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After The Ballots

Municipal elections are over in Richmond Hill and most municipalities throughout the district. To all the successful candidates we extend congratulations and to those not elected we extend thanks for their important role in the successful operation of democratic government.

Elections are an important factor in a successful democracy and there can only be elections when alternatives are offered to the sitting council members. Unsuccessful candidates in the main had substantial support and their candidature gave many people an opportunity to give their expression of opinion at the polls.

Acclamations for municipal representatives are sometimes justified and desirable, but in the main too many acclamations are not a healthy sign and too often reflect indifference more than approval.

It's a generally accepted view that elections are a healthy sign and in the best interests of good municipal government.

With this view we are in agreement, and even in cases where entire councils are re-elected we think they tend to be better for the contact with the taxpayers in a full scale election.

When the election is over it is a good thing to forget any bitterness or divisions which may have been engendered in the campaigns. The people have spoken and good citizens will accept the verdict and give wholehearted support to those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of office.

The responsibilities of municipal office in these days of change and development, particularly in this area on the fringe of metro, are complicated and demanding. Men and women who have been entrusted with the responsibility of administration have a great challenge and a great opportunity for service. To all we extend our sincere best wishes for a year of real accomplishment.

Santa Claus Parade

On every hand we hear loud praise for the Santa Claus parade in Richmond Hill last Saturday. It was a creditable parade featured by bands and floats and starring the all time popular Santa.

The parade was sponsored by the Richmond Heights Centre Merchants Association and was a great delight to thousands of youngsters from Richmond Hill and surrounding district. It was a credit to the town and special thanks are due the merchants of Richmond Heights Centre because such a parade is not possible without the expenditure of considerable thought, effort and money.

Young folks and their parents from all parts of Richmond Hill and from Elgin Mills, Oak Ridges, King City, Maple, Concord, Teston, Thornhill, Richvale, Langstaff, Gormley, Victoria Square, Buttonville, Thornlea, Unionville and many other districts points were noted along the parade route.

The large and representative attendance at the parade was evidence that more and more Richmond Hill is becoming the trading centre for the district. The quality and variety of stores here are proving attractive to a continually expanding area and more and more the people here realize that not only at Christmas time, but throughout all the year, the best place to shop is right here at home.

A Fresh Approach To Mental Health

Out of The Netherlands has come a strikingly effective method of keeping mental patients out of hospitals and it has spread to other countries, including Canada.

It started, in the depression-era 1930's when Amsterdam desperately needed a new mental hospital and had no money to pay for it. It turned the problem over to a brilliant Dutch physician called Arie Querido.

Dr. Querido found the existing hospitals jammed but often jammed with patients who had become simply bed occupants and numbers. Many of them could have been cared for outside hospital. His belief was that there were many cases which could have been treated better at home in the first place.

Out of this arose a 24-hour-a-day Bureau of Mental Hygiene Services, staffed by psychiatrists who go to homes where trouble is reported.

If the patient requires hospital care, it is ordered. But there are many cases in which this is not necessary, in which the person concerned can just as well be treated at home, if the home has the proper conditions.

By keeping psychiatric beds available for acute patients, this emergency service saved Amsterdam an estimated \$6,300,000 in 1961 alone. It has been transplanted from there to the U.S.A., Britain and to Canada.

In Canada, the first experiment was launched this year in Montreal by the Quebec Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association in co-operation with the Psychiatric Department of Notre Dame Hospital. Their psychiatrists and social workers now make calls in an area of Montreal containing some 150,000 people and the experiment has aroused a great deal of interest in medical and welfare circles across the country.

care enough to listen to the front, well we had no need to worry on that score as there were about twenty people there, but towards 8 o'clock when the meeting was ten minutes in session, I looked around and counted about 60 give or take a few and that figure included the candidates.

I think this is a disgraceful number considering the size of the wards involved, how can people expect to get the right sort of council if they don't

The Music Box

Music in Education (Or the lack of it)

In last week's issue of "The Liberal" there was a letter to the editor from Mr. Richard Edmunds expressing his regret over the decision of the local public school board to close the piano classes, or at least put forth an obstacle destined to close the classes.

Before this "The Liberal" also carried a very informative article on Mr. Edmunds and his work as manager of the Canadian Bureau of Music in Canada. The bureau is active in the promotion of live music here in Canada and one of the chief concerns is the piano class method for the early beginner. This has been a very successful endeavour

throughout all of Canada and I have witnessed myself the successes enjoyed by many areas in the country where progressiveness is a factor in education.

Now to be sure the piano class method is limited but it makes no pretense at replacing private tuition. It is only a method for piano instruction on the piano for beginners and a means of introducing the child to the cultural side of the picture. It does not pretend to develop potential artists and musicians any more than does the kindergarten teacher hope to create big league ball players out of the game of classroom catch.

By establishing a closed school at 4 p.m. the piano class system is defeated be-

cause it is almost impossible to bring little children back after 5. Ottawa for example has had this system of class instruction since 1928, and all teachers connected with the instruction of piano class methods have accepted, the fact that matters such as these of cultural qualifications must of necessity be relegated to after hours. 'After hours' are splendid but complete banishment to after 'after hours' means the end.

Are we of Richmond Hill inclined towards the total elimination of school music? Does school music require further assistance in being removed from the scene? I am of the well founded opinion that our musical activities here both in the high schools and public schools could not very well be any less without reverting to the status of the original inhabitants some centuries back. A few dedicated and loyal teachers seem to be struggling on against all odds but for how much longer?

If you don't believe me go to any school in Toronto or Metropolitan Toronto and see for yourselves. Or perhaps we should not compare our local activities with those of such a high standard.

Why did one of our local public school teachers up and leave for a post in the Toronto area as music supervisor of a high school? Frustration was his reason. Are we afraid of being 'cultured' or in everyday words 'cultured'? The word 'culture' frightens us. It is full of hidden implications and unknown interpretations, but what it really means is 'the care given to the growth and development of plants and animals', I feel though that by 'animals' the reference is also to human beings including children.

It is understood that there are reasons for these obstacles being placed in the way of piano classes but never-the-less we must be careful in our deliberations. By closing of the vent we are apt to put out the fire. In this case only a little flame trying to warm up some child.

On the Active Side.
 The York Chorals are as busy as ever and will be appearing (or have by now) at the Ontario Hospital in Aurora on December 12. This is to be a Christmas concert for the patients up there and believe you me those boys sure appreciate anything like this.

The Chorals will be assisted by an accordion quintet from Toronto so all in all it will have been a most interesting concert. A great service to the community and a chance for the choir to get more experience. This of course is done without charge and is one of the fine examples set by musicians as part of their consideration in doing their part to make the load a little lighter for someone else.

There are about 280 boys in this hospital. Boys who were not given the same means of comprehension as most of us. Boys, who no matter how old they get, never actually leave behind their childhood. They love music and all sorts of entertainment, so if you really want to do something to make you feel so good in doing just remember there's always the chance for you or your group, or make a concert party up. The York Chorals are to be thanked for this one, and a Merry Christmas to the boys in the Ontario Hospital and may God bless you all.

Here comes the Pantomime!
 Once again we are to be treated to a real live and jolly Pantomime. The Curtain Club will present Aladdin, complete with Dame Widow Twanky (Rex Sevenoaks), Aladdin (Anita Stainer), the Princess (Carol Scott), the Magician (Lou Donnelly), the Sultan (Bill Ferguson) and so on and on with the local live and talented performers.

This year will also see a first for original music and all of the songs to be used will have been composed specially for this performance alone. Phil Barnes has written the music for at least 12 of the songs and the lyrics have been attended to by Lou Donnelly, Mary Monks and Dennis Stainer. You mustn't miss this. Your children shouldn't miss it. It does them good to laugh so heartily. It is a family show where the youngsters are allowed to take parents. Lions Hall, December 27, 28 and 29.

On the Lighter Side
 The Grey Cup game is now a thing of the past. Let it be known that there is another side to the entertainment apart from the bashing of bodies together in an effort to make ten yards every now and then.

The Half Time Show
 This year the Argo Football Band was banished to Siberia along with the Argo

Rambling Around

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

FOSSILS?? - - - !!!

Of course people know what fossils are. Almost anyone can tell me that fossils are the remains left over from hundreds of thousands of years man has lived on this earth. But Webster told me something else too. According to the dictionary, a fossil also means an old-fashioned or outdated person. And to think, I've been listening to "Oh, don't be an old fossil!" for some time without realizing that there are some who might regard me as sort of "old hat". Now you and I know that there are all kinds of fossils . . . some are harmless and well-meaning like us and some who are as dangerous to society as a cake of bad yeast in a batch of bread. What would you think of a person who wants to know what "race" a man is before he will hire him, work with him or live next door to him? Dr. Clinchey, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in one of his books, declares that kind of person is known as a race fossil. And he says there is a religious fossil, equally obnoxious, who classifies people by their religion, and discriminates because of differences in beliefs. Now the question is, according to Dr. Clinchey, what are you going to do with people who are fifty years behind the times and these are the people who are perfectly willing to ride around in new cars but who are content to live mentally in the horse and buggy age of group prejudice. Dr. Clinchey says that smart people are beginning to figure it this way. The total effects of anti-religious feeling; race hate and class warfare is bad for business, poison for politics, costly to the community and ruinous to religion.

DAVE AND DICK BARBOUR THEY HELPED TO KEEP HOCKEY ALIVE

Dave Barbour, free lance photographer, news correspondent for the Doncaster community and former Rover Scout laughs a little when he admits: "The only way that Dick and I could get playing hockey was to start a team of our own, and that was way back in 1952 when I was 16. The Thornlea Black Cats was our first team for boys 14 to 18. We didn't do much more than get started that year."

The following year, Dick and Dave Barbour started a juvenile team but couldn't get backing, so they didn't do much that year either. In 1954, the tide began to turn in their favour. The Rev. S. A. R. Wood, then minister of Holy Trinity in Thornhill, with the help of George Akehurst of Highland Park and Mickey Biggs, formerly of Thornhill, helped the Barbour brothers to form the first Midget team. A hockey team really began to take shape that year. In 1955, the Thornhill midgets won a few games and were much encouraged. Dave recalls that the Thornhill Midgets beat the Langstaff team 3 to 1. In 1956, two men, Gordon Clow of Clark Avenue and Everett Tobey, Oakbank Road, became the backbone of the team. The Langstaff team combined with the Thornhill team that year and they went on to finish the season in the Ontario Quarter. Their final game was at Marmora, and the combined team lost by a short margin. But being so close to victory gave them a good feeling just the same. Bill Menzies of Glencameron Avenue has been a staunch assistant coach to the Barbour teams from 1956 to the present time. 1957 was a bad year again and they didn't make the OMHA. In 1958, a house league was formed and the boys came to join it from an area that included Carrville to Steeles. The number of teams in the house league varied from year to year. In 1959 there were three junior teams and five senior teams. In 1960 and 1961, there were five junior teams and three senior teams. In 1962, there were three junior teams and three intermediates. This season, the teams will be junior, taking in age groups 6 to 10, and junior intermediates with age groups 10 to 12. Dave says that he is already taking applications for the year and expects the teams will practise in the Charlie Conacher rink at Steeles.

Dave and Dick Barbour get a great deal of satisfaction from their hockey. They both like to coach and help bring other boys along in the game. They believe that hockey develops athletic skills, encourages good sportsmanship and helps to broaden the mind.

"If you want to see some interesting hockey," reminds Dave, "go up to the Bradford Arena, on Sunday night between 7 and 9 and watch the intermediate team."

Dave admits that it was hard to get enough backing through the years but in spite of discouragements and setbacks they kept trying year after year. He gives credit to G. A. Kelson Company for financial aid during the hard years, and he praised the boys who helped to keep the teams going when it seemed that nothing could be done. In the later years, the Doncaster Ladies Club came forward to give them the much needed financial aid. "On behalf of the teams, Dick and I are very grateful to them," said Dave. "And," he added, "we have achieved our objective. Dick and I play hockey every year and that was what we set out to do . . . as well . . . we've helped to give other boys a chance to enjoy hockey too."

THE GIRL WITH AMBITION

You guessed it! It is Judy Nicholls, Weldrick Road, Richvale. Judy is attending Teachers' College in Toronto where she plans to take the two year specialized course in kindergarten. It keeps her busy going to teachers' college, taking music lessons and teaching music to her pupils. And goodness me, she's even making plans to enter the next Kiwanis Music Festival. Some girl . . . that Judy!

By Ray Stephens



YOUR M.P. REPORTS
 By John Addison

team for the big day and so it was I found myself doing the same old job but in the uniform of the RCAF with the 411 Squadron Band. I would have liked to see the game but as usual Grey Cup games are so exciting we sometimes forget the players. This year we couldn't see them except for the occasional ball or body rising out of the fog bound field.

The girls from Richmond Hill were somewhere on the field doing their bit but since I was employed as part of the showtime orchestra at the far end of the field somewhere near Tip Top Tailors, and since the field was more than misty-fied at that time, we could see little past the edge of the field. To make matters worse the half time was cut in duration and the field was full of hundreds of extras going about their pageant when the players came dashing on to commence battle again. As the band we simply stopped playing and made our way to the nearest hot dog stand to listen to the game over the radio. When anyone scored we played Colonel Bogey. This of course is a different sound to Tiger Rag or the Bombers music but somewhere along the line orders had been issued that the service band could show no favouritism. This being the case we should have played the Star Spangled Banner along with the thirty three other National Anthem played before all Canadian functions.

The crowd danced to our music during the lull before final decision was made and then we were told to go home. Someone was on the field as we crossed it and it looked like an official in the fog. He was preparing to throw in the red flag for an offside but I told him it was only the band making their way across to the dressing room.

For the first time in all the years of talk about a commuter rail service, we can now look for some positive action. As you know, one of the things to which I pledged myself as a candidate and M.P. for York North was to work toward such a service. Mr. Donald Gordon, president of the CNR, now says work will be possible within two years.

This is when the hump yard, also known as the CNR's new Vaughan Township marshalling yards, will be completed with an access line. This, Mr. Gordon told me during the sessions of the House of Commons Railways Committee, would relieve the existing heavily congested lines and make a commuter service into Toronto feasible.

Must Have Help
 In reply to my questions, Mr. Gordon explained that the CNR itself could not operate a commuter service at a profit. Indeed, he said it would be a money-losing proposition. Nevertheless, he said the railway is "perfectly willing to examine any proposals" that may be made by authorities in the affected areas.

It would require some sort of subsidy payment, Mr. Gordon told the committee. When I asked his ideas on those who might co-ordinate the plans, he said he considered this the responsibility of the Metro people. I pointed out that 40,000 people live along Yonge Street and a commuter service would be a major public convenience. Mr. Gordon said he would look into it. (Continued On Page 18)

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Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Well, here it is, almost two weeks and none of our Canadian folk singers have immortalized the Grey Cup game as a Foggy, Foggy Do!

Further proof that Richmond Hill residents are smarter than those in Metro can be seen in the way they managed to elect a council without three newspapers telling them how to vote.

Is Public Works Minister Davie Fulton really leaving the Diefenbaker Cabinet to lead the British Columbia PC's; or is it because not enough of the public is working?

Metro Toronto's Taxicab Conference charges that there are 300-400 "phantom cabs" operating in the city . . . That explains all those wailing drivers!

A Toronto minister is quoted as feeling that a \$342,625 gift to his church will be a headache . . . But it'll buy a heck of a lot of aspirins!

Progressive Conservatives in Atitokan, Ont., are questioning the appointment to the Senate of their defeated-in-June candidate. He has been a C.P.R. Conductor and they cannot understand what special qualifications a conductor could have for the Senate. . . . Unless he was a sleeping car conductor.

Canadian delegates to the recent NATO conference in Paris have been accused of spending all their time in the sin-section of the city. If true — and with all the parliamentary fuss over the incident — they now know why it's called the "rue" Pigalle.

Metro Chairman William Allen (who is really Joel Aldred in disguise) says Metro water will be fluoridated by May 1st. . . . Couldn't he rush it a bit so the "antis" could beware the flourides of March?

With all of Ontario's political parties promising a Medicare plan by spring we're inclined to favor the Progressive Conservatives who have their Health Minister Dr. Dymond working on it "round the clock". This could result in a "clock" plan — with tick-does.

Metro Police Chief Mackey warns that Toronto motorists will get the message of safe driving during the holiday season if police have to "ram it down their throats" . . . Putting some law in the teeth, eh?

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