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## Aid For The Physically Handicapped

There are now in Canada at least 100,000 physically handicapped persons, with disabilities severe enough to prevent them from earning a living.

Now, for the first time in this country, there is a prospect of a comprehensive co-ordinated program to help all such handicapped people to become self-supporting and regain a useful place in the community. The first step in the new long-range project was the appointment on December 29, 1951, by order-in-council, of a National Advisory Committee on the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons.

The formulation of the new Committee grew out of recommendations made at the first National Conference on Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped, held at Toronto in February, 1951. Organized jointly by the Federal Departments of National Health and Welfare, Veterans Affairs and Labour, with the co-operation of the provincial Governments and the voluntary agencies working in fields connected with rehabilitation, this pioneer conference was prompted by the seriousness of the problem and by the knowledge that existing rehabilitation services, while excellent, did not cover adequately all types of disability or all parts of the country.

The new Committee has not been set up to duplicate or interfere with the present official and voluntary agencies. However, the February conference agreed that it was in the best interests of the country, and of course of the handicapped themselves, to establish a joint Federal-Provincial program, which would help to co-ordinate the present services, to further the exchange of information and experience, and to promote the best use of all community facilities and services. The new Committee is the first move toward this program.

The ultimate objective of such a program is to help handicapped people to work for pay, and thus become self-supporting, but any program to attain this end must be very broad in scope. It must include medical treatment, therapy, convalescence, vocational guidance, training and placement in suitable employment and it is too big a job to be undertaken by any one Gov-

ernment or by voluntary agencies alone. The first task of the Advisory Committee is to find means by which all these groups can make their best contribution to an overall plan.

The Advisory Committee will have 35 members, including representatives of the provincial governments, of various health and welfare voluntary agencies, the medical profession, organized employers, organized workers, the universities and persons specially interested in rehabilitation. There are Federal representatives from the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Unemployment Commission.

One of the tasks facing the Committee is to decide on what action should be taken on the recommendations made by the earlier conference on rehabilitation. Delegates to that conference pointed out the need for an increased supply of specialists trained in the different phases of rehabilitation. They recommended that university teaching hospitals should train doctors, nurses, therapists and social workers, and that bursaries and grants should be provided to aid students and encourage basic research.

The Committee must consider a conference recommendation that rehabilitation centres be set up, perhaps on a regional basis and in larger hospitals, particularly teaching hospitals. These centres could provide lower-cost beds for in-patients requiring prolonged hospitalization and retraining. The conference also stressed the need for close integration of the different phases of rehabilitation — medical care, vocational counselling and training, and job placement.

It is generally agreed that employment is the ultimate end of all rehabilitation efforts. No one can be said to be successfully rehabilitated until he has once more become self-supporting and has taken his place in the economic life of the community. There is no doubt that in the long run rehabilitation services save the country money for they cost less than the country loses when handicapped persons, who could become producers and wage-earners, are supported by their families or in the state institutions.

## Thornhill Village Ratepayers May Vote On Public Library

At the recent regular meeting of the Thornhill village trustees held in Victoria Hall, Chairman W. R. Dean was in the chair and trustees J. E. MacNeil and A. Sumner were present.

Mr. R. H. Neil, chairman of the Library Association, spoke on behalf of the Library, to request the Trustees to present a petition, signed by double the number of signatures required, to the Townships of Markham and Vaughan to pass a by-law to present to rateable property owners the opportunity of voting on the question of a Public Library in the Police Village of Thornhill. Mr. Neil pointed out the excellent job the Association has done so far, with a membership of 450 people, divided between the village and those outside the limits. He also mentioned that the library had been used on 19 different occasions by other committees for meetings, free of charge. The library will be unable to carry on indefinitely under the present set-up, and it would be a shame to lose the cultural advantages provided by the people working so hard on its behalf. There is no administrative expense, all work is done voluntarily.

Mr. Dean asked Mr. Neil if he had any idea how much of a levy would be necessary. Mr. Neil replied that using their present budget as a criterion, about \$400, would be required for 1953. This would mean 1/2 mill on rateable property, with an additional amount from fees. Grants from the government are based on circulation, and the rate is set by the municipality.

Members of the village would pay no fee. Mr. Dean accepted the petition from Mr. Neil, and assured him it will be presented to the Townships. Mr. Neil thanked Mr. Dean and extended an invitation to the Trustees to attend Library Night, February 29, at the United Church Hall.

Mr. Dean gave an explanation of the problems facing the Trustees dealing with the Dept. of Highways. Mr. S. S. Tobias was to have arranged an appointment with the department, but he has not been heard from lately. However the Trustees are going ahead, and as Mr. Dean pointed out, will have to take a very firm stand. The township councils have both been approached and have promised assistance.

The Road Budget must be submitted to Townships before the end of February to assure the subsidy being received from the Department of Highways. The budget must of course be approved and go through proper channels. Markham, John St. is to be paid \$6,000; the budget of \$7,500 is to cover addi-

tional expenses like oiling and grading. Vaughan: Brooke St. to be repaved from No. 7 to C. Smith's, estimate \$1,000, grading and repair \$1,300. Total budget \$9,800. With subsidy, the local share would be \$4,900.

On Street Lighting, Mr. Dean gave an explanation of the situation with the Townships re new street lights. He then invited Mr. L. J. Roy, area manager of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission from Richmond Hill, to present the arrangement possible through the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Mr. Roy pointed out the original suggestion of 22 lights on Yonge Street was not feasible since Yonge Street has been rebuilt. Agreements must be made with both townships. The councils charge cost against specified areas. With the Hydro-Electric Power Commission financing the installation, the rates, including operation and fixtures, are as follows: Large lights on Yonge Street, \$30.00 per unit per year, 150 watt lights \$18.50 per unit per year. Cost of lights on Yonge Street to be divided between Markham and Vaughan Townships. The cost of lights on side streets is determined by number of lights. The township pays for lamp replacements, assessed against lighted area as always. During a general discussion period it was shown to be more advisable to the Village to permit the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to finance the lights rather than to have Village request Townships to issue necessary debentures to finance the installation. Mr. Dean explained that a great deal of time and effort had been spent in getting the situation covered from all angles.

It was moved by J. E. MacNeil and seconded by A. Sumner that a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to L. J. Roy for all the work he has done, and for attending the meeting. The Trustees are alert to the fact Markham Township is going to grant a permit for a new service station on Yonge Street which the Trustees feel is a danger to the school children and older people. They have requested Vaughan and Markham Twps, to pass a temporary zoning by-law to protect the residents. It is not known how long this can be enforced, so Trustees are going to appoint three citizens to work with the Building Engineer of each township to see if suitable regulations may be drafted into proper by-law to be drawn up and submitted to the Municipal Board for approval, assuring uniformity on both sides of Yonge St.

The meeting also saw the passing of accounts totalling \$415.00.

## Gormley Farmer Has Prize Jersey

At the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, it was announced that the highest Jersey milk record made in Canada in 1951 was a record completed by Bendemeer Royal Dolly -140407- a Jersey cow bred by Harry Barber, Gormley, Ontario, and owned by James Fox, Willowdale, Ontario, just north of Toronto. At 7 years of age, in 365, Dolly produced 17,566 lbs. of milk and 759 lbs. of fat and freshened in time for the Gold Medal record. She has completed 4 records and is again on test and making another high record. She has been cared for by Don Holmes a young Jersey herdsman and farm manager who is making a splendid reputation for himself.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Dear Editor: At our last general meeting I was instructed to write you stating the member's appreciation of your reporting the facts divulged at the Markham Township Council meeting, January 7, and subsequent meetings.

We think this type of news is of vital importance to your readers, and would request that you keep up the good work.

Yours very truly,  
Langstaff Ratepayers' Assoc.  
J. Martin, secretary

## Jas. Boynton, Gormley Gains Honours

The Liberal was pleased to hear this week that Mr. Jas. Boynton of Gormley, who is a student at Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina, in the U.S., qualified for the College Honour Roll as shown by his grades on first semester subjects. Mr. Boynton who is in his third year at Erskine College has the enviable record of making 90 marks or better on all subjects for at least 12 semester hours of academic credit.

## DON FAIRBURN, SPEAKER

Mr. Don Fairburn will speak to Whitchurch No. 6 and 7 Home and School Association at its meeting this Friday night at No. 7 school.

Mr. Fairburn is the well known Neighbourly News commentator whose weekly broadcast is heard every Sunday morning over CBL, reports on weekly happenings in small Ontario and Quebec towns and villages.



## CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by J. A. CARROLL Formerly Secretary Manager ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND — The ambition of plowmen the world over, an international plowing match with universal representation, took a long stride towards realization yesterday in the north of England town of Workington.

After a day-long conference, representatives of seven nations became charter members of an organization to promote such a world competition. Provisional directors were named to represent England, Scotland, Wales, Eire, Holland, Sweden and Canada. Invitations to join the organization will be sent to other nations.

As the official representative of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, I was named to speak for Canada on the committee to draft standards and rules.

Though we came away from the meeting without any set agreements I felt that a lot of common ground had been found in six hours' discussion. Much remains to be done to reach agreement on a standard plow, and a lot more discussion will be needed before a set pattern of judging is found.

Though the organization is still in its infancy a lot has already been accomplished, and I am sure the great desire for an international competition evident among those present yesterday will carry us over whatever hurdles arise.

Much as I would like to report the discussions in detail, space will not allow me, and I am afraid it will have to wait until my return to Canada.

I promised you last week an account of our efforts at the West of England Plowing Match at Newlyn in Cornwall. My two companions, Canada's champion plowman, Eugene Timbers of Milliken, Ont., and Norman Tyndall of Richmond Hill, Ont., more than upheld the honor of Canadian plowing. As you already know Eugene placed first in his class, but I don't think I told you that Norman was awarded fourth place in competition against nine English champions.

He plowed a good band, which on workmanship should have given him third, if not second place. However, the judges felt that the type of furrow did not permit them to place him any higher. The work of both boys was much admired for its uniformity and straightness, and we overheard several farmers commenting on the fact that our plowing seems more practicable.

Although the fierce Atlantic gales had been pounding the Cornish coast less than 36 hours before the weather at the time of the match was like an early May day at home. Apart from being a little damp on top, soil conditions were ideal. More than 4,000 were present; about the attendance we would expect at a large county match in Ontario.

We had never seen more attractive plowing than that done by these experts with narrow exhibition type plows. The turnwest type was of particular interest to the boys. There are two plows in each unit, and when the end of a furrow is reached the team is turned back, the other horse takes the furrow, and the opposite plow is let down. This means no crown as we know it and no finish. It was obvious though, that considerable skill is required to get these two plows adjusted to precisely the same type of furrow. All of the work was of the high cut, or oat-seed furrow type.

The difference in the work of these men and the plowing of our own boys demonstrated once again there will have to be considerable give and take to reach common ground for an equitable international competition.

It has been a source of pleasure to us to find an increasing interest in plowing matches wherever we have been. In Britain there are now some 350 active plowmen's associations, and as at home, the officers are among the best farmers in the community.

The Cornish countryside is different from anything we had seen before. The coast is rather bleak, because of the high winds off the Atlantic. Even inland the trees are all "shanty-roofed", being trimmed on the west by wind and salty vapour. In the valleys and further inland we found luxuriant plants of a semi-tropical nature; palms, rhododendrons, azalea, cannellia and the broad-leaved illex trees.

Fields have none of the regularity of pattern we are used to. Their shapes are dictated by the winding roads which seem to follow early livestock trails. All fields are fenced by five to seven foot walls of stone and sod, first built perhaps five centuries ago.

The weather favored our rail journey from Cornwall to Bristol, where we began our tour of Wales. The sun shone throughout the day and we saw much of the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Gloucester.

At Bristol we were met by Evan Williams of the Esso Petroleum Company, who was as typically Welsh as his name would suggest. He was a perfect example of the intense spirit of nationalism that pervades Wales, although it has been a part of the British Isles for 700 years.

The story goes that while Mr. Williams was in the army he took a conducted tour of Rome. For a time he listened to the guide wax

eloquent on the successful Roman invasion of Britain. Finally he could stand it no longer. He interrupted the monologue and said: "Look here, old chap, you're looking at one representing a group that was not conquered". He might have added — by the Romans or anyone else.

The Welsh take great pride that they never surrendered to the Romans but maintained guerrilla strongholds in the hills. When in the 13th Century, Edward I built hilltop castles to subjugate the Welsh, even he was unable to conquer the Snowdon regions.

With all this nationalist feeling there seems to be no substantial movement for home rule, though there is a Welsh Council and a Minister for Welsh Affairs in the House of Commons. Perhaps the attitude of the Welsh is best demonstrated by their insistence that the Celtic tongue be taught in the lower school grades. English is the official language, but Welsh is commonly spoken in the homes.

We decided to pick a farm at random rather than take a guided tour of Welsh agriculture, and so after a short drive we turned in to what appeared a typical home-steading. While a farmhand was seeking the farmer, a young woman dressed in breeks came strolling down the lane. She proved to be mistress of the farm, and active manager during the absence of her husband, John Barstow, an army officer.

Mrs. Barstow told us they had taken over the farm in 1947. It was vacant then, and most of the land had been unused for 60 years or more. It is being worked under the government-backed "hill farming" scheme. Under this plan approved farms are eligible for subsidies up to 50 per cent. for such improvements as bracken breaking, road construction, laying of water mains, fertilization and better grass seeding.

The Barstow holdings are about 400 acres, supporting some 60 head of cattle, 200 ewes, some pigs and poultry. Hereford cattle had been tried but it was found the soil was not sufficiently productive for them, so the Barstows changed to the hardy Welsh Black breed, which is producing beef while living off the sparse pasture of the high Welsh hills. The native Welsh sheep are also favored for bracken grazing. While they are small and the wool clip might be as light as two pounds, they are capable of producing meat and wool at altitudes where the Down breeds could not exist.

Mrs. Barstow commandeered the farm jeep and took us for a tour of the hills. Eugene and Norman sat in the back with three dogs, one of which persisted in wagging its muddy tail against my ears.

We took a trail which had been gravelled and slated under the improvement scheme and within minutes we have ascended 500 feet. At the top there was snow and ice, but a magnificent view of the surrounding valleys. When we returned, Mrs. Barstow suddenly said: "Look there, isn't that annoying?" and pointed to some half a dozen wild ponies which had joined the domestic ones kept for the children.

The farm was of the by-now familiar European pattern; with house and stables all adjoining the courtyard, or as we would say, the farmyard, in the centre. Our hostess told us it was built on the site of Colwyn Castle, erected in 1192. The oak timbered interior was delightful example of the period. It had a nine-foot open fireplace with a wide ledge which the dogs immediately occupied.

From Wales we travelled to Wolverhampton by car, where the boys saw their first "rugger" match. There a short car tour of the Lake District, and on to Workington for the international conference. We left there last night and tomorrow will begin our travels in Scotland, which I will relate to you next week.

## Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. Art Buchanan Road Superintendent for Markham Township and Mrs. Buchanan celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, February 25. The Buchanans reside on the 5th concession of Markham. Mrs. Buchanan, former Mary Whittaker was born and raised in North York Township. They were married 25 years ago in Elia United Church which is situated on Dufferin Street in North York Township. The Buchanans have four children, three boys and one girl.

## DR. HOGG SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Frank S. Hogg scholarship, established to honor the memory of the former head of Varsity's department of astronomy and director of the David Dunlap observatory has grown to \$7,325. Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, announced last week. Dr. Smith said the fund should total \$10,000 to provide a \$600 fellowship in astronomy every second year. He said the university has received \$15,000 for scholarships under terms of a will read 20 years ago. The bequest is from the estate of Mrs. Florence L. Cody, who died in 1932.

## Guest Speaker



DON HENSHAW  
The guest speaker at the Lions New Community Hall Dedication Night ceremonies scheduled to be held this evening will be Don Henshaw.

Mr. Henshaw, a senior executive of the MacLaren Advertising Company Ltd., is well known in several fields. As an author he has written hundreds of radio dramas and more recently has been in demand as an author of children's stories for school readers. As a lecturer he has been heard in every Canadian province and most of the states of the U.S. As an advertising man he has served as radio director, account executive, public relations authority and his present post.

Mr. Henshaw was born in the United States, raised in Florida, educated in Indiana, Michigan, Florida, Tennessee and New York. He came to Canada in 1934, married a Toronto girl in 1935. He became a naturalized citizen of Canada in March 1941. He served a year with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Regiment; was called to Ottawa as a public relations counsel to the National War Finance Committee in 1942 in which capacity he wrote most of the Victory Loan radio programs featuring Hollywood and New York stars; made seven trips to Hollywood to make motion pictures; and travelled Canada in Victory Loan activities at the rate of 50,000 miles a year.

He lives in Leaside, just outside Toronto; has one daughter, is a member of Christ Church, Deer Park (Anglican); leader of one of Canada's largest men's bible classes at St. Clair United Church; is a member of the Variety Club (the showmen's fraternity to aid children). He was formerly active in Masonry, having been master of both blue and Scottish Rite Lodges, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Florida and orator of his Shrine temple. His hobbies consist of decidedly amateur efforts in photography, gardening, woodworking and painting.

## G. Courtney Suffers Severe Facial Burns

George Courtney, 8th, Con. King is recovering from a painful accident which occurred last Friday at noon, when he received severe facial burns which miraculously did not cause blindness. He was clearing the water line to the building at Art. Fleets' Garage King City and had put a can of powerful alkali cleaner in the drain. The pipe was more solidly frozen beneath the building than he expected, and the resulting excessive pressure caused the Alkali to explode and back fire into Mr. Courtney's face.

Bert Wood, who was working with him, drove Mr. Courtney to Schomberg for medical attention, and it was learned that although he was suffering greatly from the burns, his eyesight would not be impaired.

## VICTORIA SQUARE

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton had dinner last Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. Sandie and Margaret, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. R. Boynton's thirty-ninth wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. W. Sandie's third wedding anniversary.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held Wednesday evening at the Parsonage with Mrs. Albert Chadwick taking the chair. The scripture was read by Mrs. H. Collard followed by the Lesson Thoughts by Mrs. J. Snider. Mrs. Nelson Boynton and Mrs. S. Boynton sang a duet, Mrs. H. McCague gave the topic. Following the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and the group in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols, Donald & Allan spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols and family at Vineland.

A lovely basket of flowers was placed in the church on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton, in memory of Mrs. Boynton's mother.

Mr. John Empringham is recovering nicely from his recent illness and is able to be up every day.

Mr. Lawrence Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sandie and Margaret spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Northcott and family at Nobleton.

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