

It Was Probably "Gunga Din"



Joe Ward, pictured above, was one of those who entertained when senior citizens enjoyed a tea party at the home of Mrs. M. Thomson, 109 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, last week. With his military background, it's a safe bet that he gave the assembled gathering "Gunga Din," a poem he has recited many times in army surroundings. The tea party was one of the numerous events which saw Senior Citizens' Week become an outstanding success, with old-timers "Having the time of their young lives." (Photo by Lagerquist).

"Senior Citizens Week" Is Outstanding Success

Senior Citizens Week, officially proclaimed from June 4 to June 10, was thoroughly enjoyed with all manner of trimmings by members of the local group. The first of a week long series of events occurred on Monday, June 5 when 52 of the more than 100 senior citizens were guests at a Lions Club bingo.

On Tuesday 60 members crowded the organization's clubroom in the Municipal Building. Mr. A. E. Plewman showed still pictures of senior citizens taken during the past few years and color slides of his travels; Mr. Quenton Bone gave violin selections, and the "Open House" session, which began at 2 p.m., ended with refreshments which combined quantity with quality.

On Wednesday, 75 members attended a delightful garden party at the home of Mrs. M. Thomson, 109 Yonge Street north. Mr. Joe Ward and Mrs. Mary Monks entertained with recitations and Mayor James Haggart presented a variety of gifts to lucky doo-

cket winners. The gifts, described as "beautiful," were donated by Richmond Hill merchants. Mr. William Medhurst was master of ceremonies. Lunch was served by the Richmond Hill Scout Mothers who left nothing to chance in the way of food and drink.

Friday the Lawn Bowling Association was host to the senior citizens, with refreshments provided and served by lady bowlers. On June 14 three coaches transported dozens of members to Niagara Falls for a picnic, returning late in the evening to wind up a truly memorable program.

Mrs. Gail Powell of Carrville Road, who refers to herself as "The Press" for the senior citizens, said: "We have so much fun that I feel sorry for anyone who doesn't attend our meetings and join in our activities. They're missing a real blessing. Service of the kind found among us is the finest thing to keep one happy and young."

Iris Show And Visits To Gardens Staged By The Horticultural Society

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society held its annual Iris Show at the Lions Hall.

Although the irises were in short supply due to the backward season, those blooms which did manage to emerge in time were of good quality. The arrangements of lilacs, tulips, lily of the valley and other spring blossoms were delightful.

The show was convened by Mrs. Tom Lambert and judged by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Caulfield of Aurora.

President Dr. Hugh MacKay spoke of the programme of garden visits. These have usually been arranged for Sunday afternoons and many members and their friends have enjoyed the privilege of visiting the beautiful gardens in and about town. In order that more may do so the next visit has been arranged for Tuesday evening, June 20, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The programme consisted of demonstrations of preserving plant material and Mr. Douglas Boyd introduced the speakers. Miss Susan Tilt, showing some exquisite samples of her art, explained the process of drying flowers by the cornmeal and borax method. The delphiniums were particularly fine having retained their lovely blue and dainty structure. Most flowers and leaves can be preserved by this method and used for arrangements all year round.

Mrs. Peter Addison showed the best methods of pressing and mounting flowers and ferns for botanical specimens or for decoration. She also blueprints them for use as framed pictures or Christmas cards. She had several interesting arrangements of seed pods, grasses and cones.

Mrs. Gordon Langley showed what could be done with interestingly shaped bits of driftwood. Some were interesting because of

their lovely lines and others were amusing because of their resemblance to animals or birds. She uses a steel brush, fine sandpaper, shoe polish or varnish and we would say infinite patience.

After the announcement of prize winners and a short but informative review of the show by Mrs. Caulfield, the meeting came to a close with the audience viewing the attractively displayed specimen flowers and arrangements.

Summit View Gardens Host To Many Groups

The Summit View restaurant, now operating under its new name of Summit View Gardens, was kept busy the past week taking care of various groups of from 15 to 60 persons. A week ago today 60 teachers from the John Fisher Public School, North York, held their annual dinner, signalling the ending of another school term. Two other teacher groups, 50 in all, were guests on Friday. On Saturday 50 members of the St. Luke's Anglican Church Young Peoples Association, Thornhill, dined at the popular eating place. On Monday, eight Canadian Bank of Commerce officials from Toronto and Unionville held an informal get-together for some clients. Tuesday evening saw 50 members of the North Toronto Blythwood Baptist Church Ladies' Group. Two parties were served Wednesday evening, 25 teachers from the Agincourt Public School and a 25-member gathering celebrating the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Keffer of Maple. The same day, in the afternoon, 20 local and district realtors were on hand for a business meeting.

York Summit District Stages Rally 356 Cubs Gather At Thornhill Event

What is so rare as a day in June when 356 boys and 51 leaders settle down to one purpose and give strict attention to the one topic at hand.

Such was the case when York Summit District held its Annual Cub Rally at Thornhill Park, June 10.

Twenty three packs out of a possible 34 participated in proving just how well they had absorbed the instruction given them by their Akela, Baloo or Bagheera throughout the last year.

Leaders from District Headquarters under District Commissioner Tom Harrington visited each pack and judged them on their various tests.

Boys and leaders had brought their lunch to the park and set up their pack headquarters with standards and in many cases a real honest to goodness ferocious wolf head.

Following the tests, the assembly met around a camp fire while the day's results were given.

Commissioner Harrington presented the annual "George Harrison Memorial Plaque" for the best combined effort at the Fall Hobby Show to 5th Richmond Hill.

"B" pack of 1st Richmond Hill ran off with a tremendous score of 184 points out of a possible 200. They were awarded an "A" Pennant.

Several A, B, and C pennants were awarded and each cub received a 1961 Y.S.D. Rally Crest.

A plaque was awarded to 5th Richmond Hill "A" pack as over all winners in the strenuous tug-of-war contests. Runner up was "B" pack, 1st Richmond Hill, who also received a plaque.

A song about the camp fire wound up the evening.

Plan Talks Vaughan Annexation

(Continued from page 1) and that might be done by the Finance Committee, which would include members who sit on planning boards of the two municipalities. A motion that such talks be held was moved by Councillor Broadhurst, seconded by Councillor White and carried.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell urged that any annexation proposals should be submitted to other public bodies concerned for their opinion and recommendations.

Mayor Haggart said it is accepted policy to consult all public bodies before any final decision is reached but it was difficult to do so until some policy has been determined as to any definite area.

Councillor Mrs. Southwell said this was agreeable but she was concerned that every possible investigation be made before final action is taken. "Let's make very sure just where we are at before we take any further annexation steps," she said.

Mayor Haggart gave definite assurance all public bodies concerned would have full consultation before any action is taken. "As a member of council I refuse to vote for it until this was done," said Councillor Broadhurst.

Mayor James Haggart presided at Monday night's council meeting which was attended by all members except Reeve F. R. Perkins.

Asks More Service
A letter from J. R. Newburg, 234 Anzac Rd., asked that an agenda of council meeting be posted in the town hall previous to meetings so ratepayers would know what business is to be discussed. Council agreed that the agenda of meetings be posted on the bulletin board in the town hall at noon on day of meetings.

Mr. Newburg asked also that additional service be provided for collection of garden refuse. This collection is now made monthly. Mayor Haggart pointed out that Richmond Hill is one of the few Ontario municipalities providing such a service. It is done now once a month and is a considerable item of expense.

Works Commissioner Whalen complained that people are taking advantage of the existing service and putting out stones, broken cement, and all kinds of heavy containers weighing up to 300 pounds. He suggested the people should be advised that there are limitations. He estimated that to make the refuse collection weekly instead of monthly would cost an additional \$30,000 per annum.

Council members said the refuse collection is carried out monthly to take care of items which are not taken by the regular garbage collection. Discussion revealed that some people more than take advantage of this additional service. They put out tremendous quantities and sometimes two stops more than fill a truck. There was general agreement some limitations must be made, and containers must be of a size and weight which men can readily handle.

"I have heard of people from out-of-town bringing old discarded furniture to their friends in Richmond Hill to get rid of," said Councillor Whillans.

Council received a legal opinion from solicitor J. D. Lucas that it is possible to pass a by-law licensing the keeping of cats or prohibiting the keeping of such pets, but no action was taken. Regarding recent complaints of the nuisance of wandering felines, Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell reported that the Hu-

mane Society recently picked up three cats in Richmond Hill, and are ready and willing to act on any complaints. "That takes care of cats you can catch," commented Mayor Haggart.

Markham Rd.
Bruce Raip appeared on behalf of Mr. Mihorean, Markham Road, asking that ten feet of land given for road widening be rededicated to him. He stated that part of his original land was sold for an apartment site and the ten feet was rededicated to the town to the new owner. He thought he should receive the same treatment.

Council took no action on the request following a report by Works Commissioner Whalen that the same street line is maintained east to Bayview Avenue, Pugsley Ave.

Mr. W. Mueller spoke to council in support of a petition for the improvement of Pugsley Ave. He suggested the need for road improvement and construction of sidewalks and sewers.

Mayor Haggart suggested the petitioners secure estimates on the cost of proposed improvements and present a new petition. "As it is you're giving us a blank cheque. Some people may have signed not knowing the cost," he said.

No Exceptions
Mr. Lewis representing Lumar and Kaman Construction companies asked to be excused from increased rates for sewer connections. Rates were raised recently from \$200. to \$275. and these companies still had four lots of the original seven requiring the services. In view of a previous request for services for all seven lots it was suggested council might excuse the companies from the increased rates.

Deputy-reeve Bradstock, works committee chairman said the town has been losing money at the old rates and the increased price is a realistic figure.

Council gave unanimous support to a motion by Councillor Broadhurst and Councillor Whillans to take no action on the request for special consideration. Council made it very clear that the new increased rates will apply to everyone, with no exception.

Garage Licence
Council gave notice that there will be prosecutions in cases where garage licences are not renewed by June 30th. Enforcement of the garage licence by-law was placed in the hands of the Police Department.

Enforcement Officer
Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell reporting to council for the personnel committee stated that no recommendation could be made regarding duties and salary of the bylaw enforcement officer until such time as a clearly defined policy of enforcement is laid down by council. At present the duties of enforcement officer are carried out part time by the building inspector.

Bus Deficit
Councillor Al White, transportation committee chairman, reported on a recent meeting with the T.T.C. regarding possible action to prevent a 1961 deficit on operation of the Yonge St. bus line. Curtailment of night services was suggested, as representatives of all municipalities were opposed to increase in fares.

Prices Prohibitive
Councillor White suggested that the price asked by the T.T.C. for the Yonge Street property in Richmond Hill now used as a terminal was prohibitive. He said he understood the asking price is \$100,000. "If that's the price, it is a prohibitive one," said Councillor White.

The committee of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in charge of observance of the 150th anniversary of establishment of the Sunday School here invited the mayor and council to special services on Sunday, June 18th.

Committee of Adjustment
Property owners who seek any deviation from existing land use regulations must apply to the local committee of adjustment. The fee to have an application heard is \$25.00. Council recently asked the committee regarding this fee. The committee in a letter to council advised that it was unanimously agreed that the fee of \$25. per application remain as it is. Council adopted the recommendation on motion of Deputy-reeve Bradstock, but Councillor Al White voted in opposition.

Councillor White's contention was that there should be a graded schedule of fees, and the person asking a simple adjustment should not have to pay as much as one asking a change involving perhaps many thousands of dollars. Councillor Whillans said fees should remain as they are and the only alternative would be to make all free. Mayor Haggart said that applicants are getting infractions of the regulations legalized and he thought they should be willing to pay. Deputy-clerk Mack Clement, secretary of the committee of adjustment reported that committee expenses last year were about \$1,100. and receipts about \$300.

Encourage Sports
The ball association was granted permission to hold the annual booster parade on June 28th.

The Lacrosse Club was granted permission to erect two banners across Yonge Street advertising the games. "They're trying hard to bring back lacrosse which was at one time a very popular sport here," said Councillor Al White in urging support for the request. "We do little enough to encourage lacrosse," said Deputy-reeve Bradstock in moving the request be granted. Councillor Whillans and Broadhurst opposed the erection of banners. They said they were all for encouraging lacrosse but questioned the desirability of banners across Yonge Street.

Re-development Committee
Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell reported that at a joint meeting of the planning board and Yonge Street re-development committee it was agreed two ad-

ditional members should be appointed to the committee. On motion of councillor Broadhurst the planning board will be asked to name two additional members.

Bank Business
Councillor Al White suggested the town's banking business should be divided. Most of the town's business now is with the Commerce and Nova Scotia he said, pointing out that branches of other banks are located here now and he thought they should get their share of municipal business. On motion of Councillor White the Finance Committee will review the situation in regards to municipal banking.

Census Complaints
Mayor James Haggart said that he wished to make it clear to all the people that the Mayor or council had absolutely nothing to do either with the hiring of census enumerators, the way the work was done or the questions asked. "This census was entirely the work and responsibility of the federal government," said the Mayor, "and persons who have any complaints should direct them to the local Member of Parliament and not to the Mayor".

Asks Damages
A. P. Pearson, 112 Baker Ave., wrote council asking compensation for an accident when he fell on the street near his home in February, 1960. As a result of injuries he was off work from February 17th until the end of May. The insurance company has denied any town responsibility in the accident and refused to pay any claim for damages. Mr. Pearson claimed the town should make some settlement to cover medical, loss of pay and legal fees. He stated that although the accident was immediately reported on February 17th, the insurance adjuster did not see him until March 1st. Council referred the letter to the town solicitor for advice. Deputy-reeve Bradstock suggested an enquiry to the insurance company about the apparent delay in having an adjuster on the scene.

Continue Action
Council adopted a report of the Works Committee recommending that the town solicitor be instructed to take what action is necessary in respect to the calculation of claims against J. A. Bailey Ltd., with regard to the performance of work in connection with work on roads in Beverley Acres.

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The co-operation of all concerned is earnestly solicited.

H. C. T. CRISP, Clerk
E. L. CLUBINE, Weed Inspector,
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Should Be Reverse Action—Trustee Worrell

Northern School's "Pink Listing" Brings Backing From School Board

Emphatic backing was given to the Public School Board of Neelon Garson School Area, located near Sudbury, Ont., by members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board at their last meeting. The district, a small one, has 22 teachers. As a result of a salary dispute teachers' federations have warned other teachers not to accept employment in the area, where all but two of the present teachers have resigned. The Neelon Garson Board has presented its case to other school boards through the Ontario School Trustees Council. Salaries in dispute, it was pointed out, are in some instances higher than those paid in Toronto.

The basic minimum salary for a Neelon-Garson elementary teacher with a first class certificate has been \$3,000. The board has offered to raise this to \$3,200. Teachers want \$3,300, the Toronto rate.

A teacher in Category 1 in Neelon-Garson has been receiving a basic salary of \$4,600, which the board has offered to raise to \$5,400. The teachers' federation wants \$6,000. The maximum for a similar grade in Toronto has been \$4,900. Similarly, for teachers with a B.A., the federation is demanding a maximum of \$8,000. In Toronto the maximum is \$7,900.

"Over A Barrel"
School boards should also be in a position to "pink list" teachers, declared Trustee Mrs. Irene Worrell indignantly, saying that the federation has the school board "over a barrel." (Pink listing is the process by which teachers federations, in effect, declare school boards "unfair to organized labour.") Editor: "It's too bad boards sit back and accept this sort of thing," she asserted. "I don't see how we can sit back and do nothing." Other trustees agreed. "In this case the teachers are wrong," said Trustee Mrs. Ruth Castle. Referring to the staff of Richmond Hill schools, Mrs. Worrell declared that the board was grateful and drawn to decide on the supplier.

lucky to have the kind of staff it has. "They are interested in raising the standard of education," she said.

Write To Neelon-Garson
Richmond Hill trustees adopted three motions. One was to write to the Neelon-Garson school board backing its stand, saying that it had been fair to the teachers and hoping that it would be able to carry on. Another was to write to the teachers federation asking for their side of the story. The third one was to ask the Ontario School Trustees Council how school boards could work together properly to offset the Neelon-Garson type of action, when school boards could be so easily "pink listed."

Windows, Paving, Clocks Get Board's Attention

At a meeting which handled so much business that an extension of the normal "curfew hour" was required, members of Richmond Hill Public School Board last week decided to put aluminum windows in a section of the McConeghy Public School, at a cost of \$4,303. The project has been under consideration for some time and was included in the 1961 budget, which saw public school trustees able to reduce the demand on taxpayers by two mills. Two tenders for the job were received, the other being \$4,448.

Paving at the Pleasantville School was also arranged for at a cost of \$2,292.95. Other paving at the Walter Scott school will cost \$488.

At a recent meeting trustees considered the purchase of electric clocks, finally refusing to authorize purchase because only one price had been obtained. At last week's meeting tenders were received from four local suppliers. All however, were for the same amount - \$67.80 for four clocks. Lots may have to be that the board was grateful and drawn to decide on the supplier.

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