



Second Bangladesh orphan adopted by Rockwood family

The story of Tepi, the little blind orphan from Bangladesh, being adopted by a R.R. 5, Rockwood, family is already well known. She arrived by aircraft at Toronto International Airport, Wednesday, Nov. 27 after her journey from a Dacca orphanage. Today, six days later, she is firmly established in the warm family atmosphere of the household of Peter and Jean Hughes, appearing very secure and obviously much loved.

Tepi isn't really a stranger to the Hughes family. She became known to them through the eyes of Tanjila, their first adopted Bangladesh child who arrived two years ago. With her limited English, Tanjila had spoken often of her friend from the orphanage who could not see, and both Peter and Jean became interested in bringing her into their home as well.

Red tape, formal papers, approval from both federal and provincial governments and several home study interviews from the Ontario Children's Aid Society were all required before decisions could be finalized as to the little girl's future. Even the decision of the Bangladesh government to

charge 100 pounds (\$235) was not a deterrent to the Hughes who were determined to bring Tepi into Canada and make her part of their family.

Since Tepi's adoption, the Bangladesh government has doubled the price it charges overseas parents or relief agencies who want to adopt a child. The increase has shocked many Western welfare workers who were already incensed at the idea of having to pay at all for an adoption of children from a country where famine prevails. Thousands of children are dead and dying and, to take the children for adoption is to literally rescue them from early death.

The Hughes admit to being incensed at having to pay such a large sum of money to the Bangladesh government, because they disagree with the principle. "It's like having to buy a child," said Jean Hughes. The couple said they considered the matter deeply but felt the child's welfare was a great deal more important than the principle involved. Their concern is that the high price for orphan adoption could be a deterrent to other potential parents. What angers the Rockwood couple is, "We don't even know where the money is going," said Peter. He feels the Bangladesh government is doing everything it can to discourage and make adoptions as difficult as possible.

Some English In the Hughes home, Tepi is unaware of the problems the Hughes had to work out to obtain parenthood. She had been living in a home for crippled and abandoned children run by the Salvation Army, prior to her trip to Canada. Unlike her friend

Tanjila she has some knowledge of English and is able to communicate with her new family fairly easily.

"When Tanjila first came over she had no English and couldn't even say yes or no," said Jean Hughes. She is delighted at how quickly her six-year-old daughter had adapted to Canadian schools. Two years later, Tanjila is able to read and was able to speak quite well after only a few months in the Hughes home.

Tepi is able to count to 30, knows parts of the body and the days of the week. She is an extremely enchanting little girl whose age, according to Jean's knowledge, is somewhere between 11 and 14.

Her blindness does not appear to be as much a handicap to Tepi as it is a learning experience to her new parents. The Hughes are quickly learning not to expect too little from their new daughter, as she is quite capable and has trained to be independent. Mrs. Hughes finds she is always wanting to protect, rather than allowing Tepi to do things on her own.

Another child As well as Tanjila and Tepi, one other adopted child will soon be added to the Hughes family. Peter says their deepest interest is children. When Renuka, 10, a handicapped Indian girl from Bombay arrives soon, the family will have grown from one of four boys, to a mixed group of seven children.

Right now many adjustments are being made. Jean and Peter bot work on the premise that everything turns out and that whatever seems difficult at the moment, evolves in time. Peter is a school teacher, Jean a student at the

Wins \$1000

Share the Wealth, say the Knights of Columbus, as they sponsor a Share the Wealth draw regularly. But Will Duval doesn't know whether he's going to do that or not. He won \$1,000 in their Nov. 29 draw, after buying a ticket for the first time. Andy Williams, who sold him the ticket, gets \$100.

Power boost for CHIC FM?

Brampton radio station CHIC FM went to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) recently in a bid to increase its power by 99.143 watts. CHIC FM currently operates at 857 watts and wants to increase that to 100,000.

Station owner Leslie Allen told the CRTC the power boost would allow the station to concentrate its efforts and service in Brampton, Bramalea and the other 29 communities in Halton and Peel. He noted the station doesn't want to break into the Toronto market. Allen complained 25 out of Halton and Peel's communities can't hear the station's signal properly. "Even our Brampton-Bramalea area can't hear us too well," he said.

Accept blindness

Her blindness, Peter says, he has begun to accept. The Hughes have been told Tepi was found abandoned as a baby in a village near Dacca and put in a government orphanage. Apparently she could see then, but went blind as a result of small pox. Her new parents intend to explore the possibility of having her eyesight restored but are prepared for the possibility that it cannot happen.

The Salvation Army took Tepi to its home for crippled children when she grew too old for an orphanage. The Hughes feel she has been given extra assistance in learning some English. Peter and Jean also feel she has carried much responsibility for a small child and intend for a while, to let her simply enjoy the carefreeness that all young children deserve. To see Tepi in her new surroundings is to view a happy child, full of the joy of living and bubbling with affection.

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R. H. Beach,
Regional Assessment Commissioner,
Halton-Peel Region

Cable T.V. lines

Halton Hills council gave permission to Georgetown Cable T.V. to have their lines attached to poles on the Town Line between Milton and Halton Hills, in Lot 16 to the 17th Sideroad, and on the 17th Sideroad to Highway 25.

Winter is expensive

Winter costs money in the roads department. Consolidated Sand and Gravel will provide 3,000 tons of sand for \$7,500 to be delivered to the Acton yard. Iroquois Salt Products will deliver 12,000 tons of road salt to the Georgetown yard for \$17,121, and J. C. Duff will supply 3,000 tons of sand to Georgetown for \$7,500.

\$4,067 for pool

Halton Hills council okayed the payment of \$4,067 to Snider, Hugot and March for the site supervision of Acton indoor swimming pool. This is two percent of the construction cost.

\$10,182 to architect

Halton Hills council approved payment of \$10,182 to Paul Martel architect, for his professional services in drawing up the plans and specifications for the proposed addition to Georgetown public library.

Speyside pit premature

Halton Hills council supported the Niagara Escarpment position, agreeing that no consideration should be given to Consolidated Sand and Gravel for a quarry at Speyside until the Commission has completed its development plan for the Escarpment.

Legion Notes

by GARY DAWKINS

The Christmas dinner for the Golden Age Club was held on Tuesday, November 26 in the new auditorium. This event sponsored by Branch 197 and the Rotary Club is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding projects of the year. This year's dinner was the largest of the five to date with 94 sitting down to supper.

Legionnaire Les Duby acted as master of ceremonies. It was very pleasant to see that Father Morgan was able to be with us and ask the blessing. After dinner, entertainment was provided by Mrs. Moore, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Post, the Legion Chorallera and of course highlighted by a visit from Santa.

Friday Entertainment This past week saw the start of entertainment for Friday evenings in the Mixed Lounge. Johnny Tocher, a

well known area musician, was featured this week. From all reports from the large turnout it was a very successful evening and speaks well for future Fridays. The feature for each week will appear on the announcement board at the branch.

Saturday Night A number of events took place on Saturday evening. In the auditorium couples danced to the music of the Club Aces. Remember there is a dance every Saturday. The music this coming week will be by Jeff Berry.

In the Men's Game Room Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon organized the weekly progressive euchre. Winners of the steaks were: ladies, Joan Taylor, first, Judy Nicolak second and Linda Dalton third; men, Bruce Rody first, Ben Rody second, and Clyde Tarrant third.

The Draw of the Month managed by Norm Price and Doug Rogers also took place Saturday. Winners for this month are: Gib Dowling first for a prize of \$250, and J. Ouellette second \$167. Don Grien picked up \$20, as the seller of the winning ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Britton's "Fiftieth" anniversary rounded off a busy weekend at the branch. A large number were out to congratulate this popular area couple. Willard, of

course, was one of the original members of Branch 197. The Ladies' Auxiliary provided the catering for the event.

Branch Sports Play in the Industrial Dart League was very close. The leading point getters for the week were the D-Gees and the Dicks with five points. Les Trevall turned in the best individual effort with a high score of 167. Present standings are: Bull Winners 34, The Dicks 34, D-Gees 31, The Heads 30, The Lions 30, Feathers 28, Conroy's Kids 28, Moon Beams 27, The Stripes 26, Knick Neckers 25, Odd Balls 22 and Yogi Bears 19.

The Hi Tones jumped from sixth to second place by picking up twelve points during play this past week in the Industrial Cribbage League. Standings are: 230 Club 58, Hi Tones 55, Legion 54, Legion C54, Firemen B 51, Firemen A 50, Lo Tones 48, Campbell Const. 48, Ink Spots 48, Disston Saw 45, Boat Club 41, Can Dos 36.

Daily Draw: There were no winners in the daily draw this past week. The following is the list of names drawn during the week: Nov. 25 E. Johnson, Nov. 26 D. Jordan, Nov. 27 T. Manes, Nov. 28 J. Chapman, Nov. 29 M. Johnstone, Nov. 30 G. Wagner.

Levy objects

Councillor Harry Levy, in a letter to council Tuesday night, objected to the calling of a special meeting of council.

He said the calling of a special meeting by the mayor or by all members of council, was supposed to be on a special issue, and stated he refused to waive his rights in this matter.

Acting mayor Ern Hyde said he understood the mayor can call a special meeting on 48 hours notice to members. Councillor Ric Morrow agreed, saying council had received notice well in advance of 48 hours.

Councillor Ernie Sykes claimed an outline of the issues to be discussed is supposed to be included in the notice.

Hyde maintained the mayor had the right to call an emergency meeting at any time, as long as the 48 hours notice is given, and pointed out the matters to be discussed could be considered urgent since there had been a week missed, and some business was three weeks old. Council voted to go ahead with the meeting.

Georgetown has parade

Georgetown's Santa Claus parade is this Saturday. The Lions club is sponsoring the event which will start at Moore Park Plaza at 1 p.m., and continues down Main St. to Maple Ave., north to Guelph St. (Hwy. 7) and east to Georgetown Market Centre.

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