

Social Planning Board Seeks New Representatives From Area Groups

Richmond Hill Social Planning Council will attempt to bring a few more members into the fold and also reassess its boundaries, the regular monthly meeting decided last week.

Both resolutions were prompted by Ivan Mansbridge, town council representative on the board, who said he felt there were too many groups in the area doing the same thing.

"Wouldn't it be more effective if they were directed into one channel," said Mr. Mansbridge.

He cited one instance, in which a Richmond Hill citizen had rounded up a group of boys on his own to play football and had succeeded in organizing some worthwhile teams.

If such a group knew the services of the planning council were available, it would be of benefit all around, Mr. Mansbridge said.

Chairman Neil Mann agreed. "There are many things going on that we're not aware of," Mr. Mann said.

"We should co-ordinate things, so there isn't so much duplication."

He stressed the lack of communication among the various groups and proposed that representatives from each one be asked to sit with the planning council, "if you agree this is the best idea."

Said Mrs. Mae Stephenson: "I think the co-ordination of all committees is the finest thing that could be done." Rev. Donald Bone wondered if all the groups would be represented, or just registered with the council.

A. S. Elson suggested the groups appoint one person to look after their interests. He said he also felt that it was the council's job to find interested organizations and get them working in co-ordination with each other.

Mr. Mann, who suggested earlier in the meeting that council look around for a new project and that a meeting with local ministers be arranged for January, said that having the groups represented might tie in with the upcoming meeting with the clergy.

He said, however, that he would rather see the council remain "relatively small and hardworking." If a family service headquarters were set up in Richmond Hill, it was hoped to branch out more in the social service line.

The planning council recently presented a brief to York County Council recommending setting up a family service centre by the Children's Aid Society. Mr. Mann said that, in discussing the brief with the director of the CAS, D.C. Van Camp, he was informed that the CAS was making provision in its 1967 budget for the inclusion of one more social worker in June and one in the fall.

He said that County Judge George Sweeney, who also attended the meeting, had been asked to check for available office space in Richmond Hill.

On a motion of Mr. Elson,

it was agreed to authorize the council executive to "survey the field" and look for various groups and individuals to participate in the planning council.

Another motion to be considered at the next meeting was proposed by Mr. Mansbridge, after council found that its area of operation didn't extend as far as it thought it did.

The matter came to light after Bill Ellis asked if council wasn't spreading itself "too thin."

"Who says we are to be included in the Southern Six?" asked Mr. Ellis.

Council had considered itself as covering the Southern Six, and had received approval from the municipalities in that group on its brief to York County.

However, a review of earlier correspondence in which council outlined its plans to the various municipalities, showed that, while the Village of Woodbridge, was in accordance with council's aims, it did not wish to be represented by it.

In a letter written May 12, the village said it agreed with the need for family counselling services, "but feel it should be provided by a senior level of government above the county level."

Said Mr. Mansbridge: "I guess we don't represent the Southern Six then."

A motion by Mr. Mansbridge that council discuss boundaries for the counselling service at its January meeting was passed unanimously.

Richmond Hill's Centennial Swimming Pool may lead a sheltered existence in a few more years.

With Mr. Mansbridge and John Van Eckelenburg leading the way, council agreed that it would be a good idea to put a roof on the pool in the near future.

Mr. Van Eckelenburg said there was "lots of waste" at the pool at present, while Mr. Mansbridge said it was necessary to get a cover for the pool to make it worthwhile. He said the initial cost

would be about \$65,000, with another \$200,000 for extra rooms and other facilities.

"To have a building like that with a pool in it and not using it (in the winter months) is sheer waste," Mr. Mansbridge said.

Said Mrs. Stephenson: "What about money?"

Mr. Mansbridge said the matter involved two distinct things: the need for it first, and then the cost. If the money wasn't available right away, it could be done in stages. The schools could be utilized in the meantime for other recreational purposes.

Right now, a roof on the pool would be a start, Mr. Mansbridge said.

The rest of council agreed.

The group also agreed that more use should be made of Mrs. Stephenson's services on her friendship committee.

A former teacher of 40 years' experience, Mrs. Stephenson said she was appointed to head the committee at the start of the year, but the duties had never been clearly defined.

However, after working with children for so long, she felt she could contribute somewhat to their understanding and enjoyed meeting with parents to do so.

"If I'm going to be on this committee, I want to do something," Mrs. Stephenson said.

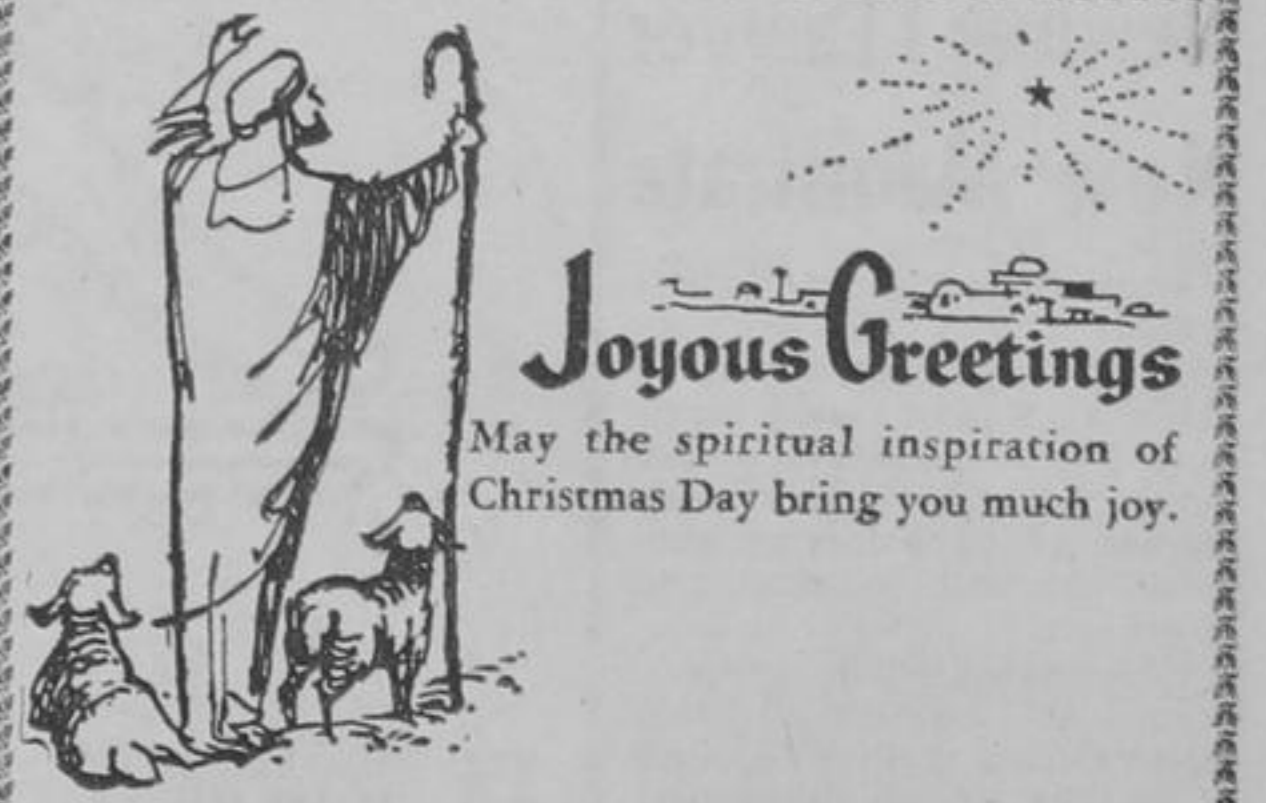
Council agreed more should be done to encourage outside response to Mrs. Stephenson's committee.

Council also: Moved that it discuss its 1967 budget at its January meeting.

Authorize Mr. Bone to approach the area ministerial association regarding a replacement for him on the council.

Mr. Bone, assistant curate, St. Mary's Anglican Church, has been appointed rector of Christ Church at Roche's Point.

Agreed to study a brochure detailing the work done by the company of young Canadians as suggested by Mrs. Elizabeth Kelson, with a view to establishing a liaison with them in the near future.



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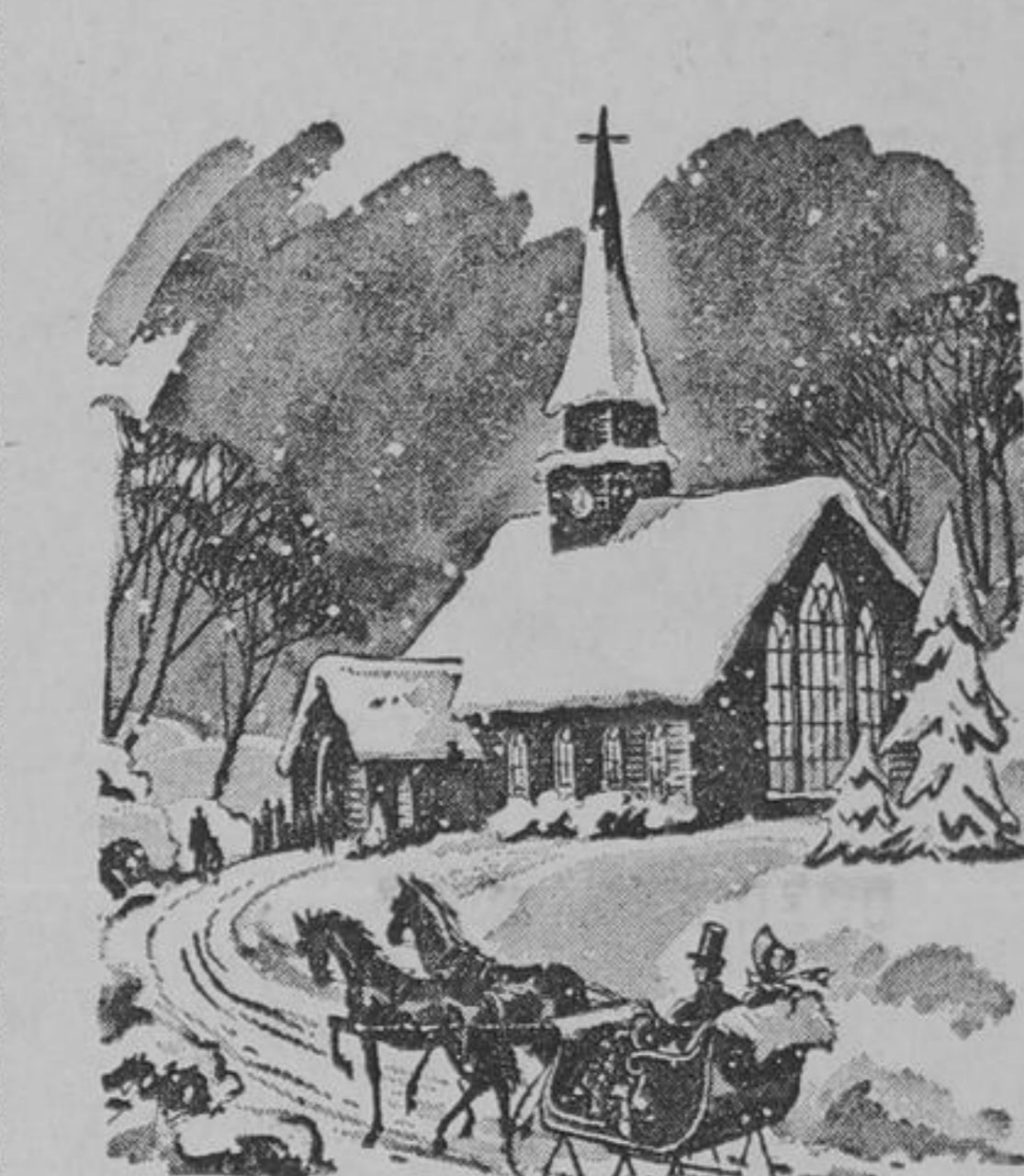


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NEWMARKET: Dr. Lowell W. Dales died at York County Hospital December 11. He was 76 last September and founded, in his own home, a cottage hospital which grew into the present York County Hospital, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1927. Dr. Dales first practiced in Aurora, moving to Newmarket in 1920. He was coroner for the area for many years and served as reeve and later mayor of the town. York County Warden Joseph O. Dales is his son.

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Well! Isn't this a swinging little part of the world to live in? Last week we rated two headlines on the sports' page of a Toronto daily.

First, the World Curling Championship was brought home by the Unionville Ladies, returning from Glasgow, with Mollie Hood and Mary McTavish as members of the rink which included Helen Jewett and Mary Fleming. And second, the new Buttonville fly-in golf course was featured in a story. To the ladies we extend hearty congratulations.

As to the proposed golf course, it will be interesting to see how this develops in the Centennial year.

According to the story, Bert Turcotte, president of Eglinton Golf Enterprises has assembled 47 acres of land including the Douglas Hood Farm and part of Miss Dell Stephenson's property which lies along the river valley west of Don Mills Road, and borders Buttonville Airport.

The course would have double tees on nine greens, permitting an 18-hole game, and Mr. Turcotte is quoted as saying "a motel — and we've already had approval to build — would make it a perfect spot for an amateur pilot." The report also states plans include a swimming pool, equipped restaurant and other refreshment facilities in the motel.

The golf course sounds wonderful — the motel may run into problems.

We checked with the township offices regarding the proposed motel, and were told by Planning Director Ian Keith that first approval would be up to the York County MOH and health unit. "If he objects to a septic tank, it's out," said Mr. Keith.

"Also," he continued "the access to Don Mills Road is another point. The entry is by a

farm lane, and whether a 25 foot roadway would be permitted is a question. But they haven't applied (to the township) for a permit, and until then the question is academic."

Building Inspector Fred Fudge agreed with Mr. Keith. "I have seen a preliminary drawing of a site plan," he said, "but I've never heard of even preliminary approval from the York County Health Unit on any private sewage system. Until this is all approved we can't consider it."

An extension of Metro sewers is being sought by the township council for the Don Mills Road Industrial Area, two miles south of the proposed motel, but even this seems to be a year or two in the future.

Church News

TYRO Leaders Gordon Brown and Neil Armstrong held a Christmas Party for members of their boy's group at Brown's Corners United on Tuesday of last week, and reports were most enthusiastic — about the music particularly.

The Sigma-C group has gone leaderless this fall, but now Jack

Bishop has stepped into the deep and will meet boys 12 years and over at the church the first Wednesday in January. The time has been 7:00 pm but it is best to check.

For the first time in years I missed the candlelight service presented by CGIT, Explorers, and other youth groups on the Victoria Square Charge.

But according to report there was a "very large congregation" and for the first time there was a real parking problem at Victoria Square Church.

Taking part in the program were approximately 70 girls from Headford, Victoria Square and Brown's Corners Churches.

Mrs. Henry Pieterse has accepted the presidency of Brown's Corners UCV, and vice-presidents are first Mrs. S. R. Patterson, second Mrs. A. W. Miller and third, Mrs. W. Rodiek. Each of the vice-presidents will accept responsibility for leadership of three meetings, with Mrs. Rodiek to take January.

The nomination meeting was held December 7 in the Christian education room and except for the secretaryship which has

been accepted by Past President Mrs. Harold Steffler, the other offices will be filled in January.

Mrs. Steffler occupied the chair for the Christmas Service, and read the call to worship. Mrs. Elmore Hill read the Christmas Story from St. Luke, and Mrs. A. F. Binnington led a meditation on "Bethlehem Today," and showed pictures and described Bethlehem as seen in a tour last summer.

Mrs. A. W. Miller sang two solos: "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming", and "I Heard the Bells of Christmas," with accompaniment by Mrs. S. J. English.

Dr. Binnington conducted the election of officers, and dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Hostesses were Mrs. Douglas Hood, Mrs. Peter Walker, Mrs. E. Hill, and assistants Mrs. Binnington, Mrs. Norman Reid, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. English.

Neighborhood Notes

There will be a wedding in the Ross Hord Family this next week. David Hord and his bride-to-be plan to be married December 31, at Marmora, and members of the family will attend.



MR. & MRS. PAUL BERESFORD BRENT

"... With This Ring I Thee Wed"

St. Mary's Anglican Church chapel was the scene of the June 30 double ring ceremony which united in marriage Diane Carol Winstone and Paul Beresford Brent. Rev. James O'Neil performed the ceremony by candlelight and white carnations and chrysanthemums graced the altar for the evening wedding. Lois Perkins was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Winstone and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Brent, all of Richmond Hill.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a floor length gown of white faille fashioned with a train. The bodice and three-quarter length sleeves were of Spanish lace and her headpiece was a Spanish mantilla trimmed with matching lace. She carried a prayer book adorned with a gardenia.

Mary Parkinson was maid of honor, the groom's sister Heather Brent was bridesmaid and the bride's cousin, Eloise Cholmondeley was the junior bridesmaid. All wore floor length gowns of green chiffon over taffeta. The senior attendants' gowns were fashioned with Empire waistline trimmed with braid and with a small train. The headpieces were small veils held in place with a flower made of the same material. The junior bridesmaid's dress was made on the A-line and she wore a headband of flowers of the same material. All attendants carried

nosegays of Taisman roses and white carnations.

Bruce Elson was the best man and the bride's brother, Burt Winstone and the groom's cousin, Brian Steele were the ushers.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 385 East Street, Mrs. Winstone receiving in a turquoise dress with Empire waistline and with

a matching three-quarter length jacket. She was assisted by Mrs. Brent, who chose a navy blue dress with matching short jacket and white and navy accessories for her son's wedding.

For a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride donned a pale blue boucle suit with beige accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brent are now residing in Toronto.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF YORK COUNTY NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the members of the Children's Aid Society of York County will be held in the County Building at Newmarket, on Wednesday, the 11th day of January 1967, at the hour of 8 p.m. in the afternoon, for the following purpose: To consider and if approved, to ratify, sanction, confirm and approve BYLAW No. 3, reducing the number of directors of the Children's Aid Society of York County from 25 to 20.

Dated at the Town of Newmarket this 12th day of December, 1966.

Mrs. Ross Jolliffe, Secretary
Children's Aid Society of York County.

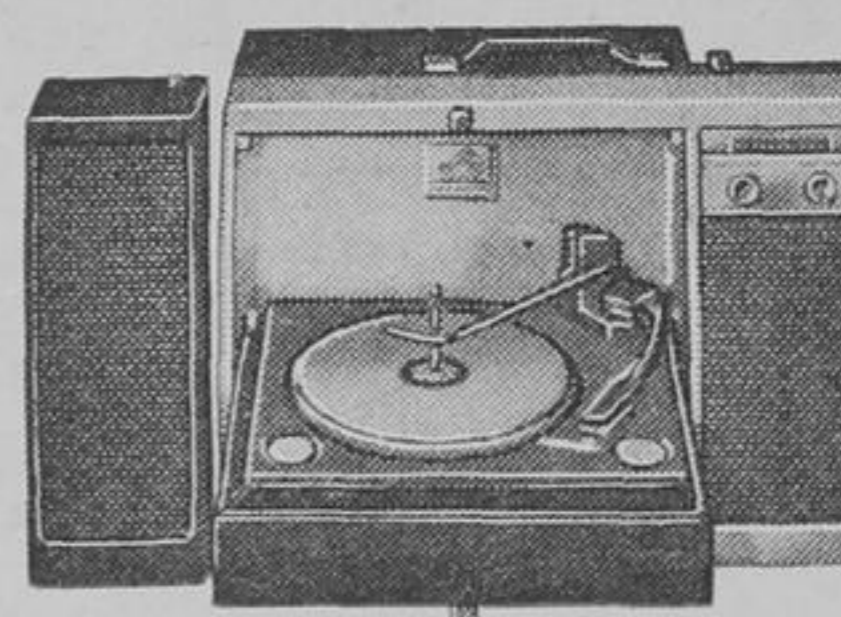
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