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Rabbi Monson Guest Speaker Rotary Club



RABBI DAVID MONSON

Guest speaker at Monday's Brotherhood week rally sponsored by the Richmond Hill Rotary Club.

Native of Ottawa Rabbi Monson came to Toronto in 1939. Founder and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Synagogue on Eglinton Avenue West he has played a prominent role in the spiritual and community life of Toronto. His other accomplishments include charter member and governor of Northwestern General Hospital, wartime chaplain, and member of Council for Christians and Jews.

A comparison of Christianity and Judaism was the subject of an interesting and informative talk delivered by Rabbi David Monson at last Monday's special observance of Brotherhood Week by the Richmond Hill Rotary Club.

Introduced by Joseph Rabinowitch prominent local lawyer and member of the Jewish faith Rabbi Monson traced first the similarities and then the differences of the Jewish and Christian religions.

Both Christians and Jews share the old testament and believe in heaven and hell. However, each religion approaches Jesus Christ with a different feeling. To the Christian Jesus was divine, while the Jews consider him nothing more than a prophet and human. Although the new testament is the main basis of Christianity it is regarded by the Jewish religion as a fable.

Turning next to the various customs and traditions associated with the Jewish faith Rabbi Monson said his belief discourages expensive funerals and if not required by law would dispense with coffins.

Pay High Tribute to Gt. Britain In analysing the World situation Rabbi Monson paid high tribute to Great Britain. No where in the World have people of the Jewish faith received better treatment and a real sense of brotherhood than in England.

Today England has 14 Jewish Lords and at the very height of Hitler's Anti-Semitic campaign both the Chief Justice of England and the Lord Mayor of London were Jewish. All told there are 330,000 Jewish people in Great Britain.

Hitler Destroyed 6 1/2 Million Jews Prior to the rise of Hitler there were 16 1/2 million Jews in Germany. By the end of World War 2 Hitler had destroyed 6 1/2 million of this figure.

Poland, behind the Iron Curtain still has 40,000 Jews all clammouring to leave the country. The 3 million Jews in Russia itself have been written off as a complete loss as their rights have been seriously curtailed by the Soviets.

On this side of the Atlantic the United States has 4 1/2 million Jews while Canada has 225,000. During the last war 18,000 Canadian Jews enlisted in the armed forces, and of this number one thousand paid the supreme sacrifice.

Stating that the new state of Israel is the only real democracy in the far East Rabbi Monson said that the Jewish people yearned to return to Israel for two thousand years. Following World War 2 they conquered Israel defeating forces of seven other nations. Today there still are 160,000 Arabs living in

Rotary Celebration

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In order to exchange ideas and further the existing friendly relationships with neighbouring communities, the Richmond Hill Club is meeting four times a year with clubs in Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Beeton.

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill wishes to thank the public for their wonderful support and also pay tribute to the service clubs and other organizations, also the press, for their excellent co-operation at all times.

Founder of an Ideal Rotary International has grown from an idea formed by one man Paul P. Harris, founder of the movement. A native of Wisconsin, he was educated in the East, and studied at the Universities of Vermont, Princeton and Iowa, graduating in law.

After five years of "seeing the world," he settled down to practice in Chicago, and there conceived the idea of making social friends of some of his business acquaintances. Three of his associates joined him in the idea—Silvester, Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey and they formed the first club, calling it "Rotary" because the meeting rotated among the various places of business of the members, in 1905.

After three years, when Paul Harris became President, he decided the movement had potentialities of becoming an important one, and he went out to organize more clubs. In 1908, the second unit was formed in San Francisco and by 1910, there were 16 clubs in that area. When they formed an organization of clubs, the Rotary form was crystallized. By 1912 the International Organization of Rotary Clubs was formed, with clubs in Canada and the U.S. taking part, and by 1922, the name evolved to the present, Rotary International.

In the 50 years since its founding, Rotary has grown to a total of 8,300 clubs, consisting of some 400,000 business and professional executives, in 89 countries or geographic regions of the world. Among its outstanding works, internationally, are the Rotary Foundation, established on the death of the founder, Paul Harris, in 1947, which in 1952 had amassed a total of \$3,200,000, and had awarded student fellowships to 500 scholars from 57 different countries.

The present President of Rotary International is Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago. The District Governor for this part of Canada, District 247, is C. F. Basil Tippet, of Toronto, a leading executive in the moving transport field. The Richmond Hill Rotary Club this year is headed by Jack Rice.

Brotherhood Week

We all belong to the common run of humanity. The word "common" as used here, carries no suggestion of that which is low-grade and limited; rather let it be significant of the potential inherent in man and race. We are of common stock in the order of humanity, and any outstanding achievements of particular groups must be measured in terms of environment, opportunity, and individual or group initiative. There are no "special" races. Some may have been afforded special opportunities, with consequent greater responsibilities. But it should be evident that the more we are, and have and achieve in common the greater the impulse toward the achieving of the high destiny of children of the One God and Father.

very fact of the Fatherhood of God entails an enlarging order of Brotherhood among men. Even in a well integrated family there are bound to be differences of opinion and outlook. But the true family is motivated by a common spirit of love and goodwill which welds it into a spiritual unity.

Brotherhood Week is an attempt to further in the large that essential love and goodwill. It reminds us that in the Will of God, and in the Spirit of Jesus of Nazareth — along with an increasing awareness of the oneness of the world — we must seek for a deepening order of Brotherhood.

Let us make Brotherhood Week, 1955, truly significant — beginning where we work, and live, and play, and worship.

Traffic Signal Needed

A two-car crash recently at the Yonge Street-Maple Sideroad intersection has pointed up the increasing need for a more adequate warning signal for motorists at that spot.

Although no one was seriously injured in last week's smash, two cars were badly damaged and a carload of people shaken up. Each year there seems to be an increasing number of accidents at this particular corner. At this point, south-bound Yonge St. traffic is picking up speed on the down-grade while the western approach is on

a steep hill. These conditions combined with the location of a T.T.C. bus stop right on the corner create a dangerous intersection, especially for the motorist unfamiliar with road conditions.

Some time ago, the subject of a stoplight or warning flasher was discussed but no action was taken. The number of accidents which have occurred at this corner during the past year would appear to indicate the need for further investigation on the possible installation of a traffic warning signal of some sort.

Expect New Pipeline To Aid Vaughan Industry

"If this new Alberta Natural Gas pipeline goes through the area of the township it is planned for it will undoubtedly be a great advantage to our proposed industrial area," said Reeve Marshall McMurchy at last Monday's Twp. Council meeting. Council was discussing the proposed meeting next week with officials of the Alberta Natural Gas Co., when the matter of installing a portion of the pipeline from the West over the township will be considered.

It is expected that the pipeline will cross the southern portion of the township in close proximity to the area which in the official plan was designated for industrial development. Reeve McMurchy said that the Company has indicated that it will be possible to run branch lines from the main line. This will be a valuable factor in encouraging industry to locate in the township.

Bell Telephone Council turned down a request from the Bell Telephone Co., to permit them to erect telephone poles 9 feet from the lot line. Council felt that poles so close to the road proper would complicate snow plowing and ditching and directed that poles should continue to be placed no more than 4 feet from the fence line.

Council voted to join the Ontario Association of Mayors and Reeves.

Don Valley Authority A letter from the Don Valley Conservation Authority called to the attention of council a recent motion passed by the group requesting that municipal councils consider only one family dwellings in the river valley. They also wish to have support in keeping construction a safe distance back from the banks and below the water crest.

County By-Law which has received first and second reading before the York County Council was

presented to Vaughan Councilors at the meeting. The by-law is designed to keep gravel pits from excavating too close to county roads thus causing a hazard. The same by-law would also regulate the closeness of buildings to county roads. Council endorsed the principle of the resolution but instructed the clerk to advise the county that they felt there should be some relation between the depth of a pit and its closeness to the road. "There should be nothing less than a 1 1/2 or 2 to 1 grade from the road to the pit bottom," suggested Deputy-Reeve A. Rutherford.

During the meeting, council discussed briefly the possibility of purchasing township owned cruisers for the Vaughan police next year. "With increased police which will soon be required, mileage paid will mount steadily, I think, therefore, it is time to consider purchasing our own cars," said Deputy-Reeve Albert Rutherford, who is chairman of the police committee.

Cattle By-Laws W. Moffat Cockburn, County Agricultural representative met with council to explain the setting up of a Warble Control and Brucellosis bylaw. Out of 382 cattle owners in the township, 263 signed the Warble fly petition and 276 the Brucellosis petition.

The next step for the township will be to pass the necessary bylaws and appoint a Warble Fly inspector and a Brucellosis committee. The cost of this service is born by the Dept. of Agriculture, the township and the farmers.

Council has given approval to the debenture issue of \$29,500 for an addition to the Henderson Ave. School.

At an earlier meeting, council appointed the firm of Shore and Moffat as architects for the proposed construction of municipal offices and garages.

School Inspector From India Visits Dist. Schools

Mr. Maynard Hallman, Public School Inspector, was host this week to an interesting personality from India, Mr. Banerjee, who is here in Canada under the auspices of the Colombo Plan to assist underdeveloped countries throughout the world.

Mr. Banerjee is studying all aspects of our educational system in this country and will use the knowledge thus gained to improve educational facilities and methods in India.

Mr. Banerjee is himself in charge of 41 school inspectors in India and therefore showed keen interest in all that he saw. "Between visits, Mr. Hallman and Mr. Banerjee "talked shop" and discovered many amusing differences in their respective jobs. For example, Mr. Banerjee covers his territory by motorcycle most of the time, and his inspectors either reach their schools on foot or on backs of elephants — a far cry from the modern modes of travel in this country.

Mr. Banerjee arrived in Montreal from India a week ago Monday. He went from there to Ottawa where he spent two days, and thence to this district. He plans to stay six months in Canada and has expressed a desire to re-visit this area in the very near future.

Village Hires Third Constable

Constable Ronald L. Howard last week was hired by Richmond Hill Police Committee as a third constable for the local force. Seventeen applications were received from various sections of the province and six applicants were interviewed by the committee February 16.

Constable Howard is 34, married, and at present living in Toronto. He gained police experience in the Canadian Army Provost Corps, and for the past months, has been employed by Mohan Construction at the Bailey subdivision.

He will start at a salary of \$2,800. a year, with car mileage, uniform and equipment provided. He began his duties Monday morning.

Members of the Police Committee are Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin, and Councilors Wesley Middleton and Floyd Perkins. Council approved the appointment at Monday night's meeting.

High School Wins Championship

Richmond Hill District High School boys' volleyball team won the Senior "A" Championship Georgian Bay District last Saturday when they topped off five games for the title.

The teams, coached by Russ Snider, heads for Hamilton March 26, where it will vie for the All-Ontario Sr. "A" Schools Championship. Line-up for the winning team last Saturday was Lyn Jackman, captain, John Williams, Carl Teetzel, Doug, Stewart, Barry West, Stan, Shepherd; Subs: Wayne Dick and Larry Fryer.

Junior Choir-String Quartette Present Outstanding Concert

The Junior Choir of Richmond Hill United Church presented a very enjoyable concert last Friday evening in the church.

The choir under the direction of Herman Fowler, Mus. Bac., R.M.T., church organist and choir leader, is composed of some thirty boys and girls. Mr. Fowler has done a great deal of work with this group of young people to produce a choir of lovely voices.

In the first half of the programme, the choir presented a group of sacred hymns including an Evening Hymn by Henry Purcell and concluding with Parry's Jerusalem. The second portion of the programme comprised of secular numbers including two very light, lively selections, Old King Cole and Little Jack Horner (With Apologies to Handel).

Assisting the choir was the Richmond Hill String Quartette. Members of the quartette are local residents Bernard and Betty Byfield, violins, John Larkin, viola, and Joseph Rabinowitch, cello. Accompanist is Elizabeth Hayward. Three string quartet plays movements by Beethoven, Hayden and Borodin were played and in addition, they played

a quartette accompaniment for the choral work O Lovely Peace by Handel.

Soloists during the evening included Betty Byfield, Joseph Rabinowitch and Herman Fowler. Fowler solo, Mrs. Byfield played the popular On Wings of Song by Mendelssohn. Mrs. Byfield is an outstanding violinist having started her career at the age of nine, as guest artist with the Toronto Symphony orchestra. Celloist Joseph Rabinowitch played "Kol Nidrei" in an arrangement by Bruch. The two words Kol Nidrei are the opening phrase of a chant used in Jewish Synagogues at the Feast of the Atonement. The gentle nostalgic tones of the cello were appropriate for this beautiful melody usually sung by a cantor.

The third soloist was the choir leader Herman Fowler who played the march from Wagner's Tannhauser. Although written for full orchestra, this celebrated march of the entry into the Wartburg lends itself very well to an arrangement.

As a conclusion to a very enjoyable evening, the choir sang the choral round, Good-night to You All.

Principal On Panel

The entire staff of Richmond Hill District High School at the Regional Conference of High School teachers held on Thursday, February 17, at East York and Weston Collegiates. At these conferences, arranged by the O.S.S.T.F., teachers meet in groups according to the subjects they teach.

The Home Economics section was, this year, under the convenership of Mrs. Evelyn van den Hoek of R.H.D.H.S., who with her committee presented a very interesting and profitable agenda to that group.

The interest of educationalists is at present centred on the problem of the gifted child and this topic appeared as part of the agenda of almost every section. In the Principal's section, this topic was introduced by Professor E. Brock Rideout, of the Department of Educational Research at the Ontario College of Education and a panel composed of Principals W. B. McMurray, U.T.S. chairman, F. R. Rutherford, York Memorial C.I. and A. S. Elson, R.H.D.H.S. led in the discussion of the efforts being made, and the problems found in meeting the requirements of the bright pupil.

Principal Elson had prepared a brochure for discussion which suggested an accelerated programme reducing, for the bright student, the normal five year course to one of four years. As time prevented the completion of the discussion on this topic, the proposal was referred for further discussion to the Metropolitan Headmasters' Association meeting in March.

Members High School Staff Lead In Discussion Groups

The problems of time tabling occupied an hour of the Vice-Principal's section and once again R.H.D.H.S. was represented on a panel by F. W. Morrow, who presented some of the problems of a District High School while those of the Urban were revealed by G. Hull of Etobicoke C.I., and of the Vocational School by R. T. Russell of the new George Harvey Vocational School on Keele St.

Although R.H.D.H.S. teachers did not lead the discussion in the Modern Language section this year they were selected to convene next year's meeting of both the French and German divisions. During the sessions much information, such as selection of guests speakers, subjects to be discussed, and procedure to be followed, was obtained, which will undoubtedly prove useful in arranging next year's program. The committee will begin work in the fall, drawing up a basic agenda, which will then be submitted to the modern language teachers of the district, together with a questionnaire inviting supplementary suggestions. It was quite evident from the discussions of the recent meeting that several pressing problems, such as the selection of suitable textbooks, the use of a minimum vocabulary, and the best way of relieving the Upper School load, are still awaiting further study and discussion.

All departments reported a very profitable day and feel that such gatherings are of great value in the sharing of problems and their possible solutions.

Three new residential subdivisions were submitted to the Board of T.S.A. No. 1 Markham and Vaughan last week for perusal by trustees regarding requirements for school sites.

The largest of the developments is the Uplands Gardens Subdivision, from Uplands to the Loblaw and Loretto Abbey property, on the west side of Yonge at Langstaff, provides for 150 homes which will range in price from \$22,500 to \$30,000. It has been estimated 25 per cent will be occupied by the end of the summer.

Water will be provided for this subdivision, and if the 150 lots in the Loretto subdivision to the north are developed it will cut costs of sewers from \$1,000 per home to \$500. It is expected seven acres will be required for a school site.

The Board decided to make no recommendation until a revised plan has been seen and word to this effect was sent to Vaughan Township Planning Board. The

Area Board Peruses Subdivision Plans Regarding School Sites

present plan has not been approved by the Planning Board. The new subdivision will necessitate the addition of three rooms to Langstaff school.

The plan was submitted to trustees by Mrs. I. Armstrong, who is the trustee-representative on Vaughan Planning Board.

The second subdivision, at the southwest corner of John and Bayview, consists of 16 lots, and is being developed by A. Ucci. The third is at Thornlea Road and Bayview and is a 10-lot development by S. S. Warren. The Board issued no land requirements in these subdivisions.

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