



A Big Day For These Youngsters

Happy youngsters and their hosts at the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home are seen above as they enjoy delicious food following a shopping trip last December 5. Toronto Junior Board of Trade members and their wives, following an annual custom, took more than 30 children on a buying spree that afternoon. Each child was given a sum of money to spend as he or she wished.

When the excited group arrived back at the home a survey revealed that most boys had purchased guns, from bazookas to pop guns, while the girls had gone in for dolls and wardrobes, crayons and coloring books.

After everyone had their fill of good things to eat Santa Claus arrived on the Richmond Hill fire truck and made his entry to the large dining hall by way of a window. He was assisted by two clown helpers in distributing more gifts to the children.

Movies, furnished by the home's board members, climaxed a full day for all the children in the home and their guests. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the occasion more, the children or their adult hosts. Everyone had a good time!

Quiet Weekend Markham Police

Markham Township Police reported a quiet weekend with only two accidents of note.

Three cars were involved in a collision around 7 a.m. Thursday on John Street west of Bayview Avenue when one of the drivers James O'Reilly of John Street suffered minor bruises. Other drivers were Robert Wallace of Morgan Avenue, Thornhill and Eino Aalto of Bathurst Street, Downsview. Total damage was \$925.

Damage was \$5 to a truck driven by Kenneth Kirby of Sussex Avenue, Richmond Hill when it was hit by a car driven by Carolyn Iwanciw of Crosby Avenue on Elgin Mills Road, east of Yonge Street. The damage to the car was \$300, police said. There were no injuries.

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Neighborhood Notes

Mrs. Ida Cook is ill and is at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Baker.

Ken Groves is in York County Hospital under observation.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Fischer Isbert on the arrival of their baby daughter Tuesday.

Bishop and Mrs. Alvin Winger spent the weekend at Ridgeway. Mr. Winger spoke at the morning and evening services at the Brethren in Christ Church at Stevensville.

About 50 ladies enjoyed a potluck supper and meeting of the WMS at the United Missionary Church Monday evening. Mrs. Grant Sloss spoke and showed pictures on Nigeria.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer had supper Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Tomlinson of Bowmanville.

The annual Sunday school program of the United Missionary Church will be held December 20 at the church.

Mrs. Beulah Jones had supper Sunday with Mrs. Blake de Hart of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milsted and Charleen attended a family dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gooding of Richmond Hill. Thirty members of the Gooding family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger and family had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wideman.

Leave Of Absence And Sabbatical Available To Vaughan Teachers

A sabbatical leave plan and a policy for leave of absence were adopted by Vaughan Township School Area Board at its regular December meeting last Thursday night.

The plans, which have been under consideration since being proposed by the teaching staff more than a year and a half ago, had been approved by all members of the teaching staff, it was noted in the report of the management committee presented by Trustee Ross Jolliffe.

Mr. Jolliffe reported that his committee felt that such "fringe benefit" would encourage better qualified teachers to apply for jobs in Vaughan. Trustee Lorne Wells voiced the board's appreciation for the co-operation of teachers in carrying out presentation of the plans to all members of the staff so speedily. This enabled the board to approve the plans at the final board meeting of this year, he noted.

The sabbatical leave plan has been instituted to permit teaching staff members to study in the academic or professional field or study in combination with travel, it was reported.

All full-time members of the teaching staff, with not less than 10 years' teaching experience, who have been in the employ of the present board or of former boards now included in the area for not less than seven consecutive years under the age of 55, are eligible for this leave. However, the number of such leaves granted in any one-school year shall not exceed 2% of the total number of the teaching staff.

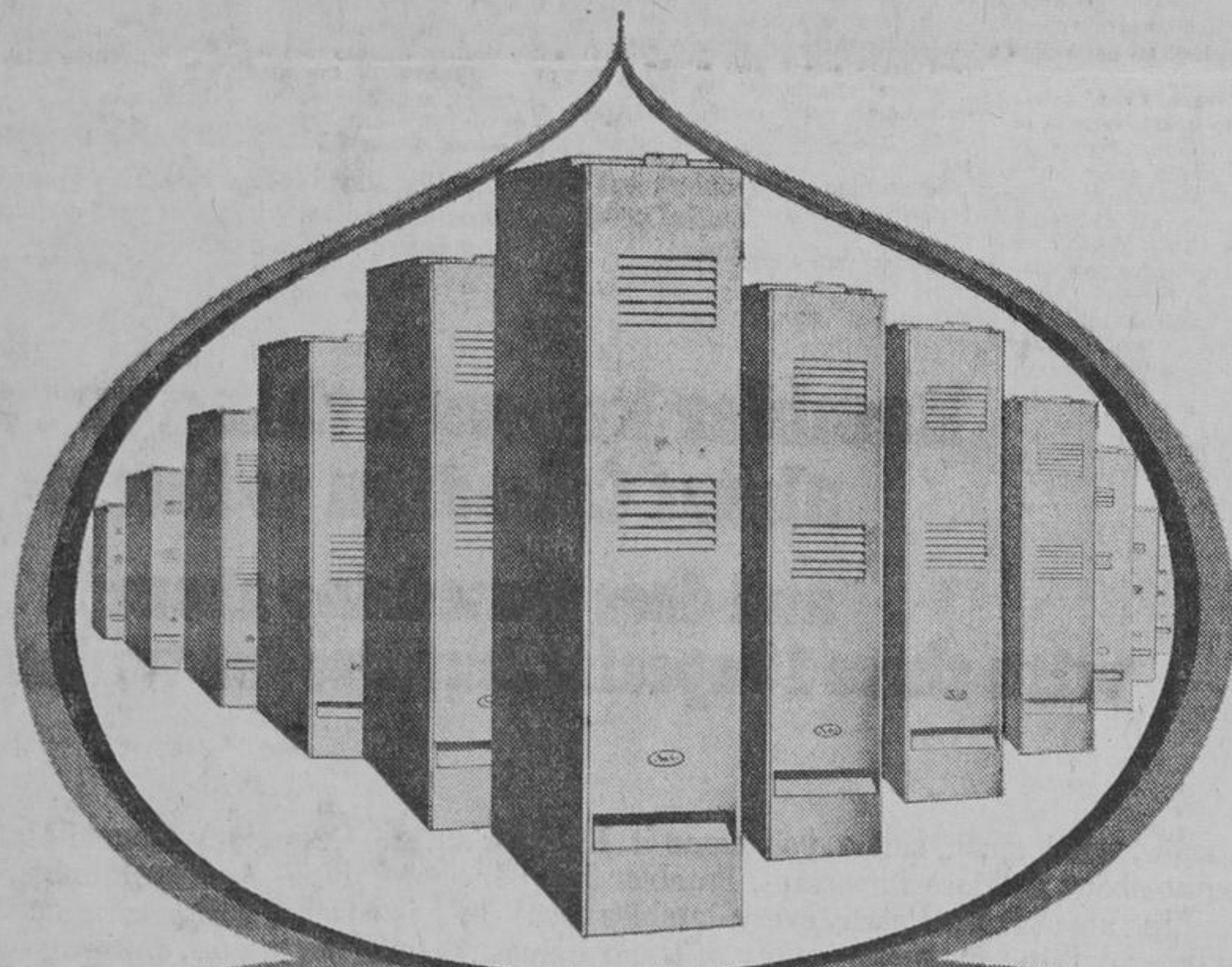
All leaves shall be based on merit, be subject to board approval and shall not exceed one year. The course of study and, if applicable, the travel itinerary, shall be submitted with the application, and on return a statement or certificate of accomplishment from the college or institution attended must be presented.

The board agrees to pay the employee during sabbatical leave 60% of his or her basic salary. On return the teacher will be paid at the basic salary rate to which he or she would have been entitled if he or she had remained on regular duty. The teacher is required to return to the board's employ for at least two years after the leave.

The plan also provides penalties for failure to use the leave for the purpose for which it is granted.

This plan is also to permit teachers to improve their qualifications, to permit them to accept a teaching position outside of Ontario without reference to the teacher exchange program.

NEWMARKET: John Taylor, a member of the Lancer Motorcycle Club, and 20 others were freed on lack of evidence following a raid by at least 30 policemen led by Whitchurch Police on a township home where more than 300 pints of beer were found. One constable said he didn't see any money changing hands. Taylor was charged with keeping liquor for sale and illegal possession.



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