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Recreation

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The committee operates under a general policy laid down by the Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education, although it is autonomous in the direction of local recreational activities.

Fundamentals in its work are the furthering of the mental and physical development of Canadian citizens; development of Canadian culture, creation of a good citizenship attitude, healthy and happy growth of children, and, in general, the raising of the standard of living in communities.

First step which is being taken in connection with Vaughan Township activities, says Chairman Jackson, is to organize populated areas of the township. The work there will be promoted by the formation of Area Committees, responsible under the main committee for the development of recreational activities in their district. These local committees will be perfectly free to develop the activities which appeal most to their residents.

Plan Local Meetings
They will be set up through public meetings which will be called in various parts of the township. The first such meeting is to be held at Thornhill Public School on Tuesday, February 13, at 8 p.m. An official of the Department of Education will be present on that occasion.

Richvale will come next. There a meeting will be held on February 16 at the school. Next in line is Maple, where a meeting will be held in the Community Hall on February 20.

Langstaff is next in line and date of the meeting there will be announced later. Other districts will be taken as organization progresses.

The main township committee, its chairman emphasizes, is not a "fund-raising" body. Its purpose is to co-ordinate and encourage local committees to go out and do something for themselves. As local committees work out their own projects they will be reimbursed in part through governmental funds for what they have spent in promoting recreational activities within their own area.

Activities sponsored under the township recreational committee and its local committees are not restricted to any age group. The wide program which it is proposed to develop will include children, teen-agers and adults in each area according to local desires.

School Area System Necessary Oak Ridges Trustees Declare

Members of Oak Ridges Public School Board went on record as favouring the setting up of a school area system in Whitchurch Township when they held a special meeting last Tuesday.

With the loss of \$230,000 assessment due to the establishment of section No. 13, members said that a school area seemed the only solution of the educational problems of the district. Both sections will suffer because of the high operating costs which will affect them and will increase the mill rate considerably.

Trustee Bob Woolley said that he considered the new section would find the distribution of grants very fair but that the Board of Trustees of section No. 13 should realize that the erection of a school containing less than six rooms would be entirely inadequate.

At present thirteen classes are being operated at Oak Ridges in a school originally intended to contain six. This is only possible because several of the larger rooms in the annex have been partitioned into two rooms. Three classes of grades 1 and 2 have been staggered into double shifts of half days with two additional classrooms being conducted in the large hallway of the annex and in the basement of the old school.

"If the new section builds a six room school and we get back to normal classes, even then both schools will be full," said Trustee Woolley. There are only twenty or twenty-five possible graduates this year and an expected enrollment of one hundred next fall.

The survey which was taken two years ago has already been proven out of date. "We will only level off when there are as many pupils going out as are coming in. This may take place in about three years," commented Mr. Woolley.

Home, School Asscn. Formed At Thornhill

With Mr. A. Martindale, principal, in the chair and Miss A. Wells acting as secretary for the evening, an organization meeting for a Home and School Association was held in the Thornhill Public School.

Mr. Martindale explained the purpose of the meeting and then called on Mrs. G. W. Tennant, organizer for the Ontario Federation of Home and School Incorporated, who spoke of its development and value, its aims and policies. Mrs. Tennant in an impressive ceremony, installed officers, following the elections. They are: President, Mr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan; vice-president, Mrs. R. Byford; Treasurer, Mr. G. Crutcher; Recording secretary, Mrs. R. Jeffery; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. Hansen; Executive members, Mrs. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan, Mrs. G. Crutcher, Mrs. W. Anstey, Mrs. Barker, and Mrs. K. Robertson.

Mrs. H. LeMasurier, vice-president of the North Area, York County Home and School Council, spoke of the work being done in this area.

Regular meetings of the newly formed association will begin in March and will take place on the first Thursday of each month.

Parking

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into off-street parking, said the inspector. Ontario was one of the worst parts of the continent for traffic, he stressed, saying that two-thirds of the highway traffic of Canada was to be found within its borders and three-fifths of the commercial traffic.

Businesses should go off the main highway where possible, said Inspector Witts.

Courtesy Lacking
"This traffic business is a problem throughout the whole continent," said Inspector Witts. He spoke emphatically of the lack of driver education and of the total lack of highway courtesy.

Describing trips for inspection purposes which he had made in the United States, he said that one saw many less infractions of traffic regulations in that country. He emphasized, too, the success which had attended last year's experiment of placing "detective cars" — police vehicles without the usual signs on them — on heavily travelled roads.

He recommended, too, the establishment of safety courses for high school pupils if possible and spoke of the success of such courses established elsewhere. "Sometimes I feel," he said, "that it is almost hopeless to expect improvement from the older generations of drivers and that our only hope in the long run is the education of those who are about to start their career as motorists."

Recommends "Paint Up"
"Create a good atmosphere by painting up and smartening up," he stressed. "If people get the idea that they are coming into a smart built-up centre," he said, "there is a tendency for them to slow down because of the impression created. Paint up your signs, have them of such a character that they will command attention and respect and the co-operation of motorists," he urged.

"It's no use putting up signs 'Speed regulations strictly enforced' if you don't do it," he averred. Marking of parking zones on pavement had a good effect, he added, saying that they tended to keep motorists from leaving cars jutting out into traffic lanes.

Summing up, the inspector recommended: (1) Off street parking; (2) Keeping young children tuned up to highway dangers; (3) The education of High School potential drivers; (4) Freshening up of signs and painting of lines on the street for parking; (5) The creation of an impression of a busy area.

School Board Wants Signs
The Public School Board is definitely of the opinion that signs should be erected at northern and southern limits of the village, James Pollard, Public School chairman, told the meeting. He pointed out that there were now three schools right on Yonge Street and

R.H.H.S. Student Goes With Group To United Nations

David Hogg, son of the late Dr. Frank Hogg, director of the Dunlop Observatory and former chairman of the High School Board will be Richmond Hill's representative in New York this week.

One of a group of boys chosen under a scheme originated at North York and District Headmasters' Association meeting in Uxbridge last Fall, David left with ten other boys from Malton airport on Wednesday.

At the Uxbridge meeting it was decided to approach boards and service clubs of the various High School areas, proposing that one pupil be sent from each school to United Headquarters in New York, the event to be an annual affair. A group of boys has gone this year — girls will have their turn next, and so on.

Eleven school districts responded to the proposition. In this area the Lions Clubs of Richmond Hill, Maple and Thornhill have combined to send David Hogg.

In Richmond Hill High School selection of a pupil will be made from Grade 12 each year. It will be based on high academic standing plus highest marks in history and the assurance that the pupil chosen will select the history option in Grade 13. In this way two grades will benefit from the experience of the pupil chosen.

The selected students will address their sponsoring clubs and also their own student bodies on their return. While in New York they will attend United Nations sessions, will spend a day sight-seeing, and are also expected to make a tour of the Queen Mary in dock. They will attend church service in New York Sunday, returning to Canada that day.

The party is in charge of Principal Bert Newell of Markham High School and include the following:

Aurora High School, Donald Rawlings; Agincourt Continuation School, Eric Shone; Bradford High School, Arthur Harrison; Claremont Continuation School, Joseph Pegg; Markham High, Lorne Timbers; Newmarket High, Lowell Keffer; Port Perry High, Howard Garvey; Richmond Hill District High School, David Hogg; Stouffville High School, Willard Moyer; Sutton High School, Fred Shaw; Uxbridge High School, Rae Linton.

The Red Cross Home Nursing Manual is being transcribed into Braille for use by the blind in special Home Nursing classes.

Red Cross assisted in more than 500 disasters, both great and small across Canada in 1950.

Name Canvassers For Scout Drive Ladies To Assist

The list of canvassers for the Boy Scout financial campaign and the districts they will cover has been released by the committee in charge. Some of them have already started work. The complete list follows:

H. Butt, Yonge Street between Richmond and Markham Side Road; W. E. Butlin, Yonge Street north of Richmond east side; W. S. Thomson, Vaughan; K. C. Ruffman, Highland Lane; Duncan Smith, Arnold Crescent and St.; Jack Rice, Richmond St.; Lorie Roy, Baker St.; Alan Bales, Mill Street; Norman Bradshaw, Roseview, north side; W. C. Wilson, Roseview, south side and Markham Side Road; A. Blackburn, Benson; A. Wright, Elgin Mills area.

The Ladies Auxiliary is canvassing Centre St. and Church St.

Other areas will be assigned as canvassers finish or other help is received.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia will accept donations.

May Double Police Force In Markham

Markham Township police force may be increased, it was indicated at the meeting of the Township Council held this week by Councilor Charles Hooper, chairman of the police committee. Basis of the proposal is a suggestion that township constables handle the policing of Markham Village and Stouffville, at present responsible for their own police assignments. The project is being considered by the councils of the two places and full arrangements and cost would be worked out later if it is decided to go ahead.

CANADIAN SPORTS PARADE



WITH the country-wide lamentations over the loss of Canada's "old-fashioned" winters still ringing in our ears, I'm happy to note the frantic planning and actual construction of artificial ice rinks, now going on in several of our cities. Changing seasons, resulting in milder weather, have caused a major crisis for the game of hockey, due to the lack of natural ice. Facilities for practice and play have been generally limited, resulting in a serious drop in hockey interest, thereby endangering the game.

New Rinks the Answer

In many Eastern and Western cities, youngsters have turned their loyalties and energy elsewhere, with the result that basketball and other games have benefited.

Following the example set by several American cities, Toronto presently plans four artificial rinks, the first (Alexandra) due to open in two weeks time. According to Alderman William Davidson, Chairman of the Parks Board, the four rinks (each consisting of a skating surface and hockey cushion) will cost nearly \$400,000. Ultimately, the plans call for direct revenue from the users of the rinks, to enable the Toronto Parks Board to broaden their scope of operations. All in all, a worthy project—the most cheerful news in years for hockey lovers with an eye to the future.

Kentucky Derby will suffer accordingly. The Sport of Kings may suffer, for the sins of the few!

Argo Plans—1951

President Bob Moran of the Dominion Champions tells me that most of the 1950 players will be back in the line-up when the gridiron calls again. Frank Clair will coach. Al Dekdebrun will return as Quarterback and the Double Blue will parade with Krol, Curtis, Whaley, Toogood, Westlake and the rest. The Argonauts are seeking just three American imports for next season—two linemen and a backfielder. If the imports are good enough to supplant the regulars, they'll play. If not, the Oaxmen will carry on in the victorious 1950 pattern.

National Health Week

Nowadays we are all so much on the go that most of us are apt to give too little attention to the finest asset we possess—our good health. We don't eat properly, we don't take the right amount of rest and fresh air, and in many other ways we fail to look after that delicate mechanism, our body. That's why National Health Week right now is a timely reminder of just how important health is, not just this week but all year round. Below are some valuable health rules suggested by the Health League of Canada. Let's follow them closely. Remember... "The First Health is Health."

- Eat right for health—follow a balanced diet.
- Get at least eight hours sleep daily.
- Exercise moderately in the open air—unless your physician advises otherwise.
- Avoid becoming over weight, but if dieting is necessary, diet only under the instruction of your physician.
- See your physician and dentist regularly for complete examinations.

Racing's Slot-Machine Bill

Currently, the United States Senate is deciding if the "Johnson Bill", calling for sweeping prohibitions against the transmission (across State lines) of any kind of racing news, will turn out to be a worthy weapon to help eliminate the shady bookmakers and their illegal betting. If the "Slot-Machine Bill" goes through, the repercussions will affect Canada simultaneously. According to Frank Armstrong, editor of the Daily Racing Form (Toronto), the Bill would strike a heavy blow to his publication and to the other racing mediums (radio, etc.) transmitting legitimate racing facts and figures. Mr. Armstrong states: "It is my opinion there is no syndicate book-making in Toronto. Anyway, where could a man bet a thousand dollars around here and be sure of a pay off?" If the Bill becomes law, Canadian racing enthusiasts may have to drop all interest in American tracks, and even racing classics such as the

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News Cartoon Featurette

Monday & Tuesday — February 12 & 13

Now they're in "Business"...

HAVING A YELL OF A TIME!

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Wednesday & Thursday—February 14 & 15

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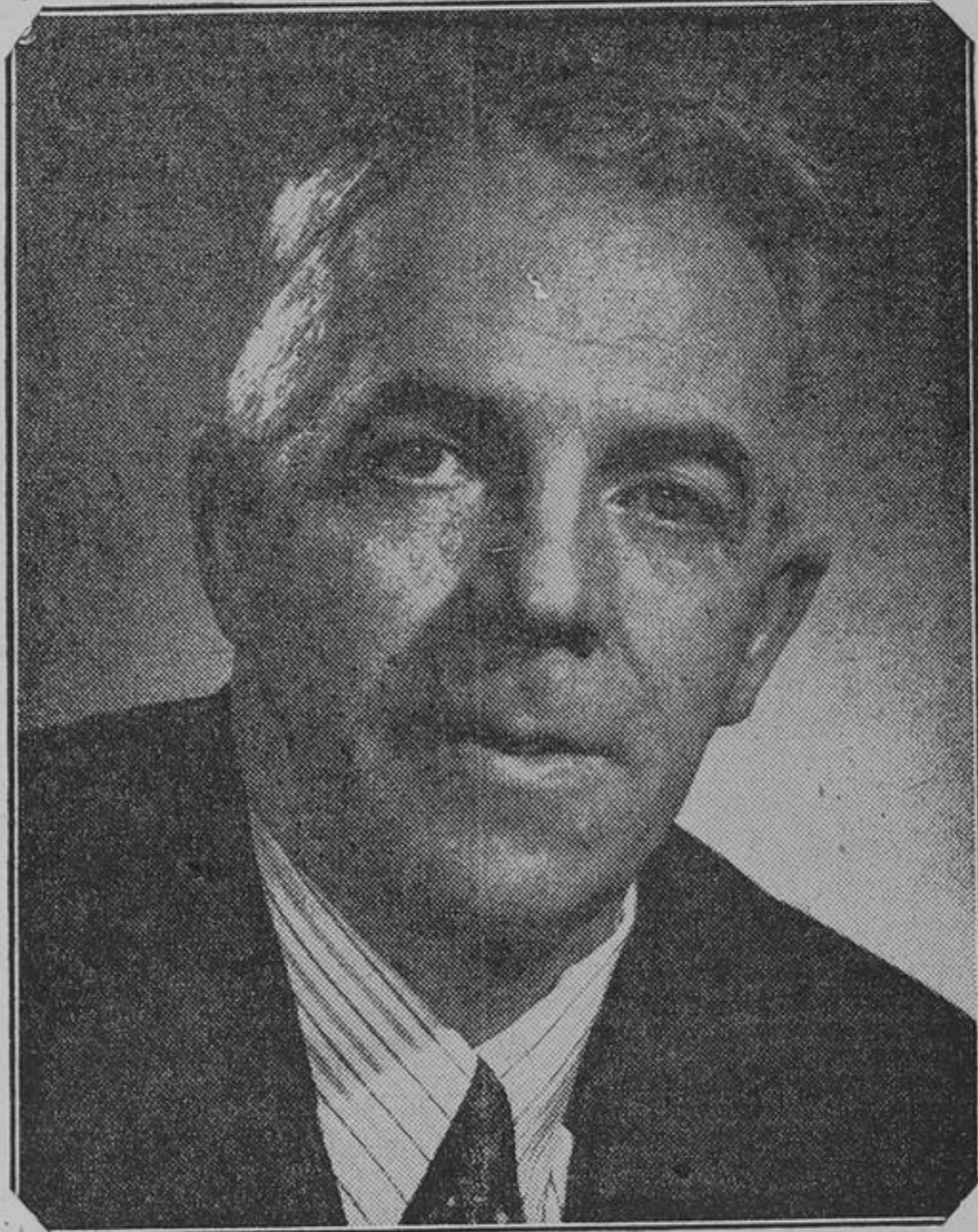
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