

## Number two tried hard

Ron Moran's fight to stay regional councillor in Markham is through for this term. Alma Walker, who won a judicial recount by four votes, was sworn in Friday.

But this is probably not the last we will hear of the man from Dixon's Hill. His record shows he is the type who will be back in the election ring again, to prove he is the best person for the job.

During the past six months he has shown himself to be a conscientious, hard-working, principled and flexible representative, a person who has the interests of all of the Town of Markham at heart.



Ron Moran

## Housing pessimism justified

(Guest editorial from The Mississauga Times)

Prophecy doom and gloom is often far too easy for those who enjoy cocktail party predictions. But the hard facts of housing in this province and city are enough to make a soothsayer out of the most determined optimist.

There are 2,000 completed but empty housing units in

## Let's celebrate Canada Week

Canada Week 1975 opens June 24 and leads to the national Dominion Day holiday July 1.

The Canada Committee fosters national unity by sponsoring social and cultural festivities. We're urged by them to fly the flag and wear the Canada Week emblem.

It would be well if we paid more attention to this occasion. Everybody loves a parade, for instance.

Perhaps it is time municipal councils and the community considered formation of local Canada Week committees.

This year the theme is: "Canada-Give it a Hug". Why not?

courts to settle whether his election-day win was over-turned fairly, should examine the facts carefully.

The long delay was not his fault, but rather the fault of a slow-moving court system. And his lawyer's tactic of questioning Judge H. W. Allen's authority to order the recount may have been the best for the municipality.

Moran might have been successful if he had petitioned for a new election on the grounds the ballot boxes were not properly stored between the election and the recount.

But a new election would have been costly to the municipality.

Now this issue is closed, it should indeed be closed. Mr. Moran should not be deprived of community respect for simply trying his best.

Of course the same courtesy should be extended to Regional Councillor Walker. She will now be judged for her performance in office.

And as she faces her new responsibilities, she should be wished the best of luck.

We trust she will not be inhibited by Mr. Moran looking over her shoulder.

Mississauga, the slow selling victims of outrageously high prices, interest rates and sometimes just plain lousy design and location.

After all, who would buy a \$60,000 apartment condominium on Dundas Highway when they can still find a small detached home with a backyard for the same amount?

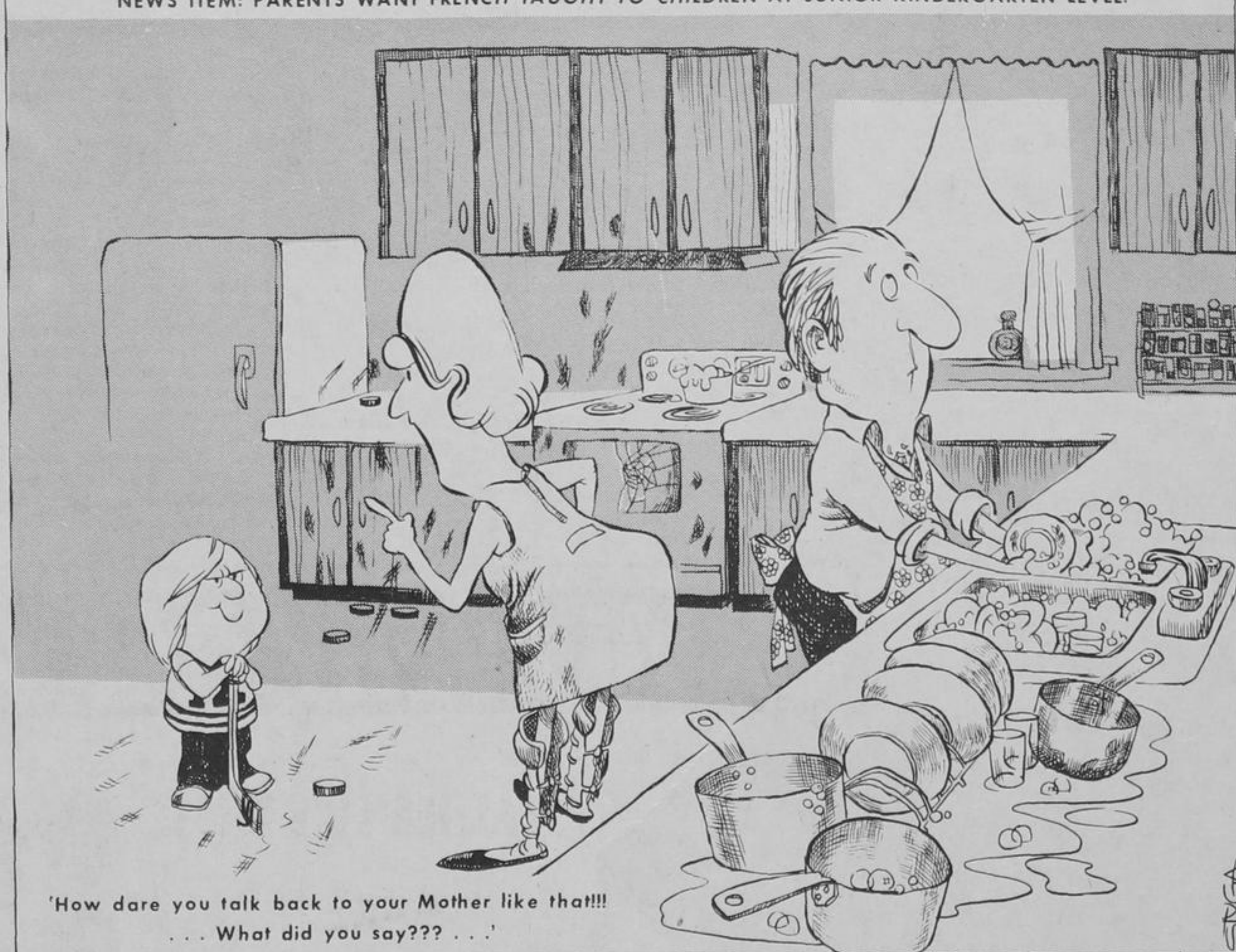
Developers are running scared. New home construction dropped by 44 percent in Mississauga last year and so far in 1975, housing starts are off by almost 90 percent over the same period in 1974.

It has been fashionable over the past few months to blame the municipalities for holding up development. But the figures speak for themselves — 16,000 housing units have been approved for development in this city since 1970 and have still not been built.

Combine this with the 31,000 units under development application and Mississauga will soon have a housing potential of 47,000 new homes.

The blame lies in a complex web of rising expectations on the part of home buyers, rampant land speculation, profiteering by developers, higher costs of labour and materials and too-rapid growth rates.

NEWS ITEM: PARENTS WANT FRENCH TAUGHT TO CHILDREN AT JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN LEVEL.



'How dare you talk back to your Mother like that!!!

... What did you say???

## Letters Culprits identified but nothing is done

### Lion was misquoted

Dear Editor:

In your June 4 edition, on page 2 I have been quoted as saying "The Lions approached the recreational clubs for their support in planning the fair. I think that we've had a much better event with their support."

Sorry but that is not what I have said. Fact is: "The Lions have been approached by

the recreational clubs for their support to assist with the bar and refreshments. I think working together makes it a much better event."

Would you please correct the error in your next issue.

JOE TANZOS, PRESIDENT, Oak Ridges Lions Club, Box 279, Oak Ridges, Ont.

Dear Editor:

You seem to deplore the vandalism perpetrated at the Richmond Hill Day Care Centre.

I wonder why you leave the readers with the impression the York Regional Police are going to do something about it.

The culprits have been identified and nothing is being done about it.

There is no desire to

bring charges against those responsible.

But they should at least have to clean up the mess and restore the area to the condition it was in after clean-up day.

In the adult world, breaking and entering is a serious charge.

Why shouldn't these children be brought to task for their crime?

Does the word crime bother you? Do you find it

difficult to say crime and children in the same sentence?

Don't think for a minute these children won't be reported in your "Regional Police Blotter" column in a few years, while the community laments "Where did we go wrong?"

DOUG LENDRUM, Suite 102, 441 Elmwood Avenue Richmond Hill, Ont.

### Viewpoint from the regional desk

BY JIM IRVING

A recent newspaper article from Vancouver relates an attempt to offer the so-called, helpless female species yet another crutch in the never-ending battle against their hairy-cheeked counterparts.

An organization called the Vancouver Status of Women Group is compiling a booklet of what it feels are "fast comebacks for sexist put-downs", the implication apparently being women aren't quick enough to think up answers on their own.

Instead they must rummage in their purses when someone asks them a question such as "How can you, a mother, go out to a daily job?"

And while their questioner waits patiently, they must locate their booklet and then flip through the pages until they come up with the appropriate answer: "My children are addicted to eating!"

#### Slaying chauvinists

Naturally, this brilliant and lightning-fast retort will slay any old Goliath chauvinist. So you can see the importance of it all.



There are other examples just as witty. But as I don't want you all falling on the floor in wild paroxysms of mirth so early in the proceedings, I'll withhold their recital.

So far as I know, there's never been any movement on behalf of the men for a similar booklet that would allow them to be the life of the repartee.

Nor do I think they've requested one.

But maybe such a booklet would come in handy in other areas where participants might be inclined to the defensive side when questioned on various issues. And a quick, non-committal answer is required.

#### Politicians need one

In politics for example. So in the interests of helping some of those who haven't yet discovered a direct answer is the quickest route home, and a few require other means, here are still questions and answers full of sand and pure, signifying absolutely nothing, as that English writer was more or less wont to say.

Q — Do you plan to run this year?  
A — If you mean in the Olympics, I

think I'll leave that to those under 40. (Heh, heh).

Q — What do you think of the education budget for York County?  
A — My wife says she wishes she had one just like it.

#### Day care costs

Q — Do you think parents or the government should pay the full cost of day care centres?  
A — Well, I certainly don't think it's up to the kids.

Q — Besides their raise, York County secondary school teachers got a cost-of-living-allowance (COLA), plus a dental plan. What do you say to that?  
A — With all that C.O.L.A., they'll need a dental plan.

Q — Education Minister Wells says that, if all else fails during negotiations, teachers should be allowed to strike. Do you think they should?  
A — Strike Wells? Probably be a good idea now and then — keep him on his toes.

#### Teacher salaries

Q — Do you think the school board should have given those big salary

increases to the teachers?

A — It would have been pretty funny if they'd given them to anyone else.

Q — The new education legislation doesn't give principals and vice-principals the right to strike. How would you describe the government's attitude here?

A — Completely unprincipled.

Q — (To male councillor) — After several recounts, Alma Walker of Markham was finally declared winner over Ron Moran and will now occupy his seat on York Regional Council. That will make five women on council. How do you think that will affect things?

A — Well, it will certainly add to the lineup in the women's washroom.

Q — (Same question to female councillor).

A — Well, it will certainly add to the lineup in the women's washroom.

Someone already said that? Oh, well, oh — My children are addicted to eating. Oh, wait a minute, that's the wrong page.

What was the question again?

## We're rocketing through time — blind without wisdom

Cultural paralysis and mental illness are special problems today. Seneca College President William Newnham warned at the recent York University annual convocation.

In his address to the graduating students of Calumet and Lakeshore Teachers' Colleges, Faculty of Education and Faculty of Fine Arts, Doctor Newnham said:

"With all of our material advances, ignorance remains our infirmity.

"It is also the greatest danger to our survival, for our science has developed instruments of secular salvation and annihilation alike whereas the wisdom required to use our new technology for human betterment is not always in evidence.

"Man's spiritual development has not kept pace with his material progress.

"We have experienced social change of such magnitude we are tempted by cultural paralysis as a society and mental illness as individuals.

**Education control**  
"Institutions of higher education inevitably serve two masters. Public funding makes them accountable to society at large through the instrument of parliamentary control.

"The consequences of such control are well known. The growth, development, and often the curriculum of our educational institutions are subjected to external control.

"Financial constraints, especially in the near future, will acquaint those currently unaware with the degree to which the universities and colleges have become creatures of society at large.

"More and more the internal affairs of education are being asked — or told — to take into account the demands of the labor market in our advanced industrial economy.

#### Ideals in education

"At the same time we must not ignore our second master, our conscientious adherence to the ideal of education itself — an ideal with practical implications far more important than the short term needs of our industries and bureaucracies, an ideal with profound implications for human survival and human betterment.

"Our educational system . . . has given knowledge to many people for their own comfort, security, pleasure or utility.

"But has it not given wisdom, or the hunger for it, to very few?" Newnham asked.

#### Wisdom from education

"Wisdom we are told does not emanate from a formal education; it comes only from an agonizing and endless combat with the vagaries of life.

"But wisdom can be learned. And learning can be enjoyed. . . . Education is the bearer of ideas.

"It is the well-spring, the laboratory, the garden and the fountainhead of ideas," said Newnham.

"Surely we exist to whet appetites, to make lifelong learning a

passionate desire.

"Anyone who passes through the educational process without developing an insatiable hunger for knowledge, should ask for his money back.

#### Education myths

"To revitalize education, to encourage the joy of learning requires some effort be made to dispell the three major myths of modern education. These are:

#### Number 1 myth

"The myth of the three aptitudes — creating, computing or memorizing.

"Students are urged to exploit a particular speciality through the entirety of their academic careers and on into their vocational life . . .

"This reinforces an exaggerated reliance on fragmentation of work roles, of study, and of alienation of both.



William Newnham

"The myth of joyless learning as wisdom. Gainful specific employment is still the order of the day.

"You are what you do. What is ignored . . . is that employers are nowhere nearly as interested in the highly specialized skills as they are in courageous, literate and integrative thinkers . . .

"Training is for life and life is a wasteland without integrative thought . . .

"Mere knowledge — the acquisition of a substantive body of information — is necessary for wisdom but ought not to be mistaken for it.

"Integrative thought brings the creator, the computer, the memorizer in all of us together.

"It is out of this synthesis the great ideas emerge, the ideas that makes an education a valuable thing, that profit both individual and society.

#### Number 3 myth

"The myth of joyless learning — The joy of learning is the rarest of modern man's accomplishments.

"This myth probably comes down to us from the Calvinist tenet that happiness and fulfillment flow from arduous labor and self-denial . . .

"The need to indulge curiosity, the need to comprehend a complex world, the need to divide the relevant from the irrelevant, the need to avail oneself of choice quite apart from the subsequent practical needs which find their resolution in learning, the need to design social structures which maximize the quality of human life — all of these

are basic to man's continued existence.

"For many, learning is hard work. This is the abundant challenge of both the educator and the student", said Newnham.

#### Surmounting the myth

"How precisely the myth of joyless learning is to be surmounted should be the preoccupation of education everywhere.

"It has to do with the quality of instruction and the conviction in the mind of the learner that learning is a personal thing, that it enhances life, and that without it no good intentions are sufficient to make a substantial contribution to our community . . .

"The educational institution (must be) the happiest place in town, because that is where learning takes place.

#### Challenge of post-secondary

"The challenge of post-secondary education is not merely to have succeeded; it is to have succeeded in meeting the responsibility your education brings.

"It is a responsibility to yourself, to our society and to mankind. It is to walk in wisdom and with joy", said the Seneca College president.

"We can build bridges through integrative thought, from man to man, from nation to nation, from mountain top to mountain top, and on to the horizon.

"We can spread our wings and survey our good work from the cloud with the silver lining. And on a clear day we can see tomorrow.

## Opinion

### Spring Festival is for adult handicapped

Dear Editor:

There appears to be some confusion about the use to which proceeds of the York Region Spring Festival in Thornhill will be used.

We would be grateful if you would publish the fact the festival is not a promotion of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children nor are the proceeds for the benefit of physically handicapped children.

I am sure that the March of Dimes Ability Fund will confirm that proceeds are for their work with handicapped adults.

IAN BAIN, Executive director, Ont. Society for Crippled Children, 350 Rumsey Rd., Toronto

### Thanks for coverage

Dear Editor:

Our swimming season has just ended and I would like to take this opportunity to thank your paper for the excellent coverage it has given our club during the past season.

Sports editor Fred Simpson has shown a lot of interest in the club and has printed our reports and included pictures of the children at every opportunity.

The children work really hard at their swimming and it means a lot to them, and to their parents, to see their achievements recorded in print.

We really appreciate the excellent job Mr. Simpson has done for us.

Again, our thanks to your paper for helping to record our club's activities.

AL BRANCH, President, Richmond Hill Aquatic Club.