

Editorial

Watered-Down Plan More Acceptable

Finding considerable opposition to the initial plans for hospital construction in York County which presented grandiose buildings, total cost of which was to be \$8,700,000, less grants of two and a half million, the York County Hospital Commission has now come forward with a more realistic plan at \$4,350,000, less grants. This new plan would leave the county with a \$2,900,000 amount to raise, rather than the original \$6,200,000 plan.

This program would be projected over a period of several years and could provide county residents with 325 beds, an extension on the Newmarket Hospital and a new building at Richmond Hill.

Editorially in last week's issue, we balked at the original multi-million dollar program as more than the taxpayers could stand. However, in presenting the report to county council, the committee has now approximately sliced the expenditure in half which brings it within the grasp of the average municipality.

We certainly admit, as we did last week, that additional hospital

facilities are necessary, and our only concern has been the amount of dollars and cents to which we might be committed. If $4\frac{1}{2}$ beds are what the experts say we should have per thousand population but we believe we can only afford 3, let's have the three — at least that's better than the one and a fraction we have now.

Year by year our debt is climbing, both in the county and in our own municipality, and unless government is able to come more to our aid we must take a very long look at every project and try harder to stay within our limitations for paying.

We would all like to have six or even seven hospital beds for every thousand persons, it would be wonderful, but we simply can't afford it, so we must do the next best, and cut the program to what we can handle without sinking the financial ship.

Even in the reduced state, almost half the members of county council still remain skeptical of the cost, the vote which approved the committee report in principle was only passed by a vote of 14 to 13, and the following day this approval was rescinded.

To You I Bequeath

From time to time we hear of a local church or church organization receiving a bequest of money or property as a beneficiary in the will of a citizen or old friend of the community who has passed on. A great deal of pleasure is expressed at the time over the thoughtfulness and generosity of the person who saw fit to make the gift. Over the years the value of such a gift is often referred to and the memory of the deceased and their kind deed lives on.

Some such gifts are even made during the lifetime of the giver, and to thus have the pleasure of seeing some of the good brought about by their generosity.

With taxes what they are in Canada today there should be real encouragement for people when making their wills to include the institutions of their local community among their beneficiaries. The money can be put to excellent use as anyone can readily see by inquiring into what has been done with gifts received by Stouffville in the last quarter century.

No one should hesitate to take such action since even the smallest gift looms large, especially when it is added to others which down through the years gradually build up a fund of tremendous and everlasting benefits to the worthy institutions of our fine town.

Water "Witching" May Regain Popularity

The shortage of water throughout this area and in many other rural neighborhoods in Ontario brings to mind the interesting question, is there anything in the traditional "witching" to find where to dig for water?

Some people claim to be able to find water without fail through the use of a forked stick. No one ever seems to know where the custom originated but it has apparently been in use for centuries.

Engineers scoff at water witching as having no scientific basis. We've heard others who think it's just superstition. One "old-timer" even told us one day that it works

Industrial Commission Could Help

The suggestion made by Reeve Ken Wagg at the last council meeting that Stouffville should have an Industrial Commission is a good one. It certainly can't be all the answer to bringing some industry into town, but it's a step in the right direction. A small group whose entire job is to contact and negotiate with firms seeking locations certainly is far ahead of the little effort put forth so far by other boards for whom, seeking industry was only a sideline.

Industry is not easy to get. Hundreds of communities across the country are aiming in the same direction and competition is keen. How-

ever, little by little, our position is improving. Stouffville today has the services, and all the services; and now it appears that our lack of sufficient land is to be remedied.

It may be necessary for the Commission, if and when it is appointed, to option land in order that it may be made available to industry at a reasonable price. The community may be called on to spend some money to this end, not a great deal, but at least some, in order that more of our citizens and our citizens' children, may find employment at home.

To this end we look with anticipation and interest on the formulation of an Industrial Commission.

Not A Council Cure

It would appear that some residents in the West Rouge area of Pickering Township have problems that no council will ever cure. Last week, Mr. Clifford Laycox, a representative from ward five stated in all sincerity that he had been plagued by complaints from home-owners concerning the operation of the assessment department. He said that some calls had been received at two and three o'clock in the morning.

We would suggest that such per-

sons should be directed, not to the reeve or the assessment commissioner but to the nearest psychiatrist.

We would suggest also, that the majority of these criticisms should not be taken too seriously. These residents can always contact the assessment department personally or place an appeal before the annual revision court. Certainly, no problem constitutes such dire importance that it need be aired during the early-morning hours.

Laugh Of The Week



"Well, well—feeling a little better this morning, I see."



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Did you read that big blurb about me in your local paper recently? It got headlines like this in many weeklies: "Sugar and Spice Columnist Most Widely Read in Canada." That's pretty heady stuff to read about yourself. However, it didn't impress me much, as I had written the story myself.

It said in the story that this column is now running in one hundred and eleven newspapers across Canada. Let's have a look at that in round figures. Round figures are the only sort which have any attraction for me, and most red-blooded columnists, except women, feel the same way.

Supposing the average circulation of these weeklies is 2,000. That means there are 220,000 subscribers exposed to Sugar and Spice. Heck, let's make it an even quarter-million. And let's say an average of three persons reads each paper in which the column appears — a fair figure. All right. We now have three-quarters of a million potential readers of the column each week. Ah, let's make it a million and be done with it.

When I get tossing figures like this around in my head, I start feeling pretty important. By George, I think, there aren't many fellows writing a column for which a million or two people are waiting feverishly each week. Just imagine, all those people, from Yarmouth, N.S., to Chilliwack, B.C., fighting to get the paper first, hanging on every word.

With this in mind, I set out to impress the family with the famous personality in its midst. "Do you know that there are a million people reading Sugar and Spice every week?" I ask young Kim.

"Pretty good, Dad," she says, "can I go to the Explorers' sleigh-ride tonight?"

I try Hugh. "Do you realize that my column is read from coast to coast?" I enquire.

"How come we can't afford a TV set then?" he wants to know.

Punchy, but still seeking some recognition, I approach the Old Girl. "How many papers do you think are running the column now?"

"That reminds me, you forgot to put the papers out with the garbage this morning," she says, "and I had to go out in my dressing gown in the snow and I nearly broke my neck on those back steps. When are you going to start looking after things around the house like other men?"

This is rather daunting, but it doesn't completely dismay me. I'm like an old prize-fighter who has been knocked to the canvas so often that his bum is more tender than his beer. I just wander away mumbling to myself that some day I'll be famous and then they'll appreciate me, by golly, and they'll miss me when I die, and stuff like that.

Well, in this column I was reading, he was bragging modestly about all the letters he gets from readers. That's what made me feel badly. Give or take a hundred thousand, Berton and I have the same circulation. His mail averages 30 letters a day. Mine averages 30 a month. And 24 of them are bills, offers from magazines and final notices about insurance premiums.

That convinced me that I'd never be a really famous columnist, and I felt pretty sick about it. I thought, "It's because I'm not controversial enough." Oh, I've attacked in my day such things as motherhood, the Protestant churches, capital punishment, children, the home, social drinking, temperance, sex and the weather. But I just can't seem to get my teeth into something vital, like used car dealers, or vacuum cleaner salesmen—the sort of thing that gets people worked up.

Then I began thinking about the sort of letters I do get from readers and I felt better. And do you know something? I'd trade incomes with Pierre Berton, but I wouldn't trade mails. I'll bet most of the letters he gets are either flacking his column to bits because the reader disagrees with him, or lauding it to the skies because he agrees. That would become boring after a bit.

There's nothing boring about the letters I receive from readers. They are warm and friendly and personal, and they aren't trying to grind an axe or have me grind it for them. They come from all over the country.

From Mrs. James Nickerson of West Roxbury, Mass., mentioning a column she liked because it reminded her of old times in Nova Scotia. From Walter Stark of Oxenden, Ont., claiming I'd make a good MP, and wishing a Happy New Year. From Jack Cooper of Vernon, B.C., saying he'd just celebrated his 69th wedding anniversary, feels great and reads my column because I'm a "dam-good" writer. From Jack Cornet of La Salle, Ont., whom I haven't seen for 15 years, enclosing a book he's written on curling containing nothing but blank pages and entitled What I Know About Curling.

Wouldn't it be something if every reader of Sugar and Spice decided to show Pierre Berton what he was up against and wrote a letter this week to Bill Smiley, 152 Elizabeth St., Midland, Ont.? Know what I'd do? I'd take the whole million of them, drive to Toronto in a truck, hire six men to carry them up to Berton's office, dump them on his desk, and say: "Thirty letters a day, eh, Pierre? This is my average weekly mail." That'd shake him.

REPORT from OTTAWA

By Michael Starr, M.P. Minister of Labour

Friday, February 3rd, was observed by the House as the anniversary of the destruction of the House of Commons by fire in 1916.

Mr. Speaker instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring into the House a wooden mace which was used by the House for some months after the fire while waiting for a new mace to be fabricated.

In so doing, the Speaker spoke as follows: "I thought perhaps all honorable members did not know that we had two maces, the second being the one which is on the table today and which served the House as the symbol of its authority during the interval between the fire in February and the presentation of the new mace in June of 1916."

The House went on to consideration of budget resolutions relating to tariff duties covering goods of a "class or kind made in Canada," the object of the resolutions being to tighten up on manufactured goods and equipment coming into Canada of a type which were being or could be manufactured here.

On Monday, the House debated a private member's resolution which would have the effect of making unemployment insurance benefits available to the widow of a claimant entitled to such benefits.

This was one of a number of resolutions dealing with unemployment insurance. Others included a resolution to discuss with United States authorities the question of making unemployment insurance benefits available to Canadian woodsmen working in Maine and New Hampshire.

Another resolution provides for unemployment insurance for persons unemployed on account of illness.

There was also a resolution to limit coverage to persons making \$4,000 a year or less; and also to disqualify married women whose husbands earn in excess of \$4,000 annually. This resolution would also disqualify persons under the age of 18, residing at home, where the head of the household earns in excess of \$4,000.

These were some of the 45 private members' resolutions currently on the order paper.

Others included a National Housing Act for elderly persons, increase in pensions for railway employees; establishment of a Department of Industry; Atlantic Provinces capital investment fund; municipal loans fund; National Development Fund; greater assistance for education; expansion of technical and vocational training; national flag and national anthem; Canadian sports council; communications council; National Health Insurance.

There were also resolutions dealing with the textile industry; finance companies; employment for older workers; controlling expenditures for election campaigns; juvenile delinquency; traffic accidents; and kindred subjects of social and economic interest.

Many of the subjects mentioned were already under consideration by the Government; and some had already been dealt with.

In any case, the members concerned would have their day in court; and would have the satisfaction of having a full dress debate in the House on subjects in which they or their constituents were vitally interested.

Meanwhile preparations were going ahead for the observance of Technical Training Week in Canada in early June. This would be in conjunction with similar observances throughout the Commonwealth, at the instigation of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Meetings were held in Ottawa this week of federal and provincial officials to lay the ground work for observance of this special week throughout Canada.

On Monday, the Minister of Public Works, Honourable David Walker, told the House that housing starts and loans financed through new amendments to the National Housing Act had increased considerably for December. The number of units—more than three thousand, financed through amended lending policies, had made December a record month.

Way Back When..

Jan. 29, 1925

On Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 1925, the W.F.O. and the U.F.W.O. will give a free Oyster Supper to all club members and their families, and all those farmers and their families who ship their livestock through the U.F.O. live stock shipper. Each family is kindly requested to bring a basket of eats. Supper will be served in Ratcliff's Hall between 6 and 8 p.m.

Lemonville — Lemonville is very nearly snowed in these days—no side walks in sight.

Feb. 5, 1925

Baptists Decide to Build — More tangible results on the part of the Stouffville Baptist Church congregation toward building a new church was in evidence this week when a quantity of gravel was deposited on the new site at the corner of O'Brien Ave. and Main St. The building committee reckon on a structure that will cost around \$14,000, and of this amount \$8,600 is now promised.

Curlers Won and Lost — The two rinks of local curlers who entered the Ontario Tankard games in Toronto, won

their second round from Mount Forest. were knocked out in their second round by Brantford. The local rinks were: W. J. Mather, C. Armstrong, J. S. Dougherty and H. W. Sanders—skip, also H. Brillinger, W. R. Sanders, W. Armstrong and Sam Armstrong—skip.

Mr. Sam McKuen of Mill St. is in possession of two fractured ribs as the result of a fall. He was carrying a cordwood stick when he stumbled over the saw horse, with the painful result. It's not unusual for horses to throw men and fracture their ribs, and Sam who has worked around them all his life, says he never anticipated any such treatment from a saw horse, at least.

On Saturday morning, Jan. 31, 1874, at eleven-thirty, just 51 years ago, the double-headed engine which ran on the Toronto and Nipissing R.R. exploded at Stouffville Station, killing three men, throwing one 22 rods, and wounding four others. Mr. Cowley was station agent. Joseph Ainley was baggage master and old Mr. Toaze carted the freight from the station with a black stiff-legged horse. How many remember the time?

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for February 19)

THE LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH

John 10: 11

GOLDEN TEXT — I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.— John 11:25, 26

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

The two chapters that are the basis for our study point up the deepening hostility of the Jewish religious officials. Against this somber background shine out, with increasing vividness, the grace and power of Christ, both as good shepherd and as the resurrection and the life.

As the good shepherd He enters the Jewish sheepfold and calls forth His own sheep. They hear His voice and follow Him. This pictures the believing remnant of Israel. But there are other sheep who have never been in the Jewish fold at all, and they, too, will respond. In hearing and following Him, both companies unite in one flock and recognize one Shepherd (see John 10:15, 16, A.S.V.).

By this parable the Lord illustrates the basic difference between the fold of Judaism and the flock of Christianity.

The raising of Lazarus was the Lord's crowning miracle. It is the seventh sign of His Messiahship in John, and was so climactic that it became the

turning point in the activities of both the Pharisees and the Lord Jesus. Religious antipathy was aroused to the point that it became a determined conspiracy to kill Him. This gathering storm caused the Saviour to deliberately withdraw from the crowds and to move in secrecy (see John 11:53, 54).

This miracle, therefore, should be considered as a great frontier in the Lord's ministry. The Heart of the Lesson

The raising of Lazarus by Jesus, the Son of God, provides a little preview of what He will do to the bodies of all of His own at His return. At that time He will raise in incorruptibility by His descending shout all of the dead Lazaruses! This will issue in triumphant glory for Him and everlasting blessing for them (1 Thess. 4:16-18).

But the Christ who gave physical life to this loved one, at Bethany is able and willing to communicate spiritual life even now. And just as Lazarus received this life by hearing His voice, so we today may have eternal life by hearing His Word, and receiving Him as Saviour (see John 5:24).

It is possible, however, to have life and yet no liberty. The graveclothes may still cling, impeding the walk and binding the hands so as to prevent proper work. The napkin of death may still cleave to the face, hindering any intelligible confession or testimony.

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