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Need Beauty In Town Planning

Governor General Vincent Massey appealed to Canadians to give beauty a higher place in the planning of their cities and towns at a recent 10th anniversary dinner for the Community Planning Association of Canada in Ottawa. "Economic forces have often hurried us into size without shape; into greatness without grandeur," he stated to his audience.

In his address, Mr. Massey pointed out that civilized life comes when men and women cherish four things: physical well-being, moral virtues, knowledge and understanding and finally beauty in all its forms. Dwelling particularly on the last two, he said that they should be linked with the very existence of a town or city. He stressed that urban dwellers still need the natural beauty of gardens, parks and stretches of water. "These amenities are not luxuries; they satisfy a profound need. If we must forego the natural beauty of the countryside, then we should strive for natural beauty in our towns," said His Excellency. He also pointed out the value of harmony in architecture in connection with the natural beauty of any community.

The speaker decried the lack of noble streets and squares in larger Canadian communities. He said that these aspects of community planning were very evident in Europe and added that they made a subtle but important contribution to the beauty of a city or town. He cited in particular the apartment dweller who has a need to see something still and green — something restful, as a contrast to the dazzle of neon signs.

Of particular interest to a community such as Richmond Hill were Mr. Massey's remarks regarding small towns. He said that the quality of sameness is a major menace to modern life. "Let us protect our cities and

towns as we would the minds of our children from the steamroller of uniformity." Continuing, he pointed out that towns throughout Canada are centres of trade. "But why, when I pass through these thriving communities where nearly every shop window gives evidence of wealth and taste, must I look back now and then at a street which, as a whole, is mean — a treeless waste, disfigured by enormous signs and obscured by a tangle of overhead wires?"

The speaker called for more thought in planning so that a restful pleasant mood is created, making a city or a small community pleasant and appealing. He concluded, "Without town planning, there will be a very restricted 'good life' in Canada. Few countries in the world today offer the planner such unlimited opportunities."

The content of Mr. Massey's address is of particular value to a fast-growing community like Richmond Hill. If taken seriously, they afford the town fathers and civic organizations an opportunity now to start a park and general town improvement plan. As the town expands, there will be a greater need to provide open parkland where both children and adults can enjoy the outdoors. There are a number of beauty spots in the town limits which could be developed admirably to create the pleasant spots His Excellency refers to. In an improvement plan, the trees, too, should not be forgotten. The stringing of hydro and telephone lines has taken a drastic toll on the lovely trees which made Richmond Hill's main street one of the most attractive at one time.

This is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to create some lasting beauty spots in the community and to prevent it from becoming a barren waste of steaming pavements and solid masonry without the restful softening influence of nature.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Wants Higher License Fee For Dogs

Dear Mr. Editor: For the period January 1 to October 31, 1956, the total fees collected for dog licenses in Richmond Hill was \$768.00. This seems like a small sum to compensate for the dog nuisance in this town.

Much has been said in this column about the dog nuisance and I am in agreement with those who advocate a higher license fee. I would also suggest a fine of \$15.00 or more for owners whose dogs are found running at large and a similar fine for those whose dogs bark, yap, yelp and yowl.

If the answer to dog trouble in this town is not higher license fees and fines would the Council and Police Force please make other suggestions and carry them out effectively in 1957.

Yours truly,
L.H.

Dog Nuisance

Dear Mr. Editor: In your last issue, "Old Timer" suggests that the recent letter of "Disgusted Citizen" appears to lack realism and corrective approach. I sincerely disagree.

Old Timer's approach is surely the one that lacks realism and he certainly has no correct approach. He suggests that the answer to the problem is for "Dog Owners to obey the law and for non Dog Owners to call upon law enforcement direct if required — all respecting another's rights in this fine old town of ours." This is the kind of wishful thinking that has permitted this dog nuisance to assume its present unbearable proportions, the kind of outlook that has created a situation that is becoming worse day by day.

Some dog owners do obey the law and do consider their fellow citizens' rights and pride of ownership, but they are few and far between. The majority just let their dogs run loose to do as they please. Let Old Timer take a short drive through any part of the town and if he cannot see a dozen or two dogs running at large (especially so if there happens to be a female dog in the neighborhood) then he should hunt up an optometrist immediately!

As far as law enforcement is concerned, that is supposed to have been the solution for some years past, but with what result? It is evident that the trouble has not improved. Who enforces the dog by-laws if there are any? Certainly not the local police. Take that part of the by-law that is supposed to prevent dogs running at large. Is it ever enforced? If so, how often? I have on numerous occasions seen our police car pass wandering dogs, singly or in groups and they take no action. Perhaps they figure that our civic by-laws are not adequate to support court charges, or perhaps they feel that they have more important things to take care of. This statement of fact is not ridicule (as I have found the police quite helpful at times) but is what Old Timer refers to as being a "realistic approach."

Dogs destroy shrubbery, push lids off garbage pails, upset needed sleep by their continuous barking both day and night, etc., etc. What would Old Timer suggest should be done? Try and catch one of them (probably getting bitten in the process) and hold till the police arrive? Even if I cannot catch a dog, but know the culprit, how am I going to lay a charge against a specific owner unless I am prepared to pay a solicitor to protect my interests — and would the court be sure to take my word as against that of the owner?

The evils of the situation are so apparent that some solution must be found, not just hoped for. If there is no better solution to be found at this time, then making an extra charge for a dog license fee (an extra extra one for an unspayed female) might provide sufficient funds to employ a real dog catcher and then the evil would soon right itself. In the meantime let us eliminate the Rip Van Winkle attitude and realize that we are now citizens of a growing community and not living back in the bush where dogs are a primary necessity.

New Timer.

Dogs Running At Large
Dear Mr. Editor: I agree 100% with the "Don Quixote" letter in the January 3rd issue of the Liberal re dogs.

Practically ever since we have lived in Richmond Hill, which is a period of some years, we have had to put up with loose dogs, running at large, ruining evergreens, scattering garbage, and worst of all, the incessant barking, day and night, which is very nerve-racking, even if one is in perfect health, but well nigh intolerable if in ill health, especially when allowed to go on all night and well into the daybreak. Why should one have to put up with this sleep-disturbing nuisance. We came to the country for peace and expect a reasonable amount of quiet, but, also have found it just the opposite.

Now that we have increased the number of elected administrators, and have assumed the "status" of a town, let's insure that the by-laws already on the books, are enforced — what about a good stiff dog tax too? (Signed) Disgusted Richmond Hill Taxpayer

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VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Annual Community Hall Meeting

The annual meeting of the Community Hall was held on Monday evening of last week at the hall. Following is the slate of officers for 1957. Chairman, Marcus Jarvis; Secretary, Earl Empringham; Treasurer, John Buchanan; Trustees, Marcus Jarvis, Arnold Mortson, Jim Valis, Leslie Hart and Lloyd Beatty.

Couples Club

The first meeting of 1957 for the Couples Club was held on Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tennyson. Rev. A. Huston conducted the Election of Officers. Following is the list of officers for 1957: Past-President, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tennyson; President, Mr. and Mrs. Barry King; Vice-President, Mr. and Mrs. John McCague; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton. Following the election games were played. Refreshments were served at the close.

Sr. Women's Institute

The February meeting of the Sr. Women's Institute will be held on Tuesday evening, February 5 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. David Houck. Convenors for the meeting will be Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. D. Houck. Roll Call will be answered by "A bad habit I should overcome." The rest of the programme is to be in charge of the Home Economic and Health committees, Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. D. Houck. All the ladies in the community are invited to attend.

W.A.

The annual Convention of the W.A. for the Toronto Centre Presbyterian will be held on Friday, February 1st, 1957, commencing at 10 a.m. in Eglinton United Church, Toronto. As many ladies as possible from here are requested to attend. Those wishing transportation kindly contact Mrs. Harvey Collard.

All members of the W.A. are invited to attend the meeting at the Markham United Church on Tuesday, February 12, commencing at 10 a.m. to organize the new W.A. Presbyterian of York. Luncheon will be served.

Youth Service

There will be a special Youth service in Victoria Square United Church on Sunday evening, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Elly Bradley, a graduate in engineering, now a student in Theology, at Emmanuel College, Toronto, and assistant minister at Manor Rd. United Church, Toronto. There will be a young peoples choir, with Margaret Jones, formerly of the Leslie Bell Singers, who will be guest soloist. Following the service the young people will meet in the church basement for a social hour with the visiting young people from surrounding areas. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Neighbourhood Notes

Birthday Greetings to: Mr. Charles Stansbury Sr. for February 1; to William Meakes who will be two years old on February 5; to Mrs. Heber McCague for February 5; to Charles Stansbury Jr. for February 6.

A speedy recovery is wished for Margaret Empringham who underwent a tonsillectomy in the Newmarket Hospital last week.

Mrs. J. Bond of Gormley, called on Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Wesley Wellman of Cameron spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols and other friends in the community.

Mr. Wm. Stewart of Red Deer, Alberta, and Mr. Leslie Hart called on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family on Sunday afternoon.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. P. Elward is in the Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Patrick Lalor of Pine Falls, Manitoba spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston and

Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and Penny of Oro Station, had Sunday evening dinner with Miss Mabel Sanderson.

Mrs. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Burns and Freddie of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of Red Deer, Alberta, Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Philley and family of Agincourt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family.

Mrs. Arould Vance and Jeanne of Collingwood, Mr. Eddy Schuse of North Bay spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston and Betty.

Miss Betty Huston represented the Victoria Square Young People at the Young People's conference held in Carleton St. United Church, Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Donald had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Lemon in Toronto.

Congratulations to Mr. Alan Chadwick on joining Markham Township Police Force. We wish him every success in his new work.

Miss Sheila Henderson spent Saturday with Miss Cheryl Cockrane.

Mrs. Wesley Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family.

Institute Party
The Sr. Women's Institute is holding a Community Party in the Community Hall on Monday evening, February 11, Miss Eleanor Syrcuse of Toronto will help provide the programme. All welcome. Come and enjoy yourselves. Ladies please bring sandwiches or tarts.

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Mesdames A. Ryder, G. Kelly, A. Frankland, and W. MacArthur from Toronto, spent Wednesday visiting with Mrs. M. Holmes and Mr. F. Sinclair, Yongehurst Rd. The ladies enjoyed lunch followed by an afternoon of cards.

Guide and Brownie News
Mrs. M. McDermott, and Mrs. M. Jarmon on behalf of 1st Richvale Guide Mothers, presented Acting Brown Owl, Norma Lenton with Toadstool and Owl on Wednesday evening, to help 3rd Richvale Guides and Brownies to get under way with their troop.

Guide and Brownie Mothers will canvass our district on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31st, for the annual drive of March of Dimes.

Linda Lambert and Debbie Blackburn of Yongehurst Rd. enjoyed dinner with Valerie Fenwick on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

Hockey
Ross Doan Hockey Team played Charles Howitt League at the Arena on Monday, Jan. 28th, and were victorious with a score of 5-3. Their last game ended in a tie when they challenged Thornlea School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan of Pemberton Rd. will leave on Sunday to motor to Florida where they will spend a week's holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirk of Spruce Ave. spent last week end visiting Mrs. Kirk's sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cobean of Kitchener, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens of Yonge St. S. left by car on Monday morning for a five week trip through the States. Points of interest will be a stay in California, Las Vegas, and Reno, Nevada.

Mr. Bill Norris of Birch Ave. has fully recuperated from his recent appendectomy operation at Newmarket Hospital.

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