

Service Far Beyond The Call Of Duty Saves Langstaff Lad's Life - - Brings Own Reward

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"We are very, very thankful to have located in an area where there is such a wonderful Canine Control Officer as James Ryan," Mrs. John Corbin of 18 Fairview Avenue, Langstaff told "The Liberal" last week.

The Corbins have good reason to be thankful to Mr. Ryan, for through his efforts a collie dog, which had bitten their seven-year-old son John Lee, was located — just 24 hours before the lad was scheduled to start the series of Pasteur inoculations for rabies. There was a special reason why this was so important, since John is allergic to inoculations based on horse serum.

Pastor John Corbin and Mrs. Corbin spent 10 years as missionaries in India before locating in Langstaff last year when the former took over the duties as chaplain at North York Branson Hospital. John Lee was born in Bombay and suffered a bad reaction to his last cholera inoculation, administered in New Delhi. Within 10 minutes of the injection, John Lee went into severe convulsions and shock with an extremely high tempera-

ture. A medical team worked throughout the night before they were able to report that the reaction was over and that he would survive.

These were top pediatricians, who advised the boy's parents that they should not permit him to have further inoculations, particularly if they were based on horse serum. These include serums for the prevention of cholera, tetanus and RABIES.

The Pasteur treatment for rabies, although effective, is a thoroughly unpleasant experience for most people — for John it could be fatal. If the dog were rabid and the treatment was not given, he would develop rabies, which has a 100% fatality rate.

The only solution was to find the dog to determine whether it was rabid. The family and neighbors spent hours on the road searching the area, nearby farms and running down all sorts of leads to no avail.

Mrs. Corbin, John Lee and his 11-year-old sister, Colleen, had all had a good look at the offending animal, which came romping into their front garden one day, chased by a small puppy from the neighborhood.

Their first reaction was "What a beautiful dog you are, you look just like Lassie."

The two dogs gambled through the front and back gardens at 18 Fairview Avenue, and finally, apparently tired of its young friend's attentions, the collie swung its head in an attempt to nip the younger dog. Unfortunately, John Lee was too close and the collie bit his ankle instead, then quickly disappeared during the resultant excitement.

Since their own efforts did not turn up the collie the Corbins contacted Vaughan Township Police, who referred their call to Canine Control Officer Ryan. Within a short time he was at the home to note all details of the dog's appearance and of its peculiar gait and markings. Then he too joined the search, with the assurance, "A dog can't disappear into thin air, we'll find him."

As time ran out, Mr. Ryan kept in almost constant touch with the Corbins, brought them dogs, had them travel to his kennels in Markham Township to view other strays — and finally, with less than 24 hours remaining



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

John Lee Corbin, seven-year-old Langstaff boy (left above) presents Canine Control Officer James Ryan with birds hand-carved from Kashmir walnut in appreciation of his unremitting search for a collie dog.

Because Mr. Ryan found the dog John Lee was saved from the discomfort and danger of being subjected to the horse serum-based anti-rabies inoculations.

of the 10-day period of grace before the preventive injections were to start, the dog was found — in Richmond Hill.

All three members of the Corbin family, who had seen the dog, made a positive identification. The dog was healthy and the parents were freed from the agonizing responsibility of making a decision which would have risked their son's life. "We knew our search had ended," Mrs. Corbin reported in evident relief.

"We are grateful to our neighbors and friends for their help during our time of anxiety," said Mrs. Corbin, "but we are particularly grateful to Mr. Ryan. He went so far beyond the call of duty and gave us such wonderful moral support, that we will never forget him. He is my son's hero."

The Corbins are animal lovers themselves and owned pet dogs during their years in India, so were appreciative of the compassionate care given at the canine control kennels to all animals housed there. "We have been around the world two and a half times and have seen many kennels, but we have never seen any as clean and well kept and where the welfare of the animals is of such prime concern as those operated by Mr. Ryan. There was no odor and everything was shining clean. We were particularly aware of this after seeing so many mangy, sick (even rabid) dogs wandering wild in India. This community should be very appreciative of the fact that they have a man of Mr. Ryan's calibre and compassion in charge of canine control."

The Corbins realized that the biting was an accident and did not even ask for the name of the owners. However, they did wish that their story be brought to the attention of people who make a habit of allowing their dogs to run at large. "When they realize what mental anguish can happen for others when people get careless or intentionally break the law, we hope they will be much more careful," Mrs. Corbin explained. "We have pointed this out to our children, so that in the future they will realize that laws and bylaws are passed for the protection of people and should be observed."

Lack Of Information County Bds. Separate School Trustees Concern

Trustees of Richmond Hill Separate School Board expressed deep concern Tuesday night of last week at the lack of information received to date on the county-wide school board which is to come into being January 1.

The mechanics of setting up the interim committee, designed to make the transition to the larger board as smooth as possible, was the main area of concern. "Time is running out on us," was the consensus.

The number of separate school boards in Ontario will be reduced January 1 from 425 to 71 under a bill introduced and passed in the final days of the Ontario Legislature in July. The legislation parallels that for the larger units of administration being set up on the same date for public elementary and secondary schools.

The legislation provided that interim separate school organization committees will be established in each zone to prepare for the transition. The Ontario Teachers' Federation will appoint a committee of teachers to work with each such interim committee.

It was promised that guides for the reorganization would be provided by the government and it was proposed to hold a series of conferences to discuss the implications of, and the possibilities inherent in the new organization.

So far, the promised information has not been received.

Business Administrator Jack Matthews was instructed to contact

Strike Over-PO Operations Move

Richmond Hill's postal employees, although voting strongly against acceptance of the terms of settlement of the postal strike last week, conformed to the wishes of the majority of their co-workers across Canada and returned to work last Friday.

The first shift of postal clerks reported for duty at midnight Thursday night and all carriers were out on their routes at the usual hour Friday morning and afternoon.

Postmaster E. T. Willis reports only a small volume of mail deposited in boxes throughout the municipality during the strike. However, it was a different story once the strike was over. Business firms and individuals flooded the local post office with three weeks' accumulation of mail on Friday and Saturday. The flood was still at peak level on Tuesday.

This was evidently the story in all post offices throughout Canada, the incoming mail has been equally as heavy. With a minimum of overtime, the local postal staff has been able so far to have only a small daily carryover. However, the postmaster feels it will take the remainder of this week to get things back to normal.

Saturday the local post office will undertake a big move to temporary quarters at 135 Centre Street East. This will be the site of receiving and dispatching and letter carrier and parcel delivery services for several months while extensive alterations are carried out at the building on Arnold Street. All business firms picking up mail-bag service will also use the Centre St. building.

Wicket service for stamps, registration, money orders, unemployment insurance stamps, parcel post insurance, etc., will be carried on at the Arnold Street address. Lock box and general delivery mail patrons will also be served

High Density Residential Building Said More Benefit Than Industry

Pots of gold, fairy godmothers and ball games all entered into the discussion at the August 8 meeting of Vaughan Township Planning Board when a preliminary staff report on the BAIF Associates Limited subdivision on the Stephens Farm property was considered.

However, as members of the planning board had not seen the report prior to the meeting (which had to be recessed for 10 minutes to give them an opportunity to read it) and copies were not made available to either representatives of BAIF who were there to answer questions on it, or to the press, the subsequent discussion was somewhat disorganized.

"Frankly, I'd like to lock myself up in a room and go through it three or four times then visit the site before having a major discussion," was the opening comment of Chairman Norn Garriock.

Two members of the planning board, Donald West and Warren Bryce both felt the report should be tabled to give members time to study it. "This is a confidential staff report and there are members of the board who know nothing about it," said Mr. Bryce. "The information is in brief form and there is no real analysis of the fiscal position of the township."

"That is what I want to know first," agreed Mr. Garriock. "Will it make us all go broke or not?"

Mr. Garriock also enquired what was the average value of homes in the development and how was this to be controlled. "After 13 years in municipal life, I see red lights and disaster as of now," he said.

Mr. Garriock insisted that unless there were some guarantee of the assessed value of the housing, the township could end up subsidizing the developer "to the tune of several million dollars" for schools, municipal services, police, etc. Members of the planning board have had lengthy discussions over several years, he said, attempting to find what value of housing was self-supporting with respect to these services.

"There is a whole new ball game since the county school system," interjected Reeve Brian Bailey. Vaughan, under provincial equalized assessment is to be responsible for 18 1/2% of county education costs, he said, no matter how much residential assessment is created. "In essence, you wind up with a profit on residential development," he said.

"Unless there is a large amount of money coming in from another source, what you are doing is taking advantage of another municipality which is not residential," said Mr. Garriock. "It is a case of dog eat dog and whoever gets there first wins."

Mr. Bailey pointed out that the converse would be true if another municipality did this. "It is going to be a wide open ball game," he said.

Planning Board Member Lorne Wells, referring to a map contained in the report, enquired what was meant by multiple housing.

A representative of the developer advised that this could mean town housing, with a density of 18 units per acre, (with 3.5 persons per unit, 63 people per acre). Population of the first phase of the development, he said, would be about 5,000 people and homes would be in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 class.

He assured the board that it was their intention to provide an adequate cost benefit analysis "to show you what the costs would be as related to this development."

In answer to a question by Mr. Garriock, Planning Director John Dewar advised that the development would include no industrial assessment but would have commercial development. This area was still under discussion, he said, but he anticipated a commercial development "of considerable size," large enough to serve not only the subdivision, but the entire area.

Mr. Garriock asked if there had been any change in the philosophy of the Department of Municipal Affairs, if they had abandoned their rule of thumb concerning the ratio of industrial and commercial development.

While Mr. Dewar agreed this was "something to look at," he advised that a closer watch is now kept on capital debt in relation to assessment. "In any event," he said, "the industrial assessment has been compensated with this new county education system."

Smokestack Is 130 Feet High

Something new has been added to Richmond Hill's skyline, with the erection July 25 of a 130 foot smokestack at Ratcliff's (Canada) Ltd. plant on North Yonge Street.

The new stack which is five feet in diameter is made of fibreglass and replaces two smaller stacks which were about 40 feet high. It was put into use August 12.

The large chamber at the base is a cleaning chamber.

Allencourt IGA To Be Remodelled

When Allencourt IGA closes the doors behind its last customer Saturday night, it will be the signal for workmen to spring into action on a complete remodelling job.

Working around the clock, they will install new shelving and checkout desks, a completely refurbished meat department and a courtesy department where premiums may be ordered and picked up, bottles turned in and chocolate bars and cigarettes purchased.

To all this will be added a completely new and up-to-the-minute decor.

So that the workmen may carry out their tasks undisturbed the store will be closed next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and will re-open Thursday with lots of opening specials for that weekend and the weekend following.

MTARTS Report Called Wishy-washy Vaughan Put In Suspended Animation

The provincial government's \$2 million Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study evoked some harsh criticism at the August 8 meeting of Vaughan Township Planning Board.

"I read it from cover to cover and it is the most wishy-washy report I ever read," said Planning Board Chairman Norn Garriock. "I sat down with real excitement, expecting something new, but it is just a re-hash, just a review of what we already know."

Instituted in December, 1962, the MTARTS report was unveiled by the Roberts Government with much fanfare June 13 of this year. More of a development study than one on transportation, it virtually ignores York County, recommends little in the way of improved transportation in the area and would compress future Metro development along the shores of Lake Ontario, south of Highway 407.

Board Member Warren Bryce felt the report was redundant. Don West agreed and added, "Any development based solely on transportation is stupid. There are many other things just as important — sewers, water, air pollution."

Reeve Brian Bailey objected that the report did not show anything but normal growth for Vaughan and Richmond Hill, estimating a total population of 100,000 by the year 2,000. "We may have to put the pill in the drinking water to keep to that. We have 40,000 now," he said.

Councillor Dalton McArthur, replacing Councillor Charles Birkett on the planning board for the evening, advised that council too felt the MTARTS report was redundant. "We also feel it is leaving Vaughan in a state of suspended animation," he said.

Mr. McArthur was of the opinion, however, that planning board should comment on the report. "If we go along with no comment, we may be left holding the bag," he said. He suggested that a reply should be drafted, indicating points of opposition.

Board Member Lorne Wells was also of the opinion that a reply should be made. He favored a joint planning board and council meeting to discuss it. "This is the duty of these two bodies, to come up with something constructive that Vaughan should have," he said.

Reeve Bailey suggested that both council and planning board should have a session to discuss the report and submit opinions, then consider a joint meeting.

It was agreed that the planning board would discuss the report at its next policy meeting, August 22 to draft a statement to be submitted to council. "After that, if a meeting is required, we can decide," said Mr. Garriock.

Vaughan Planning Bd. Approves 9-Lot Rural Residential Plan

After a lapse of several years during which little or no residential development took place in Vaughan Township, subdivisions of varying sizes are now being proposed — and approved.

At its August 8 meeting, Vaughan Township Planning Board considered three applications — the 10,000 person BAIF development for Yonge and Bathurst Streets, an eight-lot subdivision in Maple and a nine-lot rural residential subdivision on Highway 49. Approval was given to the two latter proposals.

The Humber Estates Subdivision on Highway 49 consists of nine lots all of more than an acre. These are well wooded ravine lots and will accommodate attractive split level homes. They will be served by private wells and septic tanks.

Such development was recently permitted in the township by Amendment 15 to the official plan. It is to be encouraged in the northwestern sections of the township where the land is hilly and not generally suited to agriculture.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Castoffs Aid Community Service

Unloading a trailer-load of furniture for their giant auction scheduled for September are (left to right) Lions Jack Smith, Herman Morton and Terry Besley of the Victoria Square and District Lions Club. The annual auction is one of the club's main money-raising events.

The Lions are willing to pick up any saleable articles residents of the area would like to get rid of. A phone call to 887-5535 will bring the hard-working Lions to your door.

Your donations will help the club carry on their community service work.

Local Sculptor Shows At "Ex"

Richmond Hillites will find some old friends in the Automotive Building, at the CNE which opens today.

Nine pieces of Joseph Rabinowitch's "Found Objects Sculpture" will be on display for the duration of the "Ex."

Most of the pieces have already been displayed in Ruthie Calverley's Gallery at the corner of Yonge and Arnold Streets. Included are Centennial Gal, Apocalyptic Angel, Ballerina, Guitarist, Simchat Torah (Festival of the Bible), Peace Pipe, Jungle Warrior, Family Portrait and Chess Players.

Found objects, including chrome bumpers, wheel discs, brake drums and various other parts of wrecked cars have been welded together by the local sculptor into imaginative and intriguing works of art.

"If you haven't seen them yet, why not make a point of doing so during the exhibition?"