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Editorial

Politics to the people

At this point in time, the success of municipal candidates, either seeking election or re-election, is not known.

The outcome at the polls exceeds this newspaper's editorial page deadline.

However, regardless of results, it must be apparent to everyone, that relations between the politicians and the people; the elected and the electorate, must change.

Since the introduction of Regional Government and the creation of larger area municipalities, the individual ratepayer has looked on himself as a nonentity, a little cog in a big wheel, a voice in the wilderness.

At that, with a few minor exceptions, is the part he has played.

A nothing part.

However, with the introduction of the 1972 campaign, these shackles were torn apart as candidates, particularly first-timers in the field, pointed to the 'communications gap' that had occurred during the past two years.

We heard it repeated many times in Markham.

It was said in Whitchurch - Stouffville too.

Up until now, if a ratepayer or a group of ratepayers, had a problem, he or they were expected to appear (by appointment), before Council or Planning Committee where the complaint was heard. If the resident lived in Vandorf, the point of contact was Stouffville. If he lived at Mongolia, he travelled to Buttonville.

Even more frustrating has been the policy with regard to education. Delegations must go to Aurora.

All this is due to change - and it's about time.

The council chambers will remain in Stouffville and Buttonville.

The administration offices, York County Board of Education, will stay in Aurora. But the councillors and trustees will not operate solely from within these ivory towers. Rather, they will circulate among the people; learn of their problems, and attempt to arrive at solutions.

This is the kind of personal service now being demanded of Ward representatives and educators. And they just better deliver. For, if they don't, come 1974, the electorate will be out looking for people-minded politicians who will.

Fanning flames of discontent

Most working Canadians are going to take a dim view of the federal government's increase in the unemployment insurance allowance. They know they are already being gouged by this tax to pay for those who have no intention of working as long as the government keeps paying. If the new Minister were to talk with people at every level of society, he would find few groups who are not bitter over cases they know themselves and which they judge to be exploitation of the money from this giant tax fund.

The flames of discontent have been fanned as well by the large welfare sums paid out to young people who, through some adolescent whim have decided to leave home and live off the work of others.

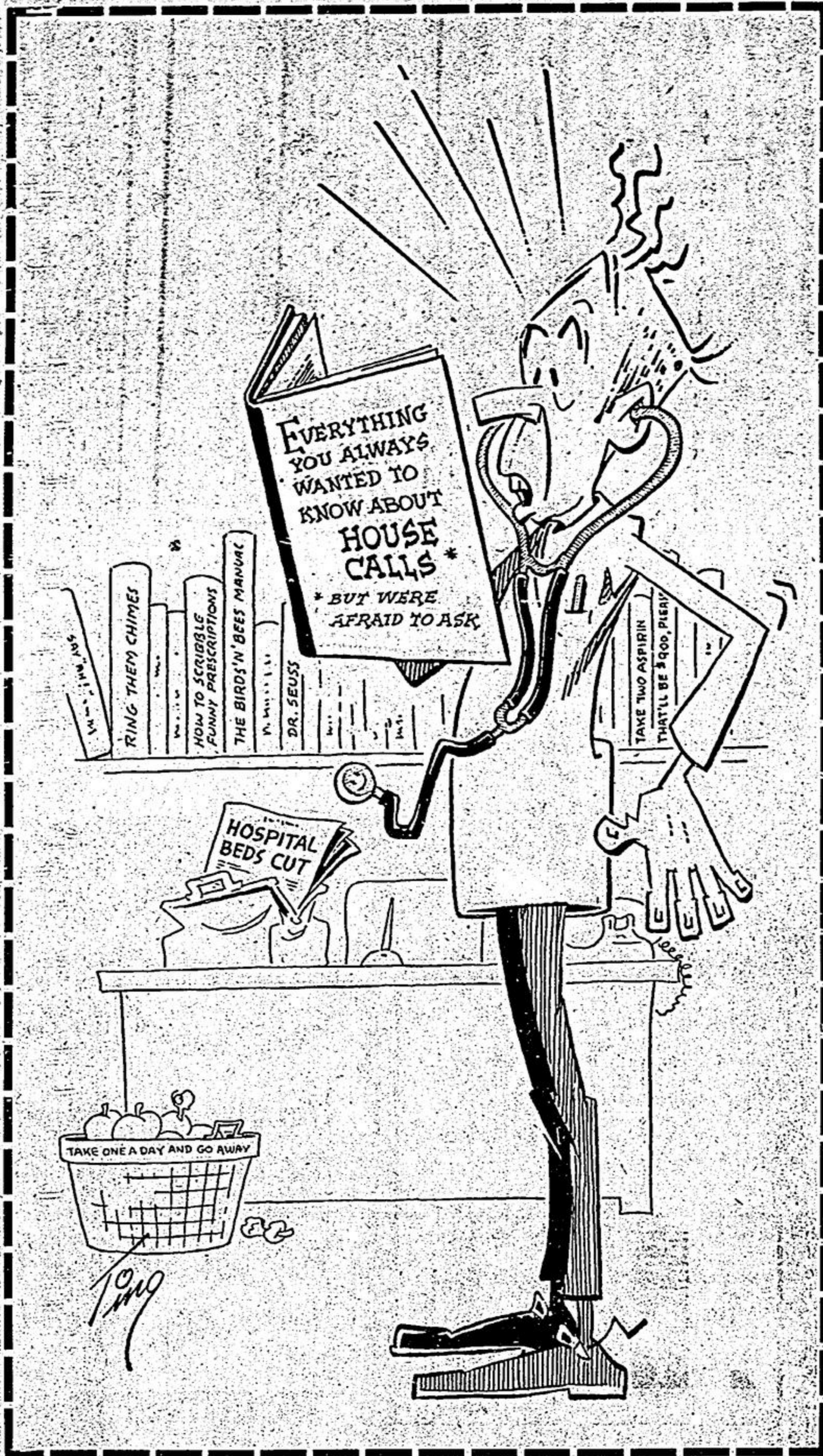
The system is so geared that people who have worked only as summer replacements during vacation periods, or who are swelling the sales force at Christmas rush periods - people who have no intention of working a full year even if jobs are available - may enlarge their comforts at the expense of workers. It is

also geared so that wives with husbands making very good incomes can enjoy a brief fling at some minor endeavor knowing there is no work for her for a full year - and she can collect her \$100. The fact that her husband is making a fully adequate income is not considered in assessing her need for any benefits.

The former Minister Mr. Mackasey who continued to cling to his "give-away" ideas, was told time and time again in no uncertain terms that Canadians as a whole did not share his enthusiasm. In fact, they resented his stand bitterly.

The new Minister, Mr. Andras has certainly not done his homework and is not taking note of the swell of resentment against these payout tactics when he announces that those who work are to be taxed even more to pay for this "blundering fund".

Such operations as this sent the Liberals staggering into a minority position in the recent election, and if the new government does not come up with a cure it will certainly go down the drain the next time around.



Editor's Mail

The editor:
The Barrie Commuter Train is a success.

Commuters are happy. Despite the lack of feeder service and inadequate stops, business is booming.

The first Wednesday, 113 rode; the second week, 170; the third week, 207 and business is still increasing. This is better than the Stouffville Commuter Train started in June, 1971 and the Peterborough Commuter Train that has run for many years.

The public is happy. With about 200 riding per day, this means about 130 cars removed from the clogged and polluted

highways.
CN is happy too. Relying upon a \$100,000.00 Federal grant, the service has been turned into "a CN gravy train."

On Nov. 20, the four-coach train was practically full with 232 riders in the 256 seats; from Barrie, 19, Newmarket, 88; Aurora, 72; and Maple 53. Fare receipts for the day were about \$566.55 but CN charged the government about \$2,770.00.

The train should be continued and the charges made by CN should be investigated.

John C. Medcof,
Mount Albert.

Dear Jim:
Our sincere thanks to you and The Tribune for helping us to find a good home for Blackie.

We received calls from as far as Keswick, Aurora, Kettleby, Uxbridge, Pickering and Claremont, so the paper really covers a wide area. The home we chose for him is in Whitchurch and he has a teenage boy for a companion.

Thanks again.

Hazel Peacock, Markham.

The Tribune:
I wish to renew our Tribune for another year. We look forward to it every week. It takes about a week to get here, and it keeps us in touch with news around Stouffville. In fact, I think we appreciate it more now than we did when we lived near Stouffville.

All the best to our friends back 'home'.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talbot,
"The Laurels"
Wantage Road, Rostock,
Nr Didcot, Berkshire,
England.

Dear Sir:
In recent months, we have heard much on the issue of wage and price control. On the surface, the recommendation appears sound. But looking deeper into the ramifications of the scheme, one

ROAMING AROUND

The daily 'Rat Race' to Toronto

By Jim Thomas

Every morning, five days a week, a stream of cars pour through Stouffville, en route to Toronto.

The drivers, and their sleepy-eyed passengers, are commonly referred to as 'commuters'. The positions they hold are many and varied.

The westward procession usually starts around 6:30 a.m., and lasts about an hour, depending in part on the condition of the weather and the road.

But despite this Monday through Friday 'rat race', it's seldom one hears these folks complain - I mean complain to the point of considering a switch to something more local.

They seem to look on it as a 'way of life'.

Some life!
I wouldn't trade my four-block jaunt for all the high-salaried, white-collared jobs in the world.

Why?
Because I ventured into the 'concrete jungle', last Thursday.

It's a nightmare, a nerve-shattering nightmare. I don't care if I ever go back again.

My ultimate destination was the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel on Queen near York, the site of the current Airport Hearings.

I tell you, ex-Transport Minister Don Jamieson knew what he was doing when he picked that spot. About the only means of access is by helicopter.

And the parking problem. It's ten times worse than Stouffville. I swear, I made at least twenty-five circuits of the sub-City Hall compound, before spotting an empty space. And I wasn't alone. Other motorists, just as frustrated as I, were following the exact same route, hoping and praying that at the proper moment someone would pop out so they could pop in. For this 'service', I paid \$1.25.

My ultimate location level was FF-4. And as I raced for the stairs, I saw a sign that read: "Be sure and remember your section". So there I was, all afternoon, mumbering over and over to myself: FF-4, FF-4, FF-4. Folks sitting nearby probably thought I was going a little dotty.

The session concluded, I returned to the site and pushed the hand-operated elevator for 'F'. However, for some reason or other, it stopped at 'D', creating still further confusion. I completed the remaining downward flights on foot.

But, if getting in was difficult, and getting back was bad, the getting out was terrifying. The exit sign said Dundas, but I ended up on Chestnut. Not only had I never heard of the street, I had no idea whether I was headed north, south, east or west. But at 5 p.m., you don't pull onto the shoulder and call to some farmer across the line fence for directions. City folk don't tolerate that kind of thing. Right or wrong, you just follow the leader. My leader, fortunately, was a compassionate soul. He led me onto the Gardiner Expressway and 'home free'.

It was six o'clock on the nose when I turned into my driveway; seventy-five minutes from downtown - not bad for an amateur. But I was a nervous wreck, worn out, exhausted.

But just think, hundreds of people endure this 'torture trek' five times a week. Commuting to and from - that's a week's work in itself.

begins to wonder who and what will be controlled.

Does the term 'wage' include salaries, professional fees, dividends and other sources of income?

And what 'prices' would be controlled? Would they be essentials like food, or would they include profits, rents, cars, clothing, taxes and appliances?

Sinclair Stevens, M.P., York-Simcoe, favors the adoption of wage and price control. I feel he should explain further what this term really means. If he refers only to control on wages and certain consumer goods, then it would be grossly unfair merely to catch the little fish and allow the larger species to escape the net.

Perhaps this is the Tory version of the 'Just Society'.

Adam Johnstone,

Stouffville, R.R.1.



Mongolia Public School (S.S. No. 22) Markham Township

Twenty years ago (1952), Mongolia Public School, S.S. No. 22, Markham Twp., had an enrollment of 33 pupils. The teacher (rear), was Miss Florence King. The children are, Rear Row (left to right) - John Marianne, Palmer, Kathleen Betz, Albert Brownberger, Jim Oliver, Rennie, Teddy Beaumont, George Brownberger, Jim McDowell, Glenn Melville Cox, Bill Palmer, Bernard Reesor, Donna Brown, Fern Maskell, Barkey, David Taylor, Ross Maskell, Murray Reesor, Paul Gilham, Zella Sweet, Gordon Byers, Howard Cowan. Centre Row, (left to right) - David Winn.