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Something That Everyone Can Do

This is a very active, interesting kind of world. Most of us have so many things to do, and a great many more things that we are planning to do when we have the time and opportunity. Our very activity keeps us so busy that we tend to overlook the fact that there are a great many people who are shut out from the normal type of life by being shut in. To remind us of these folk, and to urge us to do something for them, the first Sunday of June is set aside annually as Shut-in's Day.

Who are the Shut-ins? There is little need to ask, for every community has them: folk who are shut in through age, disability and various types of illness. Not only are they confined to the house, hospitals or other institutions, but many cannot even leave their beds. They are all compelled to lead a restricted life, and some of them readily admit that only the kindness of friends and the consideration of visitors enable them to remain normal in their thinking

and attitude to life. On the other hand there are some who have won such a spiritual victory over their ailing bodies that they are a source of inspiration to all who visit them. The mother of one of Britain's statesmen spent nearly half a century in bed, and to her bedside came the elite of the land to be inspired by her courage, optimism and unselfishness.

Plan to make Sunday, June 6th the day in which you show at least two shut-ins — a civilian and a disabled veteran — that you care. It could be through flowers, a gift or a letter; or a personal visit in which you leave behind some little token of your thoughtfulness. But above all don't forget them until Shut-in's Day comes again next year to remind you once more.

In His name who said, "I was sick, and ye visited me," let us unite in making June 6th a rare, unforgettable day for the Shut-in and for ourselves.

Merits Of Industrial Commission

Expansion in Richmond Hill is not a new subject. If mentioned today it does not cause any great furor probably because we all realize the great development which we are yet to see. In our May 20 edition we ran a story of the coming sub-division development which will bring 1000 new residents into our community. Our population now numbers close to 3000 and will double itself with these new growing pains. Tyn-dall's, Mackie's and Allan-Court subdivisions will bring in a new crop of residents who would welcome jobs in their home town which could easily provide them.

Council has not yet acted on a suggestion that the village join the Toronto Industrial Commission which acts as a liaison between industry and the community seeking it. In supporting the suggestion Deputy-Reeve Tomlin pointed out the Commission would cost \$500, to join which breaks down to 50 cents a home. It would be worth this small investment in progress which Markham Township has already made.

The purpose of the Commission, which was established 25 years ago, is

to place in each municipality the type of industry it desires and, as stated by Deputy-Reeve Tomlin, 80 per cent of all the industry which has settled in Toronto district has been done by this Commission. It is a non-profit organization which serves a 30-mile radius of Toronto. One-half of its budget, up to a total of \$25,000, is paid by Toronto, with the understanding the Commission will raise an equal amount.

During the past year it has settled some 1200 industries in its operating area and of the total number of industries which have settled in Ontario during the past year, 64 per cent situated in Toronto area. The figures speak for themselves.

The settling of industry in our village to help balance the influx of new residents and to keep the tax rate down is foremost in the minds of our people who are continually wondering why there is not greater activity in promoting industrial development. In the long range view, 50 cents a home is very little when the development of the community is concerned.

Consider School Area

It is fast becoming a recognized fact that the problem of overcrowding in schools is rapidly reaching out from the built-up areas in rural communities in this district. Such a problem is presently being faced by the west side of Vaughan Township where schools in both Burlington and Coleraine school sections are giving their Boards of Trustees problems of accommodation.

Ratepayers in Nashville, which lies between the two school sections have strongly urged that a third school section be formed with a school to be erected at Nashville. This would likely alleviate the necessity, for the present at least, of expanding both existing schools.

Others, however, taking a long-term view have recommended the establishment of a School Area, including both school sections and Nashville. In this way, the existing schools would be left much the way they are with a new one at Nashville, leaving the way open for even distribution of the pupils in

three schools when the area expands to any extent.

Although the basic set-up of the schools would remain comparatively unchanged for some time to come, a gradual co-ordination of education methods and a system of larger scale administration under an area system would make its effects felt in higher educational standards and proportionately reduced operating costs.

At a meeting organized on the suggestion of Vaughan Township Council, ratepayers supported the formation of an area. It is felt that this may well be the continuing of a trend towards the establishment of school areas in the Metropolitan fringe to raise the standards of teaching while at the same time proportionately reducing the present high cost of education.

With the heavy expansion in the Metropolitan Area and the increasing overflow into fringe municipalities, a system of Area Education may well be forecast as, one by one, rural schools become faced with the same problems of increased operating costs and rapid overcrowding.

How To Avoid Worry

Worry, as medical men know, can actually induce organic disease. And even when it does not, it can devour energy and undermine health and shorten life. Yet worry is quite curable.

A. J. Cronin, noted doctor-writer, offers in the May Reader's Digest a prescription for avoiding "Private Enemy Number One," which is worry.

By learning to control our thought processes we can put worry in its place. In setting out to achieve this control we should rid ourselves at once of the false notion that worry is a peculiarity of the weak and the failures. Worry can be a sign of potential strength, proof that a man wants to succeed in his career. Many men whose names are immortal have been instinctive worriers, but they have learned how to deal with worry.

Cronin suggests: "Make a list of your worries. When they are down on paper you realize how many of them are vague and futile. An estimate would run about as follows: Things that never happen, 40 percent. Things past that

can't be changed, 30 percent. Needless health worries, 12 percent. Petty miscellaneous worries, ten percent. Real, legitimate worries, eight percent. . . . What we dread rarely comes to pass. . . .

Financial worries constitute a great part of all anxiety. The Digest article says that there is one way to solve them — by following Thoreau's classic exhortation: "Simplify." By living more simply, by cutting out certain luxuries, we may rid ourselves of many distracting worries.

For self-pity, too, the article sees one answer: "Instead of seeing ourselves as the center of existence, we must turn our thoughts toward others and come thus to realize our true place as members of a family, community, nation."

But the finest antidote to worry is work, Reader's Digest contends. As Henry Ward Beecher said: "Work is healthy; you can hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is the rust upon the blade."

About Town

By Bill Ellis

Well, the High School students rubbed the Richmond Hill dust out of their eyes and took a long look at their latest production, the Orbit. The Orbit is the School's Year Book. There hasn't been a year book published for the past seven or eight years.

A Revival. Last Fall it was decided to revive the idea of having a Year Book which would tabulate the activities of the pupils in picture and in print. Under the very capable leadership of the Staff Advisers, Bill Campbell and Em Lavender, the students quietly went to work laying the groundwork for the biggest and best Year Book to ever come out of three dollars!

Such comments as "Gee, just like the University's Book", and "Really terrific" were heard in the corridors as the students leafed through their copies. The demand to have the autographs of teachers and fellow students inscribed in the back of the book kept everybody busy for a whole day and writer's cramp became a common ailment.

Eighty Pages. The book has a hard cover which makes it a very permanent souvenir which would grace any book shelf. It has 80 well set-up pages, with feature stories and plenty of photographs. In the front and back is a two page spread of the High School. They tell me that it is the largest picture that the printers were able to produce on their equipment. Incidentally the printers also say that the photography ranks far above the usual year book pictures.

A new twist in class photographs makes the Orbit stand out. The pupils aren't lined up in the standard three or four rows outside a doorway, but are pictured in their "natural environment" such as in the shop gathered around a machine or in the gym receiving instructions for a gym class. Another switch is that the graduates are pictured wearing graduation gowns. This is a welcome change from the usual photo of an Honour Grad wearing a sweat shirt.

Cadets & Track Next Year. The literary efforts are good and the sports, humour, social, etc., sections are well written. The book covers all events from September to press time at Easter. It is too bad that the Cadet Inspection and Track and Field news, which came after Easter, missed out but this will have to be held over for next year's book.

Editors Work Hard. Everybody made the Orbit a huge success — the students who bought them, the advertisers, the Orbit Staff and the Staff Advisers. Special mention should go to the Editor-in-Chief Gwen Greaves and Supervising Editor Nancy Trenka. These two girls spent countless hours on proof-reading and laying out the pages. With this year's Orbit Staff to form the nucleus for next year's Staff, the year book should rise even greater heights.



GWEN GREAVES Editor-in-chief of the "Orbit"

Richmond Hill District High School.

Cost To Student Kept Low

Advertising is the life-blood of any publication and the students secured 50 advertisers who paid in excess of \$300 for the opportunity of being viewed by 550 students plus their families and relatives. The cost of the book was approximately \$1500 but the pupils were able to obtain same for the very reasonable charge of one dollar. Simple mathematics will show you that each book, as far as materials etc. is concerned, would cost almost to

"Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

MAY 25, 1950 Local citizens have entered wholeheartedly into an over-the-top effort for the "Help Fill the Sandbags" campaign for Manitoba Flood Relief.

Plans are going ahead for installing a better street light system in Thornhill.

Operation Petunia is being planned by the Business Men's Association when 1500 petunias will be planted out in bare spots along Yonge Street.

A new branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia has opened for business in the village.

The local Horticultural Society has landscaped the north-west corner of Yonge St. and the Maple sideroad as a beauty spot at the entry to the village.

Jack McLean, formerly of Guelph, has opened a doughnut manufacturing business.

The King Women's Institute has requested that street signs be erected in the village of King.

MAY 24, 1928 Citizens of the village have questioned what action the council plans to enforce traffic laws.

The 79th annual Richmond Hill fair will be opened today by Hon. George S. Henry. Among those directing the fair's progress this year are president W. H. Lesge, Honorary president W. H. Pugsley and directors James McLean and Thomas H. Trench, G. H. Duncan, Frank Graham, Reeve Lunau, R. S. Thompson and J. S.

Mr. John Boyle is in possession of a duck which is a freak of nature. The duck has two beaks and three eyes.

Fine mixed pickles at the Concrete House, 20c a quart.

McNair, also vice-presidents Fred A. Clark and Robert Agar.

Members of Vaughan and Markham councils and of the Department of Highways conferred recently on the problems of providing sidewalks on Yonge St. at Elgin Mills, Thornhill and Langstaff.

The village council met in a special session this week and let the contract for laying of the wooden pipe for the waterworks extension.

Comments the Lasky correspondent: "Last week two young gentlemen were seen promenading our streets at a very late hour, each in company with a gallant young maid. They seemed to tarry around Church St. as if in search of a minister. They had better return soon or they will have to go to Conference for a minister."

The fire brigade will give a demonstration at the Fair Grounds on the 24th.

Mr. J. M. Lawrence has been improving the appearance of our bank by having the window facing Yonge St. ornamented by a screen, very tastily painted bearing in gold coloured letters the words "The Central Bank of Canada."

Quick Thinking Prevents Robbery At Rices Flowers

Quick thinking on the part of Miss Beulah Baskerville, Richmond Hill, led to the arrest of Alcide Lacroix, CNR employee, of Bond Ave., Lake Wilcox, on a charge of theft.

Early Saturday morning at 1:15 a.m. Miss Baskerville, who lives in an apartment beside Fisher's 5c to \$1.00 store heard a car door shut and on getting up to investigate, noticed a man making trips back and forth between his panel truck and Rice's Flower Shop carrying quantities of box plants. She telephoned proprie-

tor Albert Rice, who hurried to his store to investigate.

In an attempt to apprehend the thief he climbed to the back of the truck, when suddenly the driver drove away. Hanging on to the truck, long enough to get the license number, Mr. Rice was badly bruised and shaken up.

Provincial police at Newmarket checked the license number of the vehicle and picked up Lacroix at his home and after an investigation, a theft charge was laid.

Plan Shopping Centre On Yonge At Langstaff

It has been reported that a 40-acre parcel of farm land on Yonge Street at Langstaff has been sold for \$114,000 to the Loblaw grocery chain for a proposed shopping centre and a giant super-market. The strip is a part of the 210 acre Milne farm which borders Langstaff sideroad and runs west to Bathurst Street. The remaining 170 acres belongs to the Ladies of Loretto who have plans to erect a college on the western side of the property.

Largest in Ontario. One of the largest parking lots in Ontario is being planned for

the centre which is expected to draw shoppers from a three mile radius.

Water Supply. The source of water supply has not yet been determined but it is thought that both North York and Richmond Hill will be approached with a request to supply water and failing this deep wells will have to be drilled.

As yet, it has not been made known what other firms plan to locate in the centre or exactly when the building programme will begin.

Sunday Afternoon

By Dr. Archer Wallace

I heard recently of a woman who was very angry because her social standing was not properly recognized. Some man had failed to treat her with proper deference. She said, "He spoke to me as if I were a scullery-maid."

The question which came to my mind was, what is wrong with scullery-maids? It is a respectable occupation and no one need be ashamed of it, nor should they be treated with scorn. All useful work is honourable and for one person to look with contempt upon another is the essence of snobbery and I cannot think of any attitude more un-Christian than that of scorn.

The late Stanley Baldwin, when Prime Minister of Great Britain, said: "All service ranks the same with God." Here was recognition by a noble man that there is no place for snobbery in the family of human relationships, although we have to confess with shame that there is so much of it.

An author whose books have been widely circulated and greatly loved, was Rev. John Watson, who used the pen-name Ian MacLaren. He wrote "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" and many other books which pictured humble Scottish life. In the little Presbyterian Church in Scotland where John Watson worshipped as a child there was an old man whose humble, reverent face made a great impression upon the lad. He thought he must indeed be a great man. One day, while walking along the road, young Watson saw this elder breaking stones, which was a very humble occupation. For a while he was bitterly disappointed; he hurried home to his father, who was the local doctor, and told him what he had seen. His father laid his hand on his shoulder and said, "James breaks stone for a living, but he knows more about God than any person I have ever met. Remember that the best man that ever lived on this earth was the poorest, for our Lord had not where to lay his head." John Watson never forgot that lesson. As long as he lived he remembered that the poor and humble might be kings and priests before God.

We read in the Bible that God inspires the ploughman in his task. God loves humble people and he needs them. He needs them to plough fields, build houses and even break stones.

Nearly a century ago the English novelist, George Eliot, expressed this in her poem "Stradivarius" when she made the violin-maker say:

... My work is mine. And, heresy or not, if my hand slacked I should, rob God — since he is fullest good — Leaving a blank instead of violin.

I say not God himself can make man's best Without best men to help him. 'Tis God gives skill. But not without men's hands; he could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio.

When the great scientist, Michael Pupin was a lad living in what was then known as Serbia, he made his first journey on a train. The conductor treated him with utter contempt, addressing him throughout as Swineherd. The awkward lad suffered in silence. Pupin came to America, worked his way through Harvard University and soon became a famous man. He returned to his native land for a visit. When he boarded the train near his home, the same conductor was on board. His manner to the American professor was very deferential and humble. Dr. Pupin was amused. He said: "How little he knew that he had once called me a vulgar swineherd."

Our quotation today is by Joseph Conrad.

"If a healthy man is not a worker, he is nothing."

To Study At Conservatory

Miss Anne Stephenson, formerly of Oak Ridges, who has been Supervisor of Music in Orillia Public Schools for the past two years, has been accepted as a student in the Senior School of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. She will study in Toronto for the next three years.

A former pupil of Illyd Harris, Aurora, Anne is well-known throughout Ontario for her work in music festivals. She sang last winter on Singing Stars of To-Morrow row and Opportunity knocks in Toronto.

MAPLE JERSEY HERD. Many outstanding records have recently been completed by the Jersey herd of William Lawson, Vaughan Acres, Maple, Ont. The leader in this group is Vaughan Standard Annabelle who, at 7 years of age, in 365 days, produced 12,520 lbs. of milk, and 758 lbs. of fat. If this daughter of the superior sire, Edgeley Standard Noble Lad freshens in time, she will be awarded a Gold Medal Certificate.

Vaughan Standard Esther, a daughter of the tested sire, Edgeley Basil Consort, has completed a senior yearling record in 365 days in the Vaughan Acres herd, of 9,091 lbs. of milk, and 429 lbs. of fat, qualifying for a Silver Medal certificate. This is an outstanding production for a heifer that went on test before she was two years of age.

The Junior 2 year old, Vaughan Standard Teena, who has been awarded a Silver Medal certificate for her record of 9,688 lbs. of milk and 511 lbs. of fat in 305 days is a daughter of the superior sire, Edgeley Valiant Standard.

Vaughan Standard Bonnie has also been awarded a Silver Medal certificate for her senior 2 year old record in 365 days of 9,036 lbs. of milk, 495 lbs. of fat. She also, is a daughter of Edgeley Valiant Standard.

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