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Danger Signals

1. Do your children consistently 'get on your nerves'?
2. Are you "browned off" and constantly bitter?
3. Are you afraid without real cause?
4. Are you always right and the other person always wrong?
5. Do you have numerous aches and pains for which no doctor can find a physical cause?

A definite "Yes" to any of the above questions is an indication that you should seek help.

Third of a series of three articles.

CARL E. HILL, M.D., M.O.H.

Of Man's Humanity —To A Little Child

"Child missing" . . . this was the cry along Brookside Road, Elgin Mills from 5:30 to 11:30 o'clock last Thursday night, when more than fifty volunteers assisted Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill police in organizing the biggest manhunt ever put forth in this area, to search for a tiny little girl reported as lost. After a six-hour search, the little child was found, safe and well.

At 5 o'clock Thursday, 6-year-old Shielah Ratchford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ratchford, Brookside Road, was missing her year old baby sister, whom the family lovingly call "the Princess."

Earlier that day Shielah had attended Jefferson School, along with her five older brothers and sisters (there are 10 children

in the family), and after school they had all received a gift of a pumpkin each, for Halloween. Shielah was so excited she declared to her mother she wanted to be the first to tell Daddy the good news.

At 5:30 her mother missed her from the house and sent her oldest brother, Michael aged 12 to look for her. Mrs. Ratchford believed Shielah had walked half a mile to Yonge St. to meet her Daddy at the bus stop. Michael and another boy who lived on the same road began searching; then Mr. Ratchford joined the search on his return home from work.

By 8 o'clock, most of the men on Brookside and Naughton Drive to the south were joining in the search when the Vaughan Police were called in. The house itself was searched, three times, and every ditch, shed, garage and back garden in the area was investigated.

At 10 o'clock Richmond Hill and Markham police joined the search party and called for more volunteers. Men were asked to take part as they left the theatre in Richmond Hill; motorists who stopped to see what was going on stayed as volunteers. Harry Hill of Canadian Tire in Richmond Hill arrived at the scene of the search with two dozen flashlights, which were quickly handed out.

As outdoor floodlights blazed up and down Brookside Road and Naughton Drive, the searchers formed a beating-party and proceeded fifty-strong to cross the mile and a quarter of fields from Yonge St. to Bathurst St., flashing their lights on every bush and clump of grass. Searchlights from police cars swung across the fields from the roads and the search party slowly but carefully looked for a little girl who was said to have left her home clad only in a light sweater and a pair of slacks.

As the northern party drew a breath of the Ratchford home, half a mile in from Yonge St., three police officers broke away from the group and went in the house to search it for the fourth time.

An officer opened the door to a deep walk-in cupboard — poked around in the very back corners, and cried, "Here she is. She's fast asleep."

Now the moral of this little story is not to point out that the child was never really lost. It is, instead to show what man's humanity to man really means. It is written to let others know how quickly complete strangers can join together as one in the purpose of civil defense. It is written, because we were one of the watchers, as that party of men carried their bright little torches into the darkness to find a little girl whom they had never even met, but who was missing from her own family circle.


WOODBRIDGE — Commencing this year the assessor for Woodbridge has been advised to use the actual assessment on each property. Previously the taxation method was based on 50 per cent of the actual assessment because of the effect it had on various government grants.


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Welcome to Doncaster is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duckworth and family who moved into 28 Henderson Ave., from Steeles, during the past weekend. School News

The Henderson Ave. Home and School Association is scheduled to meet at the school on Monday, November 9.

The Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. James Westlake is practicing songs of Stephen Foster. This is an extra curricular effort on the part of Mr. Westlake and some volunteer pupils of Grades 4 to 6. Contemporary composers are represented by a few of the bright sparkling melodies of Rogers and Hammerstein. Attention will soon be given to sacred and secular Christmas music.

The volleyball house league for the girls is well underway. The boys have formed teams for touch rugby and excitement runs high. School crests will be given to the winning teams. Captains of the girls' volleyball teams are Trudy Johnson, Pat Wren and Jo-Anne Braagan.

The annual public speaking contest for senior pupils of Henderson took place at 11:30 a.m. November 2nd in the school auditorium. The judges were Rev. P. Buck, Dr. E. Meuser, and Mrs. Clare. Pupils who participated were: Paul Russell, Veronica Aimore, Rosslyn Ritchie, Suzanne Morse, Anne Russell, Teddy Andrae, Jamie Dillane and Carolyn Winter. The speeches were all on Education and proved to be of an excellent calibre. Rev. Buck declared the winners, respectively — Suzanne Morse, Carolyn Winter, and Veronica Aimore. On Thursday evening at the Charles Howitt School, Suzanne will compete against winners in the other five schools. The best wishes of the staff and pupils will go with her.

Hallow'een Over Vandals Wreck Patterson School

Vaughan Township police reported hooliganism with "the usual Hallow'een nonsense" prior to midnight last Saturday — but at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday, Vandalism in all its nastiest aspects took over and the one-room Patterson Public School on the first Concession of Vaughan Township was entered. Vandals broke 40 windows; lifted desks from the floor and threw them out the windows; tore a door from its hinges; damaged children's books, and generally messed things up so badly attendance at the school was cancelled for Monday.

Ratepayers in the area of Patterson School are asking, "Why," and they are also wondering why more parental jurisdiction was not enforced so that young people would not be roaming around getting into trouble at such an hour of the night.

One ratepayer whom The Liberal contacted, and who has two children attending the school said, "If the parents of those concerned had to pay for the damage involved, they would realize, through their pocket-books, just how stupidly they have acted."

Mr. Ernest Redelmeier, Chairman of the Patterson Public School Board told The Liberal, "It took two men the better part of a day to clean up the broken glass alone, it was an awful mess." Damage is estimated at approximately \$150. Deputy-chief E. Bone of the Vaughan Township Police is investigating.

Obituary

AUBREY NICOL

The community was saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Aubrey Munroe Sutherland Nicol who died of a heart attack last Thursday morning at his home on the Elgin Mills sideroad directly across the street from the family homestead. He was 67 years of age and had been suffering from heart trouble for the past three years and a half.

He was found in his workshop by his son Jim who, when raking leaves heard the machinery running in his father's workshop but could not hear any wood being cut and went to investigate.

Mr. Nicol, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nicol, was born on September 9th, 1892, at Newtonbrook. When he was only a few months old his family moved to the farm on the Elgin Mills sideroad and he lived in the district ever since. For some years Mr. Nicol worked at Edean Nurseries. In recent years he has run his own woodworking business, many homes in the district attesting to his skill.

He is survived by his widow the former Alice Harding, two sons, William and James, a daughter, Elsie (Mrs. Stanley Burns) and his sister, Mrs. E. Hill.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, October 31st from the Wright and Taylor Funeral Home with the Rev. J. M. Hepburn conducting the service. The pallbearers were Mr. W. Hutchison, Mr. Clarence Jones, Mr. Frank Evison, Mr. E. Harding, Mr. J. Bacon and Mr. Fred Lepard.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. H. Hallgren and family whose brother Mr. Herb Sundquist of Warren, Ontario passed away in a Toronto hospital, Monday, November 20.

Markham Council Briefs Council On Cemetery Policy

"We have been anticipating this visit for some time", Reeve W. Clark remarked as Mr. J. R. McAlister, Inspector of Cemeteries for the Province of Ontario visited Markham Township Council at its regular weekly session last Monday afternoon. Reeve Clark explained that council could not do much about the "abandoned cemeteries" problem confronting the township until next year, but stated, "we would like to lay plans, with your assistance and guidance, Mr. McAlister."

Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean, Chairman of the Cemetery Board set up to deal with abandoned or neglected cemeteries in the township, reviewed the program already carried out, stating that a tour around the township was made by the committee when it was determined there were a number of small cemeteries that were not in too good shape. "We would like to hear from you what you think could be done about this situation."

Mr. McAlister said it was the duty of the municipality to assume responsibility for abandoned cemeteries. Such parcels of land should be fenced, the grass kept cut and a cairn raised by using the old headstones and markers, which are now scattered and broken in nearly all of the cemeteries in question.

"You can do this work through a council committee, or, what is considered a better plan, through a committee of interested citizens," he said. Mr. McAlister pointed out that if the committee was comprised of council members it might not be permanent and continue from year to year. He also advised committee members be appointed in rotation, for a certain period of years, so that there would always be a number of persons on the committee who had experience.

He also advised Council to investigate (1) the possibility of future cemetery land in the township, "It is expected one of Metro's cemeteries will be just about bought up by 1975. He also indicated it is also possible to make use of some of these abandoned cemeteries for burial grounds, if they are restored to orderliness and on a question of Deputy-reeve Dean's, regarding how the township could take them under its control Mr. McAlister said any cemetery having more than one acre of land would have to be expropriated by the township.

He did not think Council need anticipate any difficulty over the small abandoned cemeteries since they are almost all private family cemeteries, and their reported neglect since the families have either perished or are no longer living in this part of the country. Should a claimant arise, regarding these small areas the township could then charge for the renovating and maintenance put into restoring them, if any claimant wanted to repossess them.

In one case alone there have been no records kept for the past 50 years and no one, not even the present owners of the land in question seem to have any interest in what was once a pioneer burial ground in Markham Township, close to Yonge Street.

Mr. McAlister said the United Church has decided they are quite willing to assume responsibility of any property under their jurisdiction.

In conclusion Mr. McAlister advised that the township should set up a cemetery committee and draw up a working budget and set up a cemetery fund which could be contributed to by families connected with these cemeteries. He said it would take at least a year or two to get things into working order, and that the committee should begin its work with only one or two cemeteries.

DOG REPORT
"I would like Mr. Ron Herd, (the municipal dog catcher) to appear before council himself when he makes his next report," Councillor J. MacNeil said as Council reviewed the full report on the dog situation from the time Mr. Herd took over as Municipal dog catcher, May 19, until October 1st of this year.

Councillor S. B. Watson said, "We should go over to the Impounding Kennel after one of our council meetings, and see how the pound is operated."

Councillor Mumberson, "The dog situation is in better hands than ever before in my time on council."

Reeve W. Clark "It's being handled humanely and that's one of the main good things about it." Councillor McNeil remarked that the kennels were kept spotless and that everything is very well run in connection with the impounding kennels.

Mr. Herd's report showed that out of a total of 499 dogs impounded up to the 1st of October, 135 dogs were from Markham Township. Of this number 70 dogs were claimed and 65 dogs destroyed.

Charles C. Graham Dies Suddenly

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Charles Cecil (Charles) Graham of Church St. North, Richmond Hill early yesterday morning, November 4, 1959.

Mr. Graham had arisen early to go hunting with Mr. A. A. Edean and apparently was preparing his breakfast when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Mrs. Graham found him on the kitchen floor when she came down the stairs at 8 o'clock.

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