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## Leadership In Education

"The home and school movement has made a significant contribution to education by constantly striving to develop parental interest in improving education opportunities for their children. In many cases it has been instrumental in achieving noteworthy advances in school curriculum and facilities," says a recent issue of the Royal Bank's always-worth-while Monthly Letter. Its theme "Leadership in Education" is developed to indicate the many strong forces at work on the improvement of the educational system.

The article, whose study we strongly recommend to all who are interested in educational leadership, deals with many facets of the question. For the purpose of this editorial, however, we are dealing only with home and school aspects.

"The home and school association is not a platform from which educators acquaint parents with policies, but an assembly for the exchange of ideas having as their purpose the provision of the best education that parents and teachers can imagine," the article also declares.

We believe that, in Richmond

## Worthwhile - Just In Case

The test explosion of atomic bombs behind the iron curtain — the consequent newspaper and other publicity about fall-out — sees public interest in defence against nuclear weapons increase measurably. Bomb shelters are built. (The public might be considerably interested to learn how many of them are constructed quietly and unobtrusively.) Authorities are expected to be on their toes making defence preparations. General tension prevails.

But, a series of tests apparently having been concluded, the bomb and fallout fade from the front page. Mr. K. makes cooing noises and the tension relaxes. The Berlin situation eases — and with it the threat of war — and the fears of yesterday disappear. Hoping for the best in the best of all possible worlds, many of its inhabitants go about their business untroubled by the fear of what might happen if somebody pushes the wrong button or pulls a trigger at the wrong time.

A "fool's paradise?" Let's hope not! Let's hope that sanity prevails as the world continues its long struggle towards universal peace and that those who go trustfully about their business are justified by events.

But, even though we hope that fires may decrease through the taking of greater precautions and the

## To The Ladies!

"Golf widows" found out a long time ago what to do about this business of being deserted by their husbands as soon as greens and fairways became usable in the spring. In the winter "curling widows" adopted a similar cure. Taking a leaf out of the "old man's" book, they became golfers and curlers themselves. What was sauce for the gander became perfectly proper for the goose — if the ladies will forgive the description.

But there's another group of ladies, left alone for even longer hours than golf or curling widows, for whom a parallel solution is impossible. And not only do they have to stay home and look after things while the man of the house goes his way, in addition they are often called on to render a considerable amount of free public service in taking messages — sometimes flavoured with a strong dose of criticism — and in acting as an intermediary between their husbands and members of the public. Those ladies are the wives of men who hold office on town council, school board, planning board or one or another of the ever-multiplying

## Planners Plan Protection

In deciding that those who appear before it claiming to speak on behalf of ratepayer and similar associations must, in effect, present their credentials, Vaughan Township Planning Board has made a wise move. As a news story in this issue of "The Liberal" indicates, those claiming to represent associations must validate their claims and show the extent of the authority granted to them to speak on behalf of others. Otherwise they are considered as speaking only for themselves.

There is no suggestion that those who have appeared before the board on behalf of such associations in the past have done so with anything but the highest motives. But the fact remains that the planning board is entitled to know in all such cases just how much weight should be attached to presentations and whether the representative does, in actual

Hill, this purpose was furthered strongly when the public school board and leaders of the town's home and school associations met and openly discussed problems of mutual interests at a joint gathering last year. This newspaper said at the time — and again stresses — that the meeting was of real value in creating a good climate. It hopes to see it, in the interests of the board itself, the association, and the end product — the pupils — repeated this year.

Incidentally, there is another aspect of home and school existence which is in danger of being overlooked. That is its value as a training ground. Often members of a school board get their first indoctrination as members and officers of a home and school association. And, in a surprisingly large number of cases in Ontario, members of other governing bodies graduate such as municipal councils and the Ontario legislature itself come up by the home and school - school board - municipal council - legislature path. All of which, in our opinion, makes for graduated training in the mysteries and problems of democratic government.

## Nature Notes

The sounds of birds always indicate that the rhythm of the song and pitch of their notes are important features by which birds recognize their own species. The problem of how birds acquire their songs and calls has also been studied. In some cases, young birds taken from their nests and raised in captivity away from their own kind develop nearly normal songs which leads us to believe that they inherit part of their song. In other cases, captive birds develop peculiar songs which suggests that learning their normal song is developed from other members of their species. However, it was found that the critical learning period for a young bird is just before the age of one year when its song is fixed for life. Birds can learn each other's song. This fact was illustrated on tape in three songs of an eastern meadowlark — its normal song, then two others similar to cardinal songs. The latter even deceived a cardinal.

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The sound of birds is not a language in terms of our symbolic language, but a means of communication. It may convey his location, his identity, his sex, his age, or perhaps something about the events taking place around him. The main difference lies in the inability to put the elements of their vocabulary together in new combinations conveying new meanings, the lack of the creative element of our language.

The songs and calls of birds have been studied for a long time but the difficulty in describing them accurately made it impossible, until quite recently, to build up a store of common knowledge necessary for scientific study. Dr. J. Bruce Falls, assistant professor Zoology at the University of Toronto, outlined and illustrated many new experiments in this field of study at the February 16th meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists.

The tape recorder and sound spectrograph has made it possible to carry the methods of experimental science literally into the field and, for anyone with the necessary equipment, to study the most complicated song objectively.

Dr. Falls said most birds produce vocal sounds, but some species also have other kinds. He illustrated some of these differences in sounds — the thumping sounds made by the roughed grouse, sapsuckers drumming on telephone poles, his snapping and scolding notes, the bitter — as well as call and song sound and examples of local dialects.

The vocal sounds of birds can be divided somewhat arbitrarily into songs and call notes. Call notes are usually rather simple and short, but each species has several different kinds, e.g. 21 different sounds have been distinguished in the calls of chaffinches. In comparison with calls, songs are usually longer and longer and have to do with the attraction of a mate and the defense of territory. How often a bird sings varies considerably with the seasons, the stage of breeding cycle in which the bird is involved, the time of day and the weather. Birds with a single repetitive song, like many of our warblers and sparrows, sing less often than those which "mix it up a bit." Compare the mourning warbler with his short song and the red-eyed vireo with his continuous singing all day. It is said that the red-eyed vireo holds the world's record of 22,197 songs in one day.

Birds learn the songs of their neighbours and later on pay little attention to them. They recognize the songs of strangers and reserve their aggressive behaviour for strange intruders. There are also minor differences between the songs of individuals of a species which even we can recognize. Experiments carried out in the field

## Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

• Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Scientists are unable to explain the "glowing particles" encountered by Lt.-Col. Glenn as he orbited into dawn over the coast of California. . . . It could have been some of those Hollywood Starlets just getting home.

A Toronto Township councillor says Malton area farmers aren't allowed to grow corn because it could be a hazard to air traffic. This sounds a little hard to believe—unless they're distilling it.

An Italian-named winner of a purchaser's prize was pictured in a Toronto car dealer's advertisement. His occupation was given as: Italian importer. . . . And he's been a busy little bee, hasn't he?

Last week's "Liberal" described the "promotional feature" of a local record shop whereby prospective purchasers may listen to an album before buying it—really giving us 78-ers the "progressive" jazz.

As if prompted by the Ontario N.D.P. member's suggestion that election costs be limited to 15 cents per voter, a Quebec Liberal MPP says Eskimo votes can be bought for a piece of bubble gum. . . . Let's see the Conservatives beat that for economy.

Mimico's problem of finding a new job for their Building Inspector Book is complicated by the fact that he is also, already, their weed inspector, sanitary inspector, health inspector, drain and plumbing inspector, and (why be half safe?) their special inspector. It looks like their town hall is going to have an elevator installed.

The newest supersonic bombers of the U.S. Air Force will be equipped with a warning device using a woman's voice. . . . Their problem now, will be to find pilots who will believe her when she says "No!"

In an interview, during his recent Toronto appearance, Chubby Checker explained how he invented the Twist. "It's for people who can't dance," he said. . . . We know that. But HOW did he invent it?

Among the new developments of the Bell Telephone Company is a home inter-phone system with a microphone at the front door. They call it a salesman-chaser, and if you have one, any salesman at your door will just have to go back to his office and call you on the telephone like the others do.

If the United States and Russia are going to continue capturing spies and exchanging them, we suggest that they start putting the news on the sports page.

## Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

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## Two Local Lads To Work Abroad

Two Richmond Hill youths are presently on a trip that will take them a tenth of the way around the world to "seek their fortune." Paul Fairfield, 29 Starlight Crescent, and Garry Donald, Oxford Street, along with 50 other young men from all over Canada left Toronto on February 15 to spend two years working in England for a large grocery chain.

The plan to send young men to England to work for the grocery chains there was initiated to develop Canadian methods of merchandising in the English grocery chains. The Canadian Loblaw chain is sponsoring those who go, but when they reach England they will be met by representatives of Fine Fair Foods Ltd., for whom they are to work while they are overseas.

The applicants were able to pick the city they would prefer to work in and if possible they are placed in that city although for the most part they are being sent to south coast towns. Paul Fairfield has been a resident of Richmond Hill for seven years. He went to MacKillop Public School and then to Richmond Hill High School. After completing grade 11 he went to work for the T. Eaton Co. and while there took a one-year merchandising course at night. "It is probably as a result of completing this course that he got the chance to go to England," said his mother. When he returns to Canada in two years he would like to join the R.C.M.P., a position he applied for some time ago. Paul is hoping to be sent to Portsmouth because he has relatives living in that city.

Garry Donald, the other boy going, also received his primary schooling at MacKillop and Merchants Public Schools, then graduated into Richmond Hill High. He was in grade 12 when he decided to apply for the job and when he was finally accepted, he left school to go. Prior to his trip to England he had worked at the Loblaw's store at Finch Avenue in Willowdale. When he returns Garry would like to continue his education then take up a musical career a subject he has been interested in for some time and also one to which he has devoted much time.

In convicting the accused, Magistrate Pearce indicated that these matters should be brought to the attention of the public and the seriousness of the offence pointed out.

## John Sanders Elected Deputy Orange Master

At the annual meeting of the Orange County Lodge of North York, held at Aurora on February 10th, with Past County Master John Hurd of Keswick officiating as Installing Master, the following officers were installed: County Master - Walter Oseltun, Newmarket; Deputy County Master - John Sanders, Richmond Hill; County Chaplain - William Brown, Sutton; County Recording Secretary - Don Staples, Newmarket; County Financial Secretary - John Leese, Maple; County Treasurer - J. W. Joyce, Pefferlaw; County Marshal - Sam Templeton, Wilcox Lake; County 1st Lecturer - David Cowan, Nobleton; County 2nd Lecturer - William Holstock, Jackson's Point; County Deputy 2nd Lecturer - Don Wood, Schomberg; County Auditor - J. Montgomery, Nobleton; County Auditor - Harry Gould, Schomberg; County Tyler, Albert Case, Zephyr.

## Have You Read These?

(Book reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library)

**The King's Bed**, by Margaret Campbell Barnes. (Macdonald, 1961). When Richard III was defeated and killed at Bosworth, his unique campaigning bed, always taken on his travels, was left abandoned at the inn where he had lodged. Many people were variously affected by the presence of this bed: as an artistic show-piece, a hidden treasure chest, the incitement to greed and murder; to Dickon, Richard's natural son, it was a warning and an artistic memento; to Tansy, the inn-keeper's daughter, who had sheltered Dickon after the battle, a tragedy.

**Consider Her Ways**, and others, by John Wyndham (M. Joseph, 1961). Mr. Wyndham has earned a high reputation as a writer of science fiction for the imaginative subtlety of his futuristic and his fantasies grow out of plausible everyday happenings. Most of the short stories in this collection are concerned with dislocations of the normal experience of time: a man or woman, as a result of an accident or some unsuccessful scientific experiment, is projected backwards or forwards in time into a totally unfamiliar world.

**Twilight of Honor**, by Al Dewlen (McGraw-Hill, 1961). A trial for murder in a Texan town is the central event of this book. Outstanding characterization, especially of the public defender Wen Paulk who is assigned to save the accused from the gallows and the Singer family.

**I met a Lady**, by Howard Spring (Collins, 1961). London, and Spring's favourite Cornwall, are again the principal locales for another of this author's detailed narratives of interlocking families. George Ledra tells this story of his love for an older woman Sylvia, an actress, whom he eventually marries, and of her daughter Janet, who becomes the second wife of an old friend of George's, a man successful in business through the way to the 1940's.

**How Not to Kill Your Husband**, by K. C. Hutchin. (Hawthorn, 1962). A British physician and medical writer advises wives on the art of "husband care". The manual covers such health matters as exercise, diet, ailments, and diseases, domestic chores, dangers of overwork, drinking and other related matters. A special section deals with heart diseases, their prevention and cure. The author emphasizes that this manual is not a substitute for personal medical advice, but rather its purpose is to help the reader become health conscious and aware of the warnings of disease.

**Cezanne**, by Henri Perruchot (Perpetua, 1961). In this impressive biography, the author paints a moving and tragic picture of the great artist, Cezanne, set against the struggles of the impressionists, and the rise of Zola.

**African Genesis**, by Robert Ardrey. (Collins). A personal investigation into the animal origins and nature of man. This provocative book challenges our assumptions of human uniqueness that colour every corner of modern thought. This is the story of an unprecedented search, and a story of man that has never before been told.

## Dumping Of Garbage Brings \$25. Impost To Metro Glass Man

A partner in a now defunct Toronto firm was fined \$25 plus costs of \$5 by Deputy Magistrate R. G. Pearce in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court recently.

Allan Carson of Hancock and Carson, a glass and glazing outfit, was convicted of dumping garbage in Markham Township on or about January 23. Evidence showed that he had dumped large boxes of glass and papers in a ditch on the German Mills Road.

In convicting the accused, Magistrate Pearce indicated that these matters should be brought to the attention of the public and the seriousness of the offence pointed out.

## Rambling Around

By Elisabeth Kelson

### THE NEED FOR REVERENCE

Just how important is reverence? Goethe said: "The soul of the Christian religion is reverence. First there is reverence for God. We reverence God when we keep Him in our thoughts and make Him a part of our daily life. We feel reverence when we enter into one of His churches and listen to the sacred music that is being played there. The stillness of the sanctuary becomes a part of us, and the reverence that wells up in us culminates in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Most High. If we feel reverence for Him, we will feel reverence for all the life that He has created. A new-born babe will be a being of beauty and promise and an old one will be revered for his years and the wisdom he has garnered through life. Those whose ages lie in between extreme youth and age will call forth reverence because it is they who sustain and nurture the world with the work of their hands, the thoughts of their brain and the love that spills from their hearts for others. We reverence those who set us good examples and those who encourage us along life's journey. We extend our awe to the mysteries of God's creation . . . the stars . . . the sun and the moon and our own earth. Our earth with its mountains . . . valleys . . . plains . . . rivers and lakes. We are spellbound before the wonderful variety of the plant and animal kingdoms. All this inspires reverence in us. For it is all a great mystery. The one thing that we do know is that reverence produces strength in a person, and it is a strength that is not easily put aside for anyone."

### CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, YORK COUNTY BRANCH MADE HEADWAY IN 1961

"It is with great pride that we review the achievements of York County Branch during 1961," said Mrs. P. Townshend-Carter at the fourth annual meeting of the York County Branch, held on February 14, at the Wells Public School in Aurora. According to Mrs. Townshend-Carter's presidential report, the York County Branch, CMHA can be proud of the fact that there has been definite progress in improving treatment for the mentally ill. Thanks to funds from York County plus Provincial and Federal grants, a mental health clinic, the first in Ontario, was established in Newmarket last year, under the capable services of Dr. Svend E. Jensen, L.M.C.C. The clinic services are available to persons referred to it by the family physician or public or welfare services.

White Cross Volunteer Services have been stepped up considerably. York County has the most active post hospital care in the province. About 135 interested and faithful volunteers visit patients in Approved Homes. There have been a number of projects. White Cross Volunteers along with the residents of one of the homes organized a successful tea and bake sale which netted them \$400 to be used for an active social and recreational program. Another project started last June was a volunteer visiting program to the Ontario Hospital at Aurora. Ten volunteers under the able direction of Mrs. Francis Jankowiak visit the hospital each week. The York County Branch are very grateful to Dr. Rice and his staff there for their whole-hearted co-operation. A third type of visiting is in the infant stages of development . . . a specially picked group of volunteers pay good neighbor visits to the clinic's patients at the request of Dr. Jensen. The president of Y.C.B., Mrs. Townshend-Carter paid a special tribute to Mrs. John Large who so ably organized the Christmas Gift Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of the public, the untiring efforts of the campaign committee and the assistance of the Senior Citizens of Richmond Hill, Christmas for many patients in York County was much happier.

During Mental Health week, May, 1961, a blitz drive for funds was held in 17 communities in the county. A total of \$9,423.32 was donated. Three thousand dollars went to research and to the provincial office. The remainder was used for branch expenses, White Cross Volunteer programs, education, literature and publicity meetings, etc. The success of the fund-raising drive was due to the untiring efforts of former Warden William Clark, campaign chairman, and Mr. Harry Toombs who worked in close co-operation with Mrs. Strickland and Mr. H. C. Smout of the Ontario Division. The association is also very much indebted to the canvassers of the campaign.

As far as the educational program is concerned . . . Y.C.B. has furnished speakers for many organizations. Y.C.B. has taken part in discussions, publicized Mental Health Week, and extended invitations to all organizations to visit the Ontario Hospital in Aurora last May. The executive secretary has supplied all county newspapers with information, news and interviews concerning Mental Health Week. A mailing list of 750 people now receive the branch Newsletter.

Special mention should be made of the Village of Markham which has the first community committee. Its purpose is to bring mental health information to the locality and to help co-ordinate their own volunteer program. The project of the scientific advisory committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Rice was concerned with rehabilitation. As a result of their work a meeting of all agencies and organizations was called to discuss this matter. It was unanimously decided to develop a rehabilitation council. This is now under the able chairmanship of Mr. J. D. Pearson who has presented a brief to county council for their consideration.

Mrs. Townshend-Carter stressed the fact that the C.M.H.A. were mindful of the many people who made these programs and projects possible. On behalf of Y.C.B. she expressed her sincere appreciation to all for their tireless efforts in the cause of mental health.

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