

Editorial . . .

Municipal Elections Coming

A number of local municipalities have set the dates for this year's nominations and elections. Though they will not generate the same amount of interest as the federal elections, they are equally important to the residents of these areas and just as much information is needed before voters can cast their ballots.

So often in a number of cases, these municipal elections turn out to be popularity contests rather than elections based on concrete issues and capabilities. As usual less than a hundred people will turn out to some of the nomination meetings unless something sensational happens before the date arrives.

There are so many changes being made by the Department of Municipal Affairs these days that it is imperative that these small municipalities have the best men available to meet the challenge. The days when a local municipality was completely autonomous are gone and now they all must face up to the fact that they are directly connected to all others in the country. More and more they

will be working together on projects for the good of the entire country in an effort to prevent costly duplication of services. These projects can only be a success with men who can think progressively and have considerable vision. They can no longer think only of their own immediate problems within their own boundaries.

Voters should make themselves aware of the issues which will be facing councils during the next few years. They should be prepared to attend nomination meetings with intelligent questions to the candidates, and from the answers be ready to make a decision as to which ones they would like to have elected. Then they should get out and vote.

Some of the percentages in these municipal votes are pathetic. There would never be a better year to change these statistics. Only through the strength of the local municipalities can the entire county find progress. With weakness at home the results are obvious.

The date for the Stouffville nomination meeting is Nov. 25th, with election day, Dec. 6th.

Another Church Not Needed Here

Last week, an application was made before the Stouffville Council, seeking permission to establish a Full Gospel congregation in the old Anglican Church on Main Street. The building and property is currently owned by the town.

Although the council appeared hesitant to approve the request due to a zoning problem involved, we personally would question the move on a purely practical point of view.

Just how many religious denominations are required here in Stouff-

ville to satisfy the desires of the residents?

Could not these four or five families see their way clear to worship in the same pews with the Baptists, the Anglicans, the Presbyterians, the Uniteds or United Missionary people? Certainly, in most cases, on most Sundays, there would be sufficient room and we feel that they would indeed, be made welcome.

There are some things that Stouffville surely needs. One of these is not another church.

Let Public Opinion Be Heard

Last week, some members of Markham Twp. Council voiced opposition to a request that the question of Sunday movies take the form of a plebiscite on the ballot at the forthcoming municipal elections. The reasons for such a stand were not made too clear, in fact we're not sure that there are any reasons at all.

Surely, the council is anxious to

abide by the wishes of the majority. How, in certain instances, are they to know what those wishes are, unless they give the electorate an opportunity to register an opinion.

On Dec. 6th, the ratepayers of Markham Township will be going to the polls to select its council for another year. To register another "X" on the ballot would create no particular hardship.

Too Early For Such A Move

The suggestion made last week, by Public School Inspector J. C. McClelland of Pickering Area No. 1, that the erection of a school for senior students only, was under consideration by the Board, has aroused considerable opposition among rural ratepayers. From what we can learn, the Board too is divided on the issue.

Mr. McClelland has pointed out that such a system has worked out very well in urban areas. But Pick-

ering Area 1 is not wholly urban. On the contrary, it is still very much rural.

We have no argument with the idea, in fact, we feel that it is only a matter of time until it is put into practice. To push such a major move right now, however, is only inviting opposition and controversy. The Area system of local education is still in its infancy in Pickering No. 1. Let the members creep before they walk.

The Groom Wore Black

Week after week after week we read in our paper about the social events of the community. The most important of which, it seems, is a wedding. Have you noticed how the write-ups go on and on for miles describing the bride and her gown and the bride's attendants and their costumes as well as the mothers' attire? Where does the groom fit into the picture, I wonder? From the newspaper articles, it would appear that he is just standing around looking stunned—a sort of necessary evil.

Therefore let us salute the overlooked bridegroom and tell of a wedding ceremony written by a man for his compatriot:

"Joe was beautiful in a black suit of wool with matching lapels pressed down sharply against his chest. Peering out of his left breast pocket were four tips of a cleverly-folded white linen handkerchief, while on the left lapel, quaintly held by placing the stem through an unused buttonhole and securing it with a small silver hat pin, was a white

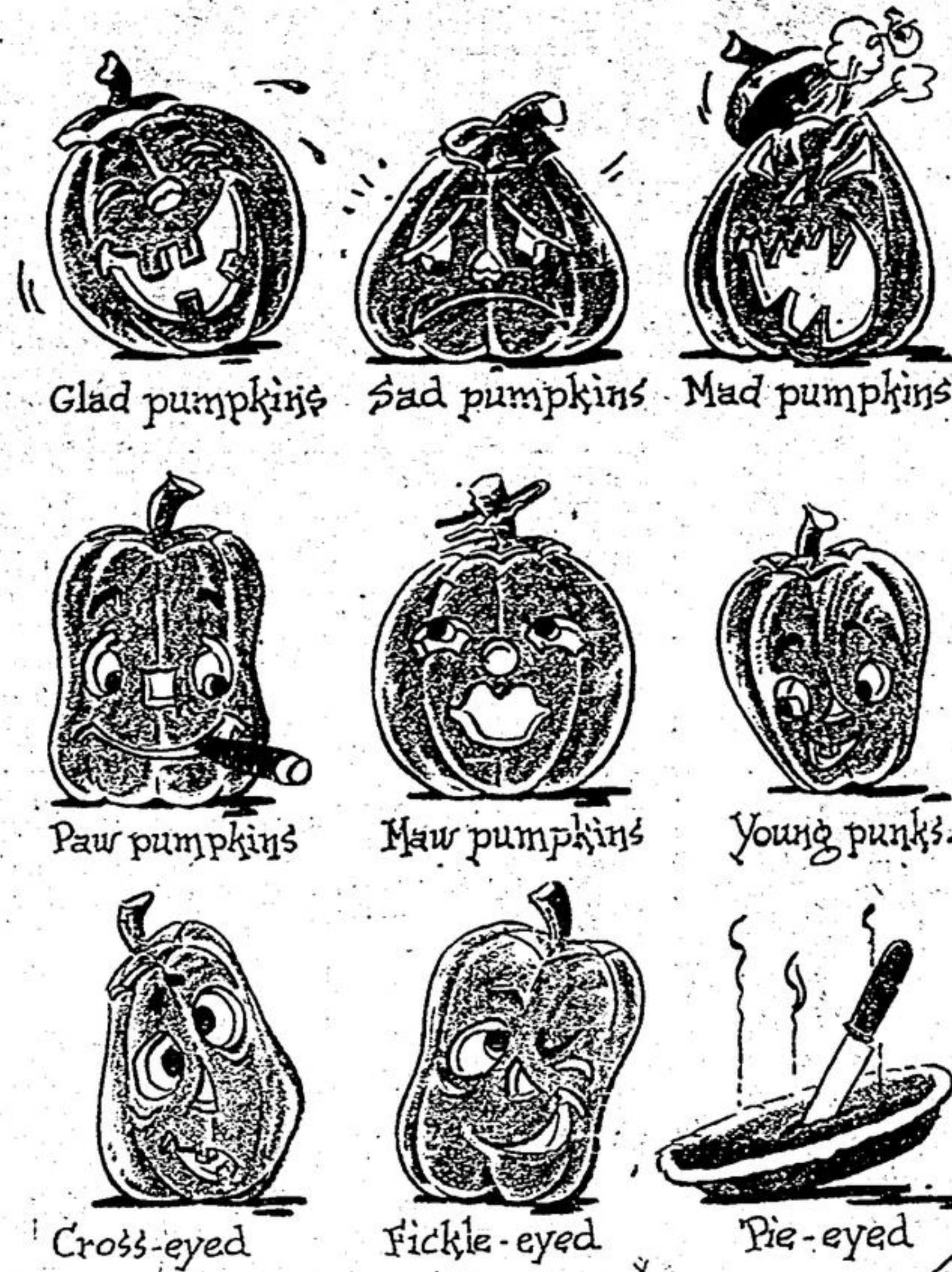
carnation. "He wore a shirt of white nylon, severely plain, which was held together at the front by little buttons of plastic. Around his neck and under his shirt collar was a tie of black jersey, knotted carefully in decorative style and held to the shirt front with a clamping device of gold-plated brass. The cuffs of his shirt sleeves were closed with links of the same plated metal.

"On his left wrist he wore a mercury battery powered watch, a Christmas gift from his father, that was held in place with a metal band. His trousers, of simple pleated design, matched the coat and were supported by a belt of black goat-skin. His shoes, of black horsehide, covered socks of dark material and were fastened with a bow.

"He wore no hat and had his hair combed back and then forward in a slight wave with no visible means holding it in position.

"The bride wore the customary white."

Pumpkin Time



Roamin' Around . .

BIG things are planned for the opening Junior hockey night here in Stouffville. The date is TUESDAY, NOV. 2ND and none other than last year's group champions, Bobcaygeon will be the visitors. This will be no ordinary game, No Stree. It will have colour and plenty of it. Opening ceremonies will include a uniformed brass band, the like of which has never been seen here before. Stouffville reeve, Win Timbers will drop the first puck at centre ice and all players will be individually introduced. Coach Harold Hodgson has already signed up several boys and more will likely be added to the roster prior to game-time. All in all, it looks like a great night that could add up to a very successful season. See you there.

If you're a young mother who is tied to the kitchen table by two or three pre-school children and long for an afternoon of recreation "with the girls" then we've just the answer to your problem. Join the Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League. Thirty-six local girls have "made the break" from the monotonous routine of dishes and diapers and gather once a week at the Stouffville Bowling Centre. No, they don't take the kids to the office, they take them along to the alley where they can play to their heart's content. Lenore Ramer is the President of the club; Shirley Stewart is the Secretary and Joanne Steel, the Treasurer. There are six teams. Members include — Doris Farthing, Edith Bacon, Bunny Burton, Dora Daniels, Joan Boyd, Joyce Wright, Terry McVicar, Jean White, Mary Spence, Phyl Colburn, Hazel Wilson, Bernice Nelson, Doreen Northover, Ev. McKay, Irene Reid, Kay Brown, Jean Foley, Edna Lee, Arlene Holden, Joanne Steel, Elinor Wood, Lottie Florence, Jean Mann, Mae Budd, Gladys Bunker, Dorothy Griffith, Lenore Ramer, Mildred Ash, Aly Nauta, Jackie Turner, Marg Schell, Doreen Harper, Marion Green, Dorothy Sheffield and Dorothy Wilson. This is its second season of operation and most of the girls are back from last year. The Coffey and Bartley Trophy goes to the winning club and last spring, a banquet was held at the Lemonville United Church with refreshments later at the home of Aly Nauta. The majority of mothers drive their own cars but those who can't, are supplied with transportation. There is still room for a few more girls to serve as spares. Just call Shirley Stewart (640-1583) and have your name listed. It's the only league in town where you can bowl and baby-sit all at the same time.

While on the subject of bowling, a mixed senior citizens league will open its activities in the local alleys on Wednesday Nov. 3rd.

It is interesting to note that Markham Village may receive home mail delivery even before Christmas. A minimum of 2,000 drops are required according to legislation passed recently. How long will Stouffville have to wait before this personal delivery service is provided? It depends on the growth of the town but it could be five or even ten years. At the present time, we have about 1,200 drops here, far short of the required figure. Postmaster, Jack Sanders reports that his office has the accommodation for this service when it does arrive.

We missed the Kinsmen's Show on Thursday night and can therefore make no personal comment on the kind of program that was offered. From the talk around town, however, it was wonderful entertainment at its best with "Dody" Bangay and "Cousin Zeke" receiving much of the praise. We understand that, in spite of the weather, a sell-out crowd was in attendance.

Speaking of the Kinsmen's Club, the members did a real good turn for the Retarded Children's organization by adopting the Stetson hat as their official headwear. They were on sale at the International Plowing Match.

Bud Smith's Lazy Lake Ranch will be the location of the Stouffville Lion's Club turkey shoot on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 30th beginning at 1 p.m. Shot guns and .22 rifles will be supplied. Lazy Lake is situated east of Musselman's Lake near Island Lake, in other words, at the corner of the Aurora Sideroad and the 10th conc. Club President, Lorne Boadway claims that turkeys are in season but there's a law against shooting "lions" in Uxbridge Twp.

It wasn't so long ago that we, in this column, suggested that a flower shop on the Main Street of Stouffville, could become a paying proposition. Last December, Graham Hudson of O'Brien Avenue, opened such a store next to the fire-hall and the success of his business has been rather amazing. Mr. Hudson has been so satisfied, that he has now purchased the premises and will take up permanent residence in an apartment upstairs. The exterior has already been re-painted and the interior will be completely renovated. The change-over will be completed around the middle of November and a grand opening will be held at that time.

Delivery was made on the weekend of new jackets for the Junior "Clipper" hockey club of last season. All the players along with coach Harold Hodgson, chipped in their equal share to make the purchase possible. It is interesting to note that not only did coach Hodgson pay a part of his own jacket but he also received nary a red cent for his duties with the team. What more can one expect from a man than that.

The sooner a red warning light is erected at the intersection of the new Brock Road and No. 7 Hwy. in Brougham, the better.

Vote As You Like But Vote

(By Eric W. Baker)

This election cliché is less beneficial than its users assume and may actually do harm. It may have value in flooding out a radical minority or it may increase the voting influence of communities where there is a strong basic preference for one party but in most cases it encourages impulse voting and may flood out the votes of those who do weigh the issues.

Election workers of all parties know that very few, perhaps ten percent, will decide and go to the poll without persuasion. The extra 40 to 50 percent who are persuaded may not change the proportion if all parties campaign actively but the proportion may change drastically if one candidate is better known or better financed or better supported by workers — though not necessarily more capable.

Service Clubs might usefully say "Think as you like, but think — before voting."

It must be distressing to all good citizens to realize that governments have actually been returned to office despite recorded scandal. This is partly because many voters have personal reasons for preferring a government which will deal with influence.

Disclosures in this election merely reflect that a large number of Canadians, apparently concentrated in one province, do have an interest in influence peddling.

It would be foolish, wishful thinking to assume that heavy people would change their methods if their party were endorsed at the polls.

Those who dislike influence peddling must vote against that party if they wish to teach politicians good habits.

Hallowe'en Safety Prevents Tragedy

For a fire-safe Hallowe'en, give youngsters a hazard inspection before they go out for their evening of fun. Painful burns and even more tragic accidents have occurred because children carried candle-lit pumpkins and wore flimsy costumes that were easily ignited. To prevent such occurrences this year, Hal Wright, Farm Safety Specialist, Department of Agriculture, suggests these rules for a Hallowe'en of tricks or treats, instead of tragedy.

1. Use a flashlight, never a candle, to light a pumpkin. Candles are hazardous indoors, too.
2. Stay away from flimsy materials for costumes. Wigs and masks are also flammable.
3. If costumes are purchased, make sure they are flame-proofed, but even heavy clothing and flameproofed costumes will burn to some extent.
4. Be sure the children understand they must stay well back from bonfires, burning leaves, and fire-places.
5. Make sure that smaller children are supervised.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

PITY FOR THE CITY MAN

This is a time of year when my heart goes out to city dwellers. It's a time when rural or smalltown living is immensely superior to that in the concrete canyons, the abominable apartments, the sad suburbs of metropolia.

In the city, day ends drearily in the fall. There's the long, wearying battle home through traffic, or the draughty, crushed, degrading scramble on public transportation.

The city man arrives home fit for nothing but slumping for the evening before the television set. And what greets him? The old lady, wound up like a steel spring because she hasn't seen a soul she knows all day, there's nothing to look at but that stupid house next door, exactly like their own, and the kids have been giving her hell.

He's stuck with it. For the whole evening. That's why so many city chaps have workshops in the basement. It's much simpler to go down cellar and whack off a couple of fingers in the power saw than listen to Mabel.

Life is quite different for the smalltown male. He is home from work in minutes. He surveys the ranch, says, "Must get those storm windows on one of these days," and goes in, to the good fall smells of cold drinks and hot food.

His wife saw him at breakfast, again at lunch, has had a good natter with the dame next door, and has been out for two hours, raking leaves with the kids. She doesn't need him.

Instead of drifting off to the basement, the small-town male announces that this is his bowling night, or he has to go to a meeting of the Conservation and Slaughter Club, and where's a clean shirt. And that's all there is to it.

While her city counterpart squats in front of TV, gnawing her nails and wondering why she didn't marry good old George, who has a big dairy farm now, the small-town gal collects the kids and goes out to burn leaves.

There is nothing more romantic than the back streets of a small-town in the dark of a fall evening. Piles of leaves spurt orange flame. White smoke eddies. Neighbours call out, lean on rakes. Women, kerchiefed like gypsies, heap the dry leaves high on the fire. Kids avoid the subject of bedtime, dash about the fire like nimble gnomes.

Or perhaps the whole family goes to a fowl supper. What, in city living, can compare to this finest of rural functions? A crisp fall evening, a drive to the church-hall through a Hallowe'en landscape, an appetite like an alligator, and that first wild whiff of turkey and dressing that makes your knees buckle and the juices flow free in your cheeks.

But it's on weekends that my pity for the city-dweller runneth over. Not for him the shooting-match on a clear fall Saturday, with its good-humoured competition, its easy friendliness. Not for him the quiet stroll down a sunny wood road, shotgun over arm, partridge and woodcock rising like clouds of mosquitoes.

It's not that he doesn't live right, or doesn't deserve these pleasures. It's just that it's physically impossible to get to them easily. If he wants to crouch in a duck-blind, at dawn, he has to drive half the night to get there.

Maybe on a Sunday or holiday, in the fall, the city family decides to head out and see some of that beautiful autumn foliage. They see it, after driving two hours. And with 50,000 other cars, they crawl home in late afternoon, bumper to bumper, the old man cursing, the kids getting hungrier, the mother growing owl.

Small-town people can drive for 15 minutes and hit scenery, at least around here, that leaves them breathless. Or they'll wheel out a few miles to see their relatives on the farm, eat a magnificent dinner, and sit around watching TV in a state of delicious torpor.

Yup. It's tough to live in the city, in the fall.

"Too Many Churches" York Presbytery Told

CEDAR GROVE — "There are too many churches," said Project Planning Associates to the members of York Presbytery, meeting at Zion United Church here, October 19th. This statement was part of the conclusion of a study, commissioned by the Presbytery, which it is hoped, will enable the United Church in York Presbytery to estimate its future needs up to 1985. York Presbytery extends from the Toronto Metropolitan border to Lake Simcoe.

An increase in population from 128,000 to 240,000 by 1985 within the boundaries of York Presbytery of the United Church of Canada is forecast. To meet the anticipated growth, eleven new churches will be required, and eight existing churches will have to be enlarged and extended. Thirty-seven churches could eventually be closed.

Mr. Watts, in his concluding statement said: "The changes recommended in this report may appear drastic to many in the Presbytery. It will be especially troublesome to those who have made personal sacrifices for a church which is recommended to be closed, and to those whose ancestors helped build a church. However, the trend towards amalgamation is unmistakable, and the challenge must be met."

The delegates of Presbytery received the report with a great deal of interest. One member expressed "considerable concern that many spiritual and local factors were not sufficiently taken into account. One member wondered how the proposed Union with the Anglican Church would affect the plans. However the consensus was that the report is one of the most exciting developments in Presbytery for a decade.

Rev. A. R. Wright, Chairman of York Presbytery, said in the preface to the report, that it represents a standard by which measured. He stated further that its ultimate value will depend upon the integrity of thought and purpose that the members of Presbytery are willing to bring to the task which lies before them.

Introducing Voters To Candidates

Markham J.C.'s have added a new and potentially valuable idea to their all-candidates election meeting on November 1st. Voters as well as candidates will be examined and given a chance to show how smart they are. Questions will deal with voters' motivation and degree of participation. Some of the answers will be tabulated in time for announcement at the meeting and others will be reported in the press.

It is often admitted that we get the kind of government we deserve. This is because politicians are always adjusting to the voters' actions. Some voters' preferences show up in the voting but for other factors special questions must be asked and the results will likely be interesting to the voters as well as candidates. To get accurate results individual answers will be kept confidential — only totals are used.

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