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One Man's Contribution

A personal contribution to the observance of Canada's Centennial, which will be a lasting one, is that of Jerry Diakiw, a young resident who plans to write an anecdotal and pictorial history of Richmond Hill. He has already spent countless hours in researching the subject and has secured many fine pictures taken by the late Jerry Smith.

Mr. Smith will long be remembered in this community as a watchmaker par excellence, but few people know that in the early years of this century he was also an avid amateur photographer, whose finished work carries the mark of a man who was satisfied only with the best. He has left for posterity a visual record of life in those times which cannot be matched.

Head of the geography department of Richmond Hill High School, Mr. Diakiw is an experienced writer and has just finished a script for the voting hours of precious spare time CBC. He has been a world traveller and has had many experiences which are not the lot of the average traveller. Included amongst these was the Castro-led revolution in Cuba and

a stay in a monastery in the Himal-

His history of Richmond Hill when completed and published should find a place in every home in the community — it will be read with interest by every citizen and will, we are certain, be passed on from generation to generation as a treasured and lasting remembrance of Centennial

If there are any other photographs of Richmond Hill as it was and records of anecdotes of early life in the settlement and history tucked away in the older homes of the town, Mr. Diakiw would, we are certain, be pleased to be permitted to use them. In doing this, you will be serving your community well in preserving its

history. We commend Mr. Diakiw for his initiative and personal sacrifice in deto his Centennial project and assure him that we, in common with most of his fellow citizens, are eagerly waiting for an opportunity to see the finished product.

Serving The Community

It is hoped that deliberations by Richmond Hill Public School Board will result in a "Yes" answer to a recent request by the local YWCA.

This very active group which has carried on a gradually expanded program of activities for young women and girls since its inception a few years ago, has labored and is still laboring under severe handicaps. For several years its members proved that a successful program could be carried out without a building by using recreation rooms and school auditoriums.

They have finally acquired a Headquarters at 25 Yonge Street North and are using these quarters efficiently and to capacity.

A Y Teen group has been using the gymnasium at Crosby Heights School for its activities, and it is for this group that better accommodation is sought in that school. The groups are kept small intentionally and are well supervised, earning the compliments of the caretaking staff for the tidy condition in which they leave the premises. However, it is felt that the program often would be more effective in a smaller room under more intimate conditions where "cosy" discussions may be held and craftwork carried on.

The Y has also asked for the use of the home economics room at Crosby Heights School so that sewing classes may be organized for the teenagers, and for the use of school equipment such as volley balls, tumbling mats, film projector and kitchen facilities on occasion.

It has been pointed out that fees paid by Y members are spent completely on the payment of instructors and rent, light and heat and the association receives no assistance from outside. In larger centres, where there is a Red Feather or Community Chest campaign the Y is usually one of the organizations supported from the funds raised.

Ratepayers in Richmond Hill, and most members of the Y or their parents are taxpayers, directly or indirectly and have a large investment in school buildings and equipment. We feel that they should be allowed to use these facilities if the board is given assurances they will be used with proper care, to eliminate damage and unnecessary work for the custodial staff.

We feel the Y should be encouraged wherever possible in providing this important community service.

The fact that over a million Canadians have kicked the cigarette habit should be heartening news to the country's remaining five million smokers-particularly in view of the warning from the United States that the National Advisory Cancer Council blames cigarette smoking for producing an "enormous epidemic of lung cancer."

After all, if there are one million people in this country who have given up cigarettes, it can't be all that difficult. Can it?

The estimate was issued recently by the Department of National Health and Welfare. It found that 32 out of every 100 (more than 320,000 Canadians), abandoned cigarettes for "unspecified" health reasons; another 14 per cent didn't like the smoker's throat and cough they developed from smoking; 12 per cent had no special reason; 10 per cent (100,000 Canadians) gave up on doctors' orders. Only four per cent, strangely enough, admitted to stopping because of the cancer scare. The remainder - 12 per

cent - found cigarettes too expen-

The wording of the U.S. cancer council warning should frighten the smokers. Past experience indicates it won't. Yet if words aren't enough to overcome the addiction, once acquired, surely they should put some kind of sense into those who have yet to taste the noxious weed. The fact that 300 people a day start smoking is the most difficult figure of all to explain.

The bulk of these are youngsters. The federal health department has been aiming its strongest educational efforts at discouraging them from taking up the habit, and is trying to find out which type of approach works best. It has a variety of other studies launched on human motivations in connection with smoking, and a pilot centre in operation in Toronto where people are being taught to break the habit.

But cigarette consumption continues to rise, and it is clear that the government is not going to solve this problem for its citizens. It's up to us this time. - Ottawa Citizen.



Ontario Musicians Play In Pasadena

Six of the 11 young Ontario musicians who participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, January 2, are shown here with Hon. James Auld, Ontario Minister of Tourism & Information.

Sponsored by the Independent Order of Foresters, the group took the Ontario flag with them as a gift from the province to the Governor of California. Shown (left to right) are: M. D. Robinson of Kitchener, Bob Rapson of Toronto, Jim Howard of Hamilton, Bob Holway of Hamilton, Bob Cable of Kitchener, Mr. Auld, and David Elliot of Toronto.

by Elizabeth Kelson

Rambling Around

It Was A Very Special Christmas

Dinner

old year, 1966, that I would like to share with you.

I'd like to transport you to a place where you can

share good company, good food, good conversation

and receive a fine gift amidst a warm and beautiful

special class of Thornhill Public School and the

occasion was their annual dinner. I was lucky

enough to be invited. Presiding over the affair

were two special teachers, Mrs. Hazel Hill of the

junior class and John Ginn of the senior class. Mr.

with me because I must tell you that Mrs. Hill and

Mr. Ginn are the warmest and most human of

people. They relate in the most admirable way to

some very special children at Thornhill Public School.

A SPECIAL RECEPTION

The guests were assembling and children were hurry-

ing hither and you to greet them. Two youngsters

offered sprigs of holly while others gave out name

room, all its splendid decorations made by the child-

ren. They had also made the table decorations.

Down the centre of each long table was a row of

glittering cone-like structures covered with gold

paint. It was explained that the minute objects

under the paint were different sizes and shapes of

macaroni. The place cards, also made by a student,

were unique. If you can imagine a little red paper

boat fastened to a tiny red cardboard platform, add

a jaunty little red flag perched atop a spaghetti

mast and pieces of macaroni for propellor and prow,

GOOD COMPANY

at one of the festive tables and found myself sur-

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The Swiss cigarette industry out: advertisements in juvenile

Swiss Control Smoke Ads Voluntarily

ed a number of definite rules ing of cigarette brands

I was guided by one of my little friends to a seat

I arrived at the school at the appointed time.

A Christmas Tree filled a whole corner of the

If I keep emphasizing the word "special", bear

Ginn lives in Richmond Hill.

setting.

cards and pins.

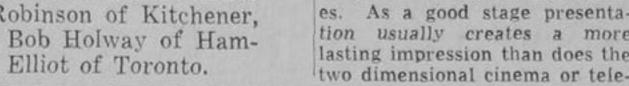
you will get the picture.

its general assembly had adopt-

from smoking.

I have a fine memory carried over from that

The place was the classroom of the junior



George Mayes On -

Yuletide spirit thought:

"Aw, maybe the French aren't so bad after New Year's news thought:

". . . but that's the trouble! They ARE after

with soldiers setting off 100-gun salutes across (almost) all of Canada and civilians getting into the act with new records for banged-up cars.

And it promises to be quite a year for Flip-Side viewing. For starters we had:

Christmas truces catching fire in Vietnam . . . and draft cards catching fire in the U.S.

Unions, in Toronto, going on strike against each other. (Just to keep in practise.)

China developing world-size firecrackers. The Arab nations of Jordan and Syria fighting amongst themselves to see who gets first crack at

Israel. (Or would it be to see who DOESN'T?) A Creditiste MP (and father of eight) resolv-

ing to open Parliament with an all-out fight for higher family allowance cheques.

while the Toronto Stock Exchange continues to look for a new president. Richmond Hill planning improved garbage collections through the week while the CBC plans im-

proved garbage distribution on Sunday.

TREAL. British bookmakers taking bets on the number of prisoners who will escape on any given day.

The Quebec Bar Association calling for a Royal the Quebec Police Chiefs' Association calling for pal comforts, sidewalks on every pleted in late autumn. a Royal Commission to investigate the bar associa-

Mini-baggipes for apartment dwellers — so small they can even be played in a phone booth. . . . But how could a piper march in a phone booth? Forget

The Ontario Youth Conference on Alcoholism (Continued on Page 12)

etters to the Editors

EDUCATION REPORT

hill and so on each appear cap-RECEIVES COPY OF able, with their 'feeder' areas has agreed to tone down its pub- magazines and newspapers, pic- Dear Mr. Editor: of supporting a school system, (3) Special services beyond Since writing the article the reach of a district board

licity and to a set of "ethical torial cigarette ads showing The Swiss Association of in connection with movie stars about the reorganization of edu-could best be provided on a Cigarette Manufacturers said or pop singers "who might incation in York County, I have co-operative basis on a county been delighted to receive copies scale. Here is where the counof the report of the York Coun- ty does come in, but these ser mainly aimed at keeping youths sportswear and distribution of ty Public Schools Consultative vices should be under control of Committee. These came to me the district boards.

cigarette samples to young from Robert Luke, the chair- (4) Financial inequality lies people below the age of 18 as man of that committee, and beyond the power of the county The "ethical standards" rule well as in army training camps. from the county office on in- to solve. It requires action struction of Warden J. O. Dales. from Queen's Park. Example: I thought I should hasten to the board which hires a wellassure your readers that the qualified, experienced teacher ability to get a copy of the re- pays a higher proportion of port is apparently no longer an school costs than the board which hires an ill-qualified

In view of what I said before neophyte. Per-pupil grants have I was able to study the report this effect. The problem reitself. I should like to make a mains no matter how many, or Jim Ryan \$30 to \$40 in food few points briefly (space for- how few boards there are in the bids detailed analysis) county

(1) Amalgamation of elem- (5) Much labour has gone into are now vitally interested in entary and secondary systems the report. There are hopeful

signs that the county council (2) But this can be done with- may now agree to a wider con-Strangely enough this inter- out making school systems so sultation. It would be better Not only that but he gives est has stemmed from the big that administration loses to discover the many potential the minds of most people. An which time his owner may mond Hill and Vaughan free accident service to dogs public. They are as sure as vital connection with the com- flaws now than to cope with a Irishman from County Claire phone up and claim him up- Township — he has changed — and to other animals. If they need to be that the dogs munity and the classroom. The mountain of grievances later. named James Ryan has on paying a fee — and then all that. He goes on the he finds a dog on the road in their townships are ending proposal for the north end of The council itself has already changed all that. Today the he is allowed to shoot the principle that the dog should that's been hurt he adminis- up in the hands of people the county appears excellent removed the most dangerous council, the local press and dog. He gets \$5 for each get the benefit of the doubt ters first aid, takes it home engaged in experimental in view of the geography up proposal: that of a county-wide the people are solidly behind dog shot — for each pair of at all times. When he or and tries to find someone work — at \$15 or more per there: a single board of educa- board superimposed over the local boards. Let's be thankful Unfortunately, the boards for the work already done and

> BRUCE MICKLEBURGH. 207 Lorne Ave., Newmarket.

Centennial

CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONER

Report

since the pre-ice-age era.

based on the folder can he children grasp the significand Canada's teachers have the vision screen, so will the Con- of what they will see and hea opportunity in 1967 to help|federation exhibits influence on their visits.

make a visit to the Confedera-youngsters. The Centennial Commissio tion Train or Caravan exhibi- The exhibits also are likely to has a great appreciation for the tions a memorable and valuable develop a curiosity among contribution teachers can make children, and adults too, about to the train and caravan pro-The train, starting January 9 the historical background of our jects. at Victoria on a cross-Canada country. A journalist, comtour of 63 cities, and the Con- menting on a pre-tour visit to

ants of early immigrants from

more than 700 communities are, "make you want to head for the in effect, travelling teaching library to check the why's and aids. The story of Canada from when's" of certain developments the primeval times will unfold in Canadian history. before the eyes of children as What, for example, were the they experience, by sight and underlying reasons for the Riel sound, and adventure through Rebellion in 1885? Were Enghistory. Life-size models, sound lish laws enforced in Canada effects, lighting, artifacts and up to 1931 when the Statute of photography will enable child- Westminster was passed? Were ren to live through great events the west coast Indians descend-

federation Caravans, visiting the exhibits, told us that they

deck of a Viking ship at sea or prompted by a visit to the train peering through the slit of a or caravans. sandbagged trench in no-man's A Quebec writer visiting the land amid the din of battle - train also said, "It's like another such experiences produce a world to me - I've discovered more lasting impression than so much about the history of would a film or television pro- the West I simply didn't know anything about"

Standing on the timbered Asia? Questions like those are

in a three dimensional world do not constitute a complete the travelling Confederation exwhich will affect all their sens- history of Canada. In fact hibits. es. As a good stage presentation usually creates a more Flashback lasting impression than does the

Visitors to the exhibits will be The train or caravan exhibits Pre-ice-age forest in one of

there are many gaps. But

do provide a broad impre-

Teachers can ensure tha visit is a valuable experience

helping beforehand to fill some gaps both in the exhib story and in children's know

A guide to classroom discus sions is to reach the desks

teachers, well before the train

and caravans arrive in commun ties, in the form of an attra-

tive Centennial Commission co

or folder. It indicates how t

story of Canada is told by t exhibits. Classroom discussion

ledge of history.

In Years Gone By

"Like all other places, Richmond Hill once had an origin and unlike some others it has resolutely continued to exist and is still determined to work out its destiny," William Harrison wrote in an introduction to a scrapbook in which he had compiled clippings of his historical writings in "The Liberal". The date was probably 1909.

"Because of our interior posi-present, leaving others to mantion midway between the two age the future when it arrives." great arteries of commerce, the And for a half century Rich-Northern and the Nipissing Rail- mond Hill continued to be a ways, as a village we are not sleepy country village, serving likely to make any great rise the farming community, and de-Nineteen sixty seven started off with a bang- among our sister villages, veloping slowly and somewhat Neither do I suppose that we haphazardly, as present planners shall be so unfortunate as to know to their sorrow. There was make any great fall.

a flurry of building in the 1920's "In many respects Richmond when Benson and Hunt Avenues Hill is beautiful for situation were developed - and residents and is surrounded by the pic- of those days can recall when Christmas trees catching fire in Canada and turesque. Elevated as it is so the spring breakup often saw many feet above the lake we are three or four delivery trucks free from the miasma of mired in the heavy York clay

swamps and the malaria of low for days on end. lands. Our sanitary laws are It was not until 1952 when second to none for the preserva- Richmond Hill annexed 1,000 tion of health and our drinking acres of Markham Township, water is of the best and easily that the impetus was given

which pushed the village almost "We have churches and pub- overnight into the status of a lic buildings that compare fav- town. Annexation was effective orably with any in the dominion, January 1, 1953, and the lands ease of communication with To- included the already developed ronto by rail, telegraph or tele- Elmwood and Harding Subdi-Financial corporations continuing to collapse phone, a well-equipped engine visions. The council announced and fire brigade, all the leading that industrial development organizations for the promotion would have to precede residenof intellectuality, morality and tial development. Sanitary sewinsurance in case of accidents, age installation, started in 1951, sickness or death, a local period- was completed in 1952.

ical, high and public schools In 1953, 138 building permits The Telegram boasting it now has foreign bur- with efficient teachers, a splen- were issued which increased the eaus in Washington, London, Moscow and MON- did public library, a popular assessment by \$200,000 and mechanic's institute, and a pub- brought the population up to 3,lic park. 310. In the same year Ratcliffs

"Our reeve and council have (Canada) Limited purchased studied economy and kept the property on Yonge Street North taxes low for years and yet have to erect the first unit of their Commission to investigate police brutality . . . and provided us with many munici-rolling mill, which was comstreet and a crossing to almost every man's door.

"In addition we are surround- AURORA: With snow-removal Ottawa calling for a Royal Commission to invest- ed by a wealthy farming com- problems looming, town police igate the possibility of turning itself and Hull into munity who use Richmond Hill have warned they will be ticketa federal district . . . Making Bytown a Bi-Bi town. as their market place. The prob-ing overnight parkers in Aurability is that Richmond Hill ora. The ban includes parking will continue to work out its on the shoulders of the street.

YORK CENTRAL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD AND THE ADVISORY VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE OFFER

ADULT EDUCATION EVENING PROGRAMME

Winter Term January - March 1967 10 Weeks

Classes will begin and registration will take place as follows:

Bayview Secondary School 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 3 Wednesday, January 4

Monday, January 9 For information phone D. Frise, R. Seltzer, 884-4453.

Thornhill Secondary School Wednesday, January 4 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Woodbridge High School

Monday, January 9 For information phone R. Templeton 889-5453, L. Morrison 889-4948.

There are openings in a few classes in each

The following additional courses will be offered once a week commencing Wednesday, January 11th at - Thornhill Secondary School

if the registration is sufficient. Gourmet Cooking for men Golf Fee \$10 plus \$2 registration fee

Typing for Beginners Fee \$5 plus \$2 registration fee M. J. Kinnee, Chairman

Advisory Vocational Committee J. D. H. Honsberger, Chairman York Central District High School Board

S. L. G. Chapman, Superintendent of Secondary Schools

Dog Catcher? No; Canine Control? Yes, Say Public

By DEAN HUGHES In The Toronto Daily Star (A well known writer, Mr. Hughes is a resident of Unionville. His weekly column "The Sideroad" is a reg- catcher as an extra source of ular feature in the Saturday revenue. And the routine is

Township the term "dog dogs, keeps them the precatcher" no longer exists in scribed three days - during Township - and for Richcanine control. In fact it's match and thus establish vehicle and employs three veterinary knowledge isn't about it.

time insurance business or some other similar job and of people who are absent they're given the job as dog simple. He chases around in

he has done away with. Of course the old medieval Under such an inhumane home. Usually they can, year course in Britain - he ine officer doesn't have to be takes in too many unrelated

make develops greediness. owner doesn't want the dog own pocket for the treatdogs from verandas or yards from their homes. Anything to provide him with another determined is he to give the pair of dog's ears.

trol officer for Markham it. probably a "first" for any proof of the number of dogs men - see a dog running sufficient - and he is a As Jim Ryan says, "The proposed for the centre and hope for more progress.

dogs have been at Jim Ryan's kennels for weeks. So dog every chance to live that

Other nearby townships

fluence young people," mention-

us. There are hundreds of for all the money he can summon the owner. If the inary and pays out of his to sell a dog to a laboratory". Markham, Stouffville, Thorn-

Usually they're in the part- He has been known to grab they try to place it with ment. Many a dog during someone who does. Some the past six years has cost and veterinary fees.

Since Jim Ryan took over he practically moves heaven having Jim Ryan take over is a big step forward. Up here in Markham his truck, picks up stray the position of canine con- and earth to find a home for canine control in their areas. him in his new concept of dogs' ears he turns in that his men — he operates one who will adopt it. If his own dog. And they're up in arms tion centred on Sutton.

loose they try to drive it graduate of a special four- laws are very loose. A can- south are each too big. Each type dog catcher is still with system a dog catcher's desire Then they leave the dog and takes the animal to a veter- licensed. And it isn't illegal communities. Richmond Hill,