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Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

... and the "yesterday's news" of the flag committee's secret decision, which appeared in an Ottawa paper BEFORE the committee had reported to Parliament, promises to stay lively for a while, too.

It now turns out that, despite the thousands of designs to choose from, the flag "selected" by the flag committee was actually designed by the committee itself. . . . Another case of everyone wanting to get into the act. (But six weeks???)

American pollsters predicted a "sweeping victory" for President Johnson in Tuesday's election. . . . Well, he got the victory but we'd say, with all the morality muck he tossed, Goldwater should be made to do the sweeping.

NEW YORK—(AP)—A medical team has taken a giant step toward the day when surgeons may replace an ailing human heart with one taken from a dead person. . . . But wouldn't it be awful to get a Republican heart? A heart with the kind of in-nards that knew HE was right.

How are things in Glo-Gomorrah? Toronto Alderman George Ben claims allowing liquor to be served in the new city hall would turn its twin towers into a modern Sodom and Gomorrah. . . . Quite an imbibical quotation!

QUEBEC CITY—(UP)—A Royal Commission inquiry into the conduct of the police and press during the Queen's visit here appeared in the offing. . . . But with the police and press under inquiry, only the Separatists would be left to testify. And, if they were to testify, another Royal Commission would be required to inquire into who beat them into attending a ROYAL Commission.

Yes, the railways certainly are behind the times. While Toronto printers were striking against the mathematical modernity of computers, C.N.R. employees at Capreol were "booking-off" in a protest against the introduction of long divisions.

Thirty women, who claim to have "thousands more" behind them, are demanding an end to CBC presentations of plays which might demoralize their children. . . . And maybe the corporation would change its name so CBC stood for "Children Before Culture" until they find the "Off" switches on their sets.

Former U.S. President Eisenhower, who has managed to avoid committing himself in addressing anything other than a golf ball, suffered a convenient attack of laryngitis on the eve of a round of support-Goldwater appearances. The laryngitis may have been psychosomatic or, more likely, the attack was Ike-omatic.

The No Comment Corner—An all-girl brawl developed in Oshawa recently when four girls in dresses attended a dance where 75 other girls all wore slacks. An Oshawa magistrate later recommended that the hall be closed, saying such brawls ruined the city's "dignity."

Your Legion Reports

This is Remembrance Week and we recommend to all loyal members that they recall to mind the oath they took to perpetuate the memory of the fallen. Poppy day will be on November 7, although poppies will be available on Thursday and Friday evenings. We should remember that by wearing a poppy or displaying a wreath we honor the war dead and also help the living. About 70 per cent of the money raised through the campaign remains in the community with the rest going to Legion service bureaus across the country. Any veteran or dependent may appeal to the poppy trust fund for aid such as food, shelter or medical expenses in emergencies. Seventy-five per cent of all cases helped by the poppy fund involve veterans who are not Legion members. Our hard working poppy committee have organized what they think is going to be one of the most successful campaigns in the district. We hope it is, and we suggest that you give according to the dictate of your conscience.

We are pleased to report that the film "Fields of Sacrifice" was accorded excellent praise by the people who saw it. The film was shown in seven schools in the area, Richmond Hill, Langstaff, Thornhill and Woodbridge. Lloyd Harrison, principal of Richmond Hill High, said it was very much appreciated and his staff and students were very impressed. Like anything of quality, the word spreads and numerous requests for the film have been received. Unfortunately we regret that the branch was only allowed to keep the film one week. Considering the fact that only two copies were available in Ontario we were lucky to have obtained one. We hope to make the film available again next year.

Once again the strong national voice of the Canadian Legion has been heard, and heeded in Parliament. The federal government has recently given second reading to the amendment of a bill which will recognize November 11 as a statutory holiday. Government departments and many employers already recognize Remembrance Day by granting leaves of absence. The amendment provides for adoption of

this day as an official holiday throughout Canada. It is unlikely however that the enactment will apply next Wednesday as a third reading has yet to be given. Although this is more or less a formality the popularity of the legislation will not necessarily provide an expeditious approach by parliament. The Remembrance Day parade will be held on November 8. The parade will form up at Richmond Heights Centre at 1:15 p.m. and march to the cenotaph for the memorial ceremony at 3 p.m. Sergeant-at-Arms Stan Hanns is proud that he has one of the finest color guards in the district to take on parade. The guard carrying rifles will be parading in uniforms which are to be displayed for the first time, they will be accompanied by their mascot. We hope that all members will heed the bulletin and take part in the parade. All veterans, legion members or not, are also invited to participate. We also remind the community that they are most welcome to join the ceremony at the cenotaph.

At this time we would like to thank the hurriedly formed "press gang" that went into action last Saturday afternoon to produce 500 Remembrance Day bulletins. President Frank Barrott has a knack for rounding up volunteers and Comrade Gord Mills has achieved fame as a master stapper. With Secretary Chuck Jessup supplying all the necessary stamps from out of the blue, our first bulletin went out to the membership this week.

The efforts of entertainment officer George Wood produced a most successful Halloween dance last Saturday evening. The attendance was only five under the record of last New Year's. Judges for the best costumes must have had a hard time deciding winners from among the many prizes. Present for the best pair went to Jack and Ronnie Kelly who were exemplary as Caesar and Cleopatra. Prize for the most original went to Comrade Rick Pillage, whose vital statistics as a wrestler provided an original contrast to the ballerina he represented.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

A Tribute To The Community's Hockey Fathers

There is a wonderful group of men throughout this district of Richmond Hill and Thornhill and outlying districts who deserve a great deal of praise and co-operation from their communities but they very seldom get it. A member of this group I call a hockey father, but to a boy playing in the league he may be just his dad. Dad and sometimes mother take their sons around to the various rinks where the games are played. They take not only their own sons but the sons of other men. Many of them become the coaches and managers of the teams and quite often have to dip into their pockets to pay for extra ice time or transportation costs. These men are the backbone of any sporting organization of which hockey is a prime example. Hockey fathers in the winter often turn into baseball fathers in the summer. They like what they do and they like helping boys to learn to be good sports and to keep off the streets. Is it too much to ask that other fathers and mothers or any individual show their appreciation by attending games when they are played in their own localities. It would boost the morale of young hockey players sky high and I can't think of a better way to repay these men than to show them that you're interested in what they and your kids are doing.

Vaughan Double Rink . . . The Only One In The World

Bill Sills who owns and operates the Vaughan Double Rink at Edgeley lives at 82 Thornridge Drive in Thornhill with his wife and three children. He has lived in Thornhill for five years.

Bill Sills is a big man, blonde and affable. He talks like a man who has a pretty good idea of where he is going . . . and is not afraid of the bigness of his ideas. The Double Rink is ample proof of this, for many would consider it a very courageous undertaking. Even now, as he walks proudly about the spacious and well lighted areas of this beautiful building, he is becoming a popular figure among the sporting people of the area. People say that the place is like a dream come true for Vaughan Township and it could well become the centre for much of its community activity.

Why did Sills build a rink on such a grand scale? He simply says that he saw a need and wanted to do something about it. And the way he saw it, one wouldn't be enough. He recalls that he was one of the fathers who had to drive kids from Thornhill to Bradford for hockey practice and games. Furthermore the idea of building a rink appealed to him. Back in his mind were his memories of being a "rink rat" at the old Ravina Rink in Toronto. "Rink rat" is really an honorable term," he said, "It just means I scraped ice and did odd chores about the rink."

The Double Rink opened last August and accommodated Billy Harris' Hockey School. This is a school where boys are trained to play hockey the right way. Their training at this school is long and arduous. They play hockey eight hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Sills says that he owns the only Double Rink in the world and he has also the first installation of total energy of natural gas in Canada. This supplies all heat, light and power.

Walking through the Double Rink is an enjoyable experience for a woman. Radiant heating under the seats enable her to sit down in comfort and watch a hockey game without the danger of being chilled. The lounge is roomy and equipped with tables and comfortable chairs. Here one can sit at ease and look out at the game. The snack bar is equipped to serve a large public.

Interesting features of the arena include a music room, equipped with the finest Hi-fi set money can buy and it will be the music from this set that will add greatly to the enjoyment of the skaters this winter. It is interesting to know that the good looking red ice machine that courses about the ice between games was built right on the premises. There are twelve modern dressing rooms equipped with broad seats for hockey players; plenty of room for the bulky pads. Above the seats are rows of gleaming hooks so that clothing may be hung up. There are showers between all the dressing rooms and the rubber tile runways lead out from the dressing rooms so the hockey players won't dull their skates on their way to and from the ice.

There is a pro-shop for hockey. In it will be a skate sharpening machine and hockey equipment will be sold when needed. One room is assigned for the use of Vaughan Township. The first aid room is the most up to date in the district. It was equipped on the advice of Dr. Charlie Maclean of Woodbridge. It has a hospital bed, a stretcher and the latest medical and drug equipment for emergency work. Already the first aid room has been used for a broken wrist and a broken collarbone.

Fully qualified engineers known as shift managers stand guard over the expensive heating and lighting equipment 24 hours a day.

So far the Double Rink is booked up solid for the winter, and Mr. Sills was greatly encouraged at having 1000 people attend exhibition games on October 16.

The official opening will be on November 28. There will be a ceremony with plenty of public figures and events.

According to Mr. Sills when the rink is finally completed, he expects it to be the finest double rink in the world.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

For a brief time in the early years of this district rumors had it that a ghost or ghosts inhabited the farm home where Thomas Kinnear and his housekeeper, Nancy Montgomery, had been brutally murdered. Further light on "ghosts" was given in a letter to the editor of "The Liberal" published in the issue of September 15, 1887.

The writer who used the pseudonym "Ziz" claimed he was born in the Kinnear house a few years subsequent to the murder.

"I remember often when I was quite a little boy my mother telling the story to us children and friends from a distance. She always ended the narrative by turning to me and saying: You know Johnny you were born on the Kinnear place." Ziz wrote.

"When my people first went to live there, the neighbors often anxiously enquired whether noises were not often heard in the house at night.

"Well our family did hear noises. One night there was a terrifying sound from the garret. The noise seemed as if some creature of ghostlike form was running from end to end of the garret dragging a huge chain. The whole household was alarmed.

"The younger members of the family KNEW it was the ghost of either Kinnear or Nancy Montgomery; the older members of the family may have thought so too, but feigned to treat such childish notions with scorn.

"When morning came the men went up into the garret with quaking hearts and sought to find the cause of their fears.

"The house at the time was infested with a great number of rats and a steel trap with an iron chain had been placed in the garret. During the night, a large rat had been caught in the trap by one of his hind legs and had made vain attempts all night long to free himself.

"As he leapt from joist to joist from one end of the garret to the other, the chain at each bound had dropped between the joists onto the lath and plaster of the ceiling below making a hideous din.

"From that morning on none of our family believed the house was 'haunted'.

"At the rear of the house then stood a beautiful grove of second-growth pines. When a north or west wind blew the trees tossed to and fro and creaked and groaned and occasionally shook their cones upon the roof of the house. These came rattling down the shingles and it did not take a vivid imagination to think the house was 'haunted'.

"I firmly believe, Mr. Editor, that noises heard in so-called haunted houses can usually be traced to rats or trees or perhaps to uneasy consciences."

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Scouts' Protest Wins Reprieve

1st Richmond Hill Scout officials were justifiably shocked to learn, through the medium of this newspaper, that the building in the town park which they have used as a meeting place for the past 10 years was to be torn down. Because they hotly protested this decision of the parks board and of council, they have been given a reprieve in the deferring of demolition and given the hope that accommodation in the arena will be made available to them.

The Scouts have occupied the front 38 feet of the building, originally used as a curling rink, on agreement with the town since 1954. They have paid an annual rental of \$180 and provided their own heat and light. They have also spent \$1,500 on improvements which have made it possible for them and other groups to use the building.

Councillor Walter Scudds reported the demolition had been under consideration for two years and the parks board had assumed the Scouts knew this. He was not aware that

the group paid a rental fee. Surely in two years the parks board had time to investigate the matter and to make certain the Scouts knew that their tenancy of the building might be of short duration.

There has been a very definite breakdown of communication between the parks board, town council and the Scouts. It is very apparent when such a proposed move could be under consideration for two years and the Scouts only learn about it from news reports of a final decision. Good public relations cannot be fostered in this manner and criticism of the way in which the Scouts learned they were about to lose their meeting place we feel is quite justified.

1st Richmond Hill Scouts have served the community for a quarter of a century, and served it well, and for 17 years was the only Scouting group in Richmond Hill. That its work in building character in boys should be jeopardized and perhaps lost forever is unthinkable.

Leading Canada To The Abyss

(Guest Editorial — Vancouver Province)

From every part of Canada come indications that well-meaning Peace-maker Lester Pearson is blandly and blindly leading the Canadian union into a bottomless manhole.

In the name of compromise with French-Canada he has created cooperative federalism. This is supposed to mean a system of give-and-take between Ottawa and the provinces. But it is rapidly becoming a synonym for a division of this nation into a headless collection of minor principalities.

This week Premier Robarts of Ontario, leader of the most populous province, served notice on Mr. Pearson that Ontario will recognize no further deals between Ottawa and Quebec in which the other provinces are not consulted.

Ironically enough, Mr. Robarts seems to see nothing wrong with these private "deals" between Ottawa and Quebec except that such secrecy should be widened to include all the provinces. He condemns a process but is willing to approve if it his province is included in it.

Canada is changing its constitution (The British North America Act) through the secret conversations between Ottawa and the provincial governments. The public will be told what is good for it in pompously-phrased communiques or in what leaks out from the secret meetings.

By-passing the usual procedure of thrashing out such changes in public after they have been thoroughly argued in Parliament and the legislatures is a shocking abrogation

of democracy which will be discussed here next week.

While this is a matter of method, rather than objectives, it is an ominous reflection of what is happening behind closed doors. Canada is in danger of ceasing to be a nation in the truest sense of the word and becoming a collection of provinces divided by regional and racial interests having few common goals and interests.

Canada has stood united for nearly 100 years. It can fall apart in five if positive steps are not taken to avert such a tragedy. Already Premier Ross Thatcher of Saskatchewan has warned that his province would consider union with the U.S. if Quebec left Confederation.

It is imperative for the provinces to join together to preserve the Canadian union, not in altruistic support of an empty ideal but in the certain knowledge that no province and its people can retain their distinctive entity or independence outside that union.

In all this the chief burden of responsibility falls on Mr. Pearson and his government. It is the national government, charged with leading, not following, the provinces. This demands toughness and steadiness, and more than a little of what Winston Churchill calls a "touch of the brute" on the part of Mr. Pearson. "Co-operative federalism" sounds good. But it could be the death rattle of nationhood unless there is a great deal more federalism and a great deal less enthusiasm for the idea of subdividing our country into ten little satraps.

Dear Mr. Editor

POLICE ESCORT FOR INJURED CHILD

Dear Mr. Editor— Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Williams of Bostwick Crescent, Oak Ridges, were refused a police escort to Sick Children's Hospital, Sunday evening, October 25, when their 19-month-old baby was seriously burned by hot tea from an overturned tea pot.

Immediately following the accident and on direction of our family doctor to take the baby to the Sick Children's Hospital, we stopped at the Bond Lake Provincial Police headquarters, Yonge Street and townline, to ask for a police escort. The request was denied by the sergeant on duty, without explanation or apparent reason, although there were police cruisers outside the station and four officers present in the station.

On reaching Richmond Hill we stopped a cruiser from the same detachment and again asked for help, not mentioning the recent incident at Bond Lake. The officer agreed to help immediately though explaining that he would only be able to supply an escort to Steeles Avenue. He did, in fact, continue the escort as far as the city limits where he waved us on our way and into city traffic.

Oak Ridges residents are complaining over the lack of interest and action by township officials; is it possible that this includes the police department? It seems incredible that such a lack of action, co-operation and human feel-

ing could exist in an emergency involving a child in pain and agony, not to mention the terror of the parents, who had no way of knowing the seriousness of the accident but knew only of the urgency to reach the hospital. It also seems incredible that in such an emergency there should be boundaries, precincts, townships or even provinces to be considered and if these MUST be considered, then an effective system for the continuation of a service, such as police escort, is surely mandatory.

Perhaps the sergeant on duty the evening of October 25 would not have considered a break-in, accident or attack on any person important enough for him to part with one of his officers, should in fact any of these be more important than the request to help an injured child.

MALCOLM M. WILLIAMS, 110 Bostwick Crescent, Oak Ridges.

TOWN COUNCIL AND THE TWO YEAR TERM

Dear Mr. Editor: We are concerned about town council's desire for a two year term as stated in your editorial of October 22. "If you don't like the plan, you can do something about it in December," said Mayor Thomas Broadhurst in the spring of this year to a packed meeting of citizens when the plan for the southwest area was first under discussion. This would imply that in a democracy citizens are limited to one day per year — election day —

Yours sincerely, (MRS.) RUTH COOK, 79 Centre St., West.