

Letters

CBC could unite country, reader says

Perhaps it is a good thing to get away from Canada for a few months. Upon one's return it is easier to discern the tone and tenor of our living that is too easily passed off as "modern times". The charm and warmth of our life has gone out of our life. Yet there was such a thing where if one listens to the old times and the dedicated neighborliness that used to be here.

What has happened to us? Radio and TV should have been an assistance to carry on this temperament. But it didn't.

Everyone knows that the Postal people are still working to rule in their own secluded way.

We are continually overwhelmed with trash mail; nobody wants it. Yet this is allowed to prevail unchecked. Advertisers seem to feel there is no limit to what the public will take — and without any murmur "for advertising pays".

Did you ever watch a hockey game? What hockey game? Apparently the powers that be feel the general public are a bunch of wooden headed studs. Why not shut down TV for the first five mornings of the week and start about 12 o'clock with the news?

Why must we pay for something we have no use for? This is Canada — this is not USA.

But how can one bring back the genial, warm,

Service in St. Paul's London, in the same way.

But now to come back to the outline of such a service. At the beginning 10 minutes description that highlights the noteworthy features of the area; they may be historical; the Camera sometimes showed things of interest of the town or countryside.

The TV audience felt this was a personal invitation to come and join in. All denominations were brought together in that particular area including the Roman Catholic priest and his people.

It would seem that choirs from each group had been gathered — all who really love to sing. And they filled the large church or Cathedral to overflowing.

The Minister of that Church gave a suitable Call to Worship; and the singing began. The Leader usually stood in the high pulpit and directed both Band and people. Their enthusiasm seemed an occasion — a real happy celebration to them personally. And never once did one observe someone gawking at the camera.

Of course, the BBC have had years of experience in preparing such a program and putting it on the air.

Undoubtedly this is one way the folk in the U.K. get to know and understand each other in a pleasant, happy way. The hard-nosed economic god was effectively subdued.

There is more to human existence than the slavery of paying bills and squaring one's accounts; or making money to make more money.

Many times it seemed to this writer that since this type of program works wonders in the U.K., why can't we do this in Canada?

After all, we do have Ministerial Associations all across this land who certainly know the local resources in people, musically speaking.

They are at the grass roots and should be invited to consider a proposition of this kind.

Most of us have friends and relatives all over this wide and spread-out country. Maybe you are like me, who would like to hear such a service from Quebec City, Frobisher Bay, Sydney, Cape Breton, Halifax, Newfoundland, Fredericton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Windsor, Barrie, Sudbury, Winnipeg, Old Kildonan near Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Comox, and many places in between.

What a glorious Christmas Card it would be to hear from the folks wherever they are.

This writer can remember that regular Sunday morning Services were broadcast locally 25 years ago in Port Hope.

Let me say that excuses, reluctance, and dilatoriness are just not good enough answers.

I believe we have the equipment, technology and know how to do it. Why couldn't the CBC rent four or five films such as referred to above?

When introducing this series to programs from the U.K., perhaps one could even say to the Ministerial Associations across this very wide country — Now over to you. Think about it, and let us know what you come up with.

What we want is the total Christian Witness to the community and the nation. Sorry we have overlooked you so long.

Yes, this is a Christian country and there is no reason why we should hide the fact.

Rev. B.F. Andrew Maple, Ontario

Recently I was really disturbed when the Sports Industry displaced "Hymn Sing". It is going a little too far for something secular to replace a classical program like that. It seems that "Hymn Sing" was eliminated altogether.

It is plain thinking to know that the hard nosed economic god will never pull this country together, let alone a competitive sport. Certainly it is divisive. We really need to reach a little higher.

Would it be too much to ask that the CBC mandarins at Ottawa or elsewhere, get out and do something for the good of Canada?

Or is social status so strong and important that one just dare not venture from the exclusive circle?

Calling all former students of the Fort Erie Secondary School home to the town that skirts the border to mark the 50th anniversary of the school, May 12 and 13, 1978.

Mark the date on your calendar and pass the word on to as many other former students as you can.

Tentative plans include a reunion dance, golf, a "memories" reception at the school and several other activities.

Mather Public School is, as well, celebrating its 50th anniversary and it is planned that May 12-14 will be turned into a real "Old Home" weekend.

Your help is needed, though, to make this event a success.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact the Reunion '78 Secretary, Mrs. M. McMillan at the school, Tait Avenue, Fort Erie, 416-871-4610, as soon as possible.

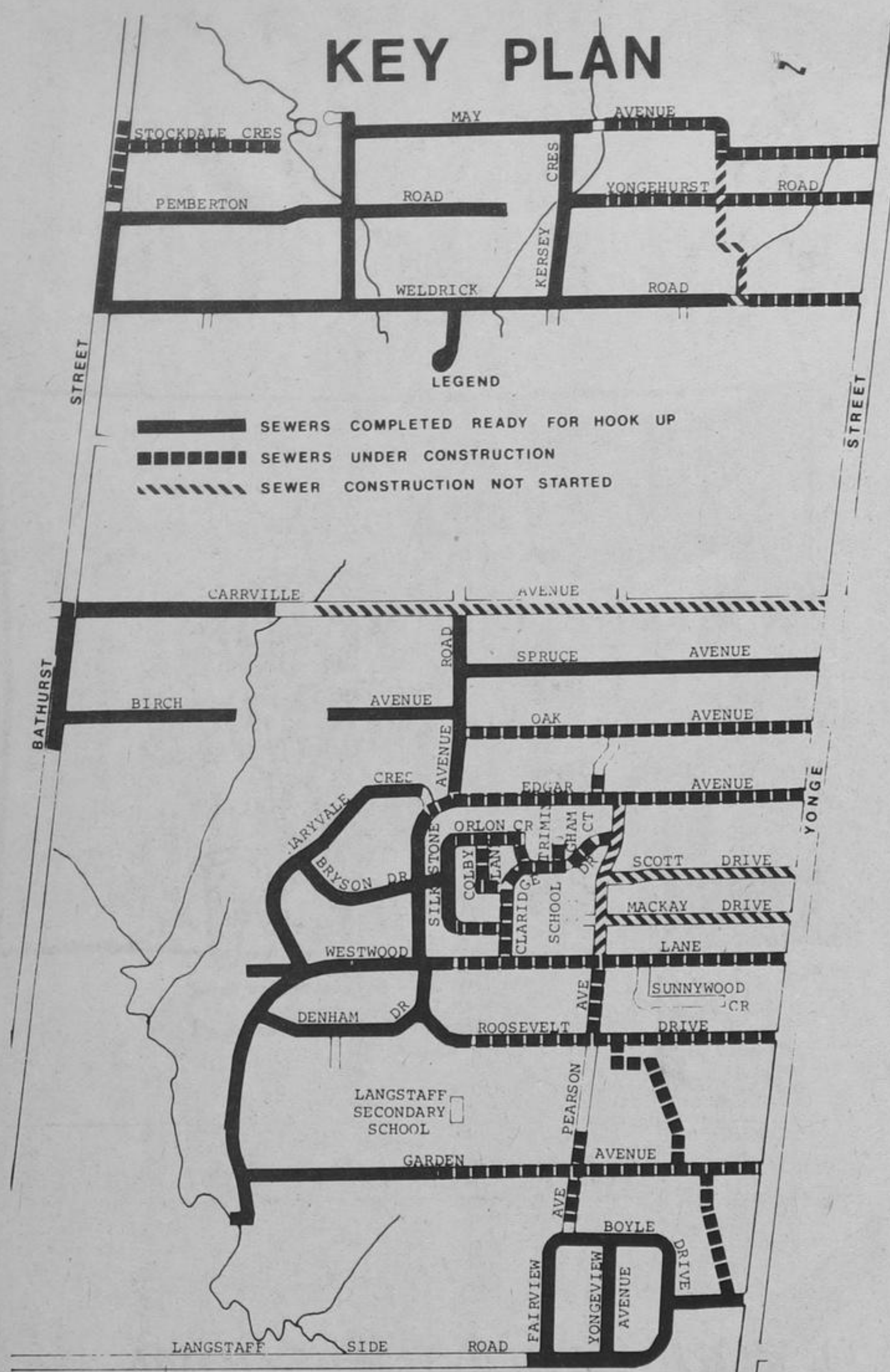
The reunion committee also invites parents,

relatives and friends of former students to write these people and urge them to contact the school.

We aren't promising any cannon firings at Old Fort Erie, but we're sure all former students will get a "bang" out of this 50th anniversary reunion.

Norman L. Pring, Principal, Fort Erie

Fort Erie Secondary now planning anniversary



Here's a progress report on Richvale sewer situation

This letter is prepared to better inform the residents of Richvale on the status of the sewer project.

1. The accompanying drawing shows in detail the progress of the work which is divided as follows:

(a) — Sewers completed and ready for hookup. These public sewers are ready to receive sewage wastes from your household and therefore your connection may be completed at any time.

(b) — Sewers under construction. These lines are under construction but not completed. Additional work and testing is required prior to the system being ready for receive wastes. We would anticipate that these lines would be operational early in the new year. Please contact the Consultant or the Town towards the end of December if you require further information on the progress of the work.

(c) — Sewer construction not started. The

progress of these lines will largely depend on weather (frost) conditions. Should the frost prove severe some portions of the work may be deferred until next spring. Again we would suggest that you contact the Consultant or the Town for further information.

2. Restoration of roads, driveway culverts, ditches, etc.

Concern has been expressed by residents in the different sections of the sewer project over the progress and extent of restoration work. As you have no doubt noted, the restoration in most areas has progressed slowly and this has been occasioned to a large degree by the inclement weather conditions.

For your information, the sewer contractor is responsible for — (a) restoration of the road base. This involves the placing and compacting of a minimum of one foot of granular material in areas where

the trench crosses the roadway.

(b) roadside ditches and driveway culverts. All ditches and culverts will be restored to original grades or at levels which may improve drainage. Sod will be placed at the bottom of ditches with the banks seeded. Grassed areas beyond the roadside ditch disturbed by the works will be sodded. Culverts will be backfilled with granular material and the surface restored to its original condition.

There will be further inconvenience to the residents during those periods when the frost leaves the ground and road settlements and break ups will occur (mild winter and spring days).

However, in the summer of 1978 the Town will undertake to restore the roadway surface with surface treatment (chip and tar).

The extent of these works will be subject to the allocation and ap-

proval of funds from our 1978 budget.

We expect the site trailer to be removed by the end of December or early January, after which time we would ask that all enquiries be directed to the Engineering Department at 884-8101, ext. 23.

In the interim, the site office telephone number for M.M. Dillon is 883-3150 from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

In the event of an emergency after regular working hours or during the weekend, call 884-8101, extension 31.

B. Toporowski, Works Commissioner, Richmond Hill.

Many taxpayers are Italian, reader states

I would like to express my opinion about the article by Jim Irving, "Teachers have enough trouble with English".

One impression I had upon reading the article, was that these children would be taught Italian at the expense of the York County Taxpayers.

Is Mr. Irving implying that none of these taxpayers are Italian? For a program to be started, it has to be in demand, and I would say that quite a few of the Region's taxpayers are Italian, therefore, they have as much right as the next person to ask for a special program in their children's education; whether or not they get it,

depends on the School Board.

Mr. Irving also says that other countries, Russia, for one, would not change their curriculums to appease the Immigrants; well, I don't know about Russia, but I know that in Italy, Yugoslavia, and several other European countries, English is taught in elementary school and if they can do it, we can certainly return the courtesy.

I agree that Immigrants should adopt the customs of their new country, but you must admit that wishing to learn another language, does not make them "Unpatriotic".

It seems ironic to me, that with the Quebec problem before our eyes daily, some people could be so insensitive.

Canada is a country of Immigrants and one would think that trying to understand one another would be the order of the day, rather than putting each other down.

I must confess, I was very disappointed by this article.

J. Bencic, Richmond Hill

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT: 1. The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan intends to apply to The Ontario Municipal Board for approval to construct a works yard complex consisting of a garage, office space, parking lot, gasoline tanks and storage facilities at an estimated cost of \$500,000.00. The sum of \$100,000 was allocated for this purpose out of lot levies received by the Corporation and the balance of \$400,000.00 shall be raised by the sale of debentures, which will be repayable over a term of ten (10) years.

2. Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors to the undertaking of the said works. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice which is December 14th, 1977, send by post prepaid to the Clerk of the Town of Vaughan, at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval and the grounds of such objection.

3. The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the said works, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered.

DATED at the Town of Vaughan this 14th day of December, 1977.

F.G. Jackman, Clerk, Town of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Maple, Ontario, LOJ 1E0

THE ASSESSMENT ACT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS

As a result of a delay in the passage of recent amendments to the Assessment Act, the normal return of the assessment rolls in municipalities and localities in Ontario will be delayed.

The Honourable Margaret Scrivener, Minister of Revenue, has therefore extended to January 19, 1978, the date upon which the annual assessment roll is returned in all municipalities and localities in Ontario, EXCEPT those municipalities located in The Regional Municipality of Waterloo where the day upon which the assessment roll is returned will be extended to March 16, 1978.

This extension affects the time period during which owners and tenants may appeal their assessments. As a result, the final date for lodging a complaint with the Assessment Review Court in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment rolls, is extended from January 19, 1978 to February 9, 1978. In The Regional Municipality of Waterloo the date for lodging a complaint has been extended to April 7, 1978.



MINISTRY OF REVENUE

Margaret Scrivener, Minister of Revenue

T.M. Russell, Deputy Minister

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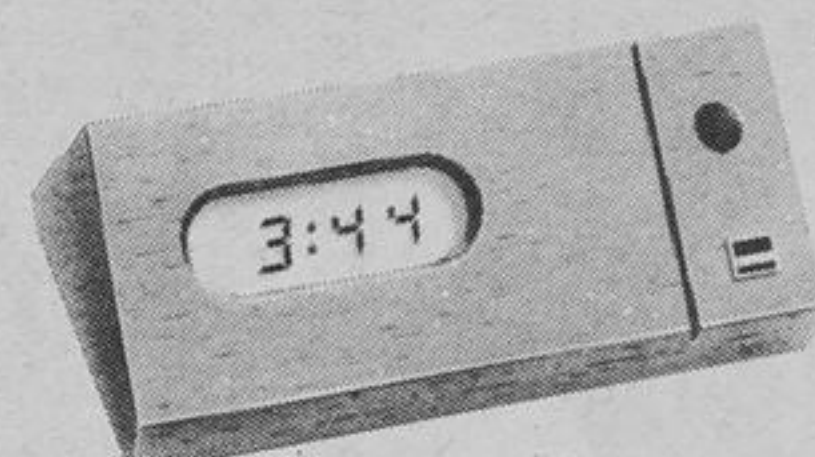
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