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Key to T-V plan not the key at all

Highway is an ancient and honorable one.

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Certainly the Romans could not have built their straight roads all over the country without credibility in Canada. stepping on a few toes.

Back then, there was one law colonials.

The idea of a public highway that everyone could use made a ment are still in control. comeback in medieval times.

Compared with Roman roads, despite the best efforts of the engineers over the centuries, many that straight.

Photo lacked a bit of info

two words which appeared under a Page 5 photograph in your Liberal last week.

It certainly was, but no one knew from whence it came.

Minor oversight, dear readers, that the bulk of the basic information failed to appear with the photo.

Therefore, to satisfy your curiosity, here's the information which was supposed to have appeared under the picture:

"Heading to the 250-foot level (about 80 metres) is Classic Communications Ltd. new Cable TV tower. New structure will carry Microwave antennae to serve Markham, Thornhill, Woodbridge, Kleinburg and Stouffville. Tower is located off Newkirk Road in Richmond Hill."

already?



By SHARON BRAIN

conspiracy afoot. Some people felt or over-indulging in various ways. they should throw out the box of Or from another friend, I have a

to any of the people who wanted it around for a while longer." gone.

stairs and hid it under the bed.

Today I went through it. And now I know why they wanted it to go. I have a gold mine here.

letters I got while in school.

By now, all these correspondents possession documents that prove they were not always the respectable, sensible, middle-aged pillars of decency they are now.

I have letters from a happily married man, father of two, who now lives in King City.

illegible letters that scathingly denounced the appearance and personalities of the snobbish Economics at his college.

was bearable. But it seemed she had an impossible set of parents who guarded her like the crown jewels.

And he named names.

I think his wife might like to read I mean wow!"

those letters. Or better still, his mother-in-law

that somewhere. Or there was my girlfriend who damp basements.

used to write me during her summers as waitress at a resort. Surely those letters should be kept to pass on to her children community to consider.

The concept of the King's have cropped up since, like individual property rights, and democracy.

> Democracy is believed to be an idea that has gained some

But every now and then there is a reminder that the class of for the rulers, and another for the bureaucrats who were supposed to be swept out of this country with the coming of responsible govern-

Last week, the people on the Vaughan side of Thornhill were shocked to learn after years of negotiations that what they con-British roads have not turned out sidered was the key to the Thornhill-Vaughan plan for them, would Of course, some new ideas not be part of the plan at all.

Why, because they dared speak about a King's Highway, Highway 7B, and wanted their words to be part of the minister of housing's official plan.

The ministry of transportation "Reaching skyward" were the and communication had said the highway should not be anything but a highway in the plan.

The ministry was taking that position even though it would unload Highway 7B at the earliest opportunity, on the nearest unsuspecting municipality.

Rather than fight for something people in Thornhill wanted, the minister of housing changed the Thornhill-Vaughan plan and signed it without Vaughan councillors knowing of the changes, to say nothing of the public.

The Ontario Municipal Board was left to hold a hearing in which few of the things which are really bothering people could be said.

Thanks to the minister, its hearing looks like a travesty and the board, not the minister, will take the blame.

The board needs the power to There, doncha feel better look at highways that are near the heart of planning decisions.

Treasure in

when they get tired of Mother's During the last clean up of the lectures on getting home on time, basement, there was an insidious or burning the candle at both ends,

mildewed papers I had dragged letter that says: "He's not much, about with me for the last 15 years. but there isn't anything else You notice the box did not belong available. So I guess I'll keep him

She has now had him for seven But I saved it. I carried it up- years of marriage and two children.

She might be willing to pay a bit

The only letters that aren't worth You see, the box contains all the anything are those from my mother.

She would enclose a cheque, tell are upright members of their me I didn't seem to be getting communities. But I have in my enough sleep, and warn me of the dangers of big city life.

And then there are the letters from that man I married. I read him a few over dinner tonight. Ruined the meat-loaf for him.

His style was two pages of "Gee what a good time I'm having He used to write me almost without you," with a one-line kicker at the end to protect his interests during his absence.

But I can't feel superior because women who chose to study Home I have my side of that correspondence, and I gushed Later he conceded one of them enough to make up for any coolness

on his part. When I was not quoting from the works of John Donne, or discussing the nature of love as revealed in Philosophy 120, I was saying "Like,

Very embarrassing.

Come to think of it, I guess all Surely there is some money in those letters I wrote to other people might still be drifting about in their

Maybe I should just arrange a

trade to get my letters back. After all, I have a position in the

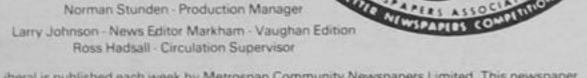
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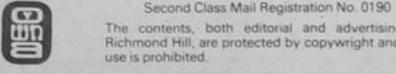
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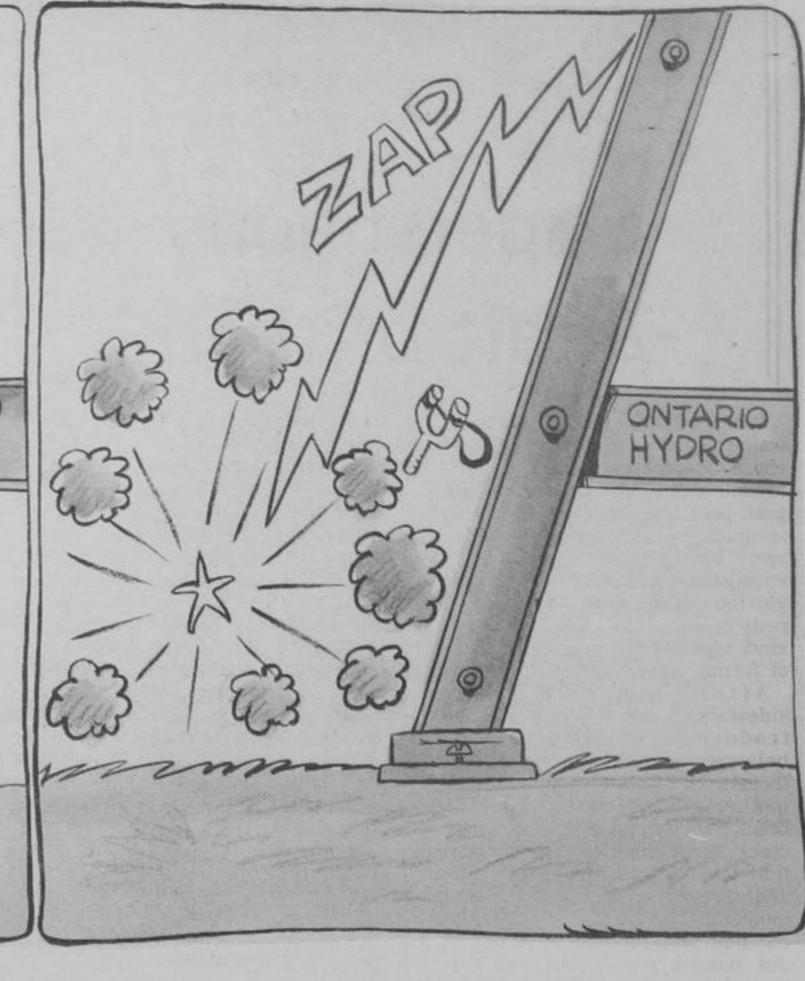


BLUE

RIBBON

AWARD





By Bob Rice

Planes are nice but hard to drive

I have just spent the last few months going through HECK (this being a family newspaper means I can't say Hell).

Can you imagine what it is like to spend more than 7,000 hours of your life flying a helicopter and then have to learn to fly an airplane?

Well, you can bet your sweet tailrotor that it ain't that easy, ol' buddy.

I'll give you a brief background on the reason for the change in aircraft. CKEY has been providing traffic reports to commuters since 1967. In '68 we decided to put up two helicopters thereby giving our listeners two points of coverage in each report.

Three years ago we replaced one of the machines with a much faster jet chopper in an effort to expand our area and be of help to drivers in the outlying regions of the Big Smoke.

THE LAW SAID

All went well until darkness fell and the laws of aviation dictated that we must stay strictly within the Metro boundaries.

The reason for this was simply that all of our aircraft had only one engine and you weren't allowed to crash in the country at night, only in the city. Makes sense . . . huh?

Anywho. . . to be able to provide complete traffic coverage, daytime or after dark, the only alternative available was to go twinengine. Now we were faced with two choices . . one was a twin-engine helicopter priced at

roughly eight hundred thousand dollars or, two, change over to a twin fixed-wing aircraft at about a quarter of the cost.

So here I am . . . flying around Toronto in my bright orange Cessna Skymaster.

GETTING THERE...

It's a honey of an aircraft and, to be honest with you, the only twin that is perfectly suited for the job. But let me tell you, pal . . . getting here wasn't a jar of honey.

You see . . . before I could get my mitts on this Cadillac I had to go through the basic training on a Volkswagen.

When I first approached the Cessna 172, parked on the ramp at Buttonville Airport, I immediately knew that something was wrong. First of all, the rotor blades were stuck on the nose instead of the top of the cockpit.

Any twit worth a sack of mud would know right off the bat that this thing didn't have a hope of getting off the ground.

In addition, the darn thing didn't have a tail rotor.

Now, I should tell you that, being a good pilot, I looked all around the fanny of that bird but nowhere could I find the little two-bladed fan that keeps the aircraft straight.

Perhaps the designers thought that the big vertical tail and the funny things sticking out on it would do the job but I sure as heck wasn't going to be fooled.

WHO NEEDS WHEELS As if these things weren't bad enough . .

the airplane even had wheels. Now I ask you why would they stick wheels on when all you have to do is lift off the ground into a hover and then disappear into the wild blue yonder?

I could see I was going to have a problem or My instructor (I will not use his name

because he is a nice guy and I wouldn't want to damage his reputation) approached me and asked if I had any questions before we got into the aircraft.

Five hours later it was decided that we wouldn't go aloft that day since darkness had engulfed the area and a light drizzle was I had to be led back to the terminal building

since my mind was numb and I couldn't seem to put one food ahead of the other. I went to bed that night dreading the approach of daylight. How was I going to cope with it all? The stupid things need runways to land on

preferable with enough pavements to allow you to come to a controlled stop. They had wings and a whole lot of stuff like that . . . they even had brakes.

Why didn't I take up a reasonable profession . . . like maybe I should have been a shepherd.

Next week I'll take you along while I try to master the unknown but in the meantime, let your mind ponder the words of the Millpond philosopher who said " . . . to care for your brother in times of need . . . is worth two in the bush!"



French should be compulsory in Grade 1

York County Board of see that we don't become too smugly sure of ourselves, is doing what would seem to be a relatively simple issue.

Not that anything is ever to want to learn French." relatively simple with the board. taxpayers to get their \$74,000,000 Solomon-like with an axe, to see who really cares the most.

do just the opposite.

quandary — that's something like a quarry, only the gravel's thicker about a mixed-up government edict — that's the edict that's mixed up this time — as to whether the teaching of French in language? Why not let everyone elementary schools next year, should be compulsory from Grade three Rs, as well? 1 on.

According spokesmen, the ministry of education contradicts itself on the subject, not quite stating that the subject will be compulsory in one place, and ruling out any options in the matter in the other.

integrated French program beginning at the Grade 1 level, as of Sept. 1, 1978. It was not mandatory, however, and for those students not starting French in Grade 1, a two-year sequence beginning in Grade 7, or any other grade, would be made available. and arithmatic.

Naturally, the government's daffy directive now has left the board's panel of interpreters more bewildered than usual, with chairman Craig Cribar adding an extra dollop to the mix-up. QUESTIONED IT

The Newmarket minister

questions French being singled out Education in its continuing drive to in such fashion, when other courses are allowed more flexibility.

Cribar said he has nothing changing so often. its best once more to complicate against students learning French, Italian immigrants, for example,

Is that really a problem? And, Somehow it feels that, for the if so, why can't you "force" Italian, or Hungarian, or Czechoslovakian, worth, it must take every motion or even Gaelic-tongued Scottish that comes before it and threaten it immigrants to conform to whatever's on the curriculum?

Is there some sort of special That way, it can then decide to absolution people coming to this country should get, because we Right now the board is in a daren't let them think we'd ever be so presumptuous as to inflict anything of our own culture, or of our own academic way of life on

them? If so, why stop at the who enrols have options on the

The big fear of the board seems board to be that many parents - immigrants, especially - find the thought of their kids having to learn an extra language, just too much to handle.

The implication being that the kids must become learned scholars In 1975, the board approved an in the subject, instead of just being able to maintain the half-literate pace of the rest of the class. But that is no more so than

they are expected to become writers, calligraphers mathematicians, because they will also be studying reading, writing

these things does make it a little easier for one to move about in society.

other climes as well. Here, in Canada, we're sup-

language, easier to move about in

posed to have two languages, although I'm never sure if that's and more becoming universal fact or fantasy, the rules keep languages; soon even the Republic

but he can't see "how we can force in English-speaking Canada and with the outside world. those in French-speaking Canada, decide to learn each other's opportunity to add to its students' language at an early age and they horizons by introducing French to grow up not even realizing they're its Grade 1 curriculum. supposed to have so much in uncommon. It's great for unity.

SOMETHING NEW

French shouldn't be any more bewildering to kids when they're than first starting out mathematics, and they shouldn't pablum. be allowed the luxury of feeling they're being discriminated against, because something new has been added.

Unless, of course, it's just a hazy scheme dreamed up by some options. poseur with too many professional development days on his hands and not enough days in the classroom.

Maybe Quebec will secede and drift out into the Atlantic someplace. And maybe to some that makes the study of French redundant.

But I don't think so. In fact, it may make it just that much more imperative.

Frenchg and English are more of Quebec will be forced to learn However, now and then, those English if it wishes to associate

I've never known anyone yet

The York board has a great

who learned to speak French by beginning in Grade 7, 8 or 9. But I've know many Europeans who speak English fluently, as a result of having it

served to them just after their Whether the ministry decrees it or not, the board should scrap its 1975 resolution, and see to it that French becomes part of the

schedule from Grade 1 on, with no

Not only would learning the language help to lessen the sense of isolation so often felt among the people of this country, as well as provide another generation with an extra key to survival, but there'd

be other advantages, too. Just think, when the kids swore at you, you'd no longer understand what they were saying.

Fair opens I hursday

Defence minister 18th Avenue Barney Danson with McCowan Road. However, a solid grounding in Mayor Tony Roman is to Gates open for the held for 121 years. open the new Markham 122nd fair and first one at Fairgrounds Saturday at the new site Thursday will be quarterhorse 12:30 p.m. officially.

But the fair will already to Sunday.

and the old one at Highway 7 and 48 where the fair was A new feature this year

and the fair runs through racing Thursday and Saturday nights. And if one has an extra be rolling toward what There will be far more Standard-bred horses

directors hope will be space for exhibits for will run Saturday afmore record crowds at crowds and parking at the ternoon and greyhound the new 105-acre site at new site, compared with dogs Sunday afternoon.