

Editorial . . .

An Industrial Plan That's Producing Results

Every village, town and township across Canada is looking for industrial assessment. Some are content with only wishing while others have extended the welcome mat in the form of a fully serviced land that looks mighty inviting to the selective buyer. Such a program has been put into practice in Markham Village and the scheme is producing good industrial dividends.

We, here in Stouffville, would do well to follow Markham's lead. We have no serviced industrial sites here, in fact, we have no land at all that we can honestly call our own.

Quite some time ago, the Council was given public approval to

acquire property but no positive move has ever been made. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Markham Village has a well-planned industrial park. Two large firms are located there and a third has taken out a ten-acre option. There are several smaller factories and good commercial business places fronting on No. 7 Hwy. Almost one-half of this property has now been acquired and the council is considering the acquisition of additional land.

We've heard it said that the policy such as put into practice in Markham is too great a gamble. You can't argue with success.

No One Should Be Inconvenienced

Last week, two neighbouring municipalities received requests from two Metro clubs to move their operations into these townships.

In Pickering, the Scarborough Rod and Gun Club is seeking a site and permission to hold Sunday shoots.

In Whitchurch, the Nortown Motorcycle Club is anxious to hold a Sunday meet near Musselman's Lake.

We feel that both should be turned down if for no other reason than the noise factor that is bound to result regardless of precautions.

The members of both groups may have the best of intentions but by giving them the green-light, the councils concerned would be leaving themselves open to criticism — criticism that would be warranted if a single, solitary citizen was inconvenienced. It's not worth the risk.

Ringwood Accident Rate Too High

The accident rate at the Ringwood intersection continues to mount with already this year, a damage total of many thousands of dollars. One driver has been killed and several injured.

There was a time when the cause of such collisions was attributed to the lack of protective signals, inadequate lighting, etc., but no more.

Although we feel that the approaches may be a little too narrow, this is no excuse for the high collision toll. All it takes is a little care and common highway courtesy to avoid such mishaps. All the engineering experts in the world cannot guarantee the construction of an accident-free road. This responsibility is left with the man behind the wheel.

Atheism A Narrow Yardstick

A great many of our readers have no doubt taken note of the Dutch couple, recently barred from citizenship since they could not take an oath on the belief in God.

This couple, by all accounts, have been law-abiding and useful residents for nearly ten years. They do not believe in God and merely wished to take the pledge of allegiance required of new citizens. The law does not permit this unless the person admits to belief in God. It would seem that general opinion is that affirmation of an intention to tell the truth should be acceptable. We think this sets a very narrow yardstick.

If a non-believer can't become a citizen, what about all the native-born Canadians who are atheists, or those who have become atheists since becoming citizens? Aside from this technical aspect we see no reason why they should not be accepted. We doubt too, if they are any more likely to appear in our courts than those who profess to be followers of our many religious sects.

Only recently the public let it be known that it was ready to accept the idea of letting atheists adopt children. If this is so we see no reason for stopping anyone from sharing in Canadian citizenship just through the form of an oath.

Tourists Pulling Down Iron Curtain

From what we have witnessed in a recent trip to Europe, tourists may help to tear down the Iron Curtain more surely than any conference of statesmen. This would prove that economics can overcome ideologies and it would appear that this may well happen.

Throughout Europe, that is, Germany, France and Britain, we found lavish tourist posters everywhere trying to interest people in visiting such countries as Romania, Poland, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. In addition, tourist traffic to Russia itself is seeing a big surge forward.

They're doing more business with us too. Picking up a pamphlet at one of the tourist offices we read that over the past few years, Romania alone, has let out construc-

tion contracts valued at more than five hundred million dollars to Western builders. Yugoslavia too, has big plans in the offing.

These four countries, too all appearances, are making bids for tourists on a large scale. This capitalistic approach in wide scale advertising and public relations is paying off.

Last year's travel figures show that Bulgaria entertained a million visitors, half of whom came from western Europe and North America. Over 75,000 visited Czechoslovakia and Romania's Black Sea coast is shown to be a real holiday resort area.

An easing up of restrictions on currency exchange, efforts to give improved service and accommodation are all part of the program.

Suggested Use for Obsolete Mid-Canada Line



4-H Emblem, Pledge, Started In United States

A verse from a Kipling poem, "The Children's Song", is believed to have been the inspiration for the 4-H emblem while Mr. Otis Hall of Kansas, composed the internationally-known 4-H pledge.

A recent news release from the United States Department of Agriculture relates in part: "The 4-H Club emblem, one of the best known and most respected insignias among youth organizations and programs, gained legal status by Congressional Act in 1939. However, a four-leaf clover with an 'H' on each leaf was first used in 1911, and was preceded by a 3-H clover emblem dating to 1909."

The "H-S", on the original 3-leaf clover stood for Head, and Heart and Hand. At an official meeting of extension officials in Washington in 1911 the fourth "H" standing for Health was adopted. The inspirational verse for the name and emblem reads as follows:

"Land of our birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
O Motherland, we pledge to these,
Head, Heart, and Hand
through the years to be."

At the National 4-H Conference in Washington in 1927, the present 4-H pledge, worded first by Mr. Otis Hall, State Leader in Kansas, was officially adopted. The wording of the pledge has not been changed since its adoption 38 years ago and is used today in the USA, Canada and several other countries. It has withstood the test of time and is just as appropriate today as it was when first adopted.

The pledge, which is repeated wherever and whenever 4-H members gather in dutiful assembly, reads:

"I Pledge:
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

SOUR NOTE ON FESTIVALS

Every year, the Music Festival throws our establishment into a ring-tailed tizzy. And this year it was the same old story.

In the first place, it always takes place at the worst time of year. One year it will be in the middle of the opening of trout season. By the time I get out, after listening to all those crummy little kids play the same old crummy pieces, the big fish are all gone, and I have to thrill over the leftover seven-inchers.

Another year, it strikes at the height of those first golden green days on the golf course. This year, it caught me right in the middle of about 100 hours of marking exams "in my spare time," as the taxpayers put it.

But I'm not complaining. I'm used to sacrificing the finer things of life for what my wife thinks are the finer things of life.

No, I don't worry about me. Nor do I worry about my son. He's like me: a steady reliable, gentle, sweet type, who takes things as they come.

It's the women in our family who cause the trouble. My wife and daughter, who operate on high C at the best of times, hits a new note, way above that, when Festival Time arrives.

Young Kim has a penchant for self-destruction before the event. At her very first music festival, when she was six, she played a piece called "The Little Mouse." And you should have seen her. Under her left eye she had the biggest little mouse ever hatched — size of a rat. The day before, in a rush for the teacher's desk, with a brilliant piece of art work or summat, she had collided head-on with a little boy. She had an eye like a rainbow with a hangerover.

Another year, she got the flu, and played with a temperature of 102. Feverishly.

Last year, she came up to me about three weeks before the festival and said, "Guess what, Dad?"

She'd broken a finger playing basketball, and later lumbered through her pieces with a cast on it.

The other day, she decided to ski down the last 40 yards of the ski slope on her nose. It was the day before the festival. She played in a state of shock. And her parents listened in the same state.

It's disturbing to have a nut of a kid like that around. But she's merely a physical case. Her mom is a mental case. When the bugle goes for the music festival, the Old Girl leaps on her hobby-horse and rides off in all directions.

At one time she was an ordinary festival mother. Lipstick gnawed off, hair like a haystack, eyes wild, fingernails bitten down to the first knuckle, nerves like strung piano wire.

But now she's a music teacher, as well. Not only does she bleed for our own kids, but her pupils as well.

There hasn't been a bed made in our house since the festival began. Not that it bothers her; she hasn't slept a wink anyway.

She gallops off at 9 a.m., pencil and program like sword and shield. And she sits there listening to a lot of little kids playing a lot of little pieces for about 14 hours. Then she comes home and gives me a three-hour post mortem.

I reel into bed and fall asleep like a wet towel. She lies there in a state of warm rigor mortis, going over all the mistakes her students made, replaying their pieces, arguing furiously with the stupid adjudicator, grinning wildly at the other teachers, saying "just wait until next year."

Music festivals are for crazy people. Crazy kids, who think they are musical. Crazy parents, who think their kids are musical. Crazy music teachers, who think they are musical and their students can't help showing it.

How'd you like to be married to two crazy people?

Fed. of Agric. Welcomes Ottawa Action

The undertaking of responsibility by the Federal Government for establishing an enlarged and sustained level of returns for Canada's family farms, announced in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the third session of the 26th Parliament promises a fundamental improvement in the approach to farm policy in Canada, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture said. Action, to make farm income "larger and more reliable" through special measures of assistance is a welcome announcement. It should help compensate for the persistent income disadvantage which has been recognized for many years.

In February, in its annual submission to Cabinet, the CFA declared that we are moving into an era in which Government must accept "its responsibilities for a fair sharing of the fruits of increased productivity and for reasonable protection of the individual from the acute difficulties and uncertainties attendant on technological and social change."

These responsibilities, the Federation stated, apply to all

disadvantaged economic groups and individuals in society. The nation's farm organization agrees that to take the steps necessary to meet these responsibilities is, in the words of the Speech from the Throne, to "put new power into economic expansion and to enhance the unity of the country." The Canada Assistance Plan projected in the Throne Speech is in line with this thought.

Commenting upon projected farm legislation, the Federation said that it welcomes the intention of the Government to take early action on feed grains policy, on establishing a Canadian dairy authority, and in stepping up the pace and effectiveness of rural development. In this last area of activity, the farm organization looks to the effective support and co-operation of provincial governments through which the most concrete action must originate.

Police To Check Reported Wrecking Yard

Whitchurch Township Council decided last week to send the police to investigate a reported unsightly "eye sore" at the rear of Mr. P. J. Short's property.

Mr. Short appeared before Council with a request to have the mess cleaned up. As he explained it, a group of men were

Roamin' Around . . .

The plight of the negro in parts of the southern United States and the problem of segregation as we know it has caused the majority of Canadians to wonder how such conditions can exist only a few hundred miles away. In an effort to obtain a keener insight into the U.S. racial issue, we talked with one, Garfield Smith, a negro who operates a shoemaker's shop in his home, a mile north of Stouffville. Born in the Barbados, 68 years ago, he was raised in a good home and obtained a high school education. He is the father of four boys and one girl and the youngest son, Raymond is in his final university year. Mr. Smith came to Canada in 1919 and although never a resident in any of the racial trouble-spots of the United States, he has travelled through the area and has his own opinions on the problems that exist there. We asked him several pointed questions and his answers were straightforward and sincere. He noted that newspaper reports tend, in many cases, to tell a one-sided story. He charged that the white folk are not all wrong, neither are the negroes all right. "There is fault to find on both sides and both sides will have to give a little to settle the situation," he said. He agreed that although there was much poverty and ignorance among the southern negro, it was also a known fact that some of the richest and most influential men in those states were also negro. He rejected the common view that the non-whites are looking for complete equality. "They are looking for equal opportunities," he said. With reference to voting rights, Mr. Smith observed that in the case of Alabama, if every negro was allowed to register, the governor, Geo. Wallace would be ousted from office. "This is the thing that they (the whites) don't want," he said. He noted that the regrettable thing about the southern negro is that the majority are unskilled and therefore constitute a heavy burden on the economy of the country, whether they choose to remain in Alabama or take part in a mass movement to some other state. He noted, however, that although the older negro is more resigned to his fate and unwilling to re-establish himself, their children are not so easily satisfied and are branching out, seeking new and better opportunities. Has Mr. Smith ever experienced any problems of segregation while in Canada? Nothing serious, he says. "If you don't contribute to it, you don't become part of it. If you go looking for trouble, you will find it. You must give and take." What would you do if you were faced with such a situation? Mr. Smith said that if he entered a bus and was ordered to sit in a segregated area, he would refuse and when the driver stopped, he would leave without argument. He said that if the owner of a restaurant refused to serve him, he would simply walk out. "I would never force myself into a place where I am not wanted," he said. With reference again to the United States, we asked Mr. Smith what the future held for the negro and the country as a whole. "The federal government will have to step in," he said, "they can't continue to fight for freedom in Vietnam and permit slavery at home."

Renovations have been started at Hal Dafeo's restaurant on Main Street. When completed, more customer accommodation will be made available by paring off a portion of the pool room at the rear.

Although Reeve Alma Walker of Markham Village is a master at pinching pennies, it is reported that the tax rate for '65 is likely to take a sizeable jump, something like 3 or 4 mills. Although the town has acquired much good industrial and commercial assessment, there has been a runaway of residential subdivisions that has increased the cost of education in the community. The suspected tax hike is only a word-of-mouth hint and could be away off base.

Glenn Ratcliff is the proud owner of a 1965 Cadillac convertible complete with a (milk) bar in the back.

We took a trip up the third conc. of Usbridge Township the other day, the scene of a violent wind storm in June of last year. Many farm buildings still show the visible signs of damage and in some cases, no attempt has been made to repair them.

In the same section, there's still plenty of canine activity around the Boland "dog farm." We were "greeted" by four of the beasts on the roadway with many more on deck near the house.

A fine new office has been erected on the premises of the Stouffville Floral Co., 9th Line South. Daughters, Carol Ann and Gail Cossey brighten the scenery even more.

Summer or winter, the Longfellow premises at the intersection of conc 5 Whitchurch and the townline is a real show-place. The coloured lights at "Little Niagara" are switched on by an automatic timer.

Last week, we suggested that teenage enthusiasm for the Beatles' show at Maple Leaf Gardens on Aug. 17th was not apparent. Apparently we were talking to the wrong girls. We now understand that several have already written in for tickets, including several who attended last year. They include Sharron and Darlene Watson, Linda Davis, Joy Barker, Sandra Pipher, Carol Corner and Norma Mantle.

Merchants in the Markham Plaza are showing concern for losses incurred through thefts. One store has already employed a plain-clothed detective and others may do the same.

An oddity that came out of the fire in the Douglas Bacon home on Church Street, several weeks ago, was that the heat upstairs was so intense that it melted the telephone off the wall but a turtle, only a few feet away, lived through it all. That's what comes with being able to hold your breath and keep your head under water.

It has now been confirmed that councillor Bill Newman of Ward 2, Pickering Twp. will definitely let his name stand as a P. C. candidate in the Provincial riding that excludes the city of Oshawa. Although no other names have been mentioned, we understand that several others are interested. Bill will give any of his rivals a good run for their money, both as a nominee and at the polls come general election time.

To be on time for church on Sunday morning, don't forget to move your clock ahead one hour on Saturday night.

Hong, Ing, son of Roy Ing at Harold's Grill has enjoyed a streak of luck that few can match. In four hockey pools during the Toronto-Montreal playoff series, he came out the winner each time, earning about \$40.

Last week, we questioned the practical purpose behind the Rexall one-cent sale and on Saturday, local druggist, John Houston took time out to explain a few items of interest. The success of the whole operation is based on quantity sales. John admits, however, that although business increases five times, the net profit is small. The druggist can always hope that the sales' customer will become a regular customer even when price tags return to normal. The one-cent sale continues over a ten-day period and is held twice yearly. Rexall has been promoting this program for the past 60 years. There are 2,300 such stores in Canada. John denied that there are any gimmicks connected with the one-cent give-aways, in fact, every Rexall item, sale or not, is guaranteed. As for repeat business, John's only complaint was, that many people buy up such a surplus supply of articles during the sale that they don't need to come back for six months and by that time, another sales promotion has rolled around.

given a licence to repair farm machinery behind his lot on the 8th concession. However, Mr. Short, said that now there are about eight old automobiles overturned. The Reeve suggested that the police investigate the situation. Police Chief Fred Mason agreed to have the property there being dismantled and checked.

Editor's Mail
April 14th, 1965.
The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.
Dear Sir,
With regard to the reported sermon of mine concerning the unfortunate problem of the Southern States:
May I refer your readers to the first twenty three words of 1 Kings 10. 7. — Thank you, Yours faithfully,
(Rev.) J. L. Ball.
Editor's Note — 1 Kings, chapt.

10, verse 7 reads as follows:
Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it, and behold, the half was not told me; thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.
The Easter Seal Campaign in progress has realized \$1,200 in Stouffville to date. Dr. Jerome DeLaurier, treasurer of the Lions Club, who are promoting the campaign, reported the pink envelopes are still coming in.

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