

Fire On The Stage Extra Thrill At The Regional Drama Festival

(by Cicely Thomson)
There was a flash of light and the bad witch appeared!
It was at Hart House theatre, when the final play of the Regional Festival was near the end of the third act of Mrs. McThing. The capacity house included some 50 persons from Richmond Hill. As the witch began speaking a tiny column of smoke changed to a tiny spurt of flame, seconds ticked by and all 500 of us watched as fascinated as birds by a snake, while the little flame licked upwards, so slowly, so tiny, nearer the witch's soft draperies, nearer the bright satin hangings

on the scenery. Suddenly as it seemed to spring into full life a voice from the dark hall called loudly, imperatively, "There's a fire on the stage!"
The two actresses stepped back to look, shocked into immobility, another second lost. An order was hurled from the audience. "Use your room!" Quickly, efficiently, before any of the stage crew got there Norma Shone had dealt death to the menace. Danger was gone from our midst, we did not have to try to get out of that underground theatre with its long corridors. There was only a charred area three feet high on the stage to remind us of the reality of the threat that had menaced us.

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The audience broke into spontaneous and prolonged applause; the actresses took up their places; they spoke their lines with feeling and with spirit. There was only the charred hole to remind us that it had happened.
The voice from the audience belonged to Russ Waller, who until two years ago had been the Hart House Stage Manager. A few minutes after the play he received honorable mention for his performance in Thunder Rock.

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Back In Hospital
We are very sorry to report Gwen Johnson back in hospital, but trust this week will see her home again. Also birthday greetings, Gwen; but it would have been better to celebrate at home. Mary-Ellen is staying meanwhile with her aunt in Stouffville.
Annual S.S. Meeting
Not deterred by road conditions or stormy weather, there were eleven members of the staff and officers of Headford Sunday School at the annual meeting last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Barker. When reports were in, it was found that finances were in fairly good shape, and all teachers agreed to carry on with their same classes.
Mr. Barker, superintendent, wishes to resign, but agreed to carry on until a successor is appointed.
There may possibly be a new class formed for those pupils who are now in Primary, but are just a bit young for that class. General feeling was that we have a pretty good Sunday School, and Mr. Binnington thanked all who are carrying on.
We missed Cora Brodie from her usual place on Sunday, but hope she is quite recovered by now.
Birthday Wishes
Belated Birthday greetings to Ann Curtis for the 11th, and many happy returns to Francis Toyne, who will celebrate her sixteenth birthday on January 19.

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Town Public School Board Extend The Powers Of School Bd. Committees

The extension of the function of committees in order to reduce the business at regular meetings was authorized by Richmond Hill Public School Board at a special meeting Monday evening following a discussion of Chairman L. D. Clement's recommendation that this be done.
Chairman Clement emphasized that the growth of the town and its school population (now well over 2,000 pupils) had increased the volume of business accumulating for discussion and decision by the board to such an extent, "streamlining" was a necessity.

Six Committees

Six committees will be delegated authority to thresh out particular problems and their solutions before the board is presented a recommendation for final approval or disapproval. The various committees are expected to prepare regular reports which the secretary will include on the agenda for perusal of the board members, so that all board members will be fully aware of the proposals emanating from a committee before coming to a final decision. If necessary, the secretary, Mrs. D. Street, will be instructed to secure extra help with routine matters.

Chairman Clement pointed out the local school board had never shirked its duties but had done most of the detail work of running the schools itself. "We've not just listened" - Mr. Clement said. Now he believed the time had come when the load had to be lessened because of lack of time. Often the twice monthly meetings do not break up before one o'clock.
Stress Teaching
The Chairman also stated he hoped there would be more opportunity devoted to "seeing how the schools are run as teaching institutions. Most of our meetings for the past few years have been dealing with accommodation. We need more knowledge of educational matters," emphasized Mr. Clement.
Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully added, "The school buildings had to come first because of the growth of the town or so."
Policy of the board for future reference was discussed. It was decided to study the matter fully during the year. Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch pointed out, "policy is based on requirement" and that the board had already arrived at certain methods or policies of dealing with particular matters. The secretary has kept a file of some policy making decisions, such as the use of school yards as after school playgrounds during the past year or so.
Committees for the year are as follows: Building, Trustee Harold Sanderson, Trustee Cecil Williams; Personnel, Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Trustee Mrs. Sully; Planning, Trustee Rabinowitch, Trustee Mrs. Sully; Publicity and Public Relations, Trustee Mrs. Sully, Trustee Williams; Finance and Purchasing, Trustee Sanderson, Trustee Mrs. Southwell; and Curriculum, Trustee Rabinowitch, Trustee Mrs. Sully.

Tuesday, January 20 Hear Welfare Leaders Panel Discussion At Home And School Club

A program of wide community interest, planned for an audience far beyond the area of one home and school club, has been arranged by the McConaghy Home and School Club for Tuesday, January 20th in the school auditorium at 8:00 p.m.
Through the medium of a panel discussion, and working on the problems of an imaginary family, leader of the welfare services in the County of York will clarify their own fields by their "Care" of this imaginary family.
The committee extends a general invitation to the public to attend this meeting, and have invited especially the service clubs, doctors and ministers to be present as their interests are close to this work.
Three members of the panel will be William Outerbridge of Aurora, representing the Family Court; Mrs. Betty Graham of Newmarket of the Children's Aid Society, and Dr. R. M. King, head of the York County Health Unit. Only recently working under one roof in the York County Building

46 Anniversary Party Held By Rich. Hill W. I.

The 46th anniversary of the Richmond Hill Women's Institute was held last Thursday afternoon in the Municipal Hall, taking the form of a Pot Luck luncheon (which all felt was really more of a Smorgasbord) the ladies excelled in contributing countless delectable dishes for the enjoyment of all.
Following lunch, a short business session, chaired by President Mrs. J. Pollard, took place. A pleasant moment took place when the W.I. members sang "Happy Birthday To You" to the form of a Pot Luck luncheon (which all felt was really more of a Smorgasbord) the ladies excelled in contributing countless delectable dishes for the enjoyment of all.
Mrs. Parker, who comes from Bristol, England, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Walker, Church St., for several months. Later in the program, Mrs. Parker favoured the gathering with the Bristol W.I. hymn "And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time."
Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. Clement.
Mrs. Smith started the entertainment off with a singing-song then recited the very humorous poem, "Towser Must Be Tied Tonight." Afterwards the ladies were asked to "draw" dear Towser with many hilarious art attempts being turned in to the judges, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Bowes and Mrs. Hal Robertson. First prize for the best drawing went to Mrs. L. W. Zeuffelt, while Mrs. Herb Sanderson, secretary of the W.I. won second prize for her "doggy" picture.
Throughout the afternoon, prizes of linen scarves, centrepieces and handkerchiefs were awarded various members for prize winning efforts and Mrs. Smith noted that all the prizes had come to Chairman's presents to the Richmond Hill W.I. from their sister-link branch in England.
Charter members Mrs. N. Phipps and Mrs. N. Glass were given gifts in recognition of their lengthy membership.

H. Brennan Head Markham Planning

Mr. Hugh Brennan of Thornlea was re-elected the 1959 chairman of the seven member Markham Township Planning Board at the inaugural meeting held last week. Mr. Henry Sissons of Box Grove was also re-elected vice-chairman.
The two new members are Mr. Stan Richardson, Victoria Square, and Mr. Alec Maynard of Thornhill. Council representatives on the board will be Reeve W. L. Clark and Councillor L. Mumber-son.

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Town To Review Request Markham Rd. Gas Station

Former Deputy-reeve D. G. Plaxton appeared at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Monday night and asked that Council reconsider the application for permission to erect a gasoline service station on the H. J. Mills Company property on Markham Road. Council last year refused the application, and Monday night on motion of Councillor W. J. Haggart and Reeve F. R. Perkins postponed any decision on the new application until council discusses the whole matter with Industrial Commissioner Langford.
In presenting the request for reconsideration of the application Mr. Plaxton was accompanied by Mr. H. J. Mills who stated the immediate development of the 24 acres owned by his Company was dependent on the permit for the service station.
In his brief to council Mr. Plaxton pointed out that Richmond Hill with a population of 14,000 has 14 service stations. Other municipalities with a smaller population had more stations. Newmarket with a population of 12,000 has 20 stations, Aurora with 5,000 people has 15 stations. Pointing to the fact that Markham Road is now part of the County Road system the brief argued that traffic would undoubtedly increase, and at present there are only 3 outlets on this road compared to 10 on Yonge Street and 4 on Bayview.
Mr. Plaxton, dealing with the drainage problem in the area contended that the Town has constructed or initiated the construction of drainage works in the area in a manner unauthorized by either the Municipal Act or the Municipal Drainage Act and suggested the town might be liable for damages. He maintained the development of the Allen-court sub-division and the construction of the Walter Scott School had resulted in a greatly increased water run-off.
Mr. Plaxton on behalf of the H. J. Mills Company undertook that conditional on the town granting the permit for the gas station they would release any claim which the Company may now have against the municipality, and in addition would agree to grant the necessary easement for elimination of the drainage problem by the construction by the town of Richmond Hill of a proper outlet, and would deed to the town of Richmond Hill an 86-foot road allowance from Markham to Centre St. and at once sign a petition for water and sewers under the Local Improvement Act.
Councillor Paterson observed that the number of gas stations was not as important as the gallonage pumped. A great many people who live in Richmond Hill work in Toronto and purchase gasoline out of town. Gallonage figures submitted indicated existing stations are not overtaxed.
Mayor Tomlin stated that the estimated assessment of a gas station is \$16,000. to \$21,000 so that from an assessment standpoint commercial assessment in a gas station is just as valuable to the town as industrial building.
On answer to a question by Councillor Paterson the Mayor said that the municipality by-law passed in 1956 has the authority to regulate the number of gas stations in the town.
Councillor Haggart's motion postponing a decision until the matter is discussed with the Industrial Commissioner received unanimous support. Mayor Tomlin urged that the meeting with the Industrial Commissioner be held as soon as possible.
Mr. Mills pointed out that negotiations for the land are pending and that an early answer is desirable. He urged that the granting of the application would materially hasten the development of the area.

Pres. Weatherill's Annual Report Markham Federation Of Agriculture

President Les Weatherill reports that in 1958 the Markham Township Federation of Agriculture assisted with the wheat vote and also in preparing the voters' list for the hog vote. A public meeting on education was very well received.
With regard to Markham Fair, the Federation gave \$100.00. \$75 of this sum went toward a spelling contest for contestants from the rural schools only. The other \$25.00 was divided among exhibitors.
Mr. James Spencer of Maple attended a directors' meeting and outlined the numbering program carried out in Vaughan Township.
A special meeting was held with the property owners on the Don Mills Road with respect to land expropriation in widening the road. Mr. Weatherill said that it is his belief that more work along this line will be necessary in the future.
The federation has expanded their film and projector service to include all rural schools in the township. A block of 20 films and a projector is available to them free of charge once a month throughout the school year.

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