

Editorial . . .

What Of The Future

On Saturday afternoon, we were among the hundreds who attended the "History In Action" presentation on the site of the Pickering Township Museum grounds at Brougham. It was truly a great show surpassing the program of last year which, in itself was no mean feat.

Generations, past and present viewed the many and varied displays and to make the feature even more satisfying, the exhibits were put into full-steam operation for everyone to see and hear.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday, a pleasant afternoon of baseball was enjoyed by a large contingent of local fans in the Stouffville Memorial Park. Although the Sunday contest, something new here, brought forth a few minor criticisms from a segment of citizenry, it also brought forth the largest attendance for any sports attraction on the diamond this season.

The legality of the game is subject to question. Residents have never been asked to vote on the issue so, in fact, there is no law on the books that permits such a pastime. But where do you draw the line? The swimming pool provides healthful recreation for hundreds of adults and children on Sundays throughout the summer. The arena is a hive of activity from early morning until late at night in the winter. The local golf courses are frequented by throngs of people, many from long

The Terrible Truck Driver

The concern voiced by some parents concerning the safety of children walking to and from the Bloomington Public School in Whitchurch Township may, unknowingly have cast a rather unsavory reflection on the aptitudes of truck drivers that frequent this area. Before too many critics jump on board the bandwagon, we would suggest that the parents have become alarmed at the number of heavy vehicles in the section and not the driving habits of their operators.

The parents have every right to be concerned but their problem is a local one, possibly unmatched anywhere else in the Province of Ontario. The gravel deposits were buried deep in the hills of Whitchurch and Uxbridge long before the present schoolhouse was erected and it is unlikely that there will be any lessening of truck traffic in the section as long as the industry continues to flourish.

We can readily sympathize with the pupils who travel this rural truck route every morning and afternoon. After viewing the condition

Bring Higher Education Out Of Clouds

The Liberals may be up against a pretty tough stone wall in trying to dislodge Premier Roberts Conservative government in Ontario, but their leader John Wintermeyer has certainly struck a realistic note in so far as education is concerned.

Our present Department of Education has preached on one hand, higher education for all, while on the other hand it has placed or allowed to be placed by local universities, such high standards for entrance that the good average student is still barred. It is a ridiculous situation when many parents throughout Ontario are forced into the expense of sending their children to universities outside the province. It is a known fact that it is very often the average student who will make the most solid and practical citizen in later life and yet this is the group which finds grave difficulty in making any headway in gaining a university education.

At our own Stouffville District High School this year there are five grade nines, yet we know that less than twenty percent of these will ever graduate. A number are "frightened off" by even attempting the graduation year while others simply

What does the future hold for this historical exhibition? We fear that it will be difficult to find the Mac Middletons, the Howard Turners, the Bob Millers and the Milt. Parkins whose skilled manipulations can turn the hands of time back a half-century with the pull of a lever or the swing of an axe.

Who can replace them? Certainly not the young fry of today whose only recollection of steam power was in the locomotive and horsepower is in something generated under the hood of a hot-rod.

In like manner, we feel that no juvenile delinquents would be born by opening up the Main Street bowling alley during the Sunday afternoon hours. It would be far better to have Stouffville's young people entertained in this way than hanging around on the sidewalks or driving up and down the road.

Admittedly, Sunday is a day of rest. This does not mean, however, that everyone should crawl under the covers and doze off to sleep. Rest is relaxation and this comes in many and varied forms. To some, it's swinging a golf club. To others, it's a drive into the country. Here, it was watching a game of good, clean baseball. It was interesting to note that at least two of the critics of this Sunday "intrusion" were seated in the sunny front rows of the grandstand bleachers.

first-hand we were amazed that some boy or girl has not been killed or seriously injured in this melee of multi-wheeled "monsters". We also sympathize with the truck drivers. They continually bear the brunt of verbal abuse from every direction. They are accused of overloading, breaking speed limits, wrecking roads, raising dust and in general almost every misdemeanor in the book. For a few, this criticism is warranted but too often we tend to spread it too wide and too thick. We feel that they are criticized for what they drive and not for how they drive. The motorist is obsessed with the idea that the roads were constructed only for him and all else should politely step aside and let him pass without obstruction.

It's a matter of co-existence and all the dirty looks and inaudible mutterings are not going to force these gravel juggernauts off our highways. When the time arrives that we can honestly profess to driving "by the book" then, and only then can we rightly point an accusing finger at the other guy.

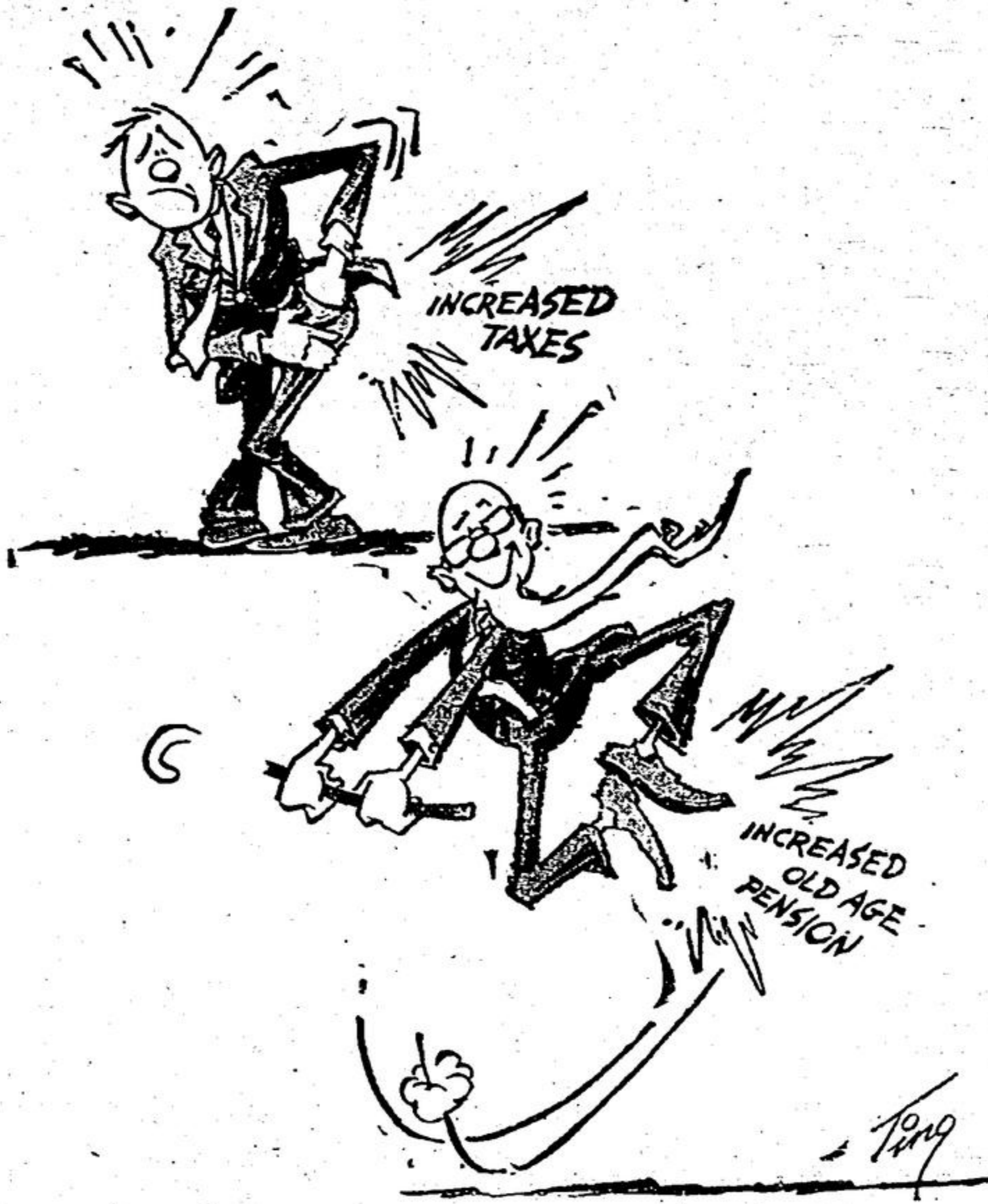
leave in discouragement leaving only those in the "genius" bracket for university which is apparently the policy.

The plan being advocated by the Liberals would, in the first place, give university entrance at grade 12 which is standard in Quebec and other Canadian provinces, and it would force Ontario universities to have one standard for entrance throughout. At the present time university standards throughout the province are up and down and send students running hither and yon trying to find acceptance.

Their policy would also provide for paper-back text-books, a move which is presently being blocked by what is believed to be a publishing lobby.

The Department of Education has given great stress to the building of grandiose factory-type schools and pointed to the handsome grants in this connection. This is all very fine to look at but we think a little more attention might be given to some of the abuses which we have mentioned above and which are after-all the part of education that counts, not the number of fine buildings which can be erected.

Pay Now, Fly Later



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

There are certain months of the year in which I would gladly shake the snow off my boots and walk out of the country, never to return, without a backward glance. But September is not one of them.

At this time of year, it would take a regiment of horses to drag me, kicking, screaming, and roaring "O Canada" across the border, out of my home, my native land.

Twice, poet John Keats expressed it, though he never saw this Canada of ours. He spoke of "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness." This is our September. He spoke of "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." And this is our September.

Winter is all very well in its place. And its place, as far as I'm concerned, is in outer Siberia. Spring in Canada is a flash in the pan, a flood in the basement, a cold in the head. Summer is a desperate effort to accomplish, in too brief a time, all the things we've been waiting all winter and spring to do.

In most countries of the northern hemisphere, spring is the time of joy, of waking to new life, of a fresh stirring of the blood. In Canada, spring is merely a muddy interlude. Completely whacked after five months of winter, we drag ourselves through it, only to tumble into the clammy, feverish embrace of summer; shameless, exhausting wrench.

In this country, autumn is the time when the pulse begins to quicken, the imagination to soar. The whole nation comes alive, recaptures some coherence after the chaos of summer, and makes plans to be happy and rich.

But thanks to a benevolent deity, the transition between the madness of summer and the scrambling activity of fall is a painless—nay, a glorious—experience.

We are given a time for dreaming. We are given a chance to sharpen again our senses, deadened by sun and sand and water. We are given golden sunlight, filtered through the greenest masses of foliage in the world. We are given water so blue it makes our eyes ache, and sky so high we can almost see heaven.

We are given, just for a month, new eyes, eyes that suddenly see the splash of colour the zinnias make against the fence, the thrilling sweep of browns and greens across valley and ridge, the sad purple of distant hills.

I can scarce forbear to weep with joy when I think of the glorious gifts of taste with which September rejuvenates our palates, fated by hamburgers and hot dogs, mustard and relish, charred steak and skungy beer.

Juice-splurting sweetness of red apples, golden corn. Tongue-tingling tartness of huge, cold tomatoes, tawny peaches. Earthiness of scrubbed new potatoes, running with butter. Faint, crisp bitterness of cucumbers. Speaking of faint, I'm about to do. I haven't had my dinner.

September sounds: acorns rattling off the roof; squirrels back in the attic, gibbering and muttering and scrambling; the thuds and whacks and hips and hups of football practice; and the vast, soft sighs of the earth, delivered of her finest, oozing milk and honey and satisfaction.

September smells: hot dogs frying at the fall fair, new apples—there's no smell like this one; the first acrid smoke of the exhausts from school buses; woodsmoke in the fireplace; the soft, heavy sweet scent of summer replaced by a tang like printer's ink and fresh sweat and champagne, rolled into one.

You take it, whatever it is: Paris in the spring, Japan in cherry blossom time. I'll take Canada in September.

The worst thing I can think of, including my wife running off with the milkman, my kids turning into no-good-niks, is to die early in September. This would kill me. Literally, as they say.

1200 Farm Ponds In Use In Metro Area

The construction of farm ponds, steadily growing in popularity throughout Canada and the U.S. in recent years is seen by officials of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as an answer to the rising farm water demand.

The MTRCA, one of 31 conservation authorities in Ontario, actively encourages and assists financially the development of farm ponds in the rural areas of its 1,000 square mile region.

At present, the Authority estimates there are about 1,200 farm ponds in use in the region, most of them built within the last 5 years.

There is no question of the value of farm ponds to the farmer. Authority officials point to their use as a prime watering source for livestock, as a habitat for trout and bass, as well as other forms of wildlife, as a swimming pool, and as an emergency water supply in the event of fire or drought.

Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.—Rom. 8:28.

Approach to the Lesson: Joseph sent his brothers back to his father with an urgent invitation for them all to emigrate to Goshen. They journeyed with a handsome present made possible by the magnanimity of Pharaoh (45:16-24).

Jacob, very wisely, inquired of the Lord before making the move, and receiving gracious confirmation that it was the right step, removed with all his dependents (66 in his own family according to 46:26), flocks and herds, and all their goods. What a sight it must have been to see that caravan wending its way across the land, somewhat like the early treks across America! Shepherding being distasteful to the Egyptians, it was natural that Jacob and his family should be sent to Goshen—a provision of the Lord, seeing that by being thus separated they would not be tempted to intermingle or intermarry with the Egyptians. God's people were to be a separated people.

Jacob enjoyed the closing 17 years of his life in Goshen and then, after blessing his family, yielded up the ghost and was gathered unto his people. His family, with the active co-operation of Pharaoh, embalmed him and he was buried in Canaan. With the passing of Jacob we can look back to see how wonderfully God fulfilled His promises to this man. The blessings on his character are recorded for all to see and yet God used him mightily; a reminder that it is not by works of righteousness which we

EDITOR'S MAIL

RR 3, Newmarket, Editor, Stouffville Tribune Dear Sir: In the issue of Sept. 5th we read with much interest the item entitled "Mennonite Conference Opposes Alcohol and Tobacco."

We wish that many more of our Christian denominations would take as firm a stand and do it as publically.

Sincerely, Elma M. Starr, Sec.-Treas. of York County Temperance Federation.

Stouffville, Ont. Editor, The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.

"Gravel truck terror—Parents ask for school bus." This was the heading in a daily newspaper on Monday, Sept. 9. Why should anyone have to contribute to the purchase of a bus service because of speed?

I thought of those people who drove their cars behind a gravel truck, dropping stones at 60 miles per hour, or being sand-blasted from a pyramid load, well above the truck's box, had any complaints. I feel that truckers who drive the Markham Road to Toronto are not being courteous when they move and receiving gracious confirmation that it was the right step, removed with all his dependents (66 in his own family according to 46:26), flocks and herds, and all their goods.

Ed. Note: With reference to the request for school bus service in the Bloomington section, I feel that the parents fear for the safety of their children, due to the numbers of gravel trucks in the area, and not due to excessive speeds of the vehicles.

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one can accuse me of breaking the speed limit, not between concessions 8 and 10. The road is not fit to drive over 35 or 40 and the dust at times is almost blinding. (I do not blame the township for this condition.)

I'm a father with three kids and I honestly feel sorry for the children who walk to and from the Bloomington school every morning and afternoon. Why one has not been injured or killed is a mystery to me, but I'm afraid that sooner or later this will happen. I can only hope that my truck is not involved.

If some means can be worked out to transport these children, it will provide as much relief for the truck drivers as for the parents. Thanks for the space. Father of Three.

RR 4, Stouffville, September, 7 '63. The Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario. Gentlemen:

Your Paper recently ranked high for its Editorial writing, in competition with other Weekly Papers, and for past performances you are to be congratulated.

In your September 5th issue, however, you reported a very unfair version of The Bethesda Public School problem.

Your Reporter states that the Ratepayers will have to come up with an alternative to the nearly \$15,000.00 structure which was suggested by an Architect. This is not so. It was the Architect who came up with the alternative. The majority of the Ratepayers had previously voted \$7,000.00 to build a washroom, and they turned down the Architect's idea as being too expensive, and too elaborate to be in keeping with the old school house.

These Ratepayers have seen the Public School tax rate rise from 9.52 to 17.17 in one year, and the High School rate go from 6.88 to 13.98 in the same year. They just want a plain ordinary clean washroom, not an assembly hall, and have voted \$7,000.00 to get the job done. Does that seem unreasonable?

The Ratepayers owe a debt of gratitude to their School Board for their time and effort, and are aware of this. They realize the problems faced by the Board in fighting high costs and high profits that seem to go hand in hand with any school expenditure.

There is no dissention among these people, merely a prolonged discussion in an effort to keep cost relative to the product, and your Paper could cooperate by reporting all the facts and omitting the opinions. After all, we didn't have the opportunity of advising you what you should spend on washrooms in the new building you moved to recently, and I rather doubt they cost \$15,000.

Thank you. Your very truly, H. D. Whitehead.

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Seat Belts Now Used In Hydro Vehicles Ontario Hydro's 1,500 vehicle transport fleet will be equipped with seat belts by this Fall, it was announced today. The program, which started by equipping all new vehicles with belts two years ago, has now been extended to older units. In addition to use in highway vehicles, seat belts will also be installed in field equipment, such as muskeg tractors and swamp buggies where conditions warrant. The one exception is that seat belts are not to be worn when vehicles are travelling on frozen lakes or streams.

Costs \$425 Per Year To Keep Cow in Production - Survey Reveals Farmers, like everyone else these days, often wonder why their bank accounts build up so very slowly. Dairy farmers in particular, with a steady income expect progress to be faster. The price of milk multiplied by production per cow, is a fairly healthy figure, compared to returns from other kinds of livestock. The villain, of course, is expenses. Money has to be spent in so many different ways that people usually underestimate the total of all the bills. Dairy Herd Improvement reports from two Associations in York County, just released last week, illustrate this point. Total income per cow was a nice figure of \$528.00 made up of \$442.00 from milk sales and \$86.00 from cattle sales. Before anyone gets carried away with the milk business, expenses have to be taken into account. Per cow, these worked out to about \$200.00 for feed, \$100.00 for labour, \$65.00 for breeding, veterinary and hauling, and \$50.00 for interest and depreciation on the dairy investment. The total is a whopping \$425.00 cost per cow. About \$100.00 is left for risk and management. Most farmers probably won't believe that each of their cows had a \$425.00 bill for expenses each year. The old rule of thumb used to be that it cost about \$100.00 to keep a cow for a year. Well, the D.H.I.A. report puts the lie to our old notion about costs. Their figures are reliable and they are taken from practical, working, dairy farms in York County. What can be done about cost. Not very much. Feed, labour and the others are requisites in producing milk. The figures just point out that getting top production from cows is an absolute must. We have to feed, manage, pamper and nurse these cows along to make sure they will bring in more than \$500.00 a year. If they don't, dairying is done just for the fun of it. The production average for the D.H.I.A. cows was about 10,400 lbs. of milk and 360 of fat. The storm warnings are out for herds with production levels lower than this. Better feeding and management may be the answer in some herds, but the problems are often hard to find. I think a set of milk scales is one of the best tools for finding an answer. They will sort out the boards quickly, and changes in milk due to feeding or management changes will also show very clearly. There is no law limiting milk weighing to those on R.O.P. or D.H.I.A.