaped. The last was returning from a trip (presumably alone) to the CNE and "accepted" a ride from a male driver completely unknown to her. He was the alleged killer of the two other girls.

Judging from the youth of both sexes that crowd the sides of highways seeking rides, freedom of movement is one of the "rights" that modern young people value most. It always has been, but never under circumstances so dangerous as the present. Of course, we can argue that the life for which these young people are preparing will be far more dangerous than that known by their parents, and ability to survive in a world of rape, murder and violence will decide whether a female will survive at all.

Adults will not take measures to curb the hitchhiking menace. In fact, they seem to have succumbed to the dangerous and invalid belief that the youth cult must be served at whatever expense. Well, the expense is apparent in the needless tragedies recounted ad nauseam in our national press.