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A Job Well Done

It was in June 1966 that Richmond Hill's arena board approached council with a suggestion that a regulation-size arena could be erected beside the old arena at no cost to the taxpayer.

Friday evening that new arena will be officially opened.

Since the first hockey players and skaters stepped onto the ice January 6, the new ice surface and the one in the old arena have been in use every available minute, proving that the new facility was greatly needed.

In the 18 months many people were involved in planning the building and its financing and in bringing those plans to a successful conclusion, surmounting obstacles posed by the weather and labor disputes.

The efficient planning is reflected in the new building which provides seating for 1,800 people, a comfortable mezzanine lounge on the second floor, with washrooms and canteen facilities and an equally large room on the ground floor which will be finished to provide facilities for meetings and social events.

But the greatest planning efficiency is evident in the fact that levels of both rinks are the same,

permitting easy transfer of ice-making equipment from one ice surface to the other at the north end. Similar passageways at the south end link the two arenas. This permits both ice surfaces to be used for an event with access to both arenas from one entrance. Or each arena may be used by a different organization with separate entrances and the connecting passageways closed.

The public will be able to see all of these features and the many others at the official opening of the arena Friday evening. At that time, too, they can pay tribute to the town's arena board, which conceived the original plan: Elgin Barrow, Brydon Ellis, Jack Hollowell, Allan Bales, Bill McVean, Eric Charity, Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins and Councillor William Lazenby.

Also to be honored and thanked is the arena building committee, which has been constantly active in planning, in supervising construction and in watching expenditures, to see that the town received value for every dollar spent. Members of this hard-working committee are: Chairman George Chassie, Jack Hollowell, Douglas Moore, David Harvey, Thomas Graham, Stewart Gill, Graeme Bales and council representatives John MacDiarmid and William Lazenby, secretary.

Let Experience Speak

During the course of the nine-month long Ontario Municipal Board's "off again, on again" hearing last year into Metro's application to establish two dump sites in Vaughan Township, the North and South Thackeray sites, much evidence was brought to light which discredited the much-vaunted MacLaren Report which was the basis of Metro's application for the sites.

Metro paid \$175,000 for the report, said to be the most exhaustive study of waste disposal ever done in North America, and it was designed to cope with Metro's garbage disposal problems for the next 20 years. The ultimate solution as set out in the report, is the establishment of a series of mammoth dump sites, all located conveniently (for Metro politicians) outside Metro boundaries.

The two Thackeray sites in Vaughan total better than 600 acres of land and Metro has now indicated that it will seek a 745-acre site near Maple. Last week, initial moves were made in the acquisition of three sites in Pickering Township.

It was evident at the conclusion of the OMB hearing on the Thackeray sites however, that Chairman J. A. Kennedy had some reservations about the recommendations of the MacLaren Report. His decision was that the South Thackeray site should be made available to Metro (to which Vaughan had agreed initially) but that decision on the larger north site be deferred and considered in conjunction with a possible application for the Maple site.

Even more serious reservations about the MacLaren Report were outlined by Toronto's Commissioner of Streets Harold Atyeo, chairman of the city's committee of public works, in a report made to Toronto City Council last October.

Mr. Atyeo flatly contradicts the MacLaren Report conclusion that landfill and incineration are the only

practical methods of waste disposal. He points out that the so-called "sanitary landfill" method of waste disposal, that is, garbage dumps, bring the associated three evils of water, ground and air pollution and insists that "to date no satisfactory means of control has been found to eliminate any of these conditions".

Even more damning is his statement that the report recommends the use for landfill sites of fine agricultural lands and that when filled "these lands cannot FOR CENTURIES be used for agriculture or development."

The only feature which justifies the landfill method of disposal is the immediate cost factor. Mr. Atyeo has concluded and even in full knowledge of the costs involved, he remains firmly convinced that incineration should be given preference over landfill schemes.

Mr. Atyeo further reveals that when Metro Works Commissioner Ross Clark called a meeting of borough works commissioners last June, it was the unanimous opinion of this group that more emphasis should be placed on incineration than was recommended in the MacLaren Report, although of course Mr. Clark did not reveal this at the then current OMB hearing.

Mr. Atyeo and the other borough engineers who were so critical of the MacLaren Report recommendations are all men of long experience in waste disposal and its financial aspects.

If and when Metro renews its application for the North Thackeray site and/or makes application for the Maple site, we would like to see these gentlemen called on for their more than informed opinions.

Perhaps if Metro Works Committee would ask the advice of this informed group, citizens of both Metro and Vaughan could even be spared the expense of another lengthy OMB hearing entirely.



It's School Holiday Time

There's a new school holiday this year . . . the week of March 18 to 22 . . . replacing the traditional Easter week holiday. Drivers are advised to be on the alert for carefree children like the little girl above. She's so intent on retrieving her ball that she's forgotten the danger of running out from between parked cars.

And the Ontario Department of Transport has this reminder for parents too: make sure your children know and follow the traffic safety rules . . . look both ways before you cross the street . . . keep out from between parked cars . . . ride your bike safely, obey signs and signals . . . play games in a safe place away from traffic . . . walk, don't run, when you leave the curb . . . walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.

Window On The Past

By Doris M. Fitzgerald

Member of old Thornhill family has unique record

Miss Muriel Dean is a fourth generation resident on John Street, Thornhill. More unusual however is the fact that she still lives in the house in which she was born 64 years ago.

This may not be a record in some rural communities, but we believe it is in Thornhill today. From her family home she can look across a beautiful ravine to the farm once owned by her great grandfather Matthew Dean, and which in earlier times was part of the property on which Allan McNab built both a saw and a flour mill in 1820.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dean and their oldest child John came to Canada from Yorkshire about 1855. Their journey began with danger and discouragement because the first ship on which they sailed foundered off the coast of England. However a month later they embarked again and eventually made their way safely to

Thornhill where Mr. Dean found employment at John Street, Thornhill. More unusual however is the fact that she still lives in the house in which she was born 64 years ago.

Later he took up farming on Concession 2, Vaughan Township, just north of what is now Steeles Avenue. After Mr. Brunskill's death his extensive properties were divided and put up for sale and Matthew Dean bought the "north farm" comprised of 91 acres for \$4,400 in 1880. Matthew died in 1901 and one of his younger sons, Major, operated the farm until 1937 when he sold out to George McCullough, publisher of the Globe and Mail.

Mr. McCullough bought some additional land and created a beautiful country estate which he did not live many years to enjoy. The next owner Dr. E. E. Shoubridge of the Shoubridge Surgery also died and his executors recently sold a large acreage to real estate developers.

Matthew Dean's eldest son John William became a drover and wholesale butcher and in time was joined in business by his own son William A. In 1892 John Dean bought the large comfortable house at the edge of the ravine on John St. It was probably almost 50 years old then and has been remodelled several times in the interim. John Dean vacated this house in favor of his son William and his bride Edith May Caseley who celebrated their golden wedding there.

Wilfred R. the eldest of their six children was a successful flour and feed merchant, and served the community as Thornhill Village Trustee, chairman of the York Central District High School Board, Markham Township Councillor, and served his death in 1963. Muriel of whom we are writing, retired in 1965 after 43 years with Ash Temple, a Toronto dental supply firm, and is now working part time at the Thornhill Veterinary Clinic; Retia is Mrs. Chris Morrow of Willowdale; Lucille is Mrs. E. T. Pherrill, Thornhill, Loretta, at home, has been with the Workmen's Compensation Board for a good many years; Ross the youngest son is with Honeywell Controls and he and his family also live on John Street.

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Weekly Views Of The News

The Sarnia Gazette fears an overpowering Toronto influence in the Ontario Legislature.

The job of Jim Bullbrook MLA, will not only be to let Sarnia be heard, but to join forces with the many other "non-Toronto" communities which are getting fed up with diminished rights and autocratic boards.

The Ontario Municipal Board for one, the Water Resources Commission for another are samples of appointed boards from which there is no appeal. The Highways Minister, if we analyze his actions, has turned out to be a fibber. He promised Sarnia that he would divulge the route of the London-Sarnia, Sarnia - Wallaceburg Highways by the end of January.

This he has not done up to press time. Nor do we expect him to. The plain fact of the matter is that Ontario's Government has become a Toronto-oriented affair where the boys in ivory towers dream pretty pictures of things to come with little or no thought to the practical applications.

Letters to the Editors

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Dear Mr. Editor: As a member of the York Committee To End The War In Vietnam, I feel this organization would be remiss in failing to acknowledge the unsolicited, but free and favorable publicity provided for us by the York Central District High School Board.

Shocked surprise was expressed in numerous letters, telephone calls and by word of mouth to our group at the board's use of derogatory terms in reference to a group of which, by its own admission, it knew little or nothing.

The trustees' epithets of "crackpots", "anarchists" and "some off-beat organization" as well as its arbitrary decision to refuse the use of school facilities to our group, brought comments in the press and on TV. None of these, to my knowledge, was unfavorable to the York Committee, none was favorable to the board. It appears a clear case of a shot that missed.

On February 26 the trustees reversed their initial decision of absolute refusal. Its consent for the use of the Richmond Hill High School Auditorium, however, was hedged about by a one-night-only clause and the demand for a \$1,000 bond, satisfactory to the board.

VIETNAM WAR DEPRESSES U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS

Dear Mr. Editor: We have been hearing a lot about tension among students in the colleges and the universities of the United States. I thought your readers might be interested in reading extracts from a letter written by a young lady attending a university over there.

I will also give a few remarks made by a lady who has a son in a college there. I wish especially to draw this to the attention of those people among us who believe that we should all be right behind the United States, and to point out that there are vast numbers over there who do not approve of their government's action in Vietnam.

In case anyone quickly says that I would only know persons in the United States whose opinions are acceptable to myself, let me assure you that these letters are from relatives.

In the past they have expressed themselves in such a reactionary manner that I am careful when writing to speak only of family matters. These two letters came as a surprise to me.

From the young lady:—"I've been sort of depressed lately and I've been doing a lot of thinking about my future. Dave (her young man) got his draft classification last week—he's 1-A. I'm so worried about him. With all the kids here in the hall talking about Vietnam and every time I read the paper I see somebody else I know who got killed—I'm getting sick of it."

"The other week Dave's neighbor got killed over there. Now, as I suppose you've heard they're drafting Marines in April along with the biggest call-up for the army they've had in quite some time. I just know they'll get him right away and send him off to be killed. Nobody gives a damn anymore about young people."

"They can kill them in college from overwork or permanently damage their lives from emotional strain or they can kill them by not allowing them to get a job and lead a successful life unless they are willing to submit themselves to college. And they can kill them in Vietnam if all else fails to break them."

"I just keep counting the years and the months and the hours and the minutes and the endless seconds until I can get out of this rat race. I don't even get intellectually stimulated anymore."

Yours faithfully,
A Pacificist
HELEN CLIFTON
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"My power of concentration is zero. I can be reading for an hour and then suddenly realize that I haven't gotten a thing out of it because my mind has been so far away."

"Ginny didn't hear from Cliff (in Vietnam) all week and she is depressed too. Really the work here isn't what is bothering me, it's just that I'm worried about Dave being sent to Vietnam. I guess you can understand that."

"It must be a hell of a worry for all the young guys in the United States. I don't see how they can stand it."

"Seriously don't worry about me. I'll be all right. I'm not going to commit suicide—I'm extremely levelheaded. It's just that lately I've been wondering what life is for."

And from the mother of a son who is in college:—"Richard writes that he is so discouraged. He'll not be able to fulfill his wish for graduate school for deferments are now given only to medical or ministry students."

"He says what is the use of living in a country where they would rather blow your brains out than have you use them. He also said he felt sorry for the Vietnamese for those people aren't saved from anything if a bomb drops on them."

My own opinion is that those old codgers who want war should be the ones to go and fight it. I'm an old woman and there has been some kind of war some place as far back as I can remember.

This is not a natural state for mankind. We have gone wrong in the twentieth century and it is time we stopped in our tracks and learned to live together peacefully in this small planet. The wars I've lived through have only left more problems than they ever solved and that is why I remain,

Yours faithfully,
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HIGH PRAISE FOR SYMPHONY CONCERT

Dear Mr. Editor: Last Thursday's concert by the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra deserves the highest commendation and should be looked at as an important milestone in the cultural life of the community. To organize an ensemble of 68 musicians and form completely the well-balanced sections of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion to perform the works of the great classical composers is something Richmond Hill should be proud of as it places us in the leading position orchestrally for towns in Canada under 25,000, and with many towns and cities over that population.

Having attended many symphony concerts since I first heard my first one in the Albert Hall, London, and later in New York City, Cleveland, Winnipeg and Toronto, it was with a certain amount of trepidation I attended Thursday's concert because of the choice of an all

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

It was 1957 when Jean and Bill Babcock looked about Richmond Hill and discovered no place for young children to enjoy happy summer activities. They had a young son so they decided to start a day camp. In due course, the Richmond Hill day camp became Richildaca, a name coined by Jean and Bill.

At first, the camp was assisted by the Richmond Hill Rotary Club with a grant of \$400 to purchase supplies and equipment.

"In that first year," said Bill, "I was assisted by Alan Bathurst, then a teacher at Richmond Hill High School. The camp operated under the recreation committee and was subsidized by them until 1959." From then on, Jean and Bill carried on alone. They formed a limited company "Richildaca Camps Limited" and moved to a 25-acre site at Kettleby in King Township.

Camp with the Babcocks is a family venture and they all work together to satisfy a common desire to bring the joys of camp life within the reach of every child.

As they look back over their 10 years at Richildaca they have no regret because their philosophy of camp life has borne fruit.

"Most camps hire specialists to take charge of activities. We think our camp is unique in the fact that our 32-member staff is home-grown. Most of the staff have grown into the knowledge of camp activities since their early high school days. A good example is Kel Tonner who will direct activities at Richildaca this summer," said Bill.

KEL TONNER, STAFF, and CAMPERS

Kel Tonner, a physical education teacher at Langstaff Secondary is a graduate of Richmond Hill High and McMaster University. He has been a familiar figure on Richildaca camp grounds since grade 9.

Kel progressed all the way from counsellor, assistant waterfront director, trip leader and pool manager. He has experienced every job in the camp.

To help Kel will be some very well-trained counsellors. This is due to the exciting counsellor-in-training program. The counsellors come from almost everywhere in the district, Woodbridge, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Oak Ridges and Thornhill. Among this year's counsellors are Carol MacWilliams, Elizabeth Bone, Kip Berry, Fred Babcock, Ray Hunter, Sue Hibbard, Pat Wiley, Patti Jo

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Health Minister Predicts Growing Needs, Problems For Children's Aid Society

By GREG PETERS

"We are living in paradoxical times. . . These years seem to be marked by a callous disregard for human life yet at the same time more care is being offered through social agencies than ever before."

These observations were among the opening remarks by Ontario Health Minister Dr. Matthew Dymond, as he addressed the 33rd annual meeting of York County Children's Aid Society at St. Paul's Public School in Newmarket, February 29.

Dr. Dymond added that although the work of social agencies is not yet perfect, advances made in recent years have been dramatic. The cold, impersonal institutions such as orphanages and children's shelters are gone and the unhappy label of "illegitimate" child is no longer acceptable. "Our concern for children," said Dr. Dymond, "is one thing we can be proud of."

that in the age of specialization, when services are set up to deal with only certain problems, it is vitally necessary to deal with the whole person. Dr. Dymond said that all social agencies must co-operate and co-ordinate their efforts to avoid the fragmentation and alienation that can occur if a person is treated only as a great number of diagnoses.

Dr. Dymond said that he had been accused of favoring a totally medically-oriented program but he emphasized that this was not true. He stated that in a complete treatment, organic problems should be diagnosed by mental health clinics first then other methods could be employed.

This integrated approach of medical, psychological, and social services will form the core of eight regional diagnostic and treatment centres which will be established by the Department of Health. But Dr. Dymond stressed that legislation to

bring the full range of facilities into a regional centre could not be accomplished without support and involvement of the community.

Commenting on the future of agencies such as the CAS, Dr. Dymond said that although centralization of authority has some advantages in reducing duplicated services, when dealing with the problems of children, the need for CAS services will continue to grow. He cited the continual need of skilled social workers as an indication that the job is becoming larger.

The report of the Executive Director D. C. Van Camp also indicated the growing need for CAS services, and outlined the high-lights and problems which confronted the society in what Mr. Van Camp termed a "very busy year."

A most satisfying project for the society last year said Mr. Van Camp, was the signing of a lease for new

accommodations in spacious offices centrally located at 288 Cawthra Boulevard in Newmarket. The new centre inspired the publicity

committee to initiate a county-wide competition to develop a new letterhead for the society. The committee eventually combined two ideas from some 48 entries to produce a meaningful design for the society's letterhead.

Mr. Van Camp said that public awareness was necessarily a continuing effort and suggested that the publicity committee strengthen its efforts to supply information throughout the county in 1968.

A second major project was completed in October 1967 with the establishment of a group home for teenage boys. This home, which has been set up in Bogartown, operates as both a foster home and treatment centre for disturbed boys.

Mr. Van Camp reported that the social work staff had also been very active during 1967. A total of 266 families, involving 637 children, were given help,

while the society assisted 168 unmarried mothers and 35 of the putative fathers were given some case work service. The total number of children in the care of the society was reduced from 228 to 220 during the year and those in boarding homes dropped from 172 to 153. In addition, 73 children were adopted during the year.

The personnel committee, said Mr. Van Camp, was very active in 1967 because of numerous staff resignations. Some five resignations were accepted and the problem of staff shortage was accentuated through illness.

In presenting the financial report for the year, Treasurer Sheldon Walker of East Gwillimbury announced that the society had overspent the budget forecast for 1967 by some \$42,000. Mr. Walker stated, "We can make no apologies for the overexpenditure in child care costs

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DR. MATTHEW DYMOND Ontario Health Minister