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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Canadian Red Cross Helps Disaster Areas Throughout The World

In 1963 the International Red Cross plus the League of Red Cross societies won the Nobel Peace Prize. It was presented on December 10 during a traditional ceremony at the University of Oslo on the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, in the presence of his majesty King Olav of Norway.

When speaking of the Canadian Red Cross, we think of the many divisions and branches that go to make up this humanitarian organization. In the latter days of 1963, Canadians through the Canadian Red Cross societies expressed their sympathy in a tangible way to the victims of floods in three widely separated parts of the world.

In Costa Rica, an overflowing river affected the town of Cartago, destroying 400 houses and leaving over 3,500 persons homeless. The Canadian Red Cross, answering an appeal for help from the league cabled \$5,000 to the Costa Rica Red Cross.

Floods in the northwestern area of Morocco in late December caused 15 deaths. Hundreds of homes were washed away and approximately 35,000 persons were left homeless. The Canadian Red Cross made a cash grant to the league to assist the victims of this flood. In addition 10 cases of clothing, the product of the women's work committee were issued from the warehouse of the league located in Mar-seilles. The \$500 cash grant was used to purchase blankets.

"Ballet Gives Me A Wonderful Feeling"... Susan Ostergaard

Sunday, January 26, thirteen year old Susan Ostergaard was a guest on Tiny Talent time. She is the daughter of Margaret and Valdemar Ostergaard, 16 Elizabeth Street in Richmond Hill. She has one sister, Annette, who is a student at Richmond Hill High School. Susan has taken ballet lessons for four years, first with a Toronto Ballet teacher, Mrs. Pooley and now with Mrs. Audrey Parker of Richmond Hill.

Susan likes the ballet very much and she practices as much as possible. She said that before she took up ballet she felt tired but after she had been dancing for awhile she didn't seem to feel tired any more. "Practicing the ballet makes you strong and limber, your posture improves and you feel better," she said. When Susan listens to the wonderful ballet music and begins to dance all those numerous steps she has learned, she feels something good happening inside her. Everything just seems to flow along. "If I haven't time to practice my steps," she said "I have to do the 'Plies' for ten minutes to keep in shape." These special warm-up lessons must be done before every lesson too.

Susan said that she was a bit nervous when (Continued On Page 12)

Dear Mr. Editor

LIQUOR & HYPOCRISY
Dear Mr. Editor:
Mayor Tom Broadhurst is quoted in your February 6 issue lamenting the increase in liquor tax revenue.

He labels as "rank hypocrisy" high tax rates on liquor. He implies that the use of liquor is in the same category as attendance at hockey games.

It would be interesting to have an accurate comparison of Ontario liquor tax revenue and of the cost (direct and indirect) to society of its use.

Where such studies have been made by governmental agencies, the verdict has always been the same. The social costs of liquor consumption are NEVER COVERED despite relatively high rates of taxation!

Direct social costs include regulation of production and marketing, penal and rehabilitation care related to the use of alcoholic beverages, social services to individuals and families afflicted with alcoholism.

Indirect social costs include broken families, lost man-hours and skills in the economy, dead, injured and maimed on the highways, etc.

Society pays the cost of the foster care of children, of welfare to the family, of hospitalization and compensation to the victims. Society suffers from each productive man-hour lost to the effects of liquor.

Which attitude is "rank hypocrisy"?
Signed:
NOT AN ABSTAINER

Have You Read These?
BY RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BD.

During February the Richmond Hill Library is featuring a display of the books in "150 books of the last three years, 1961-1963". The library has gathered the books on this list, which was prepared by the Toronto Public Libraries, and patrons are encouraged to browse in this important display. Some of the newer titles are mentioned below.

The Coming Explosion in Latin America, by Gerald Clark. This is a discerning appraisal of the forces, economic, political and historical, that are shaping South America in the twentieth century. By a Canadian newspaper reporter for the Montreal Star.

The Development of Canadian Art, by R. H. Hubbard. This is the most complete and masterful survey of Canadian art yet attempted. Mr. Hubbard, curator at the National Gallery in Ottawa, has prepared a volume which is a visual and literary delight.

Fair Gods and Stone Faces, by Constance Irwin. Miss Irwin develops the theory that seafaring Phoenician traders may have been the origin of the pre-Columbian civilization in the New World. An easy style and many illustrations enhance this volume for the arm-chair arch-aeologist.

Homebrew and Patches by Harry J. Boyle. The author of Mostly in Clover continues his boyhood reminiscences of life on an Ontario farm in the hungry 'thirties'.
Last Letters to a Friend, 1952-1958, by Dame Rose Macaulay. Intimate and tantalizing fragments of correspondence in which Dame Rose wrote of books, people, and places, but principally of her own "return to religion".

Mrs. G.B.S.; a biographical portrait of Charlotte Shaw, by Janet Dunbar. The trials and compensations of marriage to an enigmatic genius are delicately balanced in this picture of the intense and lovely Charlotte (Continued On Page 12)

Flashback
In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

Colonel David Bridgford has been mentioned before in these columns as the man who successfully warned York of the approach of the rebels in 1837.

His name is to be found in the earliest records of Richmond Hill. "The Liberal" of August 22, 1907, notes in an article written by William Harrison who received his information from Bridgford's daughter, Mrs. D. C. O'Brien.

Born in New York in 1792, he was the son of the owner of a vessel which plied between New York and Greenock, Scotland, each passage taking two months. The father was murdered just after he had drawn a large sum of money from the bank, and his body was found at the foot of Broadway.

The widow and her seven-year-old son David came to Canada. After a short stay in York, they made their way to Richmond Hill, then not yet out of the woods. Their conveyance was an ox-cart, their right-of-way an axe, and the time two days from "York" to the "Hill". Shortly after settling here Mrs. Bridgford married Robert Marsh.

The family was not long settled before there was something to do. The war of 1812 was declared on June 18 and a draft was made on every available man.

Young David Bridgford was advised by Dr. (afterwards Bishop) John Strachan to avoid the draft by joining the volunteers.

Men were badly needed at the front and on July 29 a body of volunteers under Colonel Allen was ordered to prepare for service. David Bridgford was one of this famous confederate leader, Major Bridgford represented the head of the lake for equated "the army".

Second Thoughts...
BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Cries of "Shame! Shame!" were heard in the Ontario Legislature last week as a new member took the floor to deplore the public acceptance of Elizabeth Taylor. (Well, he should have known better than to pick her as the topic of a maiden speech.)

The Progressive Conservatives have decided to keep John Diefenbaker as their national leader in spite of the record of his rejection by the voters. ... Sort of a Dief and dumb affliction.

Metro police have had belated reflections on their parking-ticket "image" and will hire civilian parking control officers for the job. The PCO's will be dressed in uniforms as "different as possible" from the police. ... As "different as possible" would be the Crook Brothers attire common to Kingston inmates. Very appropriate!

The Ontario Research Foundation has spent \$246,800 over the past six years to develop a do-it-yourself garbage disposal system... when any ice sweeper on the NHL circuit could have told them how the fans dispose of their garbage for as little as \$2.50.

Toronto's antiquated Riverdale Zoo has acquired modern status of a sort by inadequately housing its two-ton-and-growing Indian elephant. Animal lovers in the city say the zoo is an elephant joke.

Baldness may mean cancer immunity — according to two New Orleans doctors. They say a three-year research project has shown cancer strikes four times more often among heavily-haired men. This, if we take a broad view of the word "men", is the only good and hopeful news we've noticed in conjunction with the arrival of the four Beatles.

Twelve Metro ministers are appealing to the provincial health minister for permission to put their parishioners to sleep with hypnotism... instead of an old-fashioned sermon.

The M.L.A. from Ottawa East says French-speaking motorists in the Ottawa area are failing in their driving tests because they have to answer questions in English... A lot of them would fail in French too when they were asked to explain YIELD.

Question of the week — How many cases have there been where hospital patients realized surgical instruments had been left inside of them during an operation but wouldn't say anything for fear they would be put on the bill too?

Various Valentines From Leap Year Gal

From The Leap Year Gal
Hi! You great big handsome lug,
Won't you be my jitterbug?
Do not look at me askance,
This may be my only chance!

Any Wife To Any Husband
I am the woman you promised to cherish,
Sustain and support in conventional style,
If you still love me as once you declared it,
Why don't you tell me so once in a while?

Valentine Of A Versifier
I should perhaps send roses or other charming posies
To tell of love so tender and so true,
Or a box of sweet confection to remind you my affection
Is a tendril rooted deeper than the yew.
There are colored TV sets or a pair of castanets,
Or a jaunty sports car labeled cabriolet,
But I cannot seem to choose so I'm calling on the Muse
To express the tender nothings I would say;
When I gaze into your eyes I can vision Paradise,
So the things that I might purchase from my purse
Wouldn't illustrate as clearly that I love you very dearly,
Nor be quite as economical as verse.
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County Planning Is Costly

It is expected county council will soon have to make a decision to either accept or reject Murray Jones' suggested establishment of a county planning agency. Mr. Jones has recommended a planning department that would include a chief officer, a research planner, a draftsman and a secretary-stenographer at an estimated cost of \$31,600 annually.

Each of the 14 municipalities comprising the county are represented on county council, which is the governing body, by their Reeves and deputy-Reeves. They are the people who are going to have the final say as to whether to accept or reject Mr. Jones' recommendations. Locally Richmond Hill Planning Board discussed the report and its implications for the town at its meeting last week. However the final responsibility for deciding the issue lies with the Reeves and deputies of each of the member municipalities. The six southern municipalities are in a unique position and this important fact should be kept in mind by their senior officials.

The suggested county planning agency will be of no direct benefit

Ecumenical Goodwill

Two hundred and fifty persons wrote a page of religious history in Richmond Hill on the evening of January 19. The number was almost equally divided between members of St. Marys-on-the-Hill Anglican congregation and St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church.

The meeting was held in the spirit of both the Anglican Congress and the Vatican Council, and those present discovered over coffee that Roman Catholics and Protestants have many things in common. They agreed to emphasize these things and overlook the differences.

Father John Markle, assistant priest at St. Mary Immaculate, expressed the feeling of all present when he accepted the challenge to keep the torch of Ecumenical goodwill lit and to see that it burns brighter and brighter for all the world to see.

For too long, Christian denominations have placed too much stress on their differences and have lost sight of the fact that the underlying

Library Vaughan's '67 Dream?

We would sincerely hope Vaughan Council will give more than a passing thought to building a township library.

It has been suggested as a centennial project for the community by Maple Library Board who is managing with very makeshift quarters to serve a population that by 1973 is estimated to reach between 21,000 and 25,000.

The board's argument in favor of building a centennial library is an obvious financial one... it would greatly benefit Vaughan Township to take advantage of federal and provincial grants being offered for projects of this nature built by Canada's 100th birthday in 1967.

There are other sound arguments, too.

The council itself has indicated it would support a York County system to provide library service, particularly in the more rural areas and likely in the form of a bookmobile service. Such a library as proposed could serve as the nucleus of the township service.

Vaughan School Area Board, responsible for about 3,200 elementary school students, has also expressed its deep concern over the lack of service and its interest in the provision for more books to more people.

In Richmond Hill, where a well-established library is serving more than adequately all the needs of the town's people, it is interesting to note 1,200 of its readers are either

adults or children from Vaughan Township.

The adults are paying members but the youngsters are given the service free and Vaughan pays nothing to Richmond Hill in the way of grants.

Whether or not the Maple Library Board, which says its present quarters on Keele Street are cramped, inadequate and of little over-all service to the community, can envision the township building not just a Maple library but a central Vaughan service is another matter.

We would hope they can put their own personal desires aside in a real endeavor to provide a first-class library for Vaughan.

It might even be conceivable to locate such an edifice in Maple.

And from the aesthetic point of view, Vaughan could, with the additional financial stimulus engendered by the 1967 centennial, build a library that could be an outstanding architectural and cultural centre and a notable landmark.

Interest is stirring locally in the centennial.

Richmond Hill is attempting to build a centennial swimming pool.

Newmarket is casting about for concrete projects to commemorate the event and Markham Township has plans to finish off one of its recreational programs.

Vaughan would be wise to at least get a library in the talking stage if it is what their citizens want.

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