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D. Henshaw Speaker At Father & Son Banquet

There was a fine Father and Son Banquet on Monday night at the Richmond Hill United Church Hall. The Group Committee and the Mother's Auxiliary of Richmond Hill No. 5 were celebrating with Packs A and B, the Troop, and their fathers as guests.

Mr. Don Henshaw of MacLaren Advertising Agency was the guest speaker. Mr. Henshaw is a director of the Toronto Mental Health Clinic and the Canadian Child Health Association. He is vice-president of the Boy Scout Association of Greater Toronto; active on various other public welfare agencies — a forceful and informed speaker. He gave a stirring talk on scouting, recalling his first association with the movement as a boy in his home town of Miami, only four years after scouting came to America. The boys thrilled to the tale of the first hike — which took the group by boat to an isolated Florida Key for a week's camp. After the boat had left and they were on their own they discovered a decayed wild-cat in their well — the only source of fresh water on the island. Scout resourcefulness soon discovered a substitute in a grove of coconut palms. Agile climbers kept them good supply of coconut milk for the duration.

Mr. Henshaw stressed the value of Scouting, and placed strong emphasis on real mastery of the studies rather than the mere acquiring of badges. Any boy who really masters the steps from tenderfoot to Queen's Scout has acquired an alertness and skill that will stand him in good stead in any situation life may present.

He spoke of man's increasing mastery of the physical and material world, and his relative failure to master the human relationships in community, national and international brotherhood of scouting as a fit preparation for our part in making this a better world to live in. Mr. Henshaw will long be remembered by every father and son.

Mr. Drummond Fraser thanked him warmly for the inspiration he had brought to the boys and men. He spoke as a father with two of his own sons and thirty foster-sons in the Pack.

Mr. Ralph Kerslake, Chairman of the Group Committee presided. He outlined the progress of the year's work. Mr. Ross Scrimger introduced the speaker. Mr. Dickson Miller thanked the ladies for the excellent dinner. Mrs. Ralph Kerslake is president of the Mothers' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Ken Loftus convened the dinner committee. One hundred and fifty-five men and boys participated.

Rev. Charles G. Higginson congratulated the first two boys to become First Class Scouts — Ian Hunt and Bill Fahey. He presented their badges.

Robert Stevens is Scoutmaster of the Troop. Pack A is led and trained by Drummond Fraser, Ted Duffy, Shirley Gurney and Ross Wood. Pack B by Robert Cubitt, Ken Dawe and David Bruce. These men are to be congratulated on the showing of the boys. The evening's proceedings closed with a snappy demonstration by the leaders and boys of Pack A.

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Horticultural Highlights

How To Care For House Plants

Since plants are living breathing things their aliveness can be in all the colors used in a room and can do much to enhance the lovely interiors of today. The outline given below is a general one with general rules and gives excellent results.

(1) **Soil** — Soil is most important.

7 parts good loam plus 2 parts manure of compost plus 2 parts sharp sand plus 2 parts peat moss, or leaf mold plus 1 cup commercial fertilizer 5-10-5. Mix thoroughly and you have a good soil to start with.

(2) **Watering** — No exact set rule. Water when dry depending on house conditions. Soak pot thoroughly until soil at bottom is wet, leave for 2 or 3 days and soak again.

(3) **Drainage** — The hole in the bottom of the pot is a must. It should be covered with lots of broken pottery and pebbles and when the plant is soaked the pot should always be set up on a stone or bar - never directly on a saucer or plate.

(4) **Feeding** — After winter months it is advisable to feed with a commercial food but used only according to mfg. directions. If too much is used the tender roots might burn and damage the plant. During a heavy flowering period or new growth they can stand feeding otherwise a good soil is sufficient.

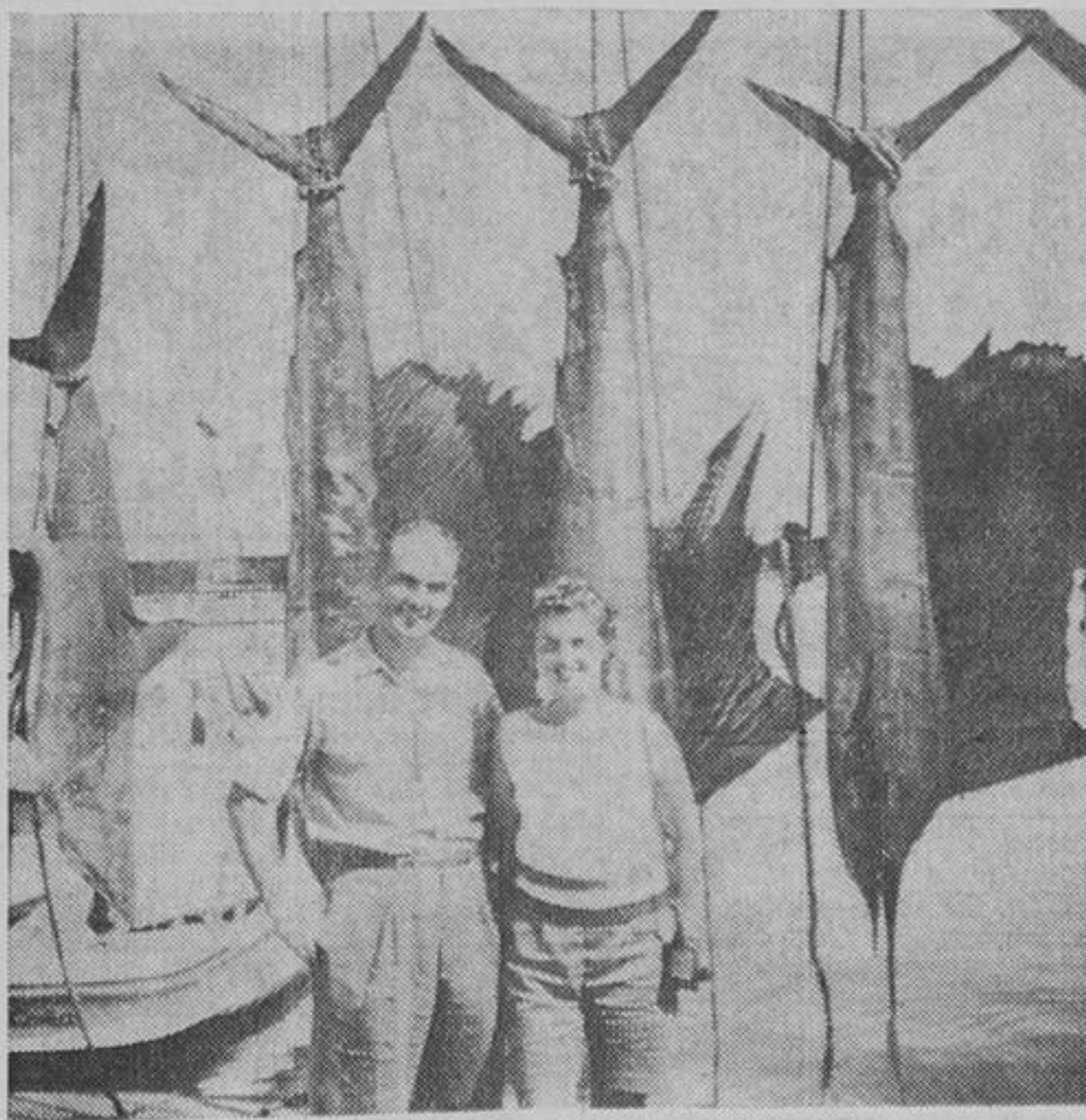
(5) **Temp and Humidity** — A hygrometer is a must. 40° humidity ideal and this can be regulated by humidifiers or a kettle boiled 3 or 4 minutes in a room or pans of water being on the radi. Also 70 - 72° is considered excellent for healthy plants and even cooler if possible.

Disease — Since most plants at sometime develop pests and insects the use of malathion or a castile soap and water solution with 40% nicotine sulphate added will give excellent results by wrapping a plastic bag around the pot and swishing the plant thru the solution in a large tub or pan.

— Happy House Plants.

NEWMARKET — Former Mayor of Newmarket, Dr. S. J. Boyd died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, February 15 after a short illness. Dr. Boyd practiced for a short time in Richmond Hill over 40 years ago before moving his practice to Newmarket.

NORTH YORK — Branson Hospital authorities have written a letter to Douglas McCowan, of the Inter-municipal Committee for Vaughan, and Markham Townships and Richmond Hill advising they would like to discuss offering hospital services in Richmond Hill.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES WILSON

Of 15 Shasta Drive, Thornhill, shown above enjoying a winter vacation in beautiful Acapulco, Mexico. They are posing proudly with some splendid sail fish and a shark they caught during a day's deep sea fishing. The largest weighed 122 lbs. Mr. Wilson is vice-president of Bull Dog Electric Co. of Canada.

Dr. Phillip Lapp Tells Lions Of Space Plans

Last Thursday's Lions Club dinner featured a talk by Dr. Phillip Lapp, acting Chief Engineer of the Special Products Division of DeHavilland Aircraft Company. His topic was 'Astronautics' which he defined as the guidance and control of space vehicles.

Dr. Lapp's division of DeHavilland will have a major role in the design and construction of the "Canucknik", the Canadian satellite which will be launched in 1961. The principal purpose of this satellite will be the exploration of the earth's ionized layers and the aurora as seen from above.

Dr. Lapp also described the long-range program of NASA,

the National Aeronautic and Space Administration, which is co-ordinating all satellite and space vehicle projects in the United States. The program calls for the launching of several hundreds of space vehicles over the next five years and includes such projects as putting a man into orbit around the earth, launching orbital telescopes, making landings on the moon and by 1970 making manned landings on Mars and Venus.

Dr. Lapp was one of the founders and the first president of the Canadian Astronautical Society which has its headquarters in Toronto.



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

In a small town such as the one in which I reside, any excuse for a party is always welcome. Babies and brides-to-be are well showered and visitors royally entertained. However, especially right after the holiday season when party giving has been in high gear for weeks, there comes a lull.

It is at this time a hostess will seize with glee almost any good reason for trying out a new recipe or showing off her gift coffee table. I didn't realize, when I mentioned that it had been just a year since I hung up my editorial cap and dreamed up the Diary of a Vagabond, that I would be an excuse for a celebration. During the course of the conversation at a previous party that set off a minor display of gastronomic delights, I happened to mention that the one thing I really missed was my old swivel chair. My stenographer's bulge had become considerably flattened, I complained, by being parked on the hard seat of an ordinary straight backed chair, as I typed the weekly entry in this diary.

I love surprises and when I was blindfolded during the course of an evening affair, I had a premonition something very unexpected was about to happen. It did. I was seated on a plastic cushion that felt like a greatly enlarged mixmaster and propelled from one end of my hostess's living room to the other. Amid shouts of "Now you'll really have to produce," the blindfold was removed and I found a huge card hung over the back of a brand new swivel chair. "To the Vagabond, may she travel far. From her envious home-bound friends."

Have you ever noticed, there's one at every party. You know, the type of person who wears her diplomacy near the zero mark most of the time. In the midst of the hilarity as my new, coral plastic, foam rubber and chrome chariot was being pushed about on its brand new ballbearing casters a squeaky little voice piped up, "I can't see why we don't give Canada's railroad to the Indians. What good is it, I never use it." She knew my travels had been largely by rail and that I waxed enthusiastic most of the time about the service and the ground I cover in each year in search of the material for this column. She was smart enough to know she would probably cause a flurry by her remark, but obviously she was not ready for the information I fired at her.

"Ah, but you do use the railroad, every hour of every day, of every week in every year," I replied. Starting with her shoes, I asked her where she thought the dyes and chemicals came from that cured the hide of the calf that had produced the leather. This I said, went for her stockings, lingerie, dress, hat, bag and coat. How did she think the steel in the car she drove arrived at the manufacturer's factory, or the groceries she consumed could finally be served at her table. Somewhere along the line, the railroad had been responsible for the safe-shipping and arrival of goods that contribute to most of our creature comforts, either in their raw state or the completed form. If it weren't for the railroad, I contended, our standard of living could be greatly curtailed. I also maintained that costs would soar if the only mode of shipment was limited to vehicular or air transportation.

This set off a clatter of conversation that sounded like a travelogue. The generous little lady who would present the Indians with the CNR, after offering me a lift home, ended up by carrying the chair to her car. As we rolled along on rubber (or could be nylon) that had probably coasted in its raw state many a mile on steel, she asked about the comforts of rail travel, its cost and relative advantages. I know one thing, she'll never slip her toes into those blue shoes that could poke the eyes out of a snake without remembering their pigment undoubtedly was transported across our land by rail from a ship that docked in Vancouver after a voyage from India where, I am told, indigo dye is perfected.

Markham Council Gives Approval

Markham Township Council approved a revised requisition presented by the Richmond Hill School Board for \$275,000 for the new Pleasantville School at its Monday night session. This approval concerns a small section in the front of the township in which Markham Township is involved for a very small portion.

Council also passed a resolution approving York County Council issuing debentures for the new district high school at Bayview and Markham.

In reporting the increase in pay in last week's edition, it was erroneously reported Reeve William Clark's yearly salary was doubled. It should have been reported that the reeve received an increase of \$500 per year, raising his salary from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per annum. Council members will now be paid \$18 per diem, they received \$10 a meeting last year.

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