Dear editor:

Times have changed here on the Gormley Road. I bought three acres back in 1950. The taxes then were \$9.11. Now they are just short of \$1,000.

The past several winters I have returned home to England as my health couldn't stand the climate. I feel I have no rights and am oppressed under Mayor David Schiller.

This letter, then, is an appeal to the people of Richmond Hill to go out on Dec. 6 and vote for Gordon Rowe for mayor and save us from destruction by

Twenty-six years ago when I came to this glorious spot I spent every weekend clearing and giving everything a chance to grow and flourish.

Most of my Sarepta House is built of lumber off the property. It is said a country is only as prosperous as the people make it.

The three acres here are the only ones that aren't divided by a deep ravine. Indeed, the rear portion is more beautiful than the front.

As a scientist and conservationist, may I suggest the people who seek to own a property larger than just a subdivision lot, shouldn't be allowed a piece greater than what they can maintain.

Neither should the local council have the power that

it has. In my case it's meant oppression. For me it's been essential to ask my lawyer to see I am at least able to have some semblance of peace. If I were the only one that has suffered under Schiller, I wouldn't write this letter.

But here comes this man seeking only a good living at our expense, devoid of any comprehension of the need of the people who seek to add to the economic and cultural prosperity of the community.

Please let me emphasize we need a man for mayor who has already proven himself. This we can get in



· · · oppressed citizen

proceed with a vision of the future of the town, the

province and the country as a whole. We should be grateful to have a man of vision in Gordon Rowe and vote him into office.

He will create the jobs and services that are needed in the town. He is a man of the people, for the people, for a great future.

There are good people in the region. Lets give them the chance to bring justice for all, not only Schiller, who doesn't get along with the councillors and thinks we owe him a good living. DORA STRACHAN,

RR 1, Richmond Hill, Ont.

Letters Need basics defined encompass not only skills bilingual. to cope with change, to over the years have I would like to comment fundamental to future French then might be master and adapt to a added more subjects that

Dear editor:

"if he (Education preciation of art, music Because of our To this end, Toffler necessity was spent Director) Sam Chapman and the history of our sedentary society and the believes values education teaching "basic skills". and Mrs. Zajac and a few Canadian society. with education and that French has been added in school, the need for most highly concerned. programming of the the term "basics" be some of the primary regular physical I don't agree with him 1960s, tended to weaken defined in a manner they grades. can fully comprehend, As we live in a bilingual school system is point. It's one which such areas as English

evolving process and as chance to become aspect of learning is "how system (and therefore such can always be improved upon.

I believe we will be in deep trouble if we even Candidate in King stop trying.

Secondly, I would like the term "basics" not misleading defined, because to Irving the "basics" may simply Dear editor: be the "three R's".

But to many others, including Education Minister Tom Wells and myself, basic education is this position, Vince DeVita, is guilty of for more than reading, writing and arithmetic.

If education is truly an "ongoing" preparation for life, then it must

on Jim Irving's column of learning, but also a considered another complicated enviorn- were considered im-Nov. 10 in which he states knowledge and ap- "basic".

country where bilingual becoming more obvious. demonstrates that grammer and spelling. First of all, at no time skills are necessary for Should physical everyone's idea of what However, parents and have I ever said "all's some employment op- education be considered the "basics" are isn't the educators have now made right with education". It portunities and ad- a "basic"? never has been and it vancement in certain Alvin Toffler, author of Because we have ex- want emphasis placed on

I refer to a letter to the editor from

She declares the new candidate for

On the contrary, Mr. DeVita is a

hard-nosed businessman who is fully

capable of standing up to the hard

Trustee Margaret Coburn, represen-

ting King Township.

misleading the public.

squandered.

ment.

education classes in our entirely, but he has a our student proficiency in

areas, our students "Future Shock", believes pected more and more teaching these fun-Education is an should be given the the most important from the education damental subjects.

That's where experience counts in the

They ask for nothing more than value

interest of the beleaguered ratepayers.

for their hard-earned dollar, so easily

(MRS.) MARGARET

HOWARD-GUNN.

RR3, King City, Ont.

portant) less time of

necessity of transporting is the new "basic" about This fact, combined others insist all's right. In the past few years many of our children to which schools should be with the permissive

it abundantly clear they

I, for one, don't want to go back to the rigid curriculum of the 1950s. But I am optimistic enough to believe that, with careful planning, we can provide time for increased emphasis on basic skills. bargaining of the teacher federations.

I hope we can do this and still allow ample opportunity for other programs we feel are essential in preparing our children for today's world.

(MRS.) DOROTHY ZAJAC. Trustee Candidate, RR 1, King City, Ont.

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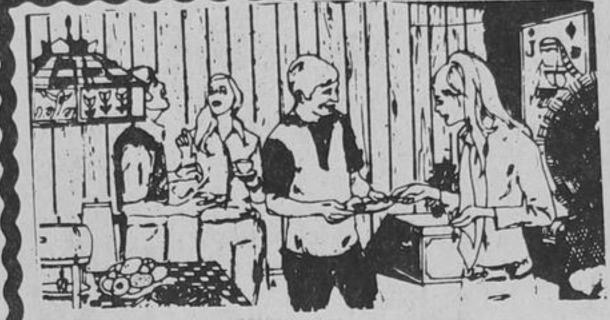
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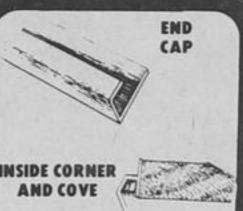


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