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John Beverly Riou Eppes Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack at Age 51

Well known in local real estate circles, Mr. John Beverly Riou Eppes passed away suddenly in his 52nd year on November 24th at Kitchener, Ontario from a heart seizure. Son of the late Major and Mrs. David Douglas Riou Eppes, Mr. Eppes attended Balm Beach and Williamson Road Public School and Malvern Collegiate, Toronto, and was resident of Balm Beach until his marriage in 1936.

Commencing in the real estate business with Tuttle and Tuttle, Toronto, followed by a term with Keith Real Estate, Mr. Eppes founded his own business, the Beverly Eppes Real Estate, which he conducted for many years at Leaside.

Surviving, is his widow, Mrs. Isobel Jackson Close Eppes, four children, Douglas, Scarborough; Suzanne and Elizabeth of Toronto and Richard at home. Another son, Robin, predeceased him. Surviving brothers and sisters are: William Randolph Eppes, Toronto; Mona (Mrs. H. G. Robertson) Richmond Hill; Miss L. Evelyn Eppes, Toronto; also by two grandchildren, Cheryl and Robin (children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eppes).

Member of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Kitchener, the late Mr. Eppes was interred at Edmundo Cemetery, following services conducted in Waterloo.

Christmas Business Said To Be Perking

Christmas business began to perk up last week, according to a number of Richmond Hill retailers. A snap review by "The Liberal" revealed the situation to be spotty. Some merchants were glowing — others were gloomy.

Those engaged in the clothing business fell into the latter category, declaring that snow and cold weather were needed to uncork buying. Jewellers declared that business had shown a sharp upturn, with one stating that already buying was far ahead of last year and that higher-priced articles were being called for.

Last Saturday, normally considered top day, ran second place to Thursday, according to a considerable number of retailers, particularly in the downtown area.

Turkey orders were starting to roll, suppliers declared.

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They Help To Smooth Rough Paths
Co-ordinated Welfare System Aids Both Donors & Recipients Of Help

BY F. J. PICKING, News Editor

Members of the Co-ordinated Welfare and Counselling Service of Richmond Hill are preparing for the distribution of Christmas hampers — an annual "labour of love".

When those baskets go out they will carry with them not only the goodwill of the distributing group but also Christmas greetings from the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the Civitan Club, the Kinsmen Club, the Kinettes, the Rotary Anns and the Senior Citizens Club of Richmond Hill.

All those organizations are represented in the Co-ordinated Welfare and Counselling Service. In effect, that body is the "clearing house" for welfare activities of the town's service clubs, ensuring that maximum help is given to those in need quickly and, on the other hand, that the bug-a-boo of overlapping is eliminated. It is composed of two members from each of the sponsoring organizations.

Groups Contribute

Funds for welfare activities come from the various clubs, based on their membership. In simple terms, the central body looks after all welfare work, doing it on money which otherwise individual groups would expend. The contributing groups get their money in the first place from their own members or from the public through fund-raising activities.

During the past year the service assisted 47 families, some of them more than once. Last year it distributed 43 hampers to those whose Christmas would have lacked the warmth and plenty which is supposed to go with the season, without them. This year, officers say, the need is expected to be about the same. A grant of \$300 given by the town will help to fill the need. Unlike a number of Ontario towns, Richmond Hill does not put on a drive for funds for Christmas baskets. Welfare money raised during the year, plus a town grant, is used instead.

Aids In Emergencies

The welfare and counselling service isn't by any means a flowing fountain for those looking for handouts. And that does not mean that its operation is lacking in charity or humanitarianism in any way. It is recognized that, in spite of all the steps taken in this day and age to see that citizens running into hard luck are helped, there will always be emergencies. That's where the organization comes into the picture — to help meet those emergencies which, for some reason or other, cannot be taken care of in normal ways or cannot be taken care of fast enough. A bad fire which left a family homeless with its belongings gone, for instance, would spark immediate assistance.

The service specializes in directing those needing help to the right place to get it, whenever possible. It might be found, for example, that a person or a family needing help is properly entitled to get it from the municipality. In that case, if urgent help was needed, it would be given and the ones in need channelled into the hands of the municipality's welfare officer. A close liaison is maintained with that welfare officer, Norman Lewis, in order to see that those needing assistance get it in the best possible manner and that there is no overlapping.

Counselling Given

Not infrequently the central organization, acting for all the service clubs, runs into cases where advice is needed, rather than cash or goods. In such cases help is equally prompt — and free. Lawyers, doctors, bankers and other people co-operate with the group when the need runs along those lines.

The Co-ordinated Welfare and Counselling Service has its own investigating committee, to ensure that needs are genuine. But its members believe in the old adage that "He gives twice who gives quickly," and does all in its power to meet legitimate needs — with a minimum of red tape and delay.

While avoiding overlapping within the town, the group also attempts to avoid overlapping other service clubs or similar groups outside the Richmond Hill area. For that reason it limits its activities to an area bounded by No. 7 highway in the south, the second concessions east and west and the township lines near Jefferson to the north.

So, with efficiency and speed, but with humanity, decency and dignity, the service clubs of Richmond Hill do their best to hold out a kindly helping hand to those who have run into rough spots on the road of life. And the hand they hold out — that performs their kindly actions for them — is the Co-ordinated Welfare and Counselling Service.

Auxiliary Of Manor Gets Bazaar Report

The regular monthly meeting of the York Manor Women's Auxiliary was held in the auditorium of the home on November 24.

The handicraft convenor, in an effort to increase the supply of materials used in craft work, asked all members to bring in used nylons, Christmas cards, odd-shaped bottles and beads.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Wm. Turner, chairman; Mrs. A. H. van Nostrand and Mrs. A. E. Starr, was named.

The treasurer reported receipts of \$500.00 for the bazaar held November 18.

The December meeting will be held on the 29th.

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