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Public School Art Exhibition



Viewing a modern painting which was one of the many paintings on display at the recent children's and teachers' art exhibition at the Mac-Killop Public School is Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch and Mrs. Lou Donnelly. This painting was submitted by an anonymous artist and done by music.

The exhibition featured the work completed during the teachers in-service art course. Mrs. Donnelly is a teacher at the Walter Scott Public School. (Photo by Lagerquist)

Grants And School Taxes

Premier John Robarts promised tax assistance to the home owner and farmer has two serious defects. In announcing to the Legislature the amount and application of provincial grants for education to be paid in 1962-63, Mr. Robarts referred to the oft-repeated theme of the mounting burden of school taxes on the home owner and farmer. One has only to examine the figures from year to year to realize the size of this burden. For example, in 1959 while provincial grants amounted to \$148 million local school taxation climbed to \$246 million. In face of the postwar population expansion provincial grants have increased but local school taxes have climbed that much faster. And the accompanying tax burden on the average home owner striving to raise his family has become more burdensome with every passing year.

by a full 10 per cent below that applicable to commercial properties." The first serious defect is there is no limitation on the amount school boards can spend and no requirements that the provincial money be used to reduce taxes. Any board can simply accept the increased grants and raise the local levy to meet increased expenditures. If Mr. Robarts really wants to help the home owner and farmer then he should ensure there is no waste of money in the schools. He should ensure that the taxpayer gets the maximum return on every tax dollar, and that the total tax bill in any community bears some relation to the peoples' ability to pay and the educational needs of the community.

The second defect is Premier Robarts decision to saddle commerce with an extra tax burden. Unusually high taxes will only hinder the recovery of many segments of the economy from the current depressed business conditions. Only a vital healthy economy can play its full part in the overall tax picture in the community. In the final analysis, higher business taxes will only be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices for goods and services.

The Seed May Be Sprouting

The fact that Markham Township Council, at a recent meeting, discussed the benefit of co-ordinated action with the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Vaughan is significant. It is true that the subjects were mentioned in only the sketchiest of manners. Nevertheless the fact that they were discussed at all is important, for it shows that there is a distinct awareness of the value of joint action on the part of Markham Township's governing body. The two topics which were mentioned were incineration of garbage and welfare services. The former is no new idea in this part of the country. It has been discussed on numerous occasions. Some years ago the Town of Aurora considered an incinerator operated by and for several

municipalities quite seriously, members of council even going to Tonawanda, N.Y., to examine a project there. For some reason the idea died. It might well be revived. With growing population the problem of garbage disposal is intensifying. Dumping grounds are becoming scarcer. Two, three or even more municipalities might well stage a joint study of the value of co-operative action. If impracticable - not too much harm will have been done. If practical and economical, certainly considerable benefits can be derived. Such a study might prove to be a worthwhile first step towards saving of money and effort by elimination of duplication. Taxpayers certainly would welcome it if it did.

School Trustee Appointments

The resignation of Trustee Lewis D. Clement from the Richmond Hill Public School Board and his almost immediate appointment to the York Central District High School Board is an unusual incident. It would only be possible for it to happen at the end of a year, when retirements create the necessary vacancy. It is especially unusual when it is recalled that his resignation is the third in a short space of time. The board had to name a trustee to take the place of Mrs. Connie Matthews on her resignation due to removal from Richmond Hill. In early 1962 it will have to name a person to take Trustee Clement's place. The third resignation, that of Trustee Williams, was filled at the recent municipal elections. The combination of events has been somewhat accidental but extremely unusual.

ing a difficult period which saw unprecedented expansion of the Richmond Hill system. In a time when the transition of pupils from their public school studies to the high school scene is so important, particularly with recent developments in educational plans, Mr. Clement should be able to play a most constructive part. In a similar case, Mrs. Barbara Langstaff brought a wealth of public school background to her high school board duties and fulfilled them well. Her successor should be able to pick up the load capably. While Mr. Clement will be missed on the public school board, there is little fear that the marked efficiency of that body will be lessened. Good people are left to carry on. Staff appointments in the past have been made wisely. They will now pay dividends. While the board will have an admixture of new ideas and old, there is a leavening of administrative ability and experience which should see a high standard maintained.

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(Come and See for Yourself)
COIN LAUNDRY
BAYVIEW PLAZA - BAYVIEW AVENUE & ELGIN MILLS ROAD

Albert Stunden Reminisces

Winter Season Was Gay Time In Thornhill District Many Long Years Ago

(By Doris FitzGerald)
Old timers have told us that sleighing parties once ranked high among the pleasures of the winter season. Said one Thornhill resident, "the big farm sleighs would be filled with straw, and there were lots of buffalo robes for warmth. The harness bells jingled merrily and everybody sang as we drove along. It was great fun on a frosty starlit night."

Sometimes a party went to a private home for refreshments and dancing, sometimes their destination was a concert held at a school or church in a neighbouring village. A popular event which always attracted sleighloads of people from Thornhill was the annual supper and entertainment put on by the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade. We happen to have an old copy of "The Liberal" containing a description of one planned 73 years ago, for January 1, 1888, which reads in part, "A torchlight procession will be formed at the firehall at 6 o'clock when the firemen, headed by the brigade band will march through the principal streets. A good supper will then be served in the Masonic Hall. The following talent which has been secured for the concert is a guarantee that the house will be crowded: Mrs. A. J. Hume, Miss Ida Simpson, Mr. C. Savage, Mr. J. Duncomb, Mr. A. J. Hume, Mr. W. Sanderson, Mr. W. D. Atkinson, and the Harmonica Club. After the concert a magnificent display of fireworks prepared by Professor Hand of Hamilton, at a cost of over \$20. This alone will be worth the admission to the hall. Tickets for supper, concert and fireworks display, 25c, children 15c."

Snow Often Blocked Yonge he recalled, "used to be bordering the large stable behind the hotel but thinks that there were never many horses in the stalls overnight. Northbound travellers found it quicker and more convenient to take the Grand Trunk Railway. Cook's depended mainly upon the trade of farmers and their teams going to and coming from Toronto and on occasional gangs of men working on the road. The toll gate, kept by Henry Richards, stood a little south of the hotel on Yonge St. and discouraged local patronage from that direction because only doctors, policemen and firefighters were allowed to pass the toll bar free of charge. Another frame building which held special interest for young Stunden, who often went there on errands for his mother, was the general store and post office kept by Mr. Henry Horne near the north east corner of the Langstaff Sideroad and Yonge St.

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

A family on the Maple exchange keep getting telephone calls to a Richmond Hill restaurant for deliveries of Chinese food. . . . The Wong number?

Britain announces that "barring serious economic difficulties" it will soon switch to a decimal system of coinage. . . . Well, the first difficulty is that they've made the pence too long.

The SAFETY PAYS slogan imprinted on the 1962 drivers' license forms revives the old bar-room joke ". . . and when MacTavish says - everybody pays!"

A fashion note from New York says: Spit Curl Points To New Look. . . . It certainly will, if the spit curl has been dyed in one of the new shades.

Genuine Cockneys can again be born in London now that the Bow Bells are ringing to greet them. The bells and the Cockneys were silenced simultaneously by a Nazi bomb. . . . A "dropped-their-haitch" bomb?

Premier Khrushchev says the Soviet Union still has thieves, cheats, swindlers, and even murderers. . . . This is what happens when "secret" police become too efficient.

A rich resident of Toronto's Rosedale district has installed an intercom set between his bedroom and his dog's kennel. . . . Now they can communicate in hi-fido.

Overweight aircrmen at a U.S. airbase in Britain have been warned to reduce or be grounded. The persistent heavy-eaters will be adjusting their flab for landing.

Robert Karsh Heads Legion Branch 375

Officers of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 375, Richmond Hill, for 1962, were recently installed as follows: President Robert Karsh, Richmond Hill; Past President George Wood; 1st Vice-President Frank Barrett, Richmond Hill; 2nd Vice-President, Murray Blanchard, Richmond Hill; Treasurer, Jack Sanders, Richmond Hill; Chaplain, Rev. James O'Neill, St. Mary's Anglican Church; Executive Officers, John Reid, Richvale; Stan Wood, Richvale; Frank Titshall, May Avenue, Yongehurst; Harold Patton, Richmond Hill; Norm Lenton, Weldrick Road.

HOLLAND LANDING: Eighteen chickens and two chickens were found staving and 144 chickens were found dead in heaps on an abandoned farm on the Holland Marsh south of Bradford. The owner is missing and provincial police are investigating.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

THROW-AWAY ADVERTISING GOES IN WASTE BASKET
Dear Mr. Editor:-
Now that the busy Christmas season is over and merchants are reviewing the holiday business, I wish to tell those who showered our home with advertising circulars that they wasted a lot of money.
Our own experience was that we found throw-away advertising on our front lawn, in the ditch in front of the house, on our door-step, jammed in our mail box and in every other conceivable place. It all went the same way - unread into the waste basket.
Down the street in a culvert I saw hundreds of a throw-away jammed in a culvert. Not only wasted money for the merchants but a hazard to town drainage.
I welcome advertising in my newspaper and I tolerate it on the T.V. but I feel sorry for business people and merchants who send all kinds of odd looking creatures to shower my doorstep with circulars. They're just wasting money.
While on the subject of beef, I resent also the many calls from un-announced, unidentified people knocking on my door asking for money for unknown charities. I am as kindly disposed and as generous as anyone, but people who seek public support for good causes should be properly identified.
Weary Householder

WOULD HAVE YEAR ROUND SPOT CHECKS FOR SAFETY
Dear Mr. Editor:-
We heard some criticism horror advertising, and police methods in combatting the danger of drinking drivers in the holiday season.
I hope those who criticized will ponder well on the results. The fine safety record in the Metro area during the festive season is evidence that the plan worked.
If our streets and highways can be made safer by the use of horror pictures, spot checks of drivers, let it continue and let's try it all through the year not just at Christmas. Treadle about personal liberty doesn't stand up against a traffic record which proves the dangerous drinking driver can be driven from our highways.
Congratulations to the police on the effective work during the recent holiday season.
Year-Round-Safety

APPRECIATES THE HOME PAPER
Dear Mr. Editor:-
I enclose cheque for \$3.50 for renewal subscription to "The Liberal." We do appreciate the Home Paper and while we have

lived in many Canadian towns we never have read a better home paper. Your very thorough coverage of local news throughout Richmond Hill and district and your many interesting features are very well done and your advertising columns have been very helpful to all members of our family.
Thanks again for the best home paper we have read anywhere in Canada, and sincere good wishes to Editor and staff for continued success and much happiness in 1962.
New Reader
P.S. I enclose another classified ad. Please send bill for same. I advertised some used furniture early in December and had more than twenty replies.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE NOTES

2nd Richmond Hill Brownie Pack
The 2nd Richmond Hill Brownie Pack entertained parents, friends and the 1st Richmond Hill Brownie Pack at a Christmas pageant, in Wrixon Hall on the Monday prior to Christmas.
The "Twelve Days Of Christmas" was sung by twelve Brownies holding attractive illustrations. The audience joined in singing Christmas carols until the Nativity Story, directed by Brown Owl Crampton, was presented.
Narrator Tawny Owl Redelmeier read the lovely verses of the familiar tableaux followed the beautifully costumed against a background of pines. The piano accompaniment was played by Mrs. L. Jones. Later, Christmas gifts were exchanged by the Brownies, after which refreshments were served, completing another happy Christmas party.

13th Brownie Pack
"Wonderful time" was the unanimous opinion of all of the sixty-six Brownies, plus leaders and parents who attended the long anticipated "Christmas Party" of the 13th Richmond Hill Brownie Pack which was held in St. Matthew's United Church on December 19th.
As guests - the 1st Gormley Pack of 27 Brownies - accompanied by their leaders Brown Owl Mrs. Barbara Hardie, Tawny Owl Mrs. V. Vardy and two Packies were welcomed by the "Grand Owl" spoken by Linda Robbins, who opened the words of welcome officially starting the "Fairy Ring" - the largest in the history of the Pack.

9th Richmond Hill Girl Guides
An enjoyable Christmas Party featured the final meeting for 1961 of the 9th Richmond Hill Girl Guide Company, when they met on the Monday prior to Christmas, in Pleasantville School.
Under the direction of Guide Captain Iva Bovaird and Lieutenant Conna Link - who enthusiastically contributed Christmas carols were sung, followed by the "Christmas Story" and a piano solo by Beth Mackenzie. Games were engaged in, then each one of the girls sang, and two members of the Majorette Corps - Cathy Benfield and Brenda Bradshaw - gave an interesting exhibition of baton twirling and dance routine. Refreshments and exchange of gifts concluded the first annual Christmas Party of the 9th Girl Guide Company.

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PROTESTS PHONE CALLS
Dear Mr. Editor:-
The telephone is a most useful convenience of the modern age and we wouldn't want to be without it.
I wish however something could be done about people who call me from work, rest or recreation and give me a spiel about some religious faith, or ask me some silly questions about tooth paste or breakfast food.
Unfortunately most people are altogether too polite to these distributors and intruders in the home. I made enquiries as to how this nuisance might be eliminated and have arrived at the conclusion there is only one solution - hang up. If everyone does this the objectionable practice soon will stop.
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