

Editorial

Good Suggestion

It's been a long time now since The Tribune carried its first item regarding the need for some type of radio communication for the police of the town. Council has discussed it many times, has had prices and general information from many sources, but the cost has always appeared prohibitive for a community of this size.

However, it would appear that a solution may be in the offing. Councillor Lehman, chairman of the police committee suggested to council the other night that Stouffville would be wise to co-ordinate its efforts with

Whitchurch Township in the matter of police radio. The Township which heretofore has been policed by the O.P.P. is to lose the services of this Department in the spring, and will have to set up a complete new police department of its own, to say the least, a costly project. Some type of radio communication for a force of this size will be absolutely essential.

Stouffville can defray part of this radio cost, be helping Whitchurch by doing so as well as helping the local situation. We think the suggestion is a good one and trust it is successfully carried through.

Fears Well-Founded

Following the abduction of the little Beeton girl, Thomasina Baker, parents of school-aged children have an ever-present fear of such a thing happening to their child, especially in the rural areas. It is no wonder then, that mothers and fathers expressed some alarm last week when two girls and a boy were stopped on the 6th concession of Whitchurch Twp. and offered candy by motorists in separate incidents. Apparently these children had been warned against accepting rides with strangers for they ran home and told what had happened. The Ontario Provincial Police were notified.

According to the O.P.P. at Vancor, there has been a noticeable in-

crease in reports of this type ever since the Baker girl disappeared. The police feel, and we agree that it is a good thing that parents are conscious of such dangers. Children cannot be too careful in this regard and if forewarned it is unlikely that they will fall victim to the tragedy that befell the Baker family.

With only a meagre description of the car and its driver and without a licence number, the police have a difficult time to track down persons of this type. In many instances, the motorist could be a well-meaning man with no ulterior motives whatsoever. The trouble is, neither parents nor their children can afford to take the chance.

Council Has

An earlier decision to close a garbage disposal site on the second concession of Whitchurch Twp. to refuse from the Collis Leather Co. in Aurora has been rescinded by the council. Some members who had vehemently criticized this practice only a few short weeks ago have apparently bowed to pressures that have been exerted within the past month.

To say that we are amazed at this sudden turn of events is putting the matter mildly. To welcome this sludge back into the township from an adjacent municipality over the protests of a 26-name petition is a move that has this writer slightly bewildered. This problem has been a thorn in the side of past councils for a number of years now but it appears that no body has the intestinal fortitude to fight for a town-

Not Out Of The Woods Yet

Despite the reducing of Canada's dollar value, the tightening of money availability and the several other steps the government has taken of late months to try to improve our economic situation, a recent report by the Gill Committee, investigating the Unemployment Insurance Fund, leaves us anything but cheerful.

With the town and district's hundreds of young people fresh back to school, it makes one wonder what lies ahead of them in the way of opportunity. A hurry-up effort has been made by government in the educational field to try to better equip our young people to fill positions. Let's hope it's not too little and too late.

According to the Gill Report on the Insurance Fund, a 34% increase in unemployment is forecast for next year. Since nearly all the men and women who will be looking for employment within the next five years, are now in school, the number to be looking for their first job is easy to predict. From 1950 to 1960 which was Canada's boom-time best, all the

A Public Right

We feel it wise to remind our readers from time to time of the position of the press in regard to the reporting of the activities of our municipal governing bodies.

The quotation below is from the booklet "The Municipal Council in Ontario," and it covers accurately the attitude of responsible newspapers.

"While it holds no official position in municipal government the press play an important and useful part in its operation. It is largely through the columns of the newspaper that the citizens obtain their information with respect to what matters are being dealt with by their council and their disposition. In this way, the press serves as a connecting link between the council and its people and serves to protect the electors and taxpayers by keeping councils under close scrutiny.

"While the representatives of the press have no special rights they

Back-Tracked

This reversal of stand is even more confusing since it comes at a time when Whitchurch is up to its neck in garbage problems of its own. Private individuals are protesting strongly the selection of a new disposal site that may affect the values of their properties. We wonder how the council in the town of Aurora would take to a suggestion that a portion of this surplus refuse be hauled across their borders. This, no doubt, would be a song with a different tune.

The Buchanan dump on conc. 2 will never be any Garden of Eden in spite of the pleas and promises of its Aurora users. This is not the real point, however. There is a principle at stake here and we feel that the council is side-stepping its responsibilities.

new jobs that could be created was 160,000 a year. According to our school population we need 250,000 new jobs a year or one million by 1966.

Against these drastic figures political leaders have taken the platform to tell us that unemployment is not really serious and could soon be fixed up completely.

Baloney of this kind is not much longer being believed by most Canadians. Unemployment is here to stay for a good long time we believe, despite all the props which the government can put up.

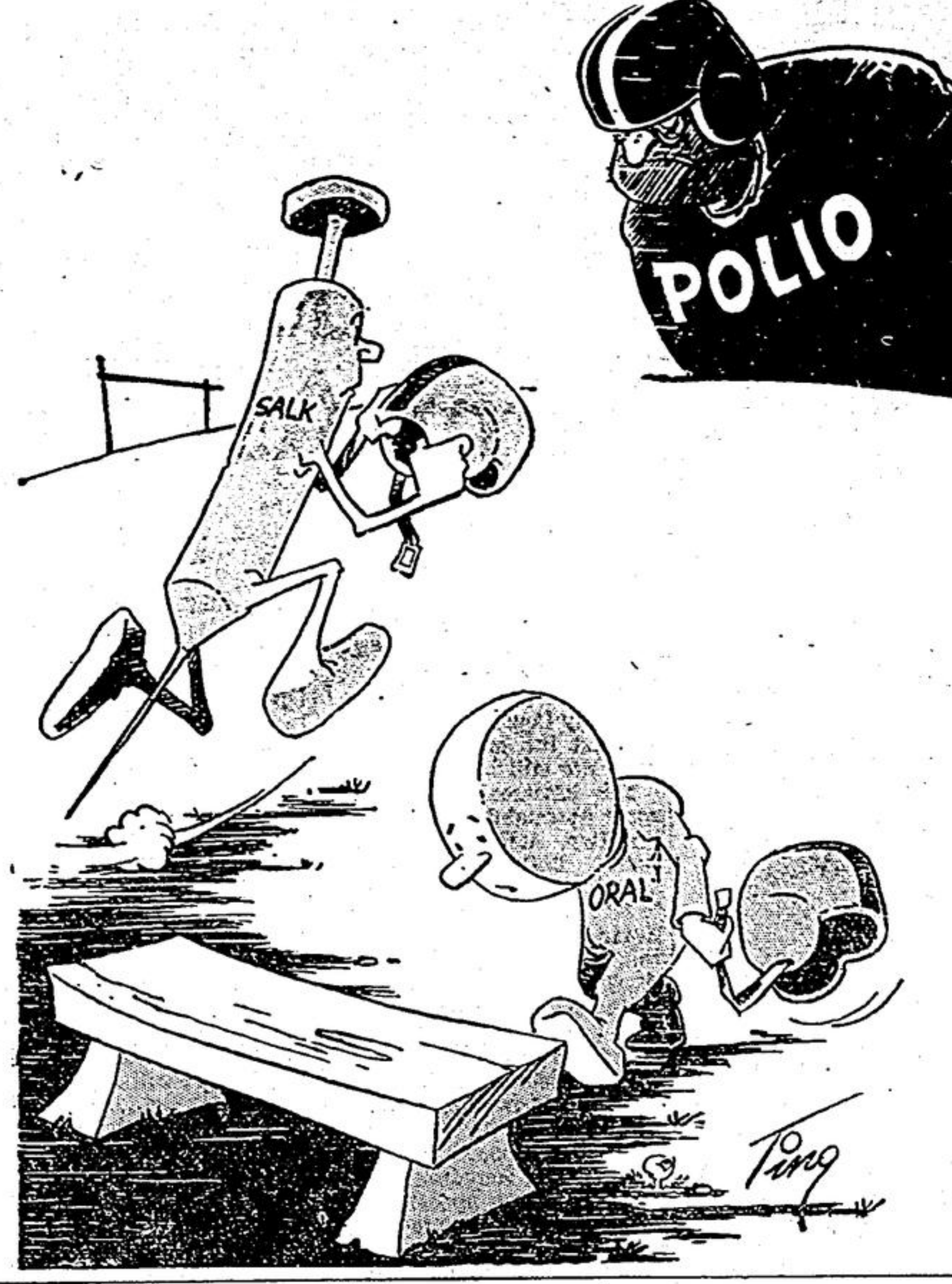
Unemployment is not only of disaster dimensions for the unemployed themselves but has perils for the rest of society as well. Masses of jobless people are standing invitations for all the foolish vote-buying schemes that can be devised. The unemployed are desperate and will vote for the politician that makes the most and the most foolish promises. It is a situation fraught with danger and one that cannot be wished away simply by oratory.

have the same right of attendance at council meetings and access to public records as other inhabitants of the municipality. Although the representatives of the press may be excluded from committee meetings experience shows in the long run, in most matters, it is better to have the representatives of the newspapers get the correct story first hand than a garbled version of the proceedings by indirect means.

"Most newspapers can be relied upon not to publish information which it is clearly not in the public interest to have published. In fairness to the representatives of the press, however, it should be remembered that their business is to get news and not necessarily to print only what the council or a member of council wants to be published.

"There is probably no other agency in a community that can do more to promote or obstruct good municipal government than the local press."

Change in the Line-Up



Parents 100% In Favor Of Student Safety Program

Divided Opinions On Sidewalk Cyclist

Student safety program, introduced three months ago by P. C. Harry Heatherington of the Stouffville Police Department has found favour among 100% of parents, contacted recently by The Tribune in a telephone survey. The issue has been the subject of controversy among some members of the town council within recent weeks.

The suggestion that bicycles should be banned from the Main Streets but permitted on the village sidewalks has brought divided opinions.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Mr Nick Bangay, Ninth Line S. in commenting on the safety project. "Anything that will prevent accidents and save lives is certainly worthwhile." In reference to sidewalk cyclists, he contended that it would be a good plan to remove the bicycle-riders from the roadway if local law would permit, but noted that pedestrians, especially elderly people could be injured.

"Yes, I think it's a good idea," said Mrs Jim Brazier, Hawthorne Ave., the mother of two school-age children when asked about the safety instruction. "I know that when Constable Heatherington talked to the children before about safety, my son was quite impressed." "That's half the battle," she said, "to impress the children with the importance of safety." The question of bicycles on the sidewalk brought a negative reply from Mrs Brazier. "I think the children should be taught the rules of the road and if they fail to obey them, they should be taken off the road," she said. "I myself have been down town and have seen children, old enough to know better, careening down the sidewalk on bicycles — I think they should know better."

Very Important

"Yes, I certainly approve of a safety program," said Mrs Michael Hunt, Elm Road. A mother of five, two of whom attend public school, she said that she could speak both as a parent and a driver. "I feel that safety training for children is very important, especially for bicycle riders." Mrs Hunt suggested that children should be required to pass a test before they are allowed on the road. She contended that sidewalk cyclists would create a hazard for pedestrians, especially elderly folk unless they were particularly polite and courteous.

"I feel that bicycles are too dangerous to be ridden on the sidewalks," agreed Mrs Les Clarke, Lloyd Ave., the mother of two school-aged kiddies. "I would rather see children denied the use of bicycles until they are old enough to handle them properly on the road. She suggested that a safety program could be very beneficial, especially for older boys and girls.

Mrs Jack Williams, Maytree Ave., has two children in school. She also gives the safety project her wholehearted endorsement. "My husband is a truck driver and is familiar with the dangers of bicycles," she said. She favours the use of the sidewalks as a safety measure for both the children and the motorists.

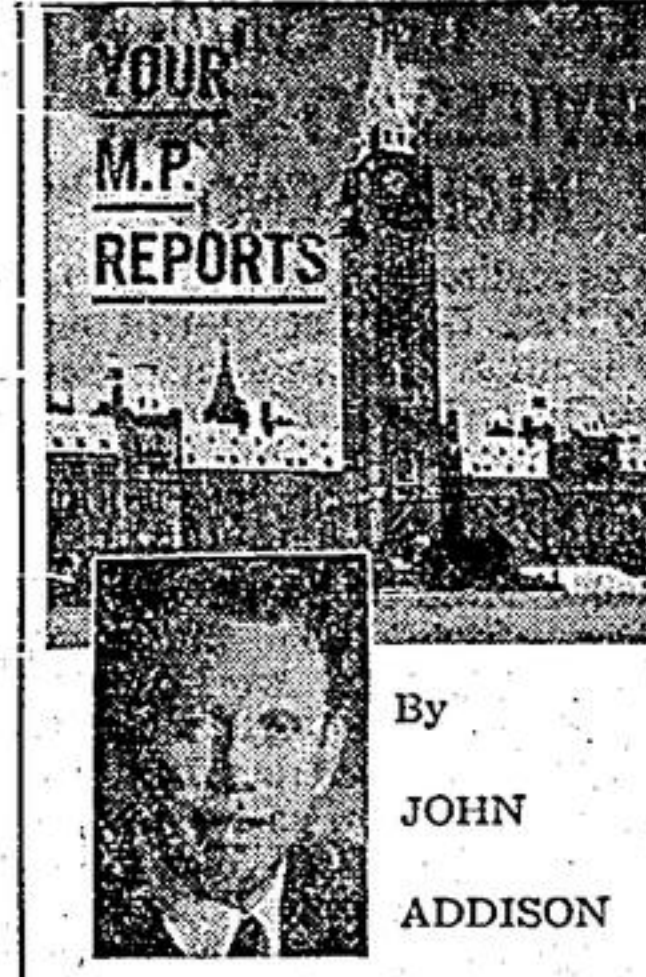
Mrs P. Walley, Loretta Cresc., also favours the use of sidewalks by cyclists. "Pedestrian injuries, if any, would be of a less serious nature than collisions between a bicycle and a truck," she said.

"I agree that the road is dangerous but the children should be instructed on the rules of the road and should adhere to them," said Mrs Roy Heaton, Park Drive N., the mother of four school children. She contended that bicycles on the sidewalk would create a hazard for smaller kiddies and elderly people. She favours an organized safety program.

Reduced Speeds

"I feel that a safety program coupled with a more rigid speed law enforcement would solve the problem," said Mrs Margaret Holder, Albert St.N. She suggested that a speed limit of 20 to 25 miles per hour would lessen the accident dangers. "The speed trap should be put to use," she said, "It's done in other towns." She contended that Officer Heatherington had been given little encouragement by Council to proceed with his safety project. "Such reaction can be pretty discouraging," she said.

Mrs Grant Turner, Main Street suggested that it might be a good plan to permit children to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks from Church Street east and from O'Brien Ave. west. She felt, however, that in the main business section, they would have to walk and push their bikes. "I'm terrified of bicycle-riders on the road," she said. She told The Tribune that she was riding in a car with another lady recently on Main Street and they were afraid to pass a group of cyclists. "We were so nervous, we didn't even talk and that's something for a couple of women." She remarked at seeing one young lad riding his bike with no hands. "I feel that a safety program is a fine thing," she concluded, "a police officer creates a lasting impression on both boys and girls."



By JOHN ADDISON

When Parliament meets this month, the great issues of Canadian life must be faced and discussed. As your Member of Parliament, I will be there to represent the people of York North. In the meantime, however, there are many important matters directly affecting this area which are getting attention.

SIMCOE WATER LEVEL

A petition has been prepared for Ottawa asking that something be done about the low level of water on the south shore of Lake Simcoe and I have asked the Department of Transport to study the problem.

Resort owners say a boat cannot be launched from existing docks and there is general worry about the tourist industry because of the water. The water level also affects market gardeners in low-lying farmlands. North Gwillimbury, Georgina and Sutton have passed a resolution and I have taken the matter up in Ottawa and arranged for consideration of the petition.


What we are seeking is a careful study and action to protect both the tourist industry and the farmer.

MAIL DELIVERY

Strong appeals from the Richvale-Yongehurst area, south of Richmond Hill, have resulted in the Post Office Department's decision to institute a mail walk service. When it was learned earlier that the Government might postpone house to house delivery, I went to the Post Master General's office to support the residents' appeals. It is now highly satisfactory to know that the house to house delivery will begin as soon as residents have installed suitable boxes or slots.

METRO EXTENSION

Discussion has been going on concerning the possible extension of Metropolitan Toronto. I have been to see the Toronto City Planning Director and the Metro Planning Director about this, in order to learn how it might affect the southern parts of York North constituency. While Metro now ends at Steele's, the Metro Planning Area goes to the King-Vaughan town line and to the Markham-Whitchurch town line. We have been studying future develop-



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Do you like autumn? I do. For me, it's the epitome of all that's best in Canada. You can have your spring, glorious spring, with its drizzles and its mud and its chilling winds. You can have your summer, with its particular pests—tourists, bugs, visitors. And you can most definitely have winter in its every possible aspect. Just give me about six months of that September-October weather, and you couldn't drag me out of this country to the island of Bali.

I know that, according to the rhythm of nature, fall is supposed to be a time of dying, of melancholy, of shrivelling on the vine, of preparing for the deep, dead sleep of winter.

Maybe Canadians are just contrary, but they don't react in the way they're supposed to at all, in the fall. Instead of carefully preparing for winter, drawing in their horns, and going around with long faces, they bust out all over as soon as that first nip is felt in the morning air.

Perhaps they're just fooling themselves, but Canadians act as though they love the fall. They come to life. They bustle. They form committees, make plans, have parties. They even start going to church. Perhaps it's just a last hysterical fling, a frantic escape from reality, with the grim prospect of six months' winter ahead, but they certainly burn with a clear, genuine flame while it lasts.

Where is the sober householder who should be chinking up the nooks and crannies, putting on the storm windows, getting in his fuel supply, and battening down all the hatches for the bitter voyage that looms ahead?

I'll tell you where he is, on his day off. He's standing in ice water up to his nipples, trying to catch a rainbow trout. Or out on the golf course, so bundled with sweaters he can hardly swing. Or he's sitting with a noggin, watching the football game on television. That's where he is.

And where's the housewife, who should be knitting woolen socks, putting down preserves and canned meat, airing the flannellette sheets, patching the family's long underwear, and quilting a quilt?

I'll tell you where she is. She's on the phone, talking about what she's going to wear to the tea. Or she's off in the car to attend a wedding. Or she's out playing bingo. Or she's taking in an auction sale. Or she's sitting around with her feet up, watching the afternoon movie. That's where she is.

It must shake our pioneer ancestors rigid to look down, or up, from their present abode, and see us preparing for winter. About this time of year, grandfather was killing a beef, shooting a deer, salting down a hog, making apple cider, stacking vast piles of firewood and hustling his wheat to the mill.

It must rot his celestial socks to look down and see his grandson hunting deer for a holiday, buying his pig pre-cooked at the meat counter, and laying in his fuel supply by picking up the phone and calling the oil dealer.

And what about Granny? In her day, fall was the time when you worked like a beaver, making sausage, spinning wool, putting eggs away in waterglass, filling the root cellar, making candles and soap.

She must do a little quiet cussing, in the shadow of her halo, when she sees her granddaughter facing up to the rigors of winter: racked by the dreadful indecision of whether to buy a home freezer or a fur coat; torn by the dilemma of whether to have the cleaning woman come once or twice a week.

But, of course, that's looking at only one side of the situation. Granddaddy didn't have to worry about antifreeze, atom bombs, income tax or payments on the car. He didn't need suppositories, diets and a new tail-pipe every time he turned around.

And Granny didn't have to cope with a kitchenful of machinery, kids who were smarter than she was, and the late movie. She didn't need sleeping pills, cigarettes or psychology.

Say, come to think of it, those WERE the good old days. They didn't have much, but what they had was their own, not the finance company's. No auto accidents, no alcoholics anonymous, no aspirin. Let's stop worrying about the hardships of our pioneer ancestors and get back to sweating over our own neurotic chaos.

ment of Metro with an eye to exploring possibilities for a commuter service in the future. In addition, we have been making other inquiries about commuter services in other parts of the continent to be in a position to make recommendations when the opportunity arises.

PROBLEM IN NEWMARKET

Holland Landing ratepayers have approached me about pollution in the Holland River and I have discussed this problem with authorities in Ottawa. The pollution comes about through the heavy concentration of people in the Newmarket area and the lack of a sewage treatment plant. The town of Newmarket has been ordered by the Ontario Water Resources Commission to build a plant which will overcome pollution. Loans for the work are available through the O.W.R.C. and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

I have had correspondence with the C.M.H.C. in Ottawa in an attempt to assist in a solution to the problem. A very large sum of money is involved. The serious problem facing Newmarket ratepayers is a requirement by C.M.H.C. that the plant must be completed by March 31st, 1963 to qualify for a 25% forgiveness clause. It is almost a physical impossibility for financing to be arranged and for construction to be done in such a short time.

I have approached the corporation seeking an extension and have been formally advised that the time limit cannot be changed without an amendment by act of Parliament. Such forgiveness would, of course, mean substantial relief to Newmarket ratepayers.

I shall pursue this further to determine whether it can be brought before Parliament in time to benefit the Newmarket project.

WARNING SIGNS

Another thing which has come up recently is the matter of warning signs at Paradise Beach. There is also the question of navigation markers in the Holland River. I have been seeking action on these matters in Ottawa and a recommendation has been made for additional markers.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Schomberg people have been interested in a grant from the Physical Fitness Council toward Schomberg arena. The grants are made primarily for leadership training and not for facilities. Thus, I have suggested that consideration be given to the establishment of leadership schools for fitness in the area. Such schools are eligible for subsidies under the Act. I am following the matter in the hope something can eventually be done to qualify for a grant.

MORE ABOUT MAIL

I have been making enquiries about extension of rural mail delivery in the area northwest of Holland Landing. This is now being investigated by the post office department.

This is all for now. The next report will be from Parliament in Ottawa.

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