

Trustees Make Maximum Use Grounds & Buildings

Richmond Hill Public School Board was surprised Thursday evening of last week to receive a letter from the clerk of the town council which read, "At a meeting of council, July 6th, it was suggested that the school board give consideration to the recommendation that an outside access to all-purpose rooms and lavatories be provided to be used in conjunction with the playgrounds in any new schools." The letter apparently followed a discussion by council agreeing that local taxpayers should be getting full value for the money expended on public schools by having them used in the summer in conjunction with the town sponsored recreation program.

Trustee Cecil Williams voiced the opinion it was "significant" the council is telling us they'd like to see playgrounds (gyms). Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell felt it was a grand trend, "Council appreciates the fact we need all-purpose rooms."

Chairman L. D. Clement commented, "We like to see maximum use of our buildings."

Mrs. Southwell added, "All requests (including this summer's use of grounds, washrooms and storage) have been honored. We have had no return financially from them but we have let all community non-profit organizations use school facilities who requested them."

Many school boards charge a fee for use of classrooms, auditorium, or gyms to cover the extra caretaking involved.

Policy Set Sometime Ago
Several years ago the Town Public School Board adopted a policy of granting use of classrooms for meetings and functions to non-profit organizations in the town as long as the accommodation requested was not "booked up."

In the past few years use of school yards has also been granted when requested and the town has agreed to assume responsibility for any damage to the playground equipment, school building and equipment, and to the children after school hours. Earlier this year the school board gave permission for use of the washrooms and storage in the school buildings during the summer recreation program.

At present there is only one

"all purpose room" or gym in the town's public schools and no request has been made for this. This is at the Crosby Avenue School which was only finished this spring. There is a kindergarten-auditorium room at the McConeghy School that can be used for a "gym" but there is little playground space available at the school so it will not be in use.

More All-Purpose Rooms Planned
Sometime this fall all-purpose rooms will be ready at Beverley Acres School and Walter Scott School. And when the size of an all-purpose room for MacKillop School is determined, one will be incorporated there. The time element depends on whether this latter school is likely to become a senior school necessitating a larger all-purpose room. This cannot be determined until the board has some indication from the local planning board of the land use surrounding the school. This indication apparently depends upon Metro Planning Board whose plans are expected to be released in September. At the present time Metro is discouraging development of the municipalities beyond Steeles Ave. and this includes Richmond Hill. Trustee J. Rabinowitch said, "The local planning board won't discuss more annexation until the Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill sewage problem is solved."

When the Pleasantville School plans are finalized, it is probable they will contain a "gym" too.

Physical Fitness Can Be Stressed
All these all-purpose rooms will make possible an enlarged physical fitness program for local children in winter and when the weather is inclement in summer, and will have washrooms nearby.

During the past year the Building Committee (Trustees Harold Sanderson and Cecil Williams) spent considerable time in drawing up a caretaking schedule that would permit maximum after school use of the schools and at the same time have a caretaker present in the building. Board secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Street, has a comprehensive weekly schedule of all the groups using the school from September to June and says, "The schools are booked for use for practically every night in the school week. Though Friday night and Saturday usage is discouraged, as heavy cleaning is done over the weekend all requests have been given equal consideration by the board." St. Matthew's United Church and St. Gabriel's Anglican Church used school accommodation during their formation periods. And last year a daily vacation Bible school was held in a public school.

Rules and Regulations Necessary
There are certain rules and regulations, among them 12 persons minimum must constitute the group requesting classroom use, but the Scouts, the Cubs, the Brownies, the Boys' Club, the home and school associations, the ratepayer organizations, etc., have all found "a place to meet" in their public schools.

And this summer hundreds of Richmond Hill children will find the school yards of the town are a "wonderful" place to play!

Paul Delmer Suggests Eisenhower Krushchov Dine Together

MY FIRST MEAL in Richmond Hill was as the guest of the Yonge Street North Business Men's Association — and a very fine meal it was. And to discourage those wild and woolly ideas which some may have concerning these things, let me hasten to add that the choice of drinks was limited to coffee or water . . .

I won't needlessly stimulate your appetite dear reader by going into further detail except to say that some business men there were who welcomed this opportunity to be off the leash and to indulge in a "sweet" or should I, in Canada, say "dessert" (I'm still woefully ignorant about a lot of things Canadian so just write in and put me right when I goof about something) which I suspect is not normally on the program for them. Those I saw the next day appear to have survived however so the wives need not complain too heartily . . .

A good meal before a conference or discussion is the best tonic for rising blood pressures. Helps a lot towards the reaching of agreement too I noticed. Even if it is merely the agreement to differ. Net result after a long debate on the subject of closing days in the hope that efforts might be made to obtain a by-law to fix a set weekly day — the businessmen decided on a ballot to leave things as they are, i.e. everyone stays open on the day which suits them best . . .

AFTER this display of friendly after dinner agreement I would like to suggest that it will be a good idea, if, when the Governments concerned finally get together at the "Summit", then Eisenhower and Krushchov and the others should first be served the best dinner the finest chefs can prepare. When the discussions follow we can then be sure they will agree about something — even if it is only upon the satisfaction the dinner gave to them!

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday received most support at the meeting referred to. But why not Saturday? Surely the long weekend as practiced in Britain and which is being enjoyed by an increasing number of industrial and office workers who have won the five day week here in Canada (several of my neighbours disappear to the Lake district or country every Friday night, reappear Sunday night) would make most people very happy. The business-men are also members of the public and most of them would I'm sure be just as happy to enjoy a long weekend every week of the year. What do readers think?

WILL some kind reader of "The Liberal" explain the terms "shirt tail in a knot" and "intestinal fortitude", both being Canadianisms I've heard in Richmond Hill during the last few days?

POLICE CHIEF Bob Robbins would like to see fewer accidents on local roads. Have you seen his little chart on the front page? Won't drivers and pedestrians both try to make of this area a specially courteous district with less accidents? On the crime front Chief Robbins is more cheerful. Last week there were no crimes at all to report to the press. He says he considers the area has a better record than the average in this respect. Now don't any rash folk try to upset the apple cart — just to keep the police busy! They're busy enough. Even off duty. Do you know that Chief Robbins, aided by his staff commenced a cadet system two years ago by which young people could learn police methods and eventually graduate to the rank of Constable on coming of age and qualifying? Did you know that Chief Robbins, Constables Green and Sider with Cadet Oakley and Executive Staff member Jack Williams have been coaching a Police Band, instructed in music by Mr. McMeekin, which will soon be ready to enter the competition field and to play at public functions? Other activities include the teaching of St. John Ambulance to the young people while this activity will soon be spread to take in the Girl Guides. I'd say the police are demonstrating a fine civic spirit wouldn't you? Perhaps with this knowledge under your hat, the next ticket you get won't hurt so much?

MAN OF THE WEEK is clearly Fred Wise whose promotion campaign has been the talk of the town for the past few days. On Saturday the Radio contest reaches its climax with a public weighing at the Town & Country Plant on Markham Road. Patti Lewis, Radio Star, will weigh announcer Teddy Froman and present prizes.

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The daily paper is turned out with the garbage every day because there simply is not room to store it, but I have already heard of one lady of good taste who keeps her copies of "The Liberal" all year round. Most people keep it the week it is current and look forward to the next issue. If YOUR neighbours are not regular readers please introduce this journal to them now so that they may discover how valuable and necessary it is to them.

P.S. If you want this column to reflect a sparkling readability and wit, with interesting disclosures you must count yourselves in as unpaid willing slaves to its needs by writing in or calling me personally with all the news and secrets you can dig up! Then wait to see them in print or to read why I find them unprintable!

Safe in the cellars of "The Liberal" offices I now await all the bouquets and brickbats you care to aim in my direction.

MULBERRY WOOD IS VALUABLE
The mulberry tree of northern America not only yields the familiar deep red fruit but is also valuable for its wood. According to the Book of Knowledge the Chinese at one time used the bark for paper-making.

FAMOUS PIANIST WAS CHILD PRODIGY
Josef Casimir Hofmann was one of the most famous pianists of all time, says the Book of Knowledge. Born in Poland in 1876, he became a child prodigy, appearing in concerts at the age of six. For 11 years he was director of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

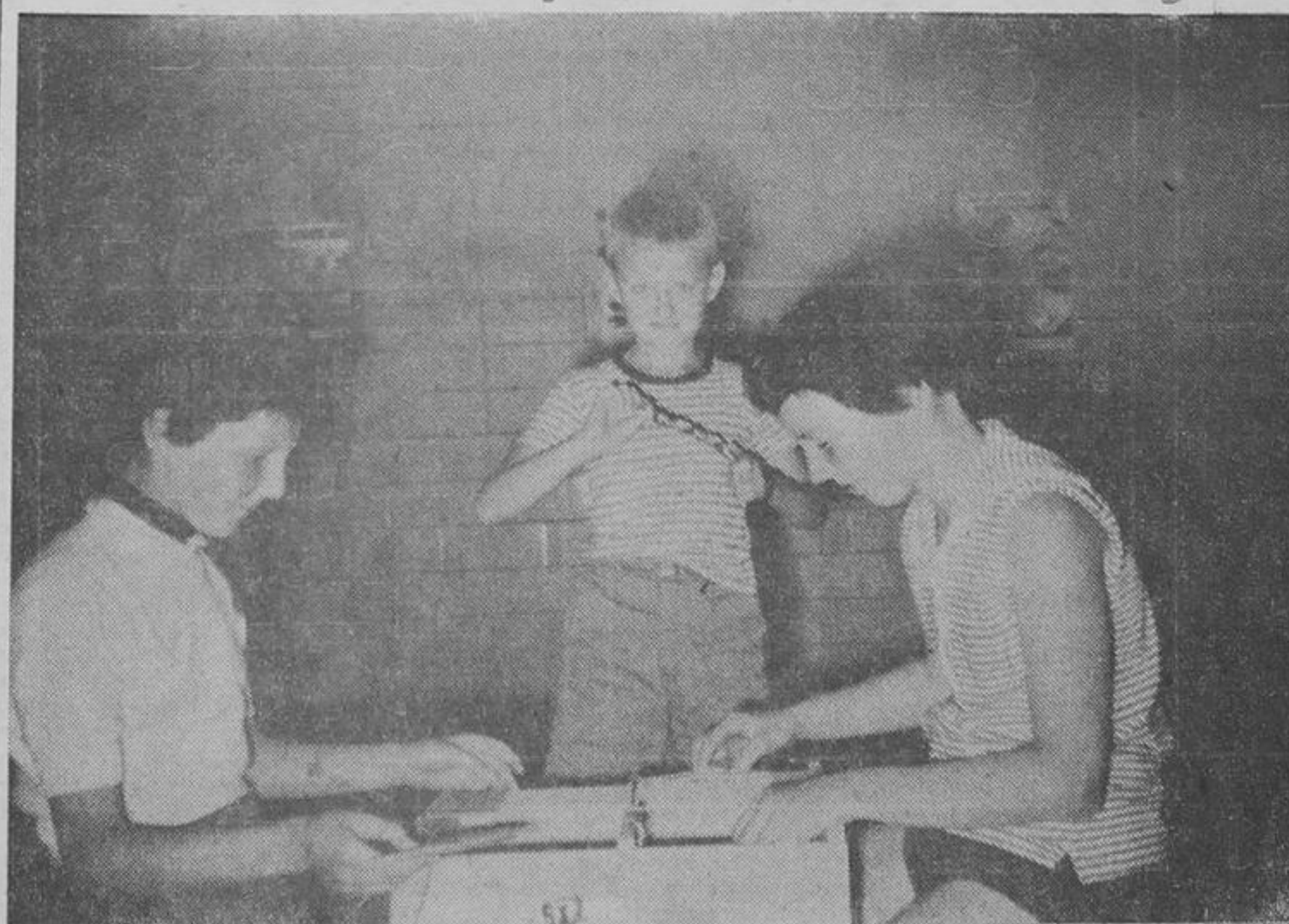
RIPARIAN RIGHTS
If you own some land containing a watercourse or bounded by one you have what are known as "riparian rights." According to the Book of Knowledge the rights of an owner adjacent to water extend to the middle of the stream; those of an owner whose land contains a stream are absolute unless they inflict injury on other riparian owners.

MARKHAM: George Prentice, 12 year old son of auctioneer Clarke Prentice is in serious condition in Sick Children's Hospital after being struck and thrown from his bicycle at Milliken. George Chadwick, 39, Unionville, has been charged with criminal negligence and failing to remain at the scene.

Mayor Ken Tomlin To Officially Open Town & Country

Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill, will visit Town & Country Plan's plant on Markham Road, between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, to officiate at an official opening ceremony. This will in no way affect the opening of the exhibition to the public as from this morning, as announced elsewhere in "The Liberal".

Richildaca Campers At Their Weaving



In the above picture three of the campers are seen at their weaving: in the background Philip Hobden is weaving a plastic Indian belt by hand, and seated in the front of the picture are their weaving with shuttles in hand are, left to right, Dawn Kingsley and Rosemary Ross. — photo by Mona Robertson

Richildaca Day Camp opened for the summer season on Monday of last week with 90 children in attendance for the first two-weeks' session. Directed by William Babcock and David Gibson and supervised by senior and junior counsellors, this year's camp is even bigger and better than ever before. Housed in the confines of the Richmond Hill High School and the playing field, part of the camping day (from

9:30 to 3:30), the campers also go swimming in local pools. Boys and girls learn craft work, weaving, aluminum work and archery, as well as a host of other interesting phases of hobby work.

Plans for the building of an Indian encampment, with various "tribes" taking part, cook-outs, overnight camps, are all part of the holiday fun.

French Poodles Share Responsibility

An event of much interest to local veterinarians and dog fanciers took place at the Salvation House of Concord on the 3rd concession of Vaughan last week-end when 'Sassy' one of the French poodles raised at the farm gave birth to her first litter — 10 puppies.

During the delivery Sassy was injured and 'Spook', a four year c black female poodle who had not been bred this year jumped into Sassy's bed to aid her and look after the puppies as they were born.

On Monday afternoon veterinarians and dog breeders from York County visited the farm to see the unparalleled participants in this animal drama — for Sassy and Spook by some means of communication unknown to man had split the litter. Spook had developed milk and now both dogs have a litter of five French poodles each, to mother. Sassy is all white and so are her puppies — Spook as her name implies, is jet black.

No Signal For Rlwy. Crossing

Whitchurch Township council, having enquired into the cost of a level crossing signal at the C.N.R. crossing 1 1/4 miles north of Gormley, has decided not to make the installation because of the high cost which council members believe is not warranted at this crossing.

It was pointed out that the township has many level crossings and to equip them all would create a heavy maintenance cost. The Board of Transport advised the cost of installing signals at Gormley as \$8,000 with an annual maintenance of \$600. Whitchurch would be called on to pay 12% of the installation and 50% of the maintenance.

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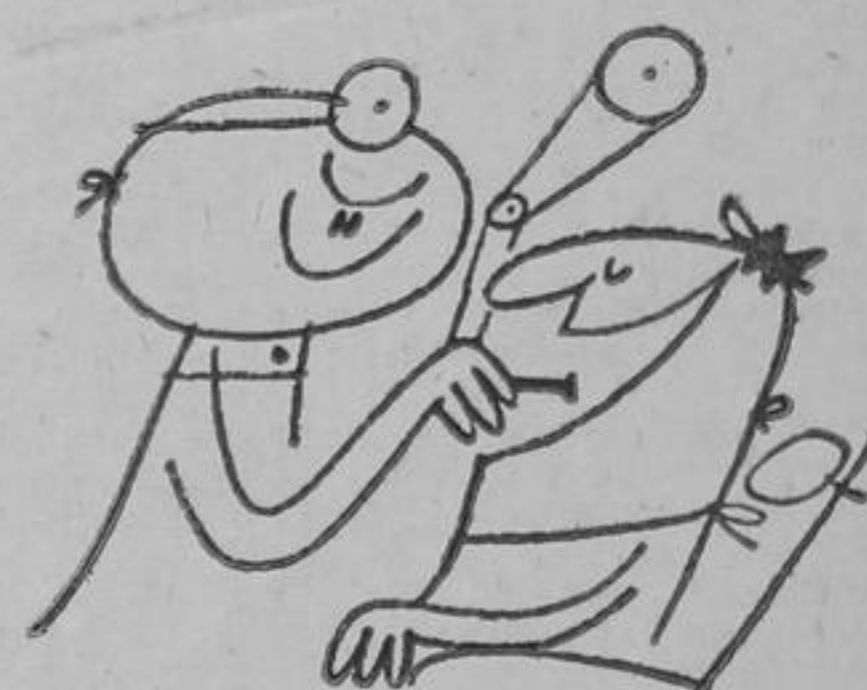
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