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## Time For Decision

For the second time in three months Richmond Hill Town Council has been called upon to render a decision on lot fees to be charged on apartment developments. And again in our opinion it rendered the right verdict.

With the exception of Councillor Al White, council voted unanimously to turn down a request from Larry Wynn, a Metro building contractor, for relief from paying levies on four lots owned by him at the corner of Colborne and Elmwood Avenues. He is proposing to build a 22-suite apartment building on the property.

Mr. Wynn asked council to sanction his proposal of amalgamating the four lots into one. This council agreed to do.

But his submission that he should only be charged \$650 for the one lot, instead of four, was turned down by all members with the exception of Mr. White.

Mayor James Haggart declared an interest in the project and refrained from any discussion or voting on the matter.

This newspaper applauds the action taken by council but wonders why they were even called on to make such a decision. The subdivision agreement covering this particular area specifically calls for a \$650 per lot levy.

Why then was Mr. Wynn allowed to take up a goodly portion of council's time arguing that he should be allowed to contravene the agreement?

## Church Vacation School

The summer scene would not be complete without the church vacation schools. These schools for young people have become a traditional part of the summer season throughout this area. This issue of "The Liberal" features photos taken at the closing exercises of the church vacation schools held at Richmond Hill East, Headford and Thornhill. The schools usually last from one to two weeks and are jointly sponsored by several churches. The children are offered a varied Christian program of crafts, projects, games and study. Many a boy or girl who might otherwise find the summer holidays beginning to drag can find and enjoy a real challenge by attending a church vacation school. In addition to a well supervised program geared to their particular age group the children can experience companionship and the opportunity

to make new friends. During the hot summer days when children are often heard asking "what can I do" and are bemoaning the fact they have nothing to do, or anybody to play with, a church vacation school, comes as a creative challenge for young hands and minds.

The vacation schools are just another important part of the busy program of service performed by the Christian churches as they continue to serve the community. These classes are open to children of all faiths and every child is made welcome and at ease. The ministers and the various men and women who make the schools possible deserve a vote of thanks from a grateful community for taking the time and interest to make the schools a success. The church vacation schools are a fine example of practical everyday Christianity at work.

## Education Must Be Creative

Neville Scarfe, dean of the faculty of education at the University of British Columbia, is one of the most vocal and persistent critics of current practices in the schools.

At the recent Canadian Conference on Education, Dean Scarfe took aim once again. He criticized our educational system for being rooted in the nineteenth century, and put forward some broad suggestions for bringing it up to date.

Public dissatisfaction with today's schools is well based, he claims. What goes on in them is much more obsolete than many critics have thought.

Dean Scarfe believes that present aims of education are still those of the traditional, authoritarian, conformist educators of fifty years ago who saw the schools as a means of unifying the nation. What these educators did not realize, he says, was that mass production, improved transportation systems, newspapers, and television could bring about unity far faster and more effectively than the schools could.

Thus, he concludes, the schools should now advocate diversity, ingenuity, novelty and research.

According to Dean Scarfe's theory, schools and universities should be places where young people are encouraged to think creatively and constructively for themselves—in ways that will help them cope with the challenging problems they must face in the future. Freedom of thought and expression must be promoted.

"Unless children are allowed to be creative, unless they have the

opportunity to express their ideas, they can never be educated," he maintains.

Most of these ideas depend largely on the ingenuity of the teacher, and the opportunity she has to work creatively herself. To go a step further, teachers would have to be of exceptionally high calibre to put the theory into practice.

Here is Dean Scarfe's impression of the teacher's job: she should be a resourceful person, a provider of materials, apparatus, experience and data. She should be a person who suggests questions, exercises and experiments, who is willing to discuss but not necessarily tell the answers.

In other words, the teacher should help children learn how to think for themselves.

Few people would disagree with this objective. But it may be countered that the schools do not have the time to develop creativity that they have a big enough job filling youngsters even with basic knowledge and fundamental facts for life and living.

It has also been argued that a person cannot think for himself unless he has considerable knowledge to work with, unless he has enough facts upon which to base his judgements.

One educator has suggested that the elementary school is the place for hard factual learning and, with this foundation, creativity can be developed in high school and expanded in university.

Dean Scarfe's ideas are by no means those of a majority of educators. Nevertheless, they provide food for thought.

## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

### RED CROSS BLOOD CLINIC . . . WILLIAM HAMILTON

William Hamilton, chairman of the Blood Donor Clinic for the Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross Society, said recently that he hopes local organizations and residents will support this clinic.

According to the statistics of the blood transfusion services of the Red Cross, most people respond very well, especially when they realize just how important the Blood Donor Clinic is to the local hospital. The thing for each volunteer blood donor to remember is that he is not giving his blood to the Red Cross but to a fellow Canadian. The Red Cross has undertaken to provide this technical service for the promotion of health, the prevention of disease, and for the mitigation of suffering.

There is no substitute for blood. It must be given by healthy people between the ages of 18 and 65. A simple test is given to every donor by a Red Cross technician to make sure that the 3/4 of a pint can be spared. Every phrase of the programme is under professional supervision. Specially trained nurses take the donation. All testing and typing of blood is in the hands of skilled technicians who have been hired by the Red Cross for this purpose. However, 90% of the people working with the blood clinics are volunteers. Whole blood can be stored and used up to three weeks, when carefully refrigerated. If the blood is not used within this time, it is converted into blood fractionation products which are supplied free of charge to the hospitals. These products are used in treatment for shock and severe bleeding for the prevention of measles and other infectious diseases.

Volunteers are needed not only to give blood, but are essential in the smooth operation of a Blood Clinic. Donors must be contacted by telephone before the actual clinic. At the actual clinic itself, volunteers assist with the reception and registration of donors and serve refreshments.

Mr. Hamilton is grateful to the area citizens for their help in past blood drives and urges them to participate in future clinics.

### ERNE KOHLER . . . SANTA CLAUS OF HORTICULTURE

Ernest Kohler, longtime resident and ardent horticulturist of Thornhill, developed his great love for the science of horticulture in his native land of Switzerland. He was lucky enough to have a teacher who tried to encourage in his pupils a love for growing things by giving them seeds to plant. Young Ernest was an apt pupil and by the age of 10 he grew his own white pansies, and sold the plants. White pansies were in great demand because the Swiss people liked to plant them on graves.

Before coming to Thornhill, Mr. Kohler served as a gardener to Mrs. H. Luke at Woodbridge for fifteen years. He then came to Thornhill to work for the late George McCullagh, former owner of The Globe and Mail. He was head gardener there for 17 years. The McCullagh estate is now the property of Dr. E. Shoultice, and Mr. Kohler has remained as the chief gardener. Mr. Kohler says there are 135 acres of this beautiful estate, 10 acres of which are landscaped. There are two greenhouses where all seeds are started and grown to make the grounds a place of beauty.

"All flowers are favourites with me," says Ernie. "I do enjoy starting seeds and transplanting them. I also believe in buying the best seed that can be bought. I have been called the Santa Claus of Horticulture because I enjoy giving plants to others, and because I like to encourage anyone who is interested in horticulture."

Mr. Kohler has won many awards at the Canadian National Exhibition for his zinnias, marigolds and delphiniums. He was also responsible for arranging several large baskets of mixed garden flowers, taken from the gardens of the members of the Thornhill Horticultural Society. Each entry captured the first prize.

He was also the recipient of an Award of Merit from the Ontario Horticultural Association for his work and contribution to the cause of horticulture. Mr. Kohler has also given many lectures on horticulture as well as demonstrations on Flower Arranging at horticultural societies and outside groups. He has been in constant demand as a judge at flower shows.

Gardening is a year around affair with Mr. Kohler, for when the outdoor garden is finished, he enjoys making Christmas decorations from the greens grown on the premises. Although Mr. Kohler's main interest is in flowers, he proudly produces an acre of vegetables which are used by the Shoultice Hospital. He is also very interested in birds and has many feeding stations about the property. Mr. Kohler believes that horticulture should have a very important place in the school, home and community, because it will help people to beautify the surroundings of their own home and enable them to have gardens of which they can be proud. "I have enjoyed living in Thornhill and through my love and interest in horticulture have made many friends, not only in Thornhill, but all through Ontario," said Mr. Kohler.

At the end of June, Mr. Kohler flew back to Switzerland to visit with his three brothers and their families. This will be the third trip in the last five years.

### THE LOON . . . THAT STRANGE BIRD OF THE NORTHERN LAKES

Many people who frequent the lakes in the summertime are acquainted with the loon's cry . . . that long, melancholy howl that rises to a scream and dies away again. There is something uncanny about the sound. It is almost unbirdlike coming as it does across the still black water. It might be the voice of any wild creature, real or imagined, and were you not familiar with the life of the north, it would strike terror into your being . . . the terror of the unknown. Yet this eerie sound is simply the call of the loon to its kind. Paddling your canoe across the lake some summer day you may pass a couple of loons. As you look at these graceful voyagers swimming strongly against the waves you can see that they are watching you. The sun gleams on their long pointed bills as they turn their heads this way and that eyeing your movements. Then one of them opens his bill and utters a short quavering laugh and the birds have plunged beneath the waves and there is no telling when they will reappear on the surface. Though a strong swimmer and a skillful diver, the loon is also a powerful bird on the wing. Often he is seen travelling swiftly overhead, high above the tops of forest trees, bound for some distant lake. With his long bill and his outstretched neck, he is easily recognized.

## Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

• Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

U.S. Rocket To See Who's On Venus—News Heading. . . . And let's hope the Venusians aren't the type who just can't stand nosy neighbours.

When representatives of The World Meteorological Organization and Technical Commission on Agricultural Meteorology recently toured the Maple forestry station they were given a lecture on "Climate Within a Multi-Factorial Classification on Land Productivity". . . . And it served them right!

A Toronto theatre group is presenting an open-air version of "The Drunkard" on a Jarvis St. lawn between a hotel and a club. It will be in three acts: the first, the second, and (after the intermissions) the one everybody wants to get into.

Nikita's latest boast is that Russian anti-missile missiles can hit flies in outer space. . . . So THAT'S where they go in the winter time!

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is calling for "control of gambling by lotteries. . . . and the revenue could be used to meet police and administration costs". Well, we didn't follow the crime probe too closely but the OPP seemed to have already been working along those lines.

Toronto's Children's Aid Society is meeting to decide upon a name for the "little doll" infant abandoned in a shopping centre. . . . She can't just grow up as the "Cloverdale Moll".

The water safety branch of the Red Cross states that mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration will soon be replaced by the mouth-to-nose method. This could be the greatest discovery since the handkerchief!

A candidate in the recent election was fined \$25 in Etobicoke court for illegally displaying an election sign on his lawn. Only real estate, doctors' and "beware of dog" signs are allowed. So next time he can take the negative approach—with a picture of his opponent over "Beware of Dog".

Sir Winston Churchill's doctors were readying him for his release from hospital and his return to the Riviera where he will now be known as the man who broke the shank at Monte Carlo.

A team of Canadian doctors, probing the spread of Infectious Hepatitis, suggests that "high sanitation conditions in our living environment have encouraged some people to become lax in their personal cleanliness habits". . . . Victims of the illness might consider this "suggestion" as hitting below the belt.

The Ontario Liquor License Board is increasing its hearings to twice a year and has granted licenses to all 16 golf and country club applicants. . . . This is really keeping an ear to the ground.

Astronaut John Glenn says, "If a woman can demonstrate she has the ability, I would welcome her into a space capsule with me with open arms." . . . Which ability?

## YOUR GARDEN And MINE



### CONTROL APHIDS

Check your garden for aphids. You will find them on, tender, shoots, at the base of flower buds, or on any part of the plant which is growing rapidly. If you are hunting for aphids, a good place to look is on rose bushes. Aphids or plant lice, as they are sometimes called, are oval, pin-head-size, sap-sucking insects with soft bodies. Many different kinds are present all summer and they come in a variety of colors, black, red, and green. These little insects do a great deal of damage. If the plant is heavily attacked, the leaves will curl and turn yellow. If the plant is not heavily attacked, the leaves will die, and growth will be slowed down greatly.

Here is how Professor Goble, Provincial Entomologist, suggests controlling aphids. Spray or dust, using one of the following solutions. A spray is more effective, but dust may be more convenient.

- 4 level tablespoons malathion powder per gallon of water.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons 50% malathion emulsion per gallon of water.
- 2 teaspoons nicotine sulphate plus 3 level tablespoons soaps chips (not detergent) per gallon of water.
- 4% malathion dust.

A home garden mixture recommended for aphid control.

If other materials are used for aphid control, follow the manufacturer's directions very carefully. Be sure the insecticide you use is one that controls aphids.

DDT and similar products do not control these pests.

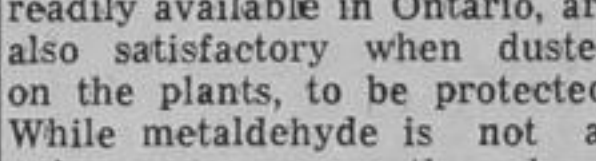
### WATCH OUT FOR SLUGS

Summertime living is easy—especially for garden slugs that thrive on wet weather. You will not often see the slug, but it is not hard to see the damage it does. Large, ragged holes appear overnight on petunias, zinnias, tomatoes, strawberries, and many other plants. In the daytime you will not be able to see these slimy creatures, but inspect garden plants at night with a flashlight and you can spot them easily. Slugs look like snails without shells, and they leave a silvery trail behind them. In the daytime they hide under stones, dead leaves, and other debris.

Professor Goble suggests these methods for control. Use "commercial" slug bait. It may be scattered on the ground a-

mong the plants or placed in small piles a few feet apart. The manufacturer will give detailed instructions on the label. Metaldehyde dusts, although not readily available in Ontario, are also satisfactory when dusted on the plants, to be protected. While metaldehyde is not as poisonous as some other chemicals, it should be handled carefully. Some slug baits also contain arsenic, so use all of them with care. Dust around the plants with a fine layer of hydrated lime. Slugs cannot crawl through this fine dust, so the plants are protected. Once lime is wetted, it is no longer any use and you must re-apply for continued control. For most effective control apply either of these control measures in the evening, just at dark, when the slugs begin to feed.

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