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## Pool Pays Dividends

"It's the best argument for a swimming pool I've heard yet," was the comment of a Richmond Hill citizen when told last week of the heroic action of 15-year-old Lois Stanley who plunged into the Mill Pond to rescue 2 1/2-year-old Jimmy Ross. "If Lois hadn't had swimming lessons and life saving instruction she might not have reacted so quickly to the emergency and we could have had a fatality. Making this instruction available to all our children, practically on our doorsteps, will pay dividends in years to come," the local resident continued.

Thanks of all citizens should go to the members of the citizens' committee which has worked for more than a year for a swimming pool in Richmond Hill and who this month will see phase one of the project opened for use by the public. The sight this summer of hundreds of little tadpoles, sunfish and more experienced swimmers getting instruc-

tion in their own pool will doubtless be considered by the committee to be thanks enough. However, in spite of a substantial grant from town council (which will be paid by all taxpayers) the committee can use additional funds for equipment, gravelling the parking area and landscaping which have had to be pared from the budget to get the pool into operation as quickly as possible with funds available. If any of our readers would like to help the committee complete the necessary work this year, Treasurer Donald Benette may be reached at the British Mortgage and Trust offices in Richmond Hill.

Large numbers of children will continue to play around the pond and some of them will, by the law of averages, fall into the water, so thanks should also be extended to Reeve Donald Plaxton on whose suggestion council agreed to replace life saving equipment which had been destroyed or stolen from the Mill Pond area.

## One In Ten

York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, in common with branches across the country, will be canvassing door-to-door in this district from May 31 to June 12 to raise \$20,000 to further its work with emotionally disturbed people. Theme of the campaign is "Prevention Is Our Aim".

Mental illness is widespread; in some form it affects one out of every 10 persons, or 10% of the population. But, of every 10 citizens affected by it, seven can recover and lead useful, normal lives. A few years ago mental illness was talked of only in embarrassed whispers, but is increasingly being regarded with the mature attitude it deserves.

When there is an illness which affects such a large number, it should be a part of community duty to try to give every aid and help possible to those affected. And the fact that so much can be done emphasizes the need for help.

The average citizen can help in various ways. He can study the information which the Canadian Mental Health Association provides, so that mental illness will be something he understands rather than fears. He can contribute financially to the association's work, which ranges from research to rehabilitation. And he can do work in the field himself, if he wishes as a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteer work or more information about the work of the association, drop a note to Mrs. Faye O'Callaghan, secretary, at Box 492, Stouffville.

The field of mental health today is a hopeful one. It is a field marked by discovery and progress. It is one which needs the understanding and moral and financial support of the whole community. YOU can play your part in helping it achieve its goals.

## CBC Supports Separatists

Did you happen to catch the ever-so-revealing series of questions about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation the other day in the Commons? And CBC's even more-revealing answers? It boiled down to this: Knowingly, the CBC hires and puts on radio and television — the French networks if not the English — personalities who make no secret of their sympathy with and even active support of Quebec separatist organizations.

CBC does this and rationalizes it in the name of freedom of speech. **THIS WAS** the question, No. 99, to be found on page 390 of Hansard, as asked by Bert Leboe, Social Credit MP for the Carleton Place, in three parts: 1. "Has one or more of the following persons or groups ever appeared on CBC radio or television (there follows a list of 21 men and women, all of them Quebecers)?"

The CBC answer: "Yes."  
2. "Were any of these persons or groups under contract with the CBC?"

The CBC answer: "Yes (its attention had been drawn). The persons referred to are freelance performers engaged on a per program basis. Performers are employed on the basis of artistic merit. Their political beliefs cannot be made a factor of employment where freedom of belief is assured by the law of the land."  
3. "Has the attention of the CBC been drawn to the advertised appearance of these persons and groups at a gala concert sponsored by the Quebec separatist organization the RIN (Rassemblement pour l'Indépendance Nationale) held at the Montreal Forum and, if so, what is the CBC policy with regard to employment of such persons?"

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abused name of freedom, to employ even a fraction of that fund in payment of people who campaign to divide and perhaps destroy the nation. If "freedom of belief," as the CBC expresses it, is a right guaranteed to separatists by the "law of the land," is there not another law dealing specifically with people who endanger the safety of the state?

Both the Conservative and Social Credit opposition in Parliament over the past two years have asked—but received no firm answer—where separatism ends and disloyalty or even treason begins.

MR. LEBOE's pointed question was answered by State Secretary Maurice Lamontagne as the member of the cabinet "responsible," as they like to phrase it in Parliament, for CBC accounting to the Commons.

But what kind of accounting is it? Nothing remotely like the accounting most federal agencies, and certainly all government departments must make, in submitting to close, careful scrutiny by Parliament of their actions in general and their tax spending in particular.

THE CBC, if in a benevolent mood, answers questions from the Commons in any offhand and frequently cavalier manner it chooses.

So in answering, the state secretary informed Mr. Leboe: "I am advised by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation" that "yes" it had these 21 people under contract, and "yes" it knew about the separatist rally, but "freedom of belief" must not be allowed to interfere with "artistic merit," as CBC terms it, on the publicly-owned networks.

THE ACTUAL payment by the CBC of supporters of separatism seems to go one step further than merely massively publicizing separatists, a broadcasting practice that increasingly has concerned those Canadians who persist in believing Quebec's place is still in Confederation.

There is at least one highly-placed aide in Prime Minister Pearson's office who makes no secret of his belief that the CBC is one of the root causes of the not-so-quiet revolution in Quebec.

And there is just a hint now that when the Fowler commission reports shortly on the CBC it will draw a hard line between freedom and licence. —Richard Jackson in Kitchener Waterloo Record

## Flashback

### In Years Gone By

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

This Sunday Richmond Hill United Church celebrates the 85th anniversary of the present church building. Because of this, we are this week reprinting an article taken from the WI Tweedsmuir History and published in "The Liberal" on January 22, 1953.

In 1803 two ministers came up Yonge Street to organize Methodist circuits. They were Rev. Nathan Bangs and Presiding Elder Jewell.

In 1805 the Yonge Street circuit was reported as consisting of what is now the Townships of East and West York, Etobicoke, Markham, Vaughan, King, Whitchurch and the Gwillimbury, the authority being a letter from the King.

By 1832 the circuit was reported to be 50 miles long and 25 miles wide but as the population increased, the territory was divided many times. In 1873, the name North Yonge Street circuit was given to the area consisting of Richmond Hill, Maple, Victoria Square, Bethel, Patterson and Headford. In 1884 Maple and Bethel were transferred.

The Methodists first worshipped in the first public school building of hevn logs in 1810. In 1821 the Presbyterian Church was built and the Methodists held their services there in the afternoons.

In January 1846, the land where Charlton's Hardware now stands was deeded to the trustees and work was begun immediately on the new church, the architect being Charles Harris and the builder, Uriel Chamberlain. The church, a frame structure, although unfinished, was used for many years before it was finally dedicated in 1860.

## Wins National Title

Heather Steven, who won the recent Civitan essay contest for students from Bayview, Richmond Hill and Langstaff Secondary Schools, has won the national championship (Ontario and Quebec).

Miss Steven's winning essay, "Think, Speak, Participate, Build Canada," will not be entered in the international contest.

A grade 12 student at Bayview, Miss Steven gained the national finals by winning over her fellow students, Ann Corner and Marilyn Lee, who finished in the next two spots.

Following is Miss Steven's winning essay:

### Think - Speak - Participate Build Canada's Future

Think - speak - participate - build Canada's future. To each Canadian these words hold a different significance, but to all they denote an ambition, a purpose which each will help to fulfill. Canada, the country of tomorrow, is also the country of yesterday, for it is in the past that Canada's future was formed.

Thinking to an immigrant once meant a life of hope and promise in a new land: a land of youth and beauty, a land that held in its hand a future. In his dream the immigrant saw a future, a future for himself and his family. It was a dream that thousands made a reality.

A country rough and wild with new chances, new security and new beliefs. All this emanated from a thought, a turning over in one man's mind of the future he could build in a far-off country called Canada.

And so a thought was born, to grow and become an idea which is spoken. As thoughts turned into realities men began to speak their ideas and Canada grew. They were proud of their new country and they wanted it to be a nation. A nation which soon will celebrate a hundred years of Confederation because men spoke for her and because they foretold a great future for her. With her century of living, Canada has become a modern industrial titan; a country of mines, factories and wheat fields; a country with a future because men spoke.

When men speak they participate and by participation they help mould the future of Canada. They share in the affairs of their community, province and country, and with each contribution, Canada gains for the future. People from all walks of life contribute towards this end. The lawyers who make the law, the architects who design the skyscrapers, the social

workers who help the destitute to find work, and even the common laborers who repair the nation's highways, all assist in a lasting effort—for they leave their mark on Canada herself. Each Canadian can participate. For it is the small things that when added up to a whole make the biggest contribution to Canada. Canada became a nation because people participated; now Canada has her own flag because people shared in her affairs. This privilege of being able to take part freely as we please is something that we as Canadians should be very proud of. We live in a country where no one dictates what we can and cannot do. And so we participate as we choose, and while we take part we build.

As Canada is being built she is growing as well, growing in size, in stature and prestige. Canadians have built Canada by their ingenuity, skill and hard work. We have cut a life out of a wilderness and built it into a world power. And just as we have built in the past so will we build in the future. The future is ours. Ours to create and mould. We, the young, hold Canada's future like a candle; a flame that will burn steadily or flicker and go out. We are the ones who are to mould; we are the ones who are to mould a world of security and peace and Canada's part in it. Even if our contribution is small, it reflects the rest of the country. Each lasting effort drives Canada on to the future.

Just as in the past our forefathers thought, spoke and participated, so in the future we will think, speak, participate and build a life, a country and a future. We will build a future that began as a dream—a vision that radiated into a thought and this thought matured into a reality, a reality that holds a significance, a purpose which each will help to fulfill.

## Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Senators who retire at 75 under the new ruling will receive a pension of \$8,000 per year . . . and all the free meals they can eat on the banquet circuit.

### The Johnson Effect—

U.S. astronomers have discovered five new fast-moving objects in space which, they say, are receding from earth at the rate of 149,000 miles per second . . . Smart objects! And who says there's no intelligence in space?

Dentists who prefer lucrative metropolitan practices were rebuked at last week's convention of the Ontario Dental Association. They were told that their services are sorely needed in the remote areas of the province . . . where there are more wide open spaces than "Open wide!" faces.

GARMISCH-PARTKENKIRCH, GERMANY — (UP) — The worst avalanche in Alpine history . . . The story, of course, was about a snow avalanche although, at first thought, that avalanche of letters in the dateline was pretty worst, too.

The Kelly Commission set up to sift the dirt in the Windfall affair seems to be having its biggest problem with principals attempting to shift the dirt.

### Cultural Note—

Internationally known sculptors may be at work in Toronto's parks this summer. The city is considering spending \$40,000 for on-the-spot sculpturing which could be watched by parks' visitors . . . And at night it would give the vandals something to work on—and, with modern sculpture, who would know?

Soybean researchers at the University of California foresee the day when hamburgers will be meatless . . . Well why not? They're already hamless.

Top award at last week's Canadian Television Commercial Festival went to that crunching, chomping pitch for "Rosies" pickles. (Potato chips were nowhere and there was no entry from a celery sponsor.) Whipper Billy Watson was said to be disappointed that the festival had no worst commercial award for his bar bells.

The sit-in and butt-in activities of the "freedom" groups in our universities MAY not be supported by communism but they certainly support an argument for drop-outism.

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Fishing At The Mill Pond, Richmond Hill

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## Dear Mr. Editor

OUR NATION'S CAPITAL Dear Mr. Editor:

I wish to thank the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill for sponsoring me as a delegate to "Adventure in Citizenship 1965." From May 9-13 I joined with 249 other students from all the provinces and territories of Canada whose purpose was to meet and learn more about the workings of our federal government.

A busy program had been planned by the Rotary Club for all of us. Prominent speakers such as Prime Minister Pearson, Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and Hon. John Nicholson spoke to us about the values and responsibilities of good citizenship. I was especially impressed by our visit to the Parliament Buildings. I realized that I was being made and the lives of all Canadians were being affected.

The theme of the conference which stressed good citizenship also stressed the responsibilities of all Canadian citizens. The duties of all Canadians to be informed about major political issues and to be educated voters. Our discussion groups decided that apathy and generalizations about politics are used by many Canadians as excuses

for their mental laziness. If all citizens would take a more active interest in their MPs and stating their viewpoint, then democracy would certainly be strengthened.

I would urge all Canadians to visit Ottawa if only to enjoy the beauty of their capital. The view from the Peace Tower on Capital Hill is breathtaking. Directly below flows the Ottawa, glistening steel blue in the noon-day sun. The eyes take in that plain upon which a mere century and a half ago the beginnings of our nation's capital were found in a humble lumbering village. And far in the hazy distance, imprinted dark purple upon the horizon are the Gattineau.

All of us should be proud of Ottawa for well planned capitals of the world. I hope that by 1967 all Canadians will at least realize that Canada is among the most beautiful and free nations in the world and that this alone should be a cause for national pride and unity. This should be every Canadian's birthday present to Canada in 1967.

Yours truly, VALDI INKENS, 331 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill.



## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

### Mrs. Frank Walden of Aurora, First Woman on Guelph University Board

What does it take for woman to become a university governor? In this day and age where women are forging ahead in so many fields there is apt to be more important posts and appointments for women.

"I hope so," said attractive Dorothy Walden, "but only if they have the training and experience and ability to do the job." Mrs. Walden, the new woman member of the Guelph University Board is the wife of Frank Walden, biologist with the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple, and mother of David and John.

Mrs. Walden didn't think women should receive appointments merely because someone thinks there should be a woman member . . . or because of the action of some pressure group. She feels that in the ideal society, capable women should take their places besides capable men in all kinds of endeavours not because they are women but because they are the right person for the job. They should proceed toward the ideal at a rate dependent on the degree of success achieved by women now in positions of some importance.

Mrs. Frank Walden is the first woman to be

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