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Bad soil conditions brought about by poor soil management are not as apparent in good years as in poor ones. Good farms show up as oases in the desert when weather conditions hurt the poorly managed land most.

Though the more successful neighbor may have used the same seed, only one answer comes to the poor farmer: "The seed has just run out."

But sometimes varieties behave mysteriously for other reasons. New varieties are often said to be resistant to insects and diseases. This at first may be true, yet when the crop has been grown for a time in an area, disease and insect enemies may build up to damag-

ing, sometimes alarmingly, degrees.

Not only do old strains of diseases build up, but new strains of the same or entirely new diseases may develop under natural conditions.

The resulting reduced performance is often accepted as a mysterious running out of the variety.

Grimm alfalfa runs out on wilt-infested land where Ranger and Buffalo persist, and any alfalfa variety has a short life if essential mineral nutrients are short.

Careful cleansing of seed tends to eliminate weaker, disease-infested seeds, on seeds that will produce weak seedlings that invite disease attacks. So to a considerable extent high-quality, clean seed is a protection against reduced performance from these causes.

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## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

March 16th, 1953.

To The Editor, The Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

As an ex-taxpayer of Markham Township and an ex-member of the Township Planning Board, I was much interested in a published report of Markham Township Council's discussion on Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier's call for planning for industrial development. I was, however, disappointed with the outcome of the discussion for the following reasons:

(1) Councillor Lennie's reported statement that "This Council has no authority to impose water on anybody. If the people want it, then they must petition for the establishment of a water area."

(2) Councillor Hooper's reported statement that "This whole discussion is out of order for we haven't received anything from the Planning Board."

(3) The report ended by saying that the matter was laid over until the Planning Board has completed its zoning of the township.

I would like to offer your

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afraid that valuable time will have been lost and future taxes will prove that this policy is unwise.

I feel strongly that discussion of the problems of Industrial Development is not "Out of Order", either in council or elsewhere. The Planning Board's authority is limited to recommending only to council that the plan and other measures which the Board may agree upon, be adopted by council and acted upon. The Board does not take any active part in the promotion of any kind of development or initiate any projects for providing services to such development. The Board will finally only recommend to council that Industrial, Commercial and Residential development if and when it occurs, shall be restricted to the areas allotted. It is definitely the council's responsibility, if adopted, to enforce these measures and take the necessary steps to provide for the development as planned.

Active planning should right now be underway for the provision of water and sewerage facilities for those sections of the Township already partially populated and for those areas most suitable to residential and industrial development in the near future. If the Planning Board could be provided with information that the Township Engineer had surveyed the situation and could take such and such measures in one area to provide the necessary water and sewerage facilities, but could not, in the foreseeable future, provide the facilities in some other area, I believe that this information would be invaluable to them in their efforts to formulate a Master Plan which would provide for an orderly and financially sound development of the Township.

This leads us to discussion of Councillor Lennie's reported statement as given in item No. 1 above. It is my understanding that a council may undertake Local Improvement Works such as water and sewerage facilities without waiting to be petitioned by the interested parties. There is provision in the Municipal Act for councils to undertake such works by "Initiative of Council", subject to Municipal Board approval. Unfortunately, residential development in the first concession of Markham Township and other areas to date, has progressed without the possibility of obtaining "essential services". These words are commonly used to denote water and sewer facilities. If zoning and land use by-laws had been in effect years ago limiting subdivision of the land into large parcels of say two acres or more, it could be assumed that these "essential services" would not be required as each lot could provide for its own water supply and waste disposal.

Since it is highly impractical and now too late to impose such restrictions on large areas of the Township, it is necessary to adopt other measures and I believe the time has come for the council to take definite steps to get control of the situation before further complications are added.

Here are two alternative methods by which any area may develop. Which method do you consider the better?

(1) An area has been already subdivided, or will, in the near future, be subdivided into lots having 100 ft. frontage. The lots are 100 ft. because there is no water main or sewer in the area. A builder, or the individual owners, starts building on these lots and being up-to-date they drill a well and install a pressure pump system and construct a septic tank and disposal bed. The cost of these two items today will be at least \$500.00. Some years later a situation will develop whereby water and sewers are necessary, perhaps to serve industry, but the property owners are opposed to the cost of these since they have already spent quite a sum of money on their own systems. There is a deadlock! No industry because the municipality cannot assess the cost of services against the abutting properties and it would be uneconomical to extend water mains and sewers to serve industry only. Meanwhile taxes on the properties are high because of the 100 ft. frontage and the local improvement costs of the necessary roads and perhaps sidewalks.

Eventually the march of progress will force water mains and sewers on these areas and

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the taxpayer will begin to pay out at least \$500.00 more for these local improvements. He can then legally subdivide his lot in two 50 ft. lots, providing he hasn't been foolish enough to place his house on the centre of the 100 ft. lot.

The second method of development might be this:

(2) The Township Council has enacted that development of any Area will be orderly and progressive. If the Area is zoned as a high or medium density residential area the council will have laid plans to provide for the "essential services" and if the subdivided area is being developed by individual property owners the Township would extend the services as required and charge the costs to the property owners. Because the lots are serviced, they can be 50 ft. frontage. If the subdivision is being developed by one operator he would be required to extend the essential services to his subdivision and charge the cost to the properties served. In either case the owner is relieved of the cost of drilling a well and providing a septic tank system.

It would seem logical that services should be available before development is allowed to begin. This is, in the end, the cheapest way, but involves expenditure of money by the council before any cash returns are possible. It would, however, pay big dividends in later years.

In closing let me state some facts, as I see them:

- (1) Markham Township, or any other largely rural township, would be better off financially if no further urban development took place within its borders.
- (2) It is utterly impossible to hope that fact No. 1 can be realized if a township is adjacent to a growing city.
- (3) Industry must be encouraged to locate in the township and money must be spent in advance to prepare for industry.
- (4) Residential development in the township must be limited to its correct ratio with industrial development.
- (5) Properties should be acquired by the township now, to hold for future industrial, park, sewage disposal, and school purposes. Today's price is \$1000.00 an acre or less. When the actual need arises later, it would be three times that price.

Yours very truly,  
R. T. Shorten,  
65 Elmwood Ave.,  
Richmond Hill.

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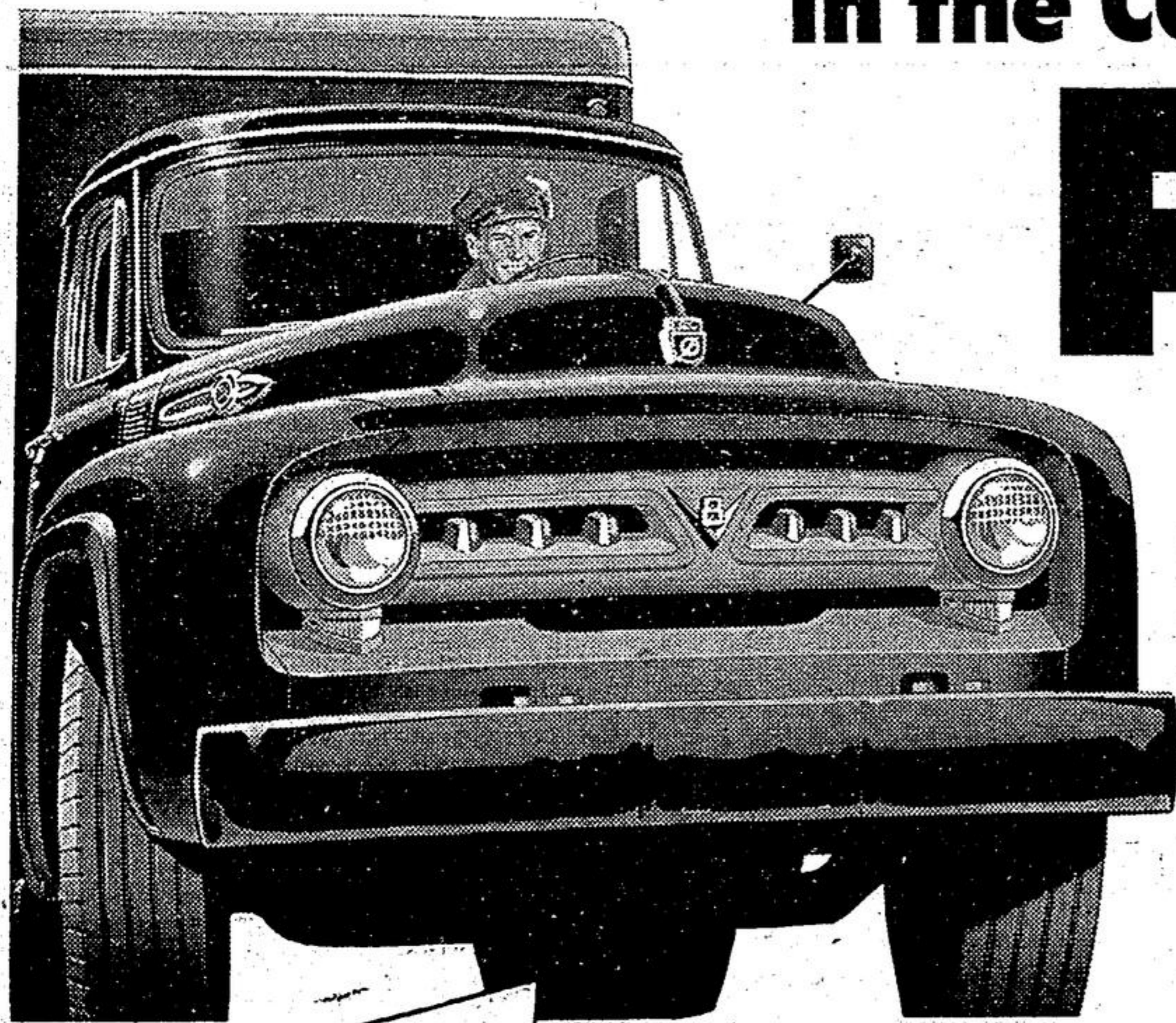
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