District Ladies Discuss Urban Planning

(By Mrs. Raymond Stuart)

Mrs. Jack Snider, who is a member of the Edgeley Women's Institute, joined several other members of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario when they formed a panel to discuss a few matters that are uppermost in people's minds in this and adjoining areas these days.

On the panel were Mrs. Gerald Holder, secretarytreasurer F.W.I.O., Mrs. John Hermansen, Mrs. Leo Watson, Mrs. J. Sherman, Mrs. H. MacKay, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs Miller and Mrs. Snider. They quizzed Murray Jones, urban and regional consultant on a recent "Thursday Club". CBC TV program. Mr. Jones is a former planning commissioner on the Metro Planning Board and at present is a town planning

consultant in Toronto. The panel members were concerned with the matters of diverting good farm land into sprawling housing and industrial sites and allowing speculators to build up miles of heartless suburbs. Whetther there are advantages in the rapid urban spread and whether there are dangers when this spread is uncontrolled.

Mr. Jones stated in the beginning that "the rate of urto that across the country not only in this country, but the same all over the world. We are now getting close to about two-thirds of our population in those urban areas."

Mrs. Hermansen, who i past secretary-treasurer of the West York Women's Institute, asked Mr. Jones "what group of people should be instrumental in planning the community and should there be people of various professions on such a committee?" Mr. Jones replied that "he didn't think our present system of organizing for planning is effective at all. It's an American import and like some other American imports, it's not very good. Wherein we have the attitude we don't trust politicians to do the planning, we have to keep planning out of politics, is rather an immature notion in our state of the nation today. Consequently, we set up planning boards who hire professionals to prepare the plans and the planning board recommending the plans to the elected council, who are really responsible for them in the council will adopt them it or not. I would re-organly responsible to council with a strong citizens' group, such

as yours, acting as a general

long, long time!

"A" for effort.

SPORT SPOTS

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- SPORT SPOTS -

played a wide open, free wheeling style of softball

that was never dull. Pitcher Larry Guio got the thrill

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the end of the season, was a study in bewilderment.

For once Skip was virtually speechless and that was

world to doubt that 1963 will be even better. If any-

memory has been known to dim with age.

very prosperous New Year! You all deserve it!

that is a highly qualified "almost".

birdies to their heart's content.

an event in itself.

This year of 1962 is almost all gone, but a few

out the general problems of the community would make a

good combination." Mrs. Snider was concerned about the Niagara fruit belt. The increased value of property has brought higher taxes, making it difficult for the fruit grower to continue in the production of fruit. "Is there any assistance given to the fruit grower to help him continue?" Mrs. Snider wanted to know. Mr. Jones replied that there was none that he knew of. There are whole systems of price supports in the agricultural industry but he didn't know that it applies to Niagara.

Mrs. Watson lives in Woodbridge, and being on the boundary of Metro, annexation is a big word in Woodbridge these days. It is on everybody's tongue and she was concerned about the effect it would have on their educational system. Mr. Jones said that "As I understand it, once a village reaches a certain population, the grant system changes. If annexation were the only issue where there is a growth of population, it is going to pass that mark where the grant changes in any event, with or without annexation. So the issue is not the question of annexation per se. ban growth here is relative The issue is "should there be a different form for making grants, rather than the arbitrary one that is now in existence which says when you pass a certain population mark, you change the grants! Surely it should be based on some other need regardless whether it is a village, town or city of particular popula-

Mrs. Miller's problem was that, why, when a subdivision is being built, cannot the services, such as sewers gas, etc., be all put in at one time instead of having to rip up the streets and roads every year or so to put in these "They normally services. are in new subdivisions" Mr. Jones stated. "Most municipalities that are at all organized have subdivision agreements which do provide for this. It is in the older developments where it is not possible to provide the level of services required when the development started." The tearing up streets, etc., must then be done in order to bring the whole more up-to-date.

Mrs. Sherman wanted to and ambitions are to do, and gues. ize that. I think a group of to produce, and to earn mon- Monday Niters

create green belts. greatest green belt, perhaps, we have in Metro Toronto is the vast area of land acquired by speculators and left idle. There is only one legal green belt in Canada. Legal in the sense that it is publicly acquired. That is in Ottawa. I do not anticipate many others occurring. Our green belt is really the rural areas surrounding the urban area, privately owned, on the whole. The only public green belt that I can foresee in most of our areas is the creation of large conservation areas by conservation authorities. I would like to see more green belts of a provincial park nature brought closer to urban areas rather than all urban people having to travel 200 or 300 miles in

order to get to them. Mrs. Dickson was concerned about how a sufficient water supply was going to be kept with the building up of subdivisions and the lowering of the water level in rural areas. Mr. Jones said he "realizes this is a serious problem for many areas. Most municipalities hire companies which go about finding and testing for water. Small areas that once grew slowly were able to find water supplies individually. But this is no longer possible. It is a lesson we have learned. munal water supplies for even some of the smaller areas. Financially it is very difficult, but very essential." ,Mrs. MacKay couldn't understand why it is that the majority of people moving into the metropolitan area have such an impersonal attitude toward community life and it is difficult to get them out, even to vote. "It is not a problem that is unique with the people who are mov-

ing from the city to Rich-

mond Hill. I don't know the

answer. I would suggest this. They were just as inactive and uninterested where they came from, perhaps. This is true, unfortunately, of a vast part of the population, of their complete disinterest. There is another aspect too. When they move out to a new house, they are lucky if the sod is down on the lawn, they have three children and a limited income and a high mortgage. They are so wrapped up with immediate concerns, which never seem to end - they all seem to pile up - I wonder how they really find time to do any-

Mrs. Watson, getting back to the subject of education, said that "if we have to build some new schools, which we no doubt will, as you know, architects' fees are so very very high, wouldn't it be feasible to have a set of plans which would be general for schools? Then a school board could go to these plans without having to hire an architect every time it is necessary to build a new school." Mr. Jones thought her point was most mis - directed. "The basic thing is the cost of the classroom, and the architect can help make the cost less, and he can help make it more, and the school board which has the final say can help too. "But I would hate to see every school in Ontario look alike. But with six plans, for example, and the schools separated by a few miles, it might be all right."

The panel members wished to know if there is any way land speculators could be forced to rent the land at a reasonable rate to farmers in suburban areas so that crops could be produced on them instead of them just growing rubbish as at present in so many areas. Municipal government does come in and

cut the weeds, but not at the right time. Mr. Jones "thought the panel was on the germ of an excellent idea. The idea of the state being able to force someone is a pretty fundamental question. In a democracy you do this as an incentive instead of a heavy - handed approach. There may very well be method of inventing some kind of incentive that can put a lot of these lands back into use. I would like to see that kind of thing tried before going to the extreme measures that you suggest." When asked to comment

on a quotation by Norman Pearson, "The joint planning areas in Ontario's metropolitan centres have not worked. Whether by the attempted effective action, they have either been destroyed or have collapsed because their constituent municipalities have seen in their logical plans for proper land use, a means by which assessment might be diverted to other centres,' and how can the co-operation of constituent municipalities be obtained or can it be obtained? Mr. Jones had this to say: "No, not under our system of taxation and distribution. This is so basic to the ability to plan that it is right at the root of it and I do not think it can be solved through any kind of co-operation. Fact of the matter is. you've got a situation which can only be changed by provincial legislation.

Mrs. Holder, outlined some of the many and varied aims of the Women's Institutes locally, nationally and internationally.

The panel members regarded their discussion with Mr. Jones a very rewarding experience and they appreclated the opportunity to appear on television and discuss with him the various aspects of urban planning.



Team standings: current ser-

figure: Manufacturers Life 33-

96. Turnbull Groceries 27-67,

Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers

Transport 7-48.

212 June Steele 212, Ida Ma- be flying down to the island

know what is the possibility Despite hectic holiday prep-1248, Terry Meraska 245, Ken George Bunston, D. Thompson the first place, and hope that of maintaining "green belts" arations faithful, hardworking Clubine 243, Pat Jones 233, and Stan Carr were all turkey and is there any legislation? league secretaries have taken Gord Cameron 230, Jack Thom-inners. Hidden score prizes and pay the bills for them. Mr. Jones said that, "there time out of busy personal sched- ason 230, Bruce Bunker 228, ent to Linda Rose Peggy Byberg, But not really knowing is no legislation as such. We ules to prepare bowling infor- Jim Henderson and Jack Har- Laurene Swanson, Dot Boyer, B. whether we are going to do live in a society whose aims mation for their respective lea- court 224 each. Allencourt Major

the urban investor as well as three game total of 785 (226) to games over 800 were recorded, 498 (186), Peggy Weideman 461, anybody else. It is not in- lead the league on last week's John Beaton was high man Fay Weir 450, Marion Blandigenous to our so-called way bowling. Jim Neal rolled 731 with a 909 (359). Bob Kennedy chard 448, George Bunston 558 advisory group thinking ab- of life in North America to (261), Les Adam 720 (257), Cliff bowled 881 (322) Tim Saul 867 (201), Garrett Richardson 552 Goodman 715 (268), Jim Hoult (330), Jack Stanway 849 (354), (206), Ian MacGillivray 546 698 (268) and Jean Adam 647 Arne Skretteburg 829 (304) Bill (246), Ed Patterson 542 (203),

by P. Patterson 276,, Cliff Good- and Ken Farrows 800 (314). Jr. 509, Jim Nugent 509 (217). man 268, Jim Hoult 268, Ken High single games were re- John Gilchrist 501 (190) and Joe There'll be plenty for everyone to do so don't be bash- Roberts 266, Jim Neal 261, Les corded by Mike Parrett 339, Boyer 500 (202). Adam 257, Jean Adam 255, June Gord Tonner 337, Art Higgins Roberts 232, Jenny Richard 231 314, Jim Davidson 313, Art Mcand Al Webster 225.

Jim Hoult has the highest av- and Norm Heintzman 301. fond memories of the year are still left. One of the erage in the league with a 247 Arne Skretteberg leads the biggest thrills of the year for us was seeing a batter- followed by Cliff Goodman at average race with 259. Tim Saul ed, hurting Indian football team dig in on a muddy the 240 level. Les Adam has a has an average of 256, Al Rich gridiron to win the first Metro Rughy Football Union gridiron to win the first Metro Rugby Football Union June Roberts 189 and Pat Jor- Bob Kennedy 252. championship ever to come to Richmond Hill. This dan 185.

the lucky draw prize. The ladies also helped to make 1962 a good year Thursday Afternoon

was one day that will stay green in memory for a Dot Webster was winner of ies first, overall total second

Sally Wilson won the silver Dynes Jewellers 26-84, Allenon the local sporting scene. Richmond Heights Centre dollar and Darlene Buchan the court Lanes 21-74, ABC 19-52, Ladies were entered in the East York Ladies' Soft- cup and saucer.

Only three games over 600 16-65, Street's Auto Electric 14ball League. Nobody gave them much of a chance but somehow the girls kept plugging away and went were bowled last week. Sylvia 40, Rothman's King Size 14-36, Gossman led the parade with Rangers 12-25, Tom Hughe's 648 (251). Pat Jordan scored Shell Service 11-49, Keay's Sup-617 (233) and Bev. Brocklehurst ertest Garage 10-36. Connor

on to win the league title. They deserved a really big Ron McAndrews and his juvenile girls' team, 616 (249) the Mic Macs, gave a lot of softball fans more than a | Games of 200 and over: Betty The Cards little something to cheer about and will do as much Hughes 285, Rita Cornack 274 Clare Walker, hard working Darlene Buchan 232, Del Saint secretary of the Cards is off to in the coming year. The Kent Clothes Whiz Kids 229, Audrey Harris 216, Jean Jamaica for a three week holi-

of his young life and had spectators on the edge of dill 207, Madge Nicholson 203 in the sun and will arrive in their seats by hurling a no-hit no-run game against and Dot Webster 200 even. time for the New Year celebrations. For Clare it is a return Newmarket. We'll remember that one for a week or Eastsiders With only one night's bowling to his homeland and a reunion While we're at it don't let's overlook all the hock- the Orioles are leading the pack residing in Jamaica. With wearemaining in the second series, with those of his family still ey played in the Hill over the year. The Senior Hock- with a 36 point total. The Pir- ther conditions such as they are

ey League provided action and thrills galore through- ates held down second place here the Walker timing for the out the season and they are still at it as 1962 draws with 30 points, closely followed trip is perect K we hope that nigh to 1963. Minor hockey teams, both all-star and by the Senators with 29. the trip will be everything they Nan Shadoff topped the lad-desire. ies last week with 701 (283). El- Team standings: Jacks 77,

battles. Thrilled and proud parents watched their len Parrett bowled 676 (268), Aces 69, Queens 54, Jokers 50, favourite boy as he gave his all and learned to be a Ruth Lang 650 (255), Madge Deuces 46, Tens 46, Sevens 43, team player. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, hockey Nicholson 626 (214), Jeanne Ri- Kings 35. executives gave of their sweat and time to make run- chardson 626 (281), Muriel Stev- Singles: Ladies, Frieda Litning a league for 800 boys look almost easy. And en 614 (251), Marion McGeo-tleford 300. Lucy Smith 237, chie 612 (224), and Agnes Bregg Marg Blackburn 216 men's, Bob

Littleford 333, Bob Attridge 304, High school athletes ran, wrestled, threw, jump- For the men Les Chidley was Bud Wheeler 283 ed, knocked heads playing football and sprained ank- tops with 803 (328). Bill Jones Ladies Three: Frieda Littleles on basketball courts. Tennis players, lawn bowlers, hit for 753 (257) Stan Shadoff ford 793, Marg Blackburn 619, 736 (275), Len McLean 725 (250), Lucy Smith 588; men, Bob Atfive pin bowlers, curlers, ardent ten-pin bowlers and Mike Parrett 710 (288), Ernie tridge 751, Bob Littleford 724, others gave their favorite game their best shot. The McMeekin 708 (303), Al McLeod Mac Clement 636, Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club came up with a

689 (273), Ron Ribbons 668 (249), Average: ladies, Lucy Smith lavish ice production and badminton players smashed Dave Nicholson 664 (314), Vic 214, Frieda Littleford 211, Mary Palmer 651 (243), Neil McDon-Wheeler 190, Marg Blackburn Although this was not the best year in their ald 636 (239), Frank Smith 635 188, Bert Relf 173; men's, Bob history, Vern Dynes' Jeweller softball team provided (232), Charlie Inglis 634 (235), Littleford 220, Don Fettes 210, Don Mayor 631 (277), Bob Stev- Bud Wheeler 210, Herb Relf 207, entertainment for a good many hundreds of people. en 628 (229), George Field 622 Clare Walker 207. The stunned look on the face of Skip DeGeer, when (221) and Art McGeachie 621 RH 10-Pin Mixed League

he was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award at (228). Rose Gardens on the second High single games were roll- series by nosin gout Mundinger ed by Marg Inglis 253, June Music by a single point. Ian Amos 248, Shirley Thomson MacGillivray came up with a 240, Colleen Miller 232, Pat Mc- 246 single to take over high hon-Taking a look back has proved to us that it was Lean 215, Sylvia Leeder 213, ors for the league. Ian was on a most interesting year. There's not a reason in the Marge Field 213, Ev. Jones 211, seven straight strikes then spar-Barbara Bunker 204, Janet ed the eighth frame.

one was missed we can only plead that the human Fleming 202 and Betty McMeek- There were plenty of prizes in and Joan Doyle 200 even. for the holiday season. Sandy Ri-For the men - Geoff Royston chards, Peggy Weideman, Mic-To each and every one of you a most happy and 304, Lloyd Stanford 254, Bill key Laley, Iris Scammill, Alice Roberts 248, Ernie Glanzman Patterson, Garrett Richardson,

Maybury, Lorne Scammell, Ron

Campbell and Len Moss Sr. The pins were flying at Allen- High scores of the action were professionals who are direct- ey, etc., and this applies to Ken Roberts put together a court Lanes last week as ten recorded by Sandy Richards Jackson 827, Al Richardson 819, Steve Bainbridge 541 (214), Ron Games over 200 were bowled Stan McLean 817, Les Adam 813 Campbell 534 (196), Len Moss

Beachie 306, Les Chidley 301

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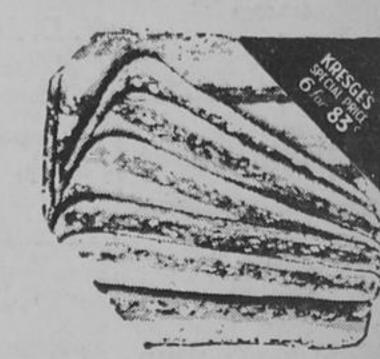
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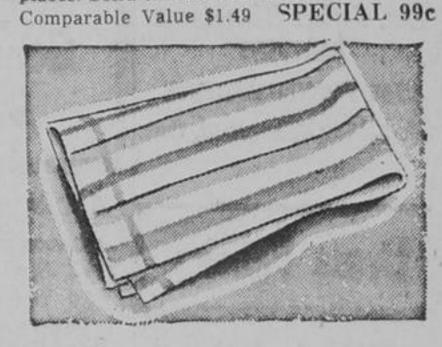
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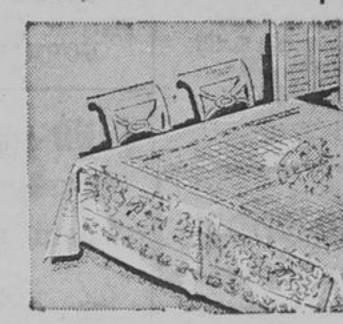
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