



Hall Supporters At Douglas Rally

Stan Hall, his wife Gwen, and a delegation of York North supporters were among the huge crowd that filled Maple Leaf Gardens to overflowing last Friday evening. National leader Tommy Douglas spoke to a record crowd of 15,842 in support of the 18 N.D.P. candidates in the Toronto York ridings.

Hill Council Briefs

Estimated cost of renovations to the Richmond Hill Arena will run at about \$50,000 it was learned at the meeting of town council. Arena board officials are therefore seeking a loan of this amount through debenture to carry out the proposed renovations. A bank loan in the required amount is available to the board providing they can provide suitable co-signers. The bank loan would run for a period of five years.

On prolonged discussion of the matter by council it was pointed out that the arena is a self-sustaining operation which, over the years it has been in operation, has more than paid for itself. It was therefore decided that a debenture bylaw be arranged to cover the required loan.

A request for amalgamation of the Richmond Hill Parks Board and Recreation Committee has been submitted to town council.

On discussion of the request it was decided that the submission be deferred pending a meeting of parks board and the recreation committee with council all at which they will be asked to present their reasons for amalgamation.

Reeve Perkins told council that well number five is now producing at the rate of 750,000

gallons of water per day and will undergo a three day test. Following the test tendering will commence for the installation of water mains from the well.

An anti-noise bylaw proposed last November has become lost in the channels of administration and Councillor Murphy would like to know what has become of it. Councillor White promised Councillor Murphy that he would institute the necessary action to track down the lost proposal.

Councillor Murphy also pointed out to council that the condition of the roads in Ward 3 were in particularly poor condition and wanted to know when repairs to them could be looked forward to. Reeve Perkins told Councillor White that temporary repairs were being carried out but that there was little use in attempting permanent repairs to the roads until such times as the frost was completely out of the foundations. This would be about June. Mayor Neal reminded council that monies were provided in the 1963 estimates for the resurfacing of some streets in the area to which Councillor Murphy was referring.

In the matter of the now de-

funct industrial commission Deputy Reeve Tinker stated that there was the peculiar situation of having an industrial commissioner with no one to whom he may look for advice and suggestions. In view of this situation it was recommended that as an interim measure pending some solution to the problem that the industrial commissioner consult the mayor and the town clerk on matters coming within his jurisdiction. A motion to this effect was carried unanimously.

Parents Learn About Schools

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Mr. Donald MacWilliams who has been on the staff of Crosby School has notified the board of his resignation for the purpose of accepting a principalship in Welland.

In commenting on the resignations Gordon McIntyre expressed regret that these teachers were leaving but felt that the school system had been served well by them.

Following discussion of the proposed computer system for establishing the "where and when" growth of school population it was decided by the board to approve the expenditure of \$450 to International Business Machines to go ahead with the production of processing cards that will be used in the system.

If and when the computer system comes into full operation — with complimentary information being provided by the planning board — it is the opinion that accurate forecasts of required school additions could be arrived at within a matter of minutes. It has been pointed out that such a system could also be used by the high school board, the separate school board and the planning board.

The board approved the expenditure of \$5.00 for 500 spruce trees for planting at the Walter Scott School and \$14.00 for the purchase of 14 copies of Cyrano De Bergerac for grade 7 pupils.

NORTH YORK: A request by the City of Toronto's Board of Education that North York consider the adoption of parking fees for employees using school parking lots met with complete rejection by the local board.

AURORA: Aurora's Mill rate increased 6.7 mills for residential and 8.7 mills for commercial and industrial this year. The new rates are 61.5 residential and 68.7 commercial and industrial.

British Army Surgeon Helped Build Road In The War Of 1812

By DORIS M. FITZGERALD
Little Moses was an unlisted casualty of the war of 1812-14. His soldier friends survived a winter in the north woods but he did not live to run beside them when they marched down Yonge St. in the spring of 1815. The story of this road building expedition and the sad death of the devoted dog was written a few years later by Dr. William Dunlop, who was in charge of the project. His interesting book "Recollections of the American War" is now out of print.

Scottish born William Dunlop was a twenty one year old British army surgeon when ordered to Canada in 1813, to take part in the war. Landing in Quebec after a three month voyage he made his way, with many adventures, to the fighting line in the Niagara Peninsula and was eventually sent from Queenston to York to take charge of about 30 of his men who were in general hospital in that garrison. He described York (Toronto), which had twice been occupied by the Americans as "a dirty, straggling village containing about 60 houses." The only Church (St. James Anglican) had been converted into a general hospital and his quarters were in a wing of the Parliament buildings which had not been burnt. While at York Dunlop learned that the government was planning to build a man-of-war large enough to deal with the flotillas of small American ships on Lake Simcoe.

Penetanguishene, on a narrow, deep mouthed bay was chosen as a suitable site for the new dockyard. It could be easily defended, and ships built there could pass from Lake Huron in to Lake Erie by way of the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers and Lake St. Clair. However, a road must first be opened from Lake Simcoe, thirty miles through the forest, to Penetanguishene. The youthful doctor offered his services and they were accepted "because nobody else envied the job".

Early in December 1814 he was despatched with a company of Canadian Fencibles, and about the same number of militia under the direction of Colonel Cockburn of the quarter master general's department, with orders to cut the road at all costs. And it proved to be no easy matter. Because of the deep snow it was impossible to use horses and oxen. Provisions and supplies had to be carried in on the backs of men, the snow had to be dug away from the trunks of trees that were to be chopped down and it sometimes took 30 soldiers to drag logs that under ordinary circumstances could have been drawn by a yoke of oxen.

The men sheltered in rough log shanties, roofed with bark and slept on hemlock boughs spread with buffalo skins and blankets, with their feet towards a log fire. The shanties were built with three sides and two were always placed opposite each other with the open ends towards the fire which both shared. Although the work was hard and the accommodation primitive Dr. Dunlop reported that except for the usual cuts and bruises sustained by men felling trees, he had not a single case of illness worth noticing.

Shooting partridges and snaring hares relieved the monotony a bit and one day when the work had progressed to within six miles of Penetanguishene Dr. Dunlop decided to snow shoe over for a look at the harbour. A covey of partridges crossed his path and in following them he completely lost the blazing trail and finally had to carefully retrace his tracks in the snow. When it became too dark to see he continued to walk back and forth on a short beaten path until overcome with weariness and stupor. Then in a last effort to save himself he took off his snow shoes, poured a quantity of rum in his moccasins, buttoned his jacket, secured his fur cap about his ears, drew on his fur gloves and placing his hands over his face, bid the little dog that had accompanied him "to lie on top of all". He slept very soundly and did not wake until the sun was well up, but had difficulty in rising. His feet were frozen, and his hands too numb to fasten his snowshoes, but by sticking his toes in the holes, he managed to shuffle slowly back to camp. There his feet were rubbed

with snow, and later poulticed with boiled beech leaves, French Canadian remedies, and he was given liberal draughts of rum to ease the excruciating pains of thawing out. After some weeks he was able to get about again. Moses was not so fortunate. The poor little dog made his way back with difficulty, and died the next day.

The Treaty of Ghent ending the war between the United States and Great Britain was signed

on December 24th, 1814, but the news did not reach York until February 18, 1815, and was not relayed to the roadmakers until the end of March. Dunlop described it as "appalling intelligence" because "it meant half pay starting us in the face", but he was also reluctant to abandon, when nearly finished, a project which had required such effort and expenditure. "No labour had been spared in perfecting our

work", he said. "Bridges had been thrown across streams in the depth of winter when officers and men had to stand for hours up to the middle in ice cold water. Ravines were bridged when the logs had to be dragged out of swamps through four feet of snow. But orders were orders, the soldiers were withdrawn and sent to rejoin their respective regiments. From another source we learned that by

1826 this new road had become so overgrown with vegetation that would-be travellers had to walk single file.

Dr. Dunlop did not comment on the march down Yonge St., then scarcely more than a rough trail bordered by partially cleared farms, and wild land, and passing through a few small settlements such as Mount Pleasant (Richmond Hill), and Lyons Mills (Thornhill). However near Holland Landing, the northern terminus of the street the soldiers probably noticed the huge 4000 pound anchor left to rust by the wayside. Made in Chatham, England for the new warship to be built at Penetanguishene, it had been conveyed up Yonge

St. on sleighs. When news of peace was received it seemed useless to transport it farther, and for years it lay hidden under moss and brush. In 1870 it was hauled to the park in Holland Landing, and there, thanks to the quick action of Wm. Thorne who bought it back from a Toronto junk dealer for \$30.00, it is likely to remain, an interesting relic of an unjustified and blundering war.

After several years spent in India, where he acquired the nickname "Tiger", and in Great Britain, Dr. Dunlop returned to Canada as an official of the Canada Company, and became a well known figure in Western Ontario. He died in 1848.

Much Interest In Science Shown By Markham Pupils

BY MARGARET McLEAN

Because of the immense amount of interest created in the schools of Markham Township by the York County Science Fair, entries had to be limited to two group projects from each Grade 7 or 8 class and to two individual projects from each school. A total of 62 exhibits were received from 13 schools and these were on display to the public last Thursday and Friday at Bayview Glen School.

Three group and three individual prizewinners were chosen but these were not differentiated into first, second or third place. Judges were E. Gillan, head of the science department at Thornhill Secondary School and S. Bacsalmasi, head of the science department at Bayview Secondary School.

Woodland School, in T.S.A. No. 1, carried off two of the prizes for group projects. One of these, the work of Douglas Walter, Fred Echlin, Lee Goodchild and Lynn Goodchild of Mrs. Windrim's grade 8 class, was a most imposing weather station. The base, a sturdy wooden box with louvred sides, contained a rain gauge and thermometer. Above, and rising some five feet or so into the air were a weather vane, anemometer, wind pressure gauge and a hair hygrometer. The exhibit was flanked by a series of posters with text and maps.

Woodland's second prize winning project was the work of the grade 7 and 8 class of Mr. Hare. Its theme was conversation. Two model farms showed good and bad conversation practices and tapes attached to the appropriate point in the explanatory texts which flanked the exhibit.

The third prizewinning group project was done by 19 members of Mrs. O'Beirn's grade 8 class at Henderson Avenue Public School, also in T.S.A. No. 1. This exhibit told the story of the development of amoeba to mammals by means of text, pictures and preserved specimens. Each type of animal life was described under the heading of skeleton, digestive and respiration system, body covering, locomotion and reproduction. Each type of life was shown preserved in alcohol from a microscope slide of an elementary form to a container with a complete foetal pig. Other specimen jars held such things as a grasshopper, frog, snake, etc.

The whole of this exhibit was neatly arranged on three panels in chart-like form which made for easy study. It was a most impressive piece of work and one which has surely given the students who prepared it a sound basis for any further study of living things.

While group projects were confined to grades 7 and 8 and were based on the course of study in these grades, individual projects were open both to grade and content.

Two of the prizewinners were grade 5 students. One, Donald Jones of S.S. No. 17 had produced a cut-away model of a house showing the operation of a hot-air furnace, together with explanatory text and diagram.

David Turner, a grade 5 student at Bayview Glen School, in T.S.A. No. 1, demonstrated electro-magnetism by means of a working model of an armature enlarged from the type found in a doorbell. This was accompanied by a scientific text and drawings, all very well done for a grade 5 student.

A third prize for an individual project was awarded to Barbara Evans, a grade 7 student at 16th

Avenue School, in T.S.A. No. 1. Her project demonstrated very completely, the formation and activities of volcanoes by means of a large salt and flour relief model of a cross section of a volcano, scientific text, examples of volcanic rocks and pictures.

As a whole the exhibits were surprisingly well done and demonstrated an intense interest in a variety of scientific processes.

Honourable mention went to a project demonstrating the story of milk by Wilene Muirhead, Marian Rutherford, Bob Hayes, Bryan Armstrong and Brian Butler of the grade 6 and 7 class at S.S. No. 21. Against a backdrop of snapshots, was a model dairy barn complete with cattle, stanchions, straw and a silo.

A very neatly-done model village demonstrated the use of "power in our community," the work of Brian James, Hal Gurnel, John Dart and Ron Wilson of the grade 8 class at the James Robinson School in Markham Village.

Brooke Wheelan, David Pointer and Greg Smith of the same class had constructed a weather station which could actually forecast weather. To prove this, weather forecasts made for the two days prior to the exhibition were chalked on one side and these had been quite accurate, I was told.

A beautifully made four foot working model of an oil well was the work of Guy Dungan and Peter Nasmith, grade 7 students at Henderson Avenue School. The model was activated by an electric train transformer, with working parts constructed from a meccano set.

Some 24 students of Mrs. O'Beirn's grade 7 class at Henderson Avenue School had also constructed an imaginative exhibit entitled "The Golden Tree of Science". The trunk and branches of the four foot tree were of gold foil pasted to a large board. Attached to the branches were tags bearing the

names of various branches of science, zoology, agriculture, anthropology, chemistry, physics, etc., each with an appropriate picture.

S.S. 17 contributed an exhibit showing the stars and constellations which combined a unique demonstration of science and needlework. The constellations were embroidered in yellow on a black background, and small squares were embroidered with figures of the signs of the zodiac.

S.S. 17 also had a working model of a weather station, the work of Doreen Seabrook, Sandra Taylor and David Wideman. This included two weather balloons, one of which had been inflated to about three feet in diameter by a bicycle pump, so I was told.

Miss Barkey's grade 7 and 8 class at S.S. 16 had a very neat display illustrating science in the petroleum industry, including the search for, refining and use of oil.

An attractive and colourful display of shells was the work of Dawn Fatton, Barbara Empringham, Rachel Farquharson and Gord Berta of S.S. 7 in T.S.A. No. 3.

Jamie Delaney of Woodland School had co-operated with two grade 8 students from Henderson Avenue School, Brent Maglow and David Axelson in a surprisingly detailed model of a rocket launching station. Various parts of the model could be lit up and it included a cut-away model of a rocket, showing position of various mechanisms.

"A professional job" was the comment by the judges on a working model of the equipment used in electroplating, the work of Gail Fox, a grade 8 student at Henderson Avenue School.

These are just the highlights of this amazing exhibition, and show only a small part of the enthusiasm for science which has been engendered in the children of Markham Township by this Science Fair. Four schools in the York 3 inspectorate, Woodland, Henderson, Woodbridge and James Robinson, held preliminary exhibitions from which projects were sent to this show. Prizewinners from here will be judged at the York County Municipal Offices on April 6 in competition with winners from the other inspectorates in York County.

AURORA: This town is to have a new post office. The municipality has been given the first chance to buy the present downtown building. The new post office will be on an off-Yonge site.

Busy Schedule Kept By N.D.P. Candidate Hall

Stan Hall, N.D.P. candidate in next Monday's federal election, was a very busy man last week.

On the morning of March 27 he attended a coffee party at the home of Mrs. Alice Burnett, 312 Boisdale Ave., Richmond Hill, and in the afternoon a party at the home of E. Ziembra, Holland Marsh. In the evening he attended the all candidates dinner meeting in the Lions Hall, Richmond Hill.

An afternoon coffee party was attended on March 28 at the home of Mrs. R. R. Thompson, Maple. That evening Mr. Hall was present at the all candidates meeting in Markham, sponsored by that village's Jaycees.

Friday morning saw Mr. Hall at a coffee party at the home of Mrs. Legge, River Drive Park. The early evening found him participating in a car cavalcade in Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill, ending up at the giant Douglas Rally in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto.

Saturday featured another car cavalcade in Richmond Hill. The afternoon found Mr. Hall at a party at the home of Mrs. Franklin in Aurora, and the evening addressing a meeting in the Pefferlaw community hall.

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AUCTION SALE

Of M-H No. 55 Tractor, Chevrolet 2 ton Truck, late models, power machinery, etc. Being the property of MRS. RUTH BATTLE Warleigh Hall Farm, Lot 35, Concession 2, Markham Township on Bayview Ave., 1/2 mile north of CNR tracks on 19th Ave., on SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1963 Massey-Harris No. 55 tractor, with PTO, swinging draw bar, good rubber and working condition 1953 Chevrolet 2 ton truck with stake body International 3 furrow tractor plow with ace bottom McCormick-Deering No. 9/20 tooth H.D. tractor spring tooth cultivator with inside rubber wheels, almost new Massey-Harris 9 ft. cut tandem tractor disc harrows, good Cockshutt No. 71 15 disc grain and fertilizer tractor drill on rubber, good Set 5 section diamond drag harrows, with even, new New Idea 7 ft. cut PTO tractor mower Cockshutt No. 310/4 bar tractor side delivery rake, on rubber New Holland No. 77 automatic baler, with Wisconsin electric start motor drive McCormick-Deering PTO tractor manure spreader, near new Several other pieces of farm tools, electric fences, etc. Sale starts at 2:00 p.m. Terms cash on day of sale. No reserve. Proprietor quitting mixed farming. James Smith, clerk KEN & CLARKE PRENTICE, Auctioneers Markham, Ont. Phone 294-3161 or 640-3688 NOTE: The proprietor or auctioneers will not be responsible for any public liability, property damage or injury to the public in connection with this auction sale

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