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## Editorials

### Final Site Chosen

After long and careful deliberation the final decision has been made on a site for the new swimming pool being so generously donated to Stouffville this year by Mr. Arthur Latcham. The acquisition of a swimming pool for town can be marked down as a milestone in the recreational history of the municipality.

The site chosen for the pool, as previously announced, will be on the site of the present Horticultural Gardens. It has been gratifying to the Horticultural Society and particularly those who spent so much time and effort in beautifying this rather shabby portion of the park, that their work is not to be disregarded, as the plants and shrubs are to be moved and another site chosen to establish a new garden. The local park ground is situated for the most part in low land and since it is necessary to go into the ground some distance for the pool and buildings, the present garden site had to be taken as it apparently afforded the best remaining land.

Over \$1,000 was expended on establishing the garden site and in our opinion, the town itself could well afford to bear any expense involved in moving the bulbs, shrubs and other plants to a new garden site, and should certainly do so in view of the fact the municipality is to receive this wonderful gift of a swimming pool.

### Modern Religion

A prominent United Church evangelist made some significant statements recently when he spoke to the annual meeting of the church's board of evangelism and social service.

Dr. W. G. Berry, director of evangelism for the United Church, stated definitely that the threat of hellfire won't win converts to Christianity because even churchgoers no longer believe in heaven and hell.

No doubt Dr. Berry was speaking, primarily, about his own church, but his statements are probably applicable to all established religions.

He said ministers today should preach the Gospel in the context of today's world. Man, he said is not troubled about the future life to any extent. He is worried about this life. He is not disturbed by thoughts of future punishment as his fathers were.

There are a few, a minority, who still go to church and are troubled about the after-life, but the non-churchgoer and the thousands who sit in pews Sunday after Sunday are not troubled by thoughts of hell nor inspired by dreams of heaven, said the good doctor.

We can't say we agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Berry but we feel he has contributed greatly in bringing God to man instead of trying to get man to God.

How many times do you sit in the sanctuary of your pew and think about heaven and hell? Not very often, probably. In the quietness of your church, you are more apt to be meditating on ways to meet payments, to pay doctor bills. You are more likely to be ruminating on the best way you can help out in this present life to make it more abundant for someone else which, in turn, will make you closer to God.

Modern man is gravely troubled by the world in which he lives. He fears it may be destroyed and all that he loves with it. We must appeal to modern man on the basis that this world is a world loved by God. To accept salvation is to become one of those who are saved in order to save the world, says Dr. Berry.

### Eradicate the Deadwood

A stout blast emanated last week from the Paris Star, being the words of Dr. F. H. Jeffrey when he spoke at a recent Federation of Agriculture meeting.

He said: "The number of time-killing students in the average high school would fill two classrooms." He asked: "Why should we pay \$4,000 to \$5,000 salaries to teachers to take care of students who are only interested in tormenting their teachers?"

Why, indeed? Any secondary school teacher will tell you there is a sprinkling of impudent louts, insolent ruffians, lazy bums, and plain yahoos, with the manners of a baboon and the innate intelligence of a wet kneeiech, in every class.

These frog-brains not only waste the valuable time of the teacher, but that of their fellow pupils. They are not even as useless as drones, but are definitely harmful.

Why suffer them, when the schools are straining at the seams to accommodate pupils who will be of some value to society? Why not turn them out of the classrooms as we would kick out of our house a dog who bit children and messed the floor?

## Book Talk

— by Betty Bangay

### THE SCAPEGOAT

By Daphne DuMaurier

Writer of world-renowned novels, Daphne DuMaurier performs an incredible feat of ingenuity in making the plot of her latest book feasible.

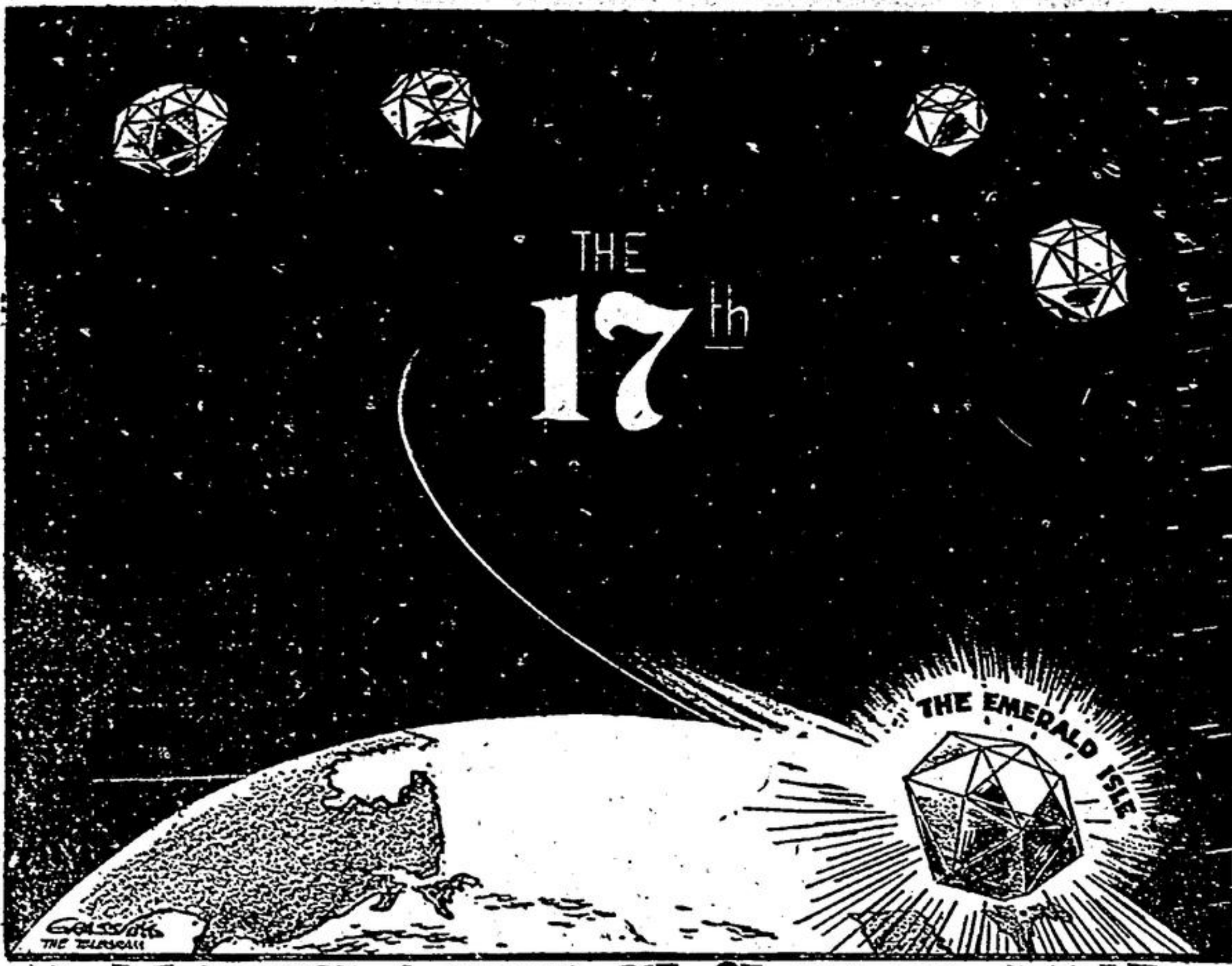
As his holiday in France draws near an end, John, an English university professor, feels more than ever that his life is meaningless and empty. Sitting in a bar in a small French town, he turns towards the man sitting on the stool next to him and both gasp in amazement. They are identical twins! Drawn into intimacy by their remarkable resemblance, Jean De Gue confides that he also feels his life is a failure, only unlike John who wishes only to escape from himself, he longs for release from the entanglements of a family and business.

How John, through trickery, is forced to step into the Count

de Gue's life role and how he lives the other's life for seven tense, action packed days, amidst a family atmosphere that is both tense and mystifying makes a suspense filled story. As the plot advances the reader is more and more puzzled as to what possible solution the author can have up her sleeve. Here again that indefinable aura present in all her writings alternately lulls and electrifies her audience.

If you're among the many readers of "My Cousin Rachel," who have been haunted ever since, wondering whether or not she was really guilty, relax! When Daphne DuMaurier was asked this question pointblank during an interview, she replied that she had never been able to decide herself. So there you are!

If you plan to paint your own home come spring, be sure to buy enough also to cover your



SURE, A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

## BETWEEN OURSELVES

BY Archer Wallace

### Cheerful Living

A GOOD MAN is likely to be a good-natured, cheerful man. We refuse to believe that a sour man is a well-organized man in the mind and spirit. A well-known writer tells of an old friend of his whose good nature was irresistible and contagious. Self-pity was foreign to him and he could see a bright side when others didn't know it was there. He was like the man who lost most of his teeth in an accident, and when his friends thought this would end his cheerfulness they were surprised to find he said he had cause for thankfulness. "Just think," he said, "I have only two teeth left, and they are opposite each other."

IT IS A FACT that cheerfulness is a habit and what is important for us is that it can be cultivated. Early in life a wholesome attitude takes possession of some people, and it is a good thing for them and for all who live with them. Robert L. Stevenson said that when a cheerful man came into a room, it was like lighting another candle. If they joined others, instantly the conversation took a turn for the better; to think well of others was as natural to them as breathing.

THE FORT BURNS said such a man was contented with little and happy with more. Julia Ward Howe, who wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," said she had lived ninety happy years and: "There was still a lot of sugar at the bottom of the cup." That was a wise saying of Washington Irving: "I like company where the jokes are small and the laughter large." The idea sometimes prevails that only superficial people are cheerful — that the real thinkers are unhappy. I do not know where the idea originated but I am sure it is false. There is a levity which is shallow, but habitual pessimism is not a healthy frame of mind, even when it is sincere. Christ's admonition to His disciples — "Be of Good Cheer" is the outcome of faith in God, a firm belief that life is good.

THERE IS A PROTEST in the Bible against "harbouring" evil thoughts, and if evil thoughts can be rejected so can self-pity, worry, anxiety and all negative attitudes. There are instruments used by the government to detect defective coins; they are rejected immediately. I do not think it can be done by a single act of the will, but by persistent effort habits grow and become part of ourselves.

JUST AS A TYPIST becomes so used to striking the right keys so that it becomes "second-nature," so positive thinking can be developed to an extent that it also is second nature.

IT HAS BEEN SAID that we have no record in the New Testament of Jesus hesitating. We do not read of Him asking for time to think things over. Because He was perfect He did the will of God spontaneously. As the Apostle Peter wrote, Jesus has left us an example and we have a right to believe that a thoroughly wholesome, cheerful attitude to life may be ours by the help of the grace of God.

YEARS AGO I knew a lady who lived to be over a hundred years of age. I never knew her to indulge in negative thinking. There was no place in her mind for meanness. She saw the best in everybody. She moved from Toronto to Vancouver so I did not meet her during the closing years of her life, but those who were with her until the end told me that her attitude did not alter, except to grow stronger. Like the poet, Coleridge, of her it could be said:

"She saw naught but beauty  
And heard the voice of the Almighty One  
In every breeze that blew  
Or wave that murmured."

BECAUSE OF HER WHOLESOME ATTITUDE to life, this lady was supremely happy as she was also deeply religious. For it is ever true that, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by C. S. Marden: "We change our habits by changing our thoughts."

## IN OUR MAIL BOX

Toronto, March 5 approximately \$6,700,000 each week, or \$350,000,000 annually on food alone."

Editor, The Tribune,  
Dear Sir:

I am wondering, if some reader with a better head for figures than I have, could throw a little more light on the following strangely contrasting patterns which I ran across in my recent reading:

(1) — In the section of the report of the Gordon Commission, looking along the road ahead for the next 25 years for the kind of Canada the learned commissioners see as likely, the following reference to our Agriculture is, somewhat disappointing: "A small rise in farm production; much larger increases in other industries..."

(2) — In an editorial on "Values of Immigration" in one of your Toronto contemporaries (Daily Star) the following picture is included and duly credited to the Canada Year Book: "Estimates of food costs in Canada on the basis of urban food expenditure sample surveys indicate that the average food expenditure per person, weekly, is about \$6.70. Thus the 1,000,000 new consumers" (immigrants to Canada since Jan. 1, 1946) spend

I find it hard to make the above two authoritative pictures "add up". If I remember correctly, there are to be an extra 10 million Canadians around this nation's dinner tables around 1982. If so, it would seem valid to assume that this means an increased expenditure on food of approximately \$67,000,000 each week, or \$3,484,000,000 annually. In turn, this latter looks like better than \$3,400 worth of produce from A MILLION FARMS atop taking care of the nutritional needs of the other 16 million Canadians a quarter-century hence.

The more I ponder these figures the harder it gets to make them mesh with the above predicted "small rise in farm production..."

Moreover, if today's trends continue, we will be lucky if we have 750,000 farms from coast to coast.

— "GRASSROOTS"

1957 will mark the 76th anniversary of the first pure nickel coin. It was a 20-centime piece issued by Switzerland in 1881

### FOR PARENTS ONLY

## Welcome Hungarians

by Nancy Cleaver

Welcome Hungarians! Thrice welcome to Canada! We have been reading for weeks about your courageous fight against the Communists for your freedom, and we have been thrilled about the stories of your heroism. One of our writers, A. Baer, once said that a newspaper is a circulating library with high blood pressure. What you and your countrymen have endured is enough to raise the blood pressure of editors, reporters and readers!

Music has been called the universal language, and we have heard some of the haunting folk tunes of the Magyar gypsies. We know that music has had an honored place in your culture. But we believe that courage makes as wide an appeal to men and women all over the world as music. Countless Hungarians have lost their lives in a fight against desperate odds: "How sleep the brave, who sink to rest, By all their country's wishes blest!"

You will never forget your comrades who were killed or captured or your relatives and friends whom you have left behind. Scenes of your childhood spent in the beautiful city of Budapest, in a town or village or farm in the lovely plains of the blue Danube will often come to your mind. You have left a proud country of great natural charm; you belong to a people with a fine record.

We know that your King Stephen converted the Magyars of your area to Christianity a thousand years ago. We have read of the raids which your people suffered from the Mongols in the Thirteenth Century and the Turks in the Fourteenth Century. Down through the years you have struggled for your independence.

Everyone knows of your love of freedom. The trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty "for treacherous co-operation with the West" eight years ago shocked the free world. Britain and the U.S. protested against the Soviet methods used in the Court. Democratic nations everywhere, along with Canada say, "Welcome!" as their doors swing open to you.

In recent years the peak Hungarian immigration was in 1951 when over 4,400 of your countrymen came to Canada. The greatly increased number is shown by these approximate figures: by the end of February it is expected that there will be 12,000 refugees here. In March and April from temporary housing in the Netherlands, France and Britain will come another ten thousand. In all this haste and with the language difficulty, it is not surprising that some Hungarians have been homesick but an early January press (CP) dispatch reports none have gone back.

We hope not only that you will want to stay in Canada but that you will grow to love our country. This is a vast and magnificent land, a wonderful place in which to raise a family and carve out a new life. We all want to help you and we trust that you will look on us as friendly folk. Not so long ago, we or our parents, or grandparents were "strangers in a strange land." Canada and Canadians have been good to us and to our ancestors.

We have had an Hungarian woman as a guest at our family dinner table. She could speak English, was very musical and had a good job as a scientist. One of our children asked her about her family. She was silent for a moment and then she told us about her brother, her only brother, and their plans to es-

cape together. She got across the border; he was caught. She has had no word of him.

We thought of this girl last night when we were in the Immigration Hall. We had been making arrangements for our church to "adopt" a Hungarian family, find living accommodation, furnish a home, help the man in his search for work. The boys and girls looked very much like children born here, healthy, good-looking, mischievous... a baby asleep in a tiny crib flung his tiny fist above his head just the way our boy used to do as he slumbered. But we could see the look of strain and terrible fatigue on the faces of the adults. Then on the way out we passed a little group of Hungarians greeting a newcomer. We did not know what they were saying to each other, but suddenly they were silent. The girl started to weep... quietly and hopelessly.

We wanted to comfort her in her sorrow, but we were strangers and we cannot talk your language. However, we hope by practical helpfulness and by warm friendliness, to lessen the burden of sadness in many of your hearts. We agree with Cornelia Otis Skinner that tears are sometimes a means of release from the exigencies "of a world grown too terrible for tears." May your life in Canada, in some measure, compensate for the experiences you have been



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### CHILDREN'S AID BUDGET INCREASED BY \$15,000

York County Children's Aid society will cost the ratepayers of the county \$68,320 in 1957, the first year that the re-organized society has jurisdiction only

within the boundaries of the present County.

Prior to January 1, 1957, the York County C.A.S. was responsible for the area municipalities as well. They have joined with the Toronto-C.A.S. for a Metropolitan service.

When York County council approved the 1957 budget last week, it allowed \$90,000 for the Children's Aid society, an increase of \$15,000 over last year. Approximately \$21,680 of this is recoverable from the province.

through. May you find freedom and friendship and all that makes sacrifice and effort worth while in this your new homeland. Welcome Hungarians! (Copyright)



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...at your fingertips

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