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The Luckless Legion

More than 2,800,000 Americans were drafted into the Luckless Legion of automobile casualties in 1959.

In its annual highway safety booklet, The Travelers Insurance Companies pointed out that the "army of suffering humanity grows more rapidly every year. It is made up of the injured and the dead, the heedless and the innocent, the young and the old. Since the automobile first appeared on the American scene, these ranks of the crippled and the dead have included more than 60,000,000 of us." Most accidents can be prevented by courtesy and common sense. Thus careful driving can be considered a moral issue.

The Luckless Legion is a silent, haunted army. We erect no monuments to it. No grim reminders mar the sleek of the roads and the highways which are its field of battle. A newspaper headline, perhaps, marks the induction of the latest recruit. Then silence. Silent suffering. A lifetime of pain. Or the silent memories of those who mourn

when the dead are laid to rest. Moreover, in the rising curve of injuries lies the greatest waste of property and human resources of a nation. Behind the line of a country's efforts towards national progress, the Luckless Legion stands as a vast fifth column.

Statistics, pledges, and slogans do not seem to change us. Something more is needed; the resurging conviction that driving is a moral issue.

During the balance of 1960 the Luckless Legion will be meeting in our community . . . on a stretch of highway, in a hospital room, in the morgue. You alone will know when the meeting is near — in the temptation to bear down a little harder on the gas, to beat the darkness home, to test your reflexes when they are dulled by sleep or alcohol, to jaywalk on crowded streets, to forget caution when weather and road conditions are bad.

During the rest of the year, and everytime you are behind the wheel of a car, remember that the Luckless Legion is looking for recruits. Don't be one.

Austerity Week April 24-30

King City has taken the initiative in this area — and is making all arrangements to save a refugee family from a decaying West German camp, as their humane part in observing World Refugee Year.

Next week from April 24-30, we are asked to make a personal sacrifice, in tangible form, in order to help in this good cause. Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill heartily endorses this "Help the Refugees" fund, and all donations sent to him will be channeled to the right sources for Refugee Relief.

But we, in Richmond Hill, can go one step further — and follow King City's noble example of brotherliness.

Did you know that if a committee formed in Richmond Hill could raise just SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, provide a house and furniture and assure the Refugee Committee that a job for the head of the refugee household was awaiting here — the family of our town's choice could come from the horror of Camp Oerrel, in Germany, to this

fair country of ours? The government will pay their fare.

And for every dollar contributed the West German Government has promised some communities who are taking in refugees (Toronto is taking 98) to provide an additional \$1.40.

Next week we ask you, and your children, before you help yourself to luxuries, such as candies, smokes or bottled beverages — stay your hand, and think for a moment of families who have lived for years in a former prison camp — with 18 wooden barracks housing 323 persons . . . and of this number, there are 35 little children under the age of 6 . . . and 65 children up to the age of 14. They have never known a normal home. Then there are the 13 refugees over 65 years of age, who can no longer work, of which 5 are cripples.

Won't you help make Austerity Week a success — not only for those so unfortunate — but for your own spiritual uplift too?

— Speaking Personally —

THEY CELEBRATE CENTENNIALS THIS YEAR

(By Jane Fort Manning)

This has been a busy week for trustees, teachers, and the public attending the centennial convention of the Ontario Educational Association. What an exciting and eventful century for public education it has been.

Actually it was 115 years ago that Dr. Egerton Ryerson was appointed by the Legislature to establish a free and universal school system in Ontario. To bring the time close to our minds I'd like to recall that it was in 1846 a hewed log school-house, 30' by 30', was built at Carville in Vaughan township.

To carry out the comparison, the predecessor of the Ontario Educational Association and the present Carville school can claim the same birth year, 1860.

A York County teacher, Robert Alexander of Newmarket, conceived the idea of a provincial teachers' association after attending the New York State teachers' convention in 1860. It is due to his initiative that the Teachers' Association of Canada West was formed in the next year. Later other allied groups, such as trustees, were taken in and the name Ontario Educational Association was adopted in 1894.

About 120 persons were said to have been present at that initial meeting in 1860. It seems almost a miracle to me that so many far seeing and enthusiastic teachers were able to get together at that time. Remember the home-steaders of Ontario had had little opportunity to get their children educated, and consequently a poorly-educated populace had produced ill-prepared teachers. Often the teachers were hard put even to keep a few steps ahead of their pupils.

There were of course a few private schools, and down in the southern end of the second concession of Vaughan the Pennsylvania Dutch had a German School in the 1830's.

The names of several teachers are mentioned in the memoirs of Jonathan Baker of Vaughan township. One who especially merits a touch of immortality is a young man by the name of Neil McKinnon. He was a classmate of the prominent Vaughan pioneer, and Mr. Baker records the efforts of young Neil to obtain an education in order to become a teacher. He attended schools around Concord, Sherwood and Maple whenever he heard of an itinerant schoolmaster in the neighborhood who was well versed in grammar. But his schooling, as everyone else's of his time, was always irregular. A month here, three months there, and back to the haying or whatever urgent task of the season was at hand.

But when the log school house was built at Carville in 1846 it was Neil McKinnon who became its first teacher, and so he continued for seven years. A lovely sight can you picture the rustic scene? The fresh log building in a setting of pines and cedars. How lovely it must have looked. And

how inspiring it must have been to the pioneer souls to feel at last their children would have the opportunity to regularly learn reading, writing and arithmetic.

Jonathan Baker has fortunately left us a heart-warming glimpse of the young people from five years to twenty-three years seated on the wooden benches, some doing stunts, others struggling with grammar. He tells us there was only one geography, and it belonged to the teacher, but he says, "They were nevertheless in geography all in one class, from the youngest to the oldest."

A list of scholars who attended school that winter of 1846 was left by Mr. Baker and you will recognize many of the names as being carried by descendants who still live in Vaughan township, some even attend school at Carville today. They were: Sarah Ann, Elizabeth, Martha, Jesse, Hugh and John Bennett; Mary, Isaac and Phoebe Baker; Eve, Jonathan and Peter Baker; Margaret, George, Jacob and John Cober; David and Arthur Tennyson, Mary, Jane, Hannah and Henry Kirby; John and Michael Kurtz; Catharine, Elizabeth Ann and Julia Ann Frank, John, Velie and Julia Ann Schoelcraft; Edward Braithwaite; James and Robert Kilfedder, Luke O'Brien, Daniel Reaman, Jacob Hiltz, Elizabeth Hickley, Nicholas Reaman, William Burr, William Schofield, William Cook, William and Edmund Seager George and Fanny Atkinson.

I believe that the original building was partially burned. Anyway in 1860 a larger one-room school was erected. A portion of the first building was retained, however. The school in the last decade has been covered with red insul-bric, but the old bell rings in the belfry to call the children in to class. There is still a woods surrounding the school, and the pupils have to walk up a country road lined part of the way with a forest. Water is pumped into a bucket for drinking but inside the school are modern desks, a hi-fi set, a very good library, and individual textbooks aplenty for each child.

Not As Many Children There are not as many children attending school as in former years. The section which once extended from Yonge St. nearly to Keele St., and from Langstaff Road nearly to Maple sidewalk had shrunk before the new school township wide area was formed last year, to west of Bathurst St. to Dufferin St. and from half way to Langstaff Road to just past Carville Road on the north. And most of the land is farmland, and farm families are so much smaller these days.

But the century old school is thriving and many hundreds of former students are encircling the date June 18th, 1960, to come back and pay homage to their Alma Mater.

A little school perched on the edge of a great metropolis — in her somehow one can fathom the spirit that has led man to surmount a multitude of vicissitudes to seek an education.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Appreciates Work Of Firemen
456 South Paliser Cres.,
Richmond Hill, Ont.
April 16, 1960

Dear Mr. Editor:-
During our absence from the house on Wednesday, April 13, a fire started due to a defect in the furnace. I was notified in Belleville and, on arriving home after the firemen had left, found the house, especially the floors, in good condition in spite of firemen going through opening windows to alleviate smoke damage. I also noticed a mop and broom were the only things out of place. A neighbour told me the Fire Chief asked for these and cleaned up after the fire. For this act of courtesy, plus the prompt and thorough dowsing of the fire, I want to thank our firemen, and in particular, our Fire Chief, and commend them for their thoughtfulness and regard of property.

Also, our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbours, Joyce and Bruce Cottrell, whose prompt action averted a more serious fire.

Yours truly,
A. T. Ross

Asks About Camera Club

Dear Mr. Editor:-
As a recently arrived resident of this fine town I have been most impressed by the active community life here. Such organizations as the Curtain Club, Naturalists, Curling and Horticultural Society are of great benefit to all of us.

However I have not been able to locate a Camera Club here, and as an enthusiastic amateur photographer I feel that such an organization might be valuable. Perhaps there may be others who would agree.

We have read the Liberal for several years — and it fills a most valuable role in the community.

G. MacKenzie
305 Richmond St.

Supports University

Dear Mr. Editor:-
The advantage to the community of a University in the district is enormous.

Thousands of hours are wasted in transportation not to mention the disastrous effect on the nervous system, whilst travelling to and from Toronto regularly. Students from outlying villages who cannot live away from home whilst studying will be able to take advantage of this higher education and goodness knows, in the state of this world today we need all the available brain power which only our trained youth can give us.

I hope you will see your way clear to fight to have auspicious York University here in our midst.

Yours sincerely,
Isobel G. Cheltenham
Doncrest Rd., Langstaff

Expresses Thanks

Dear Mr. Editor:-
May I, through the pages of "The Liberal," express the deep appreciation of the Richmond Hill Public Library Board to all those who contributed their time and efforts in making the celebration of Canadian Library Week in Richmond Hill a notable occasion.

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Lillian C. Langstaff and her committee for their earnest activities. Dr. Langstaff was the very capable Chairman of the local committee. We would like to mention also the great public support that we received from Mr. Jack Smith of "The Liberal," and Mr. John Graham of Radio station CJRH. These gentlemen were most generous with their time and services in aiding in the promotion of Canadian Library Week.

We extend our appreciation to the Principals of the Richmond Hill Schools, the store managers, and the many others who accepted and displayed our advertising throughout the Town.

Congratulations are in order for the other members of the local committee, Miss Edna Izzard, Mrs. H. Edean, Mr. D. H. Storms, and Mr. R. D. Little. Mayor Ken Tomlin, kindly consented to act as Honorary Chairman for Richmond Hill and proclaimed the observance of Library Week to all in Richmond Hill.

The Library Board is pleased and grateful for these public-spirited citizens of Richmond Hill who contributed to the success of Canadian Library Week.
Fred C. Israel, Secretary,
Richmond Hill
Public Library Board

PROCLAMATION

TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN

In accordance with a resolution of Council

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

will be effective in Vaughan Township

2 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 24

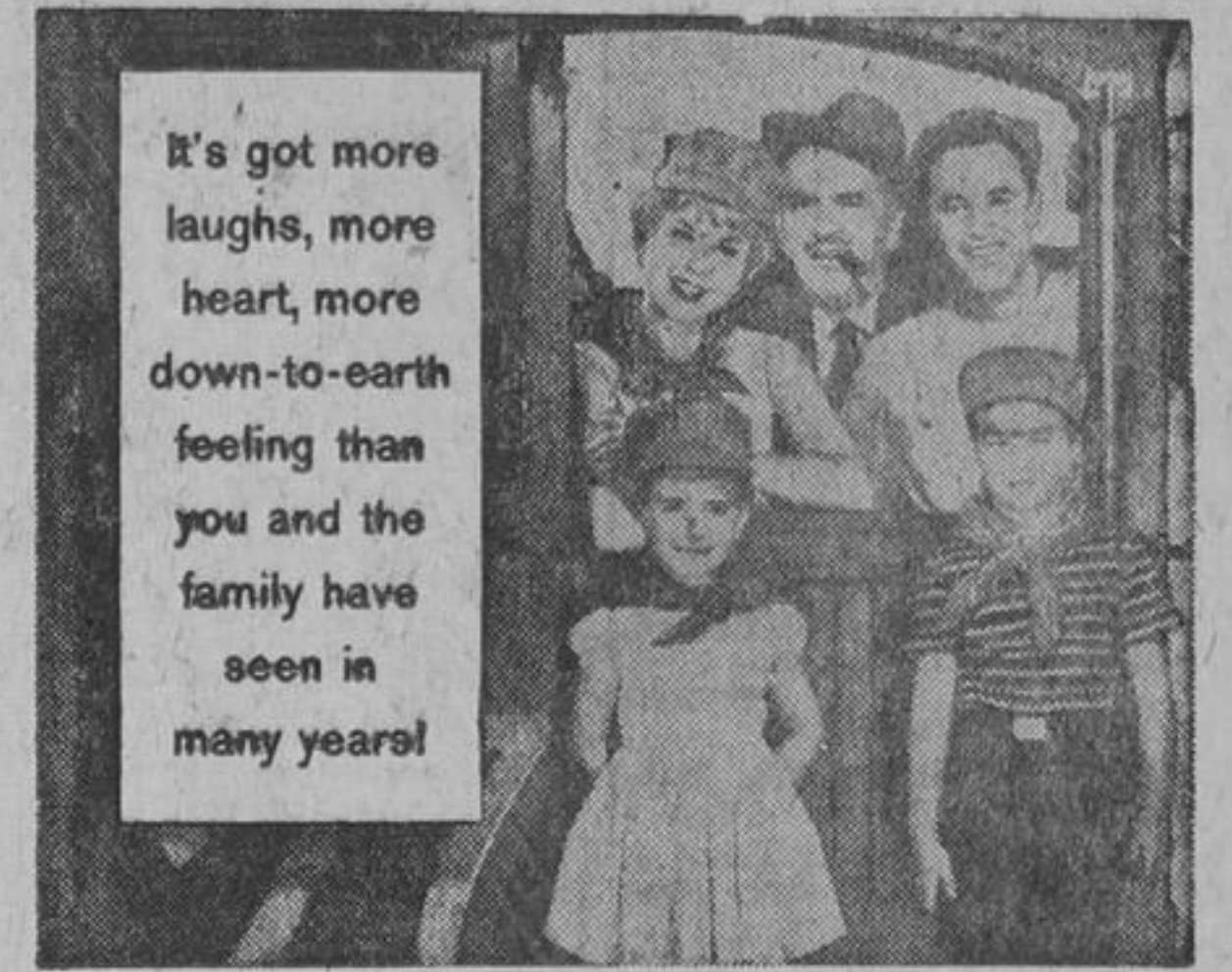
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PROCLAMATION
DAYLIGHT SAVING
RICHMOND HILL
APRIL 24th
Whereas the Town Council, by resolution has authorized me to issue a proclamation requesting the citizens to observe a period of Daylight Saving for the current year, commencing at 2 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, April 24.
To carry out this request of the Town Council it will be necessary that all clocks and watches be advanced one hour at 2 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, April 24.
The Town Council most respectfully asks the hearty co-operation of all citizens in making a success of this movement for the public benefit.
Proclaimed pursuant to the instructions of the Town Council.
K. W. TOMLIN,
Mayor.
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