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In this month's issue columnist Wesley Hicks gives his own tips for successful travel packing, there is a feature story on the most important travel accessory - your camera and a colourful description of the rock paintings in Quebec Provincial Park. According to the June issue, Canadians will visit the Barbados in record numbers this summer and a handy guide to climate, hotel rates, shopping, night life, food and sight-seeing is included. The charm of a Quebec honeymoon trip or a vacation in the lake-dotted Laurentians is extensively pictured.

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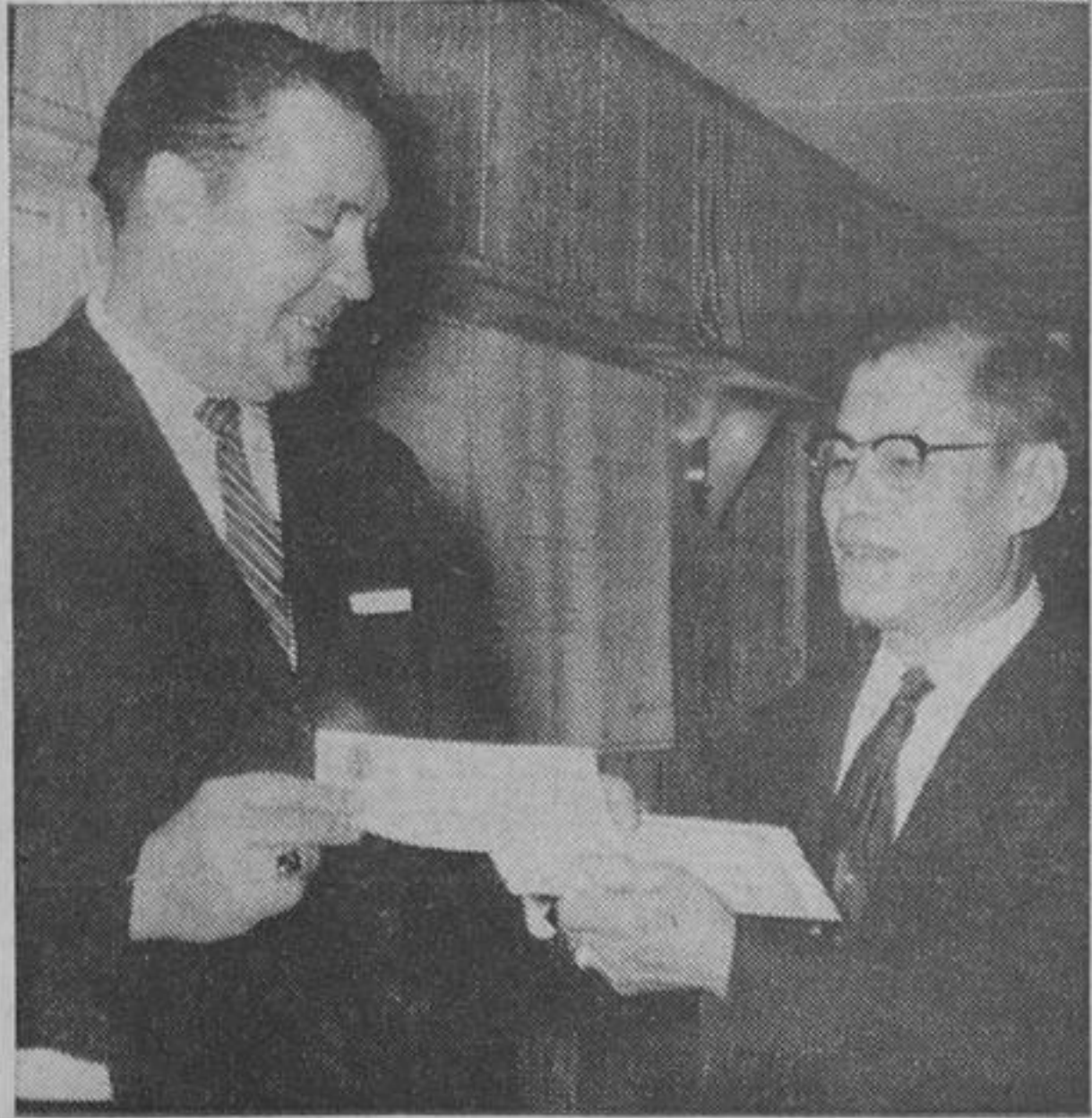
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A Really Big Moment

It was a big moment in the lives of local arena association officials last Wednesday night when the last debenture payment on the arena was written off. Shown above at a special dinner to mark the occasion are left, President Harold Jones, handing the last cheque over to Richmond Hill restaurant owner Bing Lew. Shown hanging on the wall behind Mr. Jones are the plans for the proposed arena renovations.

BY RON CRAINE

Nine years of hard work and shrewd business management culminated in the final payment to four major debenture holders of the Richmond Hill Arena Association on Wednesday of last week.

Way back in 1954 these four gentlemen, Warren Ramer, Dr. J. P. Wilson, L. H. Sims and host of the Town Inn, Bing Lew, showed faith in the judgement of their fellow men by investing large sums in ice plant debentures. What seemed like an unpromising venture at the time has flourished and burgeoned into a real paying proposition under the direction of arena board members.

By their faith and foresight these men and hundreds of smaller debenture holders have provided literally thousands of hours of healthy recreation for the citizens of Richmond Hill. The association has proven conclusively that a group of private citizens can accomplish the seemingly impossible by a united and determined effort.

Mr. Bill Ellis, the first president of the arena association, gave a report on the very beginning of the artificial ice project that was very enlightening and equally amusing. He paid tribute to all those people, who, over the years, have given unstintingly of their time and know-how to make the venture an actual financial success. Mr. Dalton Hicks provided a

report which highlighted the progress of the project from year to year until the present time. Following Mr. Hicks' report Mr. George Chasie briefed those assembled at the dinner in the Town Inn on the forthcoming plans for the latest arena innovations.

Mayor William Neal commended the management given by the board to the actual operation of the arena. He made it clear that Richmond Hill was proud of their efforts and emphasized that quite often it takes a band of public spirited citizens operating outside the political sphere to get worthwhile projects completed in a reasonable time. It was his feeling that these men and women had set an example to others - an example that could and should be followed in future undertakings of a similar nature. In his remarks Mayor Neal made specific reference to a swimming pool project for Richmond Hill - a project that could also be tackled by a dedicated group of private citizens.

Mr. William Hall, a director of the arena association, had a most pleasant duty to perform. Over the years the burdensome job of treasurer has been most capably handled by Mr. Alan Bales. In recognition of his years of fine service Mr. Bales was presented with an electric shoe-shine kit - a small token of sincere gratitude for the excellence of his work.

Asks Permission To Sub-Divide

Mrs. Ada MacKenzie appeared before Richmond Hill Planning Board on Tuesday night to seek permission for the subdivision of a parcel of land located south of Highland Lane and Vaughan Road. The request which had been considered at the preceding meeting of planning board had been deferred for further study in the belief that to grant Mrs. MacKenzie's request could possibly create a precedent on which future subdividers may seek permission for the division of land.

At planning board's Tuesday night meeting, however, Mrs. MacKenzie produced plans of a survey of the property made in 1945, prior to the establishment of Richmond Hill's planning board, which showed Mrs. MacKenzie's intent of subdividing the land at that time.

On the basis of the plans planning board was of the opinion that no precedent would be created by subdividing the land since the original request to do so was dated in 1945. Planning board told Mrs. MacKenzie that prior to submitting her request to council for approval, it would be necessary to make a survey of residents in the immediate area of her proposed subdivision to determine whether they had any objections to the proposal.

It is Mrs. MacKenzie's intention to divide the land into four large lots. An access right-of-way into the lots has been retained by Mrs. MacKenzie that would permit the construction of a 25 foot road which she told planning board she is prepared to have built at her own expense.

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New Richvale Minister

Kenneth Arthur Thatcher, B.Sc., has been appointed by the Right Rev. George B. Snell, Co-adjutor Bishop of Toronto, to take charge of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richvale. Mr. Thatcher, a professional engineer, was born in Cape Town, South Africa and is a graduate of the University of Cape Town. He came to Canada 10 years ago and is now working towards his STB degree at Tri-



REV. KENNETH THATCHER, Trinity College. He was student assistant at St. Cuthbert's Leaside, 1961-62. For the past year he has been student assistant at St. George's, Willowdale. He is married and has one child.

Rev. Fred C. Jackson, who has been the rector at Emmanuel since early 1961, has been transferred to Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, to assist the rector, Rev. H. R. Howden. He began his duties there on June 1. Mr. Jackson had been interested in the progress of Emmanuel Church since its early days, and upon retirement from his position with the fed-



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eral Department of Health and National Welfare assumed the duties of rector in the young parish. He was ordained into the priesthood of the Anglican Church at a ceremony in St. James Cathedral, Toronto, a year ago.

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Markham Council Again Postpones Development

A recommendation from Markham Planning Board that the southwest corner of the township, known as the Stage Two area, be released for development, was turned down by Markham Township Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

Points of order were questioned throughout the discussion. Councillors Charles Hoover and Stewart Rumble verbally moved that acceptance of the recommendation be deferred until the purchase of Metro wells was complete and the jail farm is released for industrial development. Councillor Allan Summer challenged this motion, stating that the council's procedural bylaw requires that all motions be in writing, and presented a written motion, seconded by Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper. That this council does adopt the recommendation of the planning board that Stage Two area be released for immediate development.

With the permission of the reeve the legal representative of Romfield Developments spoke to council, outlining his

company's struggle over the past seven years to have their lands within the township released for building. He stated they have a million and a half dollars invested in three parcels of land, and every week of delay costs them \$2,500. He said that in the past his company had agreed to reasonable requests for delay from council. He enumerated these delays, ending with the company's offer to build a sewage disposal plant to take care not only of their proposed residential development but of projected industrial development of the jail farm at Langstaff. Part of their offer was to bring these services to the jail farm so industry can go ahead. He asked council "as businessmen, would any one of you come into a municipality where you are kept waiting seven years?"

Councillor Rumble said he felt this development would be a terrific burden on the rest of the municipality.

Deputy-Reeve Hooper: "We're out of order. You had no authority to let him speak without permission of council. I think it is very disgraceful." The reeve had ruled the deputy-reeve out of order when he attempted to speak on the resolution before it had been read.

Councillor Summer: "One of these times it's going to cost the township a lot of money if we keep on deferring."

Councillors Hoover and Rumble then presented a written amendment to the resolution, which on a recorded vote was carried.

Deputy-Reeve Hooper claimed: "I never had a chance to speak," the reeve replying: "You've been talking all night."

A resume of the planning director's report on which the recommendation will be found elsewhere in this issue.

F. Israel Named To Library Board

Richmond Hill librarian Fred Israel was appointed a director of the Ontario Professional Librarians Board meeting last week in Kitchener in conjunction with the Ontario Library Association.

Also attending the meeting from Richmond Hill were Mrs. Peter Townshend, chairman of the library board and trustees, Mr. R. T. Hutchinson, Mrs. Paul Harris and Mrs. J. P. Fraser. Staff members who attended were Mrs. Israel, Mrs. M. Stephenson and Mrs. M. Bergin. Mrs. Stephenson was elected as a councillor for the library clerical assistants' section of the Ontario Library Association.

Mr. Israel said topic of most widely spread interest at the meeting attended by 700 librarians, staff and trustees was a discussion of censorship by Rutgers University Library dean Dr. Ralph Shaw.

Dr. Shaw criticized censorship of books by government departments and pressure groups. He said the courts were the only valid place where a decision could be made and urged librarians and library boards not to succumb under to demands from small groups to have books removed.

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Industrial Comm. Asks For Briefs

A meeting of the Richmond Hill Industrial Committee will be held in the council chambers on the evening of June 20 Councillor Alec Campbell informed the last meeting of council.

Mr. Campbell said that members of the industrial committee had held several meetings with the industrial committees of surrounding towns as well as Metropolitan Toronto and with the Deputy Minister of the Department of Resources and Development. Purpose of the meetings were to exchange ideas and gather information that may assist in the industrial development of Richmond Hill, Mr. Campbell said.

In making the statement Mr. Campbell issued a special invitation to management of industrial and commercial firms to attend the meeting and that briefs from such personnel dealing with industrial and commercial development in Richmond Hill would be more than welcome.

He said that the meeting would afford anyone interested in attending an opportunity to express their opinion as to what might be done to speed up and attract industrial development in the town.

Firemen Called To Four Fires In Busy Weekend

Richmond Hill firemen had one of their busiest weekends in months.

At 1:55 p.m. June 1, they were called to put out a kitchen blaze apparently started from a neglected pan of deep fat frying at the home of Mr. W. Calvert, 128 Woodward Ave., Thornhill.

Damage was estimated at between \$250 and \$350 to kitchen walls and cupboards.

At 2:55 p.m. a fire call went out from I. W. Biller, 215 Markham Road, Richmond Hill, when sparks from an acetylene torch set a 350 gallon tank of paint afire. No one was injured.

Fire Chief Alfred Stong estimated the damage at \$3,000 including an overhead crane which was badly blistered by the blaze.

Damage was negligible in a car fire at 8:07 June 1 when an old vehicle was being taken apart when an acetylene torch on Crosby Ave. Sparks set the upholstery on fire.

Firemen were also called to a grass fire believed started by children in the Bayview - 18th Ave. area June 2.

King City Women's Institute is abandoning its two-year battle to have members of high school boards elected, rather than appointed.

The branch decided to drop the issue when their resolution asking "The Department of Education to enact the necessary by-law that would require all members of high school district boards to be elected" was rejected by two thirds of the 43 delegates from 13 branches at York Centre district annual meeting at Snowball, King Township.

Prior to the standing vote, branch resolutions convenor Mrs. A. W. McLennan had an opportunity to outline merits of an altered high school board system.

Mrs. G. Mason, resolutions convenor for York Centre,

Drop Fight For Election Of Trustees

presented the only resolution offered by delegates: "Whereas, at present a number of high school district boards are appointed; it is the opinion of this branch of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario that elected boards would be more satisfactory to the taxpayer.

"And whereas, the by-law of the Department of Education says in Section 51 of the Secondary School Act that members may be elected if the taxpayer requests same.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario do everything possible to bring about this desirable change and that they ask the Department of Education to enact the necessary bylaw

that would require all members of high school boards to be elected."

Two years ago King City W.I. prepared a similar resolution, which also sought to have more women on high school boards.

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Indian War Dance At Centre June 14

During June 10th-15th, "Bonanza Days" at the Richmond Heights Centre entertainment galore will be offered shoppers including this attractive group of young Hill dancers from the Dennis Moore School of Dancing and the Midmer School of Dancing who will perform an authentic Indian dance June 14 in keeping with the wild west theme of the week. Cowboys and Indians (from left) are Ernie Van Tent, Susan Owen, Melanie Dagger, Diane Mowat, Linda Christie, Linda Midmer and Eleanor Williams.

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