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## Help For The Disabled

Formation of a Rehabilitation Council for York County, recently announced, is a step which should prove highly advantageous to health, welfare and social service organizations. With the sponsorship of the York County branch of the Mental Health Association it should help co-ordinate the work of a number of bodies whose aim is the helping of those who have problems. Not less importantly, it should help to channel those needing aid into the place where they are most likely to find what suits their needs best, quickly and effectively.

It is — and has been for many years — a truism accepted by those handling social services, that help for any kind of condition exists if you know where to find it. Finding it, in many cases, has been the problem. We judge by the information released by the new council that co-ordination among bodies giving social service will lead to a cure for this situation. If so, then the new organization can perform a very worth-while service in aiding those who have found the going a little bit rough along the path of life.

## Congratulations For Gormley

"Firsts" and records of one kind and another have become almost common-place in Richmond Hill and district. Its Jaycees captured world honours, among others, not so long ago. Its library, through its architect, a local man, rode right up at the top of the heap in national architectural contests. Its Curtain Club has won kudos. The list stops there. Others who have been omitted will realize that this is not a boastful listing of triumphs but simply a reasonably modest way of pointing out that the town has a pretty fair bunch of citizens, with accomplishments in many lines of endeavour.

The example. For years — as old files of "The Liberal" will testify — the area around it took a position in agricultural "wins" that gave it an outstanding fame, not only nationally but internationally. Another record has been added.

Mr. Don Matthews of Gormley, with his Jersey cow Don Head Duchess Connie, has broken the all-time production record of the breed. So outstanding was the effort that it won a visit from Canada's Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Both town and country will congratulate Mr. Matthews on hanging up such an important record and take pleasure in the fact that the area can produce not only the best for the mind but the best for the body also.

## The Auxiliary Starts Well

There's an ancient cliché about never underestimating the power of a woman. It was affirmed last week when, in spite of one of the worst storms of the winter which left many roads snow-blocked and driving conditions miserable, the enthusiastic ladies who undertook the job of forming an auxiliary for the projected hospital in the south of the county succeeded in securing an attendance of nearly four hundred. Not only was it a big audience — it was an interested one which met in the Lions Hall in the Hill. Its members came from a wide area.

The gap is dying, if not already dead. While there may be differences of opinion as to methods of financing and responsibility for services, there can be no argument about the basic need. The safety and comfort and welfare of county residents are now in the balance.

Returning to the auxiliary and the women who are working so effectively at forming it, it is interesting to note that there is a tendency to make the organization a two-sex affair rather than one operated exclusively by women. The trend seems to be a sound one, although how it is going to be greeted by curling and golf addicts and others anxious to escape from the direction of "the little woman" is a question. Perhaps the opportunity to associate with those traditionally beautiful creatures, the girls in the white caps, may soften the blow, although the writer of this editorial noted, on a recent stay in a hospital, that most of 'em seem to be married nowadays anyway. In any event, the main thing is that an effective auxiliary has been put on the road. Other problems, if any exist, along the lines mentioned can be solved as they arise.

## St. Valentine's Day

The bursting buds of spring and the stirring of romance in hearts both young and old have heralded February 14 — St. Valentine's Day — for nearly five centuries.

There is little doubt among Canadians that St. Valentine's Day is the most romantic time of any year. The colorful, joyous and romantic history of the valentine is shrouded in antiquity, but research indicates that the festivities probably date to the pre-Christian days of the Roman Empire.

The Romans celebrated with the Feast of Lupercalia each February 14, the date the birds were supposed to begin their spring mating. As part of the festival, maidens fashioned love missives and deposited them in a large urn. Young swains then drew names from the urn, and courted the maid whose name they drew during the ensuing year.

The custom was later introduced to England by the Romans and continued through the Christian era. In order to adapt the practice to Christianity, the church transferred it to the Feast of Saint Valentine, a Bishop of Rome who was martyred on February 14, 270 A.D. because of his death by the Romans.

Records indicate that shortly before his execution the bishop left a note for the Roman jailer's young daughter who had befriended him, telling her of his faith and signing it, "Your Valentine".

Another famed early forerunner of the valentine was a note written by the Duke of Orleans to his wife in 1415 when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London after the battle of Agincourt. The Duke's valentine is now preserved in the British Museum.

Paper valentines with inscribed sentiment date from the 16th century. The first printed valentines may have been the frontispiece of the "Valentine Writer", a book of verses printed in London that offered assistance

to the inarticulate.

These were issued as early as 1669. Later "Valentine Writer" books, provided ready-made verses for ladies to send to gentlemen, and vice versa. A typical verse from "The Lady's Valentine Writer", printed in London, reads:

"That wish I hope extends to love, that you make me thine;  
If so, I wish that I may prove, your happy Valentine."

Summonses, writs and court orders, as well as bank notes and the "IOU", were favorite forms in which valentines were presented late in the 19th century. The valentines often were lavishly embellished with simulated seals, scroll borders and other symbols of authentic documents.

By 1880, hand-painted copperplates, by such artists as Francesco Bartolacci were in demand. These were followed by wood-cuts and lithographs, and some had embossed frames.

With the introduction of penny postage and envelopes to England in 1840, the exchange of valentines increased and the use of lace-paper, delicately ornamented, became popular. In the United States, crude wood-cut valentines were produced by Robert Elton and Thomas W. Strong of New York.

These gave way to lace-paper delicacies imported from England and, in turn, were succeeded by the less expensive creations of Esther Howland of Worcester, Mass., which first appeared in 1850.

Heavy gold work heralded the start of the Victorian "gingerbread" period in 1860. Cut-out bouquets were all the rage of the 1870's, ranging from tiny appliques to massive decorations.

By 1880, the trend was away from fine lace and the lettering that appeared on the Valentines had become more distinct. Printed attachments were being used.

## Rev. D. C. H. Michell Visits U.K.

### Church Revival, Full Employment Characteristics Of Life In Britain

The following article is a collection of observations on current conditions in the United Kingdom by Rev. D. C. H. Michell of St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson. Mr. Michell recently returned following a two-month stay in the old country. Five years ago Mr. Michell made a similar visit to England and in the article he compares what he saw and sensed on his most recent trip with what he saw five years ago.

I found noticeable changes in the United Kingdom since my last visit five years ago. Not only is there a generally prosperous appearance, but one senses an atmosphere of relaxation. The rather unhappy and frustrated air, which seemed so general five years ago, has gone completely. Full employment at good wages, and the plentiful supply of every sort of commodity, has removed the last vestige of the austerity which persisted for so long after the war. The social changes, too, appear to be adjusting themselves.

It is generally recognized however, how precarious the present prosperity is; and how utterly dependent the economy of the country is upon maintaining her export markets. Consequently the government's Common Market is looked upon with sympathy, and it would seem that the country, generally, is willing to trust to the judgment of the government in its handling of the problem. At the same time there is very real concern as to the effect such a step might have on the Commonwealth.

Canada-British Relations I don't think it is sufficiently realized how warmly the British public feels towards Canada and Canadians, and the very real concern that responsible people in Great Britain feel to avoid embarrassing Canada or disturbing Canadian relations.

It is well understood, however, that the U.K. is rapidly approaching a crisis in her trading relations in Europe, due to the exclusive nature of the existing common market, and elsewhere due to the increasing severity of competition in world trade. There is, therefore, a feeling of fatality in the minds of many who consider the U.K. is being forced by circumstances beyond her control to turn towards Europe. This necessity, of course, is accentuated by the ever-present need for strengthening the Western military position opposite Russia. It is realized also that anything that benefits the economy of Great Britain and brings closer cooperation is bound to strengthen her defensibly. And there is the belief also that Great Britain would, in closer association, exercise a greater directive influence in shaping European policy.

Canadians who love the old land, whose roots are in the U.K. and whose forebears hailed from the British Isles, can not but feel the strongest possible sympathy for her in the fateful choice which confronts her. This is not simply a matter of choosing friends or customers; and well she appreciates it. Their hope is that this country generally may not judge the old land too harshly in whatever decision she may feel bound to make.

Spirit of Evangelism It has often been said that people in England are not going to church nowadays. I did not find it so, however. This, no doubt, was due to the fact that I spent my time in the south coast of England, and saw nothing of the industrial Midlands. For unhappily it appears to be the fact that it is amongst the industrial population that the church has, of recent years, suffered her greatest losses. She is well aware of this, however, and is giving it earnest attention. On the whole, churches, especially the Church of England which I know best, are wide awake to the challenge of the times. Many churches are greatly concerned with evangelism—getting the gospel out to the community at large. A prime example is the well-known London Church of All Souls in Langham Place next to "Broadcasting House"—the BBC headquarters. This church is packed to the doors morning and evening every Sunday and it seemed to me the evening I attended, that sixty per cent of the congregation must have been under thirty-five years of age. The rector, the Rev. John Stott (well known here because of the Mission he conducted at the University of Toronto a few years ago) has six assistant curates helping him. Together they handle the united parishes of All Souls and St. Peter's Vere Street; the latter having been joined with it after the war.

This church has great appeal to young people—students from the University of London and nurses from the great hospitals in which there are Nurses Christian Unions. There is a special ministry to the large stores, such as Selfridge's, in which a weekly Bible study for employees (voluntary, of course) is conducted by one of the clergy after closing time.

On the occasion I attended this church I was interested to notice the rapt attention of the congregation to the sermon, which was a long one, and dealt with what is often called "the old fashioned gospel". From the above and other evidences, it would seem, I think, that the Christian faith has not lost its appeal, but is still making its impact upon the people of England.

Young People Attend Church One of the most encouraging aspects of British life is the keenness and aptitude of the rising generation. It is generally accepted, I believe, that in matters of education the U.K. is well in the lead. Certainly her young people are well educated. They are the hope of the future, undoubtedly.

Regarding religious education in the schools—a subject which has caused some controversy in this country—it may be of interest to note that this is something which is taken for granted in Great Britain. Regulated and provided for by Act of Parliament, the actual syllabus is chosen by the Local Education Authority (municipal). When the City and County of Bristol adopted a new syllabus a few years ago, the book was dedicated at a special service held in Bristol Cathedral, and attended by representatives of the city and county, and by teachers and clergy.

On the whole, after an extended visit, one feels much encouraged by many signs that these people have not lost their basic qualities of dependability and stability, and may still, under God, be looked to for leadership in whatever difficulties may face western nations.

Toronto Police claim they have forced 80% of the city's bookies out of business. . . . Now, if we could just find out how they pick their parleys. . . .

A spokesman for the 350-odd Canadian doctors who have chartered the Empress of England for a convention cruise to Bermuda says: "It won't be a pleasure cruise. We'll all be working hard." . . . Treating each other for mal de mer? Or maybe, just treating each other? . . .

Metro's senior citizens have been promised that construction will begin within six months on two new circular-type apartment houses. . . . Still giving them the run-around! . . .

A mental test has been ordered for an Owen Sound undertaker accused of several bank hold-ups. . . . It could be a schizophrenic swing from his other extreme—let-downs. . . .

A Toronto consulting engineer has suggested that the city could use its sewage to heat its new city hall. . . . Opponents of the proposal are bound to label it as a scientific "pipe-dream". . . .

Metro's Emergency Measures Organization says its work will cost the taxpayers \$760,463 this year—or, five cents a citizen. . . . And, if you have a pencil handy, you can join us in hoping that their efforts are more efficient than their calculator. . . .

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has invited Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan to visit him in Ottawa in April. . . . Which indicates either his supreme confidence or an after-April election. . . .

Soviet ex-Minister Molotov is reported to be in a Moscow hospital—but in no danger. . . . That is, until he leaves the hospital. . . .

## Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson

### OUR MODERN KNIGHTS . . . THE BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts all over the world inherited the ideals set down by King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. They placed themselves at the service of God, their country and their fellow-men. In the Middle Ages, the ones who carried these ideals forward were the Crusaders who fought and died for the sake of their Christian Faith. In later times, they were the frontiersmen and explorers, the rovers of the sea and the airmen of the clouds. Wherever they have been, they call to boys as brave and adventurous as themselves. How can boys join the great Brotherhood of Backwoodsmen and Knights of Peace in our own day. He can become a Scout! As a Scout he has a chance of decking himself out in frontier kit, he can track and follow signs; he can signal and light his fire, build his shack and cook his food. His training school is the great world of the out-of-doors, where he learns to observe and realize the wonders of a wondrous universe. As the Scout's training proceeds, to whom is his service given? King Arthur's knights rode up and down the land punishing tyrants and evil men and helping the poor and needy. The Crusaders spent their lives so that pilgrims might worship at the tomb of their leader free from interference. The Boy Scout gives his work to his country. The aim of the Boy Scouts Association is to make better citizens of the boys through happiness and service. The "smile" and the "good turn" are its specialties. The motto of the association, "Be Prepared," means to be willing and able to do the right thing at the right moment whether for themselves or others. A Scout seeks, by learning to do things well, to qualify himself for the greater tasks and opportunities of life.

### JOHN D. HONSBERGER MEMBER OF YORK CENTRAL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

John D. Honsberger, 60 Elgin Street in Thornhill has been re-appointed to the York Central District High School Board by Markham Township. Mr. Honsberger and his family have lived in Thornhill for eight years and he has taken part in various school board activities for the past three years. He is a lawyer by profession. His main avocation or hobby is writing about law. He is the author of one published law book and the co-author of another. One is the "Canadian Law of Real Property" and the other "Bankruptcy in Canada." He is one of the editors of "Chitty's Law Journal," and he contributes many articles for other legal magazines such as the Canadian Bar Journal and the Canadian Bar Review. Mr. Honsberger has recently completed a series of lectures at Osgoode Hall on "In The Bar Admission Course".

John Honsberger has many interests that tend to balance his pre-occupation with law. He is a man with a keen interest in family, home and community. He has a genuine appreciation of music and art, does all the gardening about his home and occasionally likes to cook.

His first stint of public life came when he was appointed public school representative to the high school board in 1958 for two successive one year terms. The third year he was a trustee on Township School Area No. 1, Markham. And now he is re-appointed to the York Central District High School Board for a term of three years. Mr. Honsberger said that his interest in education was influenced mainly by his reading of the "Hope Report". Also his children were growing up and he was interested in seeing that they had good teachers. He personally saw to it that his two older children could read before attending grade 1.

Mr. Honsberger is vice-chairman of the management committee on the board. The function of the management committee is to deal with high school personnel i.e., the teachers, the students and the non-teaching employees. For example, if personnel problems are reported to the board, these problems are brought to the attention of the management committee which considers pros and cons and accordingly makes recommendations. Mr. Honsberger is convinced that there is not enough done for the "gifted child and the gifted teacher." "I think it would be worthwhile," he said, "to find ways and means to do more for these people. Some day, these same people may be expected to accept more responsibility for the country's welfare and in the long run everyone will benefit." Mr. Honsberger believes that communities have a great responsibility in training these people. He suggests that one way of doing this is to have more scholarships and bursaries to encourage the gifted student; and that more money should be spent on sending teachers to refresher courses and conventions. "They can't help but come up with new and better ideas," said Mr. Honsberger. He stated further that gifted teachers should be encouraged to stay in the classroom and they would not have to leave the work they love simply because they can earn more money by becoming principals and inspectors. The answer, he thinks, is to pay these gifted teachers salaries that compare favorably with that of principals and inspectors as an inducement to keep their talents where they belong . . . in the classroom.

Mr. Honsberger feels that many of these refresher courses could be handled within the existing school system. Outside experts and teachers could be brought in to share their special knowledge. "By all means," declares Mr. Honsberger, "we should encourage participation in the courses laid down by the teachers' federation. Anything that will raise the quality of teaching in our high schools is all to the good."

## HYDRO SUPERINTENDENT

The Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission requires the services of a superintendent to be responsible for its outside staff.

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BRYDON ELLIS,

Secretary-Treasurer,

Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission, 56 Yonge Street North

## Have You Read These?

Book Reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library

The Evening of the Good Samaritan, by Dorothy S. Davis, Scribner, \$4.95. A conventional novel by an author known best for her excellent crime novels, this book deals with Chicago from the mid 1930's to the present. The characters are many and their lives very much entangled. The book lacks a unifying theme and presents instead clearly defined portraits of a disillusioned liberal professor, a wealthy socialite devoted to good works, and a "professional Jew who seems to invite punishment. The author has not been able to refrain from introducing traces of the psychological-detective story and these lead the reader to a rather sudden climax at the end of the book. However, as a reminiscent look at the near-current U.S. and as an excellent character study, this book is ultimately satisfying.

The Red Peony, by Lin Yutang, World, \$5.95. Taking for his setting China in the 1890's, the author paints in vivid colors the portrait of a young woman startlingly emancipated for the time and place. A widow at twenty-two, Peony violates every standard of correct female behaviour but manages to retain her respectable status. She is perpetually falling in and out of love with men she cannot marry. Before the variations on this theme can fall, Peony is kidnapped for reasons having to do with her deceased husband. After her rescue, Peony does some earnest soul-searching and concludes that she has been searching for the unattainable. Not up to this author's standard, this book will still have appeal for a feminine audience.

The Peacemakers, by M. W. Childs, Harcourt, \$3.95. An exciting story of international politics and diplomacy. Action is confined to a 24-hour period at Geneva of foreign ministers who are desperately attempting to avoid a crisis. The author, a newspaper correspondent, portrays with keen insight and understanding the personalities of the principals, their staffs and families.

Week by Week, by Louis Aragon, Collins, \$4.50. Louis XVIII's flight north from Paris to Ghent during Holy Week after Napoleon's brief return to power, is the subject of this long and powerful novel. The events of

the decisive week are seen through the eyes of Theodore Gericault, king's musketeer and painter. The story lacks fictitious plot and characters; instead its action is built around the actual events of the king's retreat. Although not light reading, this book promises rewards to those who find historical action to their taste.

The Old Men at the Zoo, by Angus Wilson, British Books, \$3.50. The dilemma of a world where public events move increasingly faster than private conscience is the subject for this socio-political comedy set in 1970.

The Trial of Callista Blake, by Edgar Pangborn, Macmillan, \$4.50. Another novel along the vogue for books with a courtroom setting, this book has added interest in that the author has concentrated more on character than on courtroom drama.

The Witch of the Low-tide, by John Dickson Carr, Macmillan, \$3.00. A new mystery by this most prolific author. For those who like a taste of history and psychology with their murder, this is satisfying reading.

VANDORF — Pressure on property owners whose taxes are in arrears is being applied by Whitechurch Township. In a number of cases property has been taken over by the municipality and similar action is pending in other cases.

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CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY Richmond Hill Unit

FACT FOR THE WEEK:

Although science still has much to learn about cancer, the Canadian Cancer Society says these facts are certain: Cancer is no respecter of persons — it may arise in anyone; some cancers can be prevented; many patients with cancer can be cured; all patients with cancer can be helped; the earlier cancer is diagnosed, the more effective the treatment. Help the Society educate the public about cancer and learn more about it through research.

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