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Dr. Frank Hogg

It is only a few days since we received a card from Dr. Frank Hogg expressing appreciation of a recent editorial in which tribute was paid to the services which he had rendered as a member and as chairman of Richmond Hill High School Area Board.

We little thought at that time that within a few days it would become necessary to again bring the name of Dr. Hogg into these editorial columns — to emphasize in an even broader sense the outstanding qualities which he possessed — and to express regret that such an outstanding Canadian has passed from the earthly scene.

It is a particular tragedy that death has claimed Dr. Hogg at such an early age. He had already accomplished great things in his chosen science — the promise of even greater lay ahead. His life's work was of a character little understood by the average man. Few can even begin to think in the terms understood by Dr. Hogg and such men and women as make advanced astronomy their life work. The import and implication of his work was as far beyond the ken of the average man as the

stars which he studied — and in the studying of which he contributed much to the slow but sure progress of mankind toward an understanding of the universe.

Dr. Hogg, like many more men of ambition and energy and foresight, has fallen a martyr to the driving urge of modern times — times in which it seems that the challenge to greater labour can never be fully met. A never-ceasing worker, there can be little doubt that his activities on behalf of the world which he served so well contributed, as it has done in the case of so many others like him, to his early death.

Be that as it may, his life was well spent. He brought honour to his native land by the position which he achieved in the world of science. He contributed much to a younger generation by his labours on their behalf as a member of the High School Board. His was not a long life — but it was a full and productive one.

That, we are sure, will be an unbounding consolation to those whom he has left to mourn him — and to whom this community extends its deepest sympathy.

Big Stuff

Any doubt as to the northward spread of population — if such still exists — should be dissipated by the figures covering building permits issued in the three municipalities of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill in 1950 and reported in this issue.

They show that in 1950 a total of \$4,781,660 was issued in building permits. In 1949 permits issued by the three corporations totalled \$2,934,215. Together they make the respectable total of nearly eight million dollars.

When it is realized that the assessed value of Richmond Hill — not the real value but the assessed value — for 1950 was \$1,895,000 it takes little figuring to indicate that the equivalent of a new Richmond Hill has grown up within a radius of a few miles in the last couple of years.

And when on top of that it is realized that nearly eleven hundred new residences are covered by the two-year figures the comparison with a complete new town is justified.

Do the figures make pleasant reading? That is a question which can be answered only from the viewpoint of the individual who studies them. To members of school boards they bring the problems of a greatly increased school population. To municipal councils they mean more demands in the way of services. To merchants they bring a delightful picture of new customers — increased business.

But, whatever the individual outlook, they bring in the total a picture of a dis-

trict which is on the march from semi-urban, semi-rural, category to a near-metropolitan one. That latter phrase may sound a bit ambitious — study of the figures will reveal that a continuance of the trend could make it a bit less extravagant than it sounds at first.

All this isn't to suggest that there is any need to say to Toronto "Move over." Not just yet, anyway.

It is, however, enough to make us realize that 1945 concepts have gone out of the window. The "good old days" have gone forever. Like it or not, a new challenge is facing us — a challenge inexorable in its demands on local government, local industry, local imagination. But the best part of the whole situation is that this district can, as it has proved abundantly during the past year, meet that challenge and make something of it.

Editorial Opinions

At Whitby, Ontario, a distillery worker explained to a court that he had made a still "just to see if I could do it myself." Yet he was fined \$100. Apparently there are in Canada forms of private enterprise which are not free.

Our own rights are most secure when we respect the rights of others and most in danger when we try to infringe on those rights.

Oak Ridges Prize Winner



Whenever they appear in the ring there's always a burst of applause for little Anne Rowe of Oak Ridges, shown above with her twenty-year-old mount, Judy. The two have ridden their way together to many awards. Anne is one of the mem-

bers of the Oak Ridges Riding Club, headed by Marilyn Hawman, which includes many juniors of the district among its members and in which the youngsters look after their own affairs.

World Labor Leaders Meet



Six leaders of labor take an informal time out from the General Conference of the International Labor Organization (ILO), which met recently at Geneva. The Conference of ILO, a United Nations Specialized Agency, brings together representatives of labor, management and government from more than 50 countries. Shown here are (left to right) Syndolpo de Azevedo Pequeño, of Brazil; John J. Moreschi, U.S.A., Building and Common Laborers' Union; J. H. Oldenbrook, the Netherlands, International Confederation of Trade Unions; Fernando Ibañez Aguila, Chile; George P. Delaney, U.S.A., American Federation of Labor; and Paul Finet, of Belgium.



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD
 by V. C. PORTEOUS * Director
 ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The fourth team of champion plowmen in as many years will sail January 5 to take part in matches and to observe agricultural methods and conditions abroad.



Herbert Jarvis Hugh Leslie

The champion plowmen are 28-year-old Hugh A. Leslie of Georgetown, Ont., and 27-year-old Herbert Jarvis of Agincourt, Ont., gold medalists in the Esso Trans-Atlantic tractor and horse plowing classes respectively

at the International Plowing Match held near Alliston last October. V. C. Porteous, former parliament member and past president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, will accompany the plowmen as team manager.

The three sail from New York aboard the Queen Mary for a month's tour of the United Kingdom as guests of Imperial Oil, sponsors of the Trans-Atlantic plowing classes. Before taking part in the British matches they will spend two weeks on the Continent at their own expense.

For all members of the plowing team this will be their first overseas trip. All are anxious to see how things are done on the other side of the Atlantic and to visit the many points of historic interest there. They will fly back to Canada about February 16.



PROMISES OF GOODWILL

A British statesman, discussing the urgent need for international goodwill, said that no men had done more to establish happy relationships between nations than Christian missionaries. It is, he said, a by-product of their work, but they have done more to inspire confidence and create a better understanding than any other class of men. In parts of Africa where the memory of David Livingstone is still an influence, when one native wishes to make a solemn vow he says: "I pledge you by the word of a white man." It is nearly a century since he died but the man who always kept his word is still their ideal.

David Livingstone arrived in Africa in 1841, and after more than twelve years of daring adventure and devoted service in the heart of that vast continent he decided to visit the west coast and maybe return to England for a visit. He would need some "boys" — the name given to natives by their chief — to help him on the perilous journey of more than one thousand miles through dense jungles.

Sekele, the chief, gathered his men together and consulted them. Many feared that Livingstone and his twenty-seven helpers would not survive the journey, and others feared that he would sail for his homeland and the boys would be left to return alone.

The natives had great respect for the missionary. They knew he was a man of his word. And so when he said, "If you give me your sons for the journey, I promise to return with them and deliver them to their homes and parents; my life will be as a pledge," they knew he would keep his word.

Sekele and many others accompanied Livingstone and the carriers part of the way, then said good-bye and returned to their village with some fears. No one had ever undertaken such a long and dangerous journey. Would the party ever return?

The journey was both difficult and dangerous. They were often hungry and thirsty and sometimes so exhausted they could scarcely move forward. Swollen rivers and steep hills confronted them, and sharp thorns in the jungle stung them. Livingstone suffered much from fever, which caused him to ache all over so that he could not stand up without help. The carriers also suffered a good deal. Still they pressed on, for Livingstone's cheerful spirit and courage gave them strength.

Although some tribes were hostile, Livingstone's firmness and kindness conquered them, and no fighting took place. Whenever he had an opportunity, he preached to them, and much good resulted. He had a magic lantern and often showed pictures. The natives were greatly interested and sometimes afraid because it was new and strange. At long last the harbour of Luanda was reached, and Livingstone's boys got their first glimpse of the sea. Their astonishment left them almost speechless. They cried, "All at once the world said to us, 'I am finished; there is no more of me.'"

There was a British warship in the harbour. The commander had been sent to take the great missionary back to Britain. He was both astonished and disappointed when Livingstone declined to go. He said, "Queen Victoria has urged you to come, all Britain is waiting to do you honour. You must come."

The warship returned to Britain without the missionary. The officers could not understand his attitude. They thought he was both foolish and stubborn. Strange to say, that warship struck an uncharted rock and all her crew perished.

Livingstone had given his solemn pledge that he would bring all the boys back again, and no longing for home could make him break that promise. So once again he and his party began the long journey home, which they reached after an absence of two and a half years. They received a great welcome, and Livingstone's boys were regarded as heroes. They proudly walked around the village in clothes bought in Luanda. To their friends they said "We went on till we finished the whole world. We turned back only when there was no more land."

All this happened more than one hundred years ago, but in that part of Africa they still refer to Livingstone as "the man who kept his word."

Our quotation today is by Elwood Worcester: "No good life has ever been lived without sacrifice and suffering."

CANADIAN MAPLE TREES FOR WESTERHAM

A number of Canadian silver maple trees will be planted in Church Hill Ave., Westerham, Kent, as a link with General Wolfe, who was born in the village, and as a tribute to the Canadian forces stationed locally during the war. This project is part of the local Festival of Britain activities.

"Way Back When"

(Excerpts from the LIBERAL files of January 22, 1931)

"A Richmond Hill rink skipped by Scott McNair journeyed to Thornhill last Saturday afternoon and returned with the coveted Davison Challenge trophy for curling. Other members of the rink were J. E. Smith, James McLean and Gid Moodie. The cup was defended for Thornhill by skip R. Wice and his rink J. Oliver, C. O. Munroe and S. Findlay."

"Richmond Hill A. F. & A. M. enjoyed a memorable evening last Wednesday when David Hill and his four sons, P. C. Hill, L. A. Hill, C. E. Hill and A. R. Hill had charge of the degree work in the lodge room and also acted as hosts at the fourth degree. It was an event unique not only in the history of Richmond Lodge but in the annals of Masonry."

"It was suggested at last council meeting that the village should consider the construction of the water main on Benson Ave. as a relief for local unemployment conditions."

"Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham, formerly of Vaughan Township moved last week to Richmond Hill.

Mr. Graham is the local Massey-Harris representative."

"Don't forget the hockey game at the arena tonight 8.15 — Orillia vs. Richmond Hill 1st. Admission 25 and 15 cents."

February 5, 1931
 "The tax rate for Richmond Hill village was fixed at 54 mills for the year 1931. This is based on the assessment of \$924,086.00 which is an increase of \$65,194.00 over last year."

"An illustrated lecture entitled 'With Submarines in the Great War' will be given by Wm. G. Carr this Friday evening, under the auspices of the Home and School Club."

"At the annual meeting of the Library Board the Librarian Treasurer gave his 9th report for 1930, showing receipts \$637. and disbursements of \$594."

"Mac" Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Cooper, Centre Street west, who suffered painful injury to his leg while skating at the arena last week is making favorable progress toward recovery."



Willy The Waterduck

The term "reaching assist" sounds a bit technical, doesn't it? actually a "reaching assist" is anything that can be handed or pushed out to the victim of an ice accident. A long pole, a ladder, a plank, a tree branch, a rope, or a strong piece of material will serve the purpose. Last year a young boy, by throwing out his scarf as a "reaching assist" saved the life of his cnum. If using a rope as a means of rescue it should be knotted so that it will not slip from the hand. Always before going skating, it is a wise precaution to be sure simple rescue equipment is available. A moment's thought beforehand may often save a life. Next week I'll give you a list of "DONT'S" that DO mean a safe and happy winter.

The Richmond Theatre
 Richmond Hill, Ontario
 Telephone Richmond Hill 500
 Shows Daily at 7 and 9 p.m.
 Saturdays & holidays continuous from 6 p.m.
 FREE PARKING AT REAR OF THEATRE
 Entrance from Church Street. Walkway on north side of Theatre Building
 Saturday: Matinee at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday — January 5 & 6

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 tell the bang-up tale of The Headless Horseman!
 Walt Disney PRESENTS
 THE ADVENTURES OF ICHABOD AND MISTER TOAD
 BING CROSBY
 AND TOLD BY BASIL RATHBONE
 Color by TECHNICOLOR
 TWO TALL TALES in that hilarious, thrill-arious ALL-CARTOON FEATURE from two of the world's best-loved stories.
 Hear BING Sing "THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN" "KATRINA" "ICHABOD"
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 Adapted from Washington Irving's story about The Headless Horseman, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows" about The Magnificent Mr. Toad.
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Wild-life thrills in mountain forests!
 WALT DISNEY PRESENTS
 A TRUE LIFE ADVENTURE
 BEAVER VALLEY
 Print by TECHNICOLOR
 Distributed by RKO RADIO PICTURES, INC.

Monday & Tuesday — January 8 & 9

They CLICK like a key in a lock!
 GABLE MAKES NEWS AGAIN!
 CLARK GABLE
 LORETTA YOUNG
 M-G-M'S RIOTOUS ROMANCE!
KEY TO THE CITY
 with MARILYN MAXWELL · FRANK MORGAN
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 A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

News Cartoon

Wednesday & Thursday — January 10 & 11

WHEE... M-G-M'S MUSICAL SPREE!
 in tropical color by TECHNICOLOR
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 9 TOP TUNES including "CAZIMBO PA PA" "LOVE IS LIKE THIS" "THE END" "FREE-I-D" AVAILABLE ON M-G-M RECORDS
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