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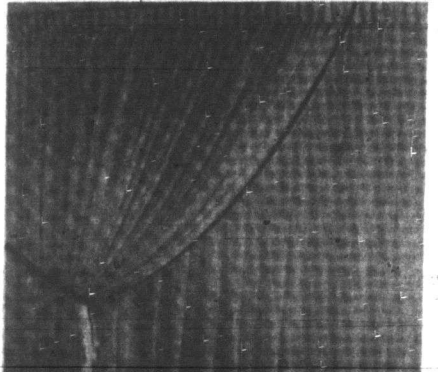
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Proposed school board ward system realigned

A ward system for Peel County Board of Education could become reality if northern municipalities do not appeal the placing of independent trustees in Streetsville and Port Credit.

Under the provincial act, whereby representation is based on equalized assessment, the two towns together would amount of 9 of one representative. Mississauga would be allotted 11 trustees.

Rather than split one member between the two small towns Mississauga councillors are willing to give up one trustee to give both municipalities representation.

Brampton and Chinguscouy will have two trustees and groupings of Bolton, Albion and Toronto Gore, and Caledon East and Caledon will be allotted one each.

Until now, Peel trustees have been elected at large across the county — a system municipal politicians feel is inequitable.

The ward system could be in effect for the December board elections.

The number of wards per municipality is based on equalized provincial assessment.

Streetsville Mayor Hazel McCallion and Port Credit Mayor Cy Saddington were backed by Mississauga Deputy Reeve Grant Clarkson in seeking individual wards.

Clarkson noted the legislation was a "stop gap measure" based on the assumption that regional government is imminent for the county.

Port Credit Frank Leavers felt Mississauga could go with its present 7 municipal ward system by splitting the three biggest wards to bring the total to 10.

Brampton Mayor James Archdekin opposed the ward plan because his town's representation would drop from three to two.

Depending on the South Peel towns' decisions and the legality of the move under the provincial education act, the new ward system could be law following a special meeting of county council at the end of the month.

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Write on!

By Frank Touby

It's really hard to find a good, reasonably priced restaurant in Mississauga.

And it's damn near impossible to find one anywhere that doesn't slowly poison you with white bread, overcooked meat, white sugar and other refinements of our civilization that jack up the costs of food while eroding its nutrients.

Even the Copenhagen Inn across from the Lakeview Pollution Generating Station gives you white bread with its otherwise healthful assortment of cold meats, seafood and cheeses at lunch time. Portions are too small, but you can order a few different items and not go broke.

At Casey's Steak House in a strip plaza on Hurontario Street, you might have trouble getting the cook to issue forth a truly rare piece of meat. Why that should happen at a place that specializes in broiling meat, eludes me.

That's a problem at a lot of places.

Olive oil is another hassle. Not even at the plush and rather high quality Longhorn Steak House could the waiter provide me with olive oil and wine vinegar for my salad. He shamefacedly offered cider vinegar and corn oil. Yek!

Then there's instant mashed potatoes. Triple yek! The waitress at the French Village sounded almost proud when she announced her cook is right up to date and mixes hot water with potato powder.

The waitress and cook at the Newport Hotel were less open about it.

"Are the mashed potatoes instant or real?" I asked.

"Oh, they're real," she assured me.

They were potato powder and water, so I sent them back with instructions to double-check.

"The chef says they're made with fresh potatoes," she said.

"Does he pour powdered potatoes in a big bowl and add water to it?" I asked.

"Yeah."

"Why didn't you say that in the first place?"

"Well, they use fresh potatoes to make the powder," she replied.

I didn't eat at the Newport again for quite a while. Then, one Sunday several months ago, I was there with some other people wincing over particularly horrible meals.

"How are you enjoying your meals?" asked the smiling hotel manager.

"We're not, they're godawful," someone told him.

"Oh." Then he added with an embarrassed chuckle, "I guess I'd better not ask anymore."

And then he slid quickly and quietly away. Such concern for customers is more befitting a dog pound than a restaurant.

The LCBO contributes greatly to the mediocrity of area restaurants by giving some a monopoly to sell booze. That's too often like a license to serve bad food.

Get rid of the LCBO (PLEASE!) and you take the liquor monopoly out of restaurant competition. Food must improve if you can have a bottle of beer in any restaurant.

I wish I could say there are some restaurants in Mississauga that serve great food and are suffering only the lack of a license. The best ones in the area are already licensed. So are some of the worst ones, however.

The Dutch Kitchen in Port Credit combines a license with very good food and prompt service. But the portions are Dutch and the prices one-third too high.

The Holiday Gardens in Port Credit also combines good food and a license, but the service is slow, a young waitress acts superior and the fortune cookies and fried noodles are allowed to get stale in damp weather.

The Stampecker is licensed and serves good thick french fries and often over-cooked beef. It also features a rip-off Rueben Reuben sandwich at \$1.65.

The Reihingold Tavern combines fair with poor. The sausage dishes sometimes have a bit of character, but they serve schnitzel like a Canadian with globs of bad gravy covering the small dark brown schnitzel.

Then there's the Greasewagon (Ike's Lunch Truck) which would do a landslide business if it were licensed. Service is quick, you can get brown bread sandwiches if you're early enough and the price is... well, cheap.

By comparison, it could be considered one of Mississauga's better eating places.

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30 YEARS AGO

A giant rubber drive in rural Ontario and Quebec was starting. The two-week campaign was to be handled by local mail couriers who were acting as salvage collectors during the special rural drive. Drivers of the Cooksville Dairy were co-operating by picking up any scrap left with the empty milk bottles. There was a serious rubber shortage throughout Canada.

Three local boys were listed as missing in the first report of the losses at Dieppe. A doctor and two privates, all with the Highland Light Infantry, were presumed dead.

A prickly pear tree had become an attraction in Cooksville. The tree, owned by Santo Franz, was grown from a seed brought to Canada from the United States. It was about 15 feet high and resembled a large cactus plant. It bore fruit each season and was the only one of its kind in the country, as far as its owner knew.

20 YEARS AGO

There was a giant traffic tie-up on the QEW when exhibitors taking a jet airplane to the CNE for display picked Monday morning rush hour to travel to the Exhibition grounds at 10 miles an hour. Cars were lined up for two miles, bumper-to-bumper, behind the recent jet model with the huge wingspan. Police said the plane was too large to land at the Island Airport. They added that the towing, from Malton, should have been done at night or during a slack traffic period.

While a government-ordered audit of Toronto Township's financial matters was starting, ratepayers were calling for a full investigation into the municipal administration. Ratepayer president Norman McKee stated: "This audit being made is totally inadequate under the present circumstances. What we want and need is an enquiry by independent experts in the field of business administration."

Township police cracked down hard on bootleggers, conducting a series of raids.

In one raid the officers seized three full cases of beer, six dozen empties, four bottles of wine, one bottle of home brewed wine, and one-and-a-half bottles of liquor.

Port Credit council revoked the license of the Kingburger Drive-In Restaurant at 111 Lakeshore Rd. W. after a deputation of residents complained that "punks" had taken over the site. Complaints of rowdiness, profanity, drinking, and dangerous driving were voiced.

"These young hoodlums line up four abreast in their cars and race toward the entrance," one woman said.

Another man said the youths had signals flashed to them when a policeman approached. Attempts to hire a guard to patrol the site didn't work out when the youths intimidated the security person.

Toronto Township council, in a sternly-worded petition to the Governor in Council in Ottawa, rebuked the CNR for its plans to go ahead with level-crossings in the township.