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Rambling Around

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The proceeds went into the school treasury. February was parents night and it was well attended. A number of clubs have been formed at Thornlea. There is the year book club, a project club and a judo club under the direction of President Leonard Castelletti. Susan Beale is president of the secretaries club. Cheryl Smith is president of the library club and there is a 200 member ski club.

The school also has a welcoming committee. Cal says that over 700 educators have visited the school since the opening. The committee show the visitors around and explain the school set up.

A ski meet was a recent event at the Honey Pot and a group of teachers and students went on a seven mile snowshoe hike on the Bruce Trail.

THORNHILL TRANSMITTER

Jerry Mackenzie reports a successful Sweetheart Swirl. The lovely sweetheart is Helga Pierozynski.

For the first year in Thornhill Secondary history, hockey has been included in the intermural framework. The first game was played at Double-rink Arenas more than a week ago.

The annual folk night put on by the Inter-School Christian Fellowship will take place on February 28. There will be eight folk singing groups taking part. The affair is open to the public and the admission fee is \$1. The proceeds will go to missions.

The little "U" has already given \$500 to UNICEF. Oxfam will receive \$1,300. Charities for children are the concern of the little "U" this year.

On February 26, there will be a debate between the BOSS and five students. There will be mikes set up on the floor so that the student audience can ask questions.

There's a "do" coming up in May planned by the student councils of Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Langstaff and Bayview. The committee hopes Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Finance Minister Edgar Benson will accept an invitation to attend.

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Langstaff's grade 13 won an Op Art Award for their snow sculpture of a burgundy whale.

Five of the fifteen snow queens came from Langstaff and their Andra Jacobson was runner-up to Bayview's winner, Lauren Castello.

Selling buttons at the carnival was another school effort. Past event was "Heart Throb", the girls' athletic association dance on February 14.

Coming up at the end of February is the drama "Crucifixion" written and directed by student Paul Aspland.

RICHMOND HILL REPORTER

Paul O'Brien reports that the Hill's senior, intermediate and junior basketball teams are right on the bit. That there was a successful ski dance to the music of the Ming dynasty.

At the carnival, grades 10 and 11 won awards for their snow sculptures. Winning figures were a model of a dinosaur and one of a dog. Alda Bacci, Susan Duffy, and Brenda Lamoureux were in the top five in the Snow Queen competition.

Richmond Hill drew first, second and third in the toboggan races. The girls' hockey team came out on top and the men teachers won the broom ball.

Paul says that there is a little more leeway in the student council's election system. Rules are relaxed to include candidates from grade 12 and 11 and the percentage is no longer restricted to 60%.

Assistance Program Helpful To Landowners

The conservation assistance program, one of the little-known "grass-roots" projects undertaken by the Metro Conservation Authority, is being taken advantage of by a growing number of regional landowners.

The program provides landowners in the 1,000 square mile watershed with a broad range of assistance to encourage them to undertake effective conservation practices on their land.

In an effort to streamline its services in keeping with current landowner requirements, the program was revised recently by the Authority.

The conservation assistance program provides help in reforestation, farm tree replacement and shrubs planting, streambank erosion control, farm pond management, and fish and wildlife management.

A booklet on the Authority's conservation assistance program is available on request. Additional information on the program may be obtained by contacting the Authority's conservation land management division, Box 720, Woodbridge.

MARKHAM: Town council has decided to seek outright amalgamation with the Township of Markham to become a "separated town", as a means of strengthening the municipal position. Such a move would require OMB approval. Only investigation of the proposal has been approved to date.



Trudeau Swinging French-Canadians To Ottawa

Ten days ago I visited Quebec City for the weekend. When I was an executive assistant I visited Quebec often but since the election last June my primary responsibility has been to be in York Simcoe on weekends in order to keep in touch with my constituents.

But a Member of Parliament should also try and keep in touch with what is happening in the rest of the country, as well as his own area. I have followed political events in Quebec fairly closely for the past five years.

I have many close friends in the Quebec civil service — friendships which were established when we all studied together in Paris.

So I decided to go to Quebec again, see my friends and find out what has been happening in Quebec over the past six months. The closing weekend of the Quebec Winter Carnival seemed a good time to visit.

It would give me a chance to see the reaction to the Prime Minister's first visit to Quebec City since the election.

I came away from my trip more encouraged about the political future of Quebec than ever before. This may sound strange given the bombing of the stock exchange and other violent events in Montreal.

But there is no doubt in my mind that in Quebec the Prime Minister is transforming the political context — at two levels, the public level and the official level.

The excited interest in the Prime Minister was evident from the moment of his arrival. A thousand people were present to greet him at the airport. In spite of bomb threats crowds surrounded him throughout the weekend.

On the narrow street of St. Therese, in the old and poor quarter of the city, the residents carry huge and monstrous and fantastic ice sculptures. One was a sculptured train in ice which stretched the length of three houses.

The Prime Minister arrived, rode a motor cycle, and mixed with the crowd — which was obviously delighted to see him. And when I visited the homes of my nationalist Quebec friends I found that their children had plastered their rooms with newspaper photographs of Mr. Trudeau.

In other words, the public of Quebec has taken to Mr. Trudeau as they have to no other federal politician since Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This political fact explains why both the provincial Liberal and Union National parties are shifting to disavow the separatist position.

The reaction to Mr. Trudeau at the official level was even more striking. Until a year ago, I found that my friends working for the Quebec government were simply not interested in going to Ottawa to work. It was much more interesting to work in Quebec. Things were really moving there. That was where the action was — as far as they were concerned.

Now they feel frustrated. The Quebec government is short of funds; there is division within the government; the premier, Mr. Bertrand has been ill — and is not fully in control. There is, in short, a bottle neck at the top.

As a result many of the bright younger civil servants are looking towards Ottawa. Ottawa now seems to be the place to get things done. Two of my friends have come to Ottawa within the past year. I believe more will follow. The fact that we now have an effective French-Canadian team

OTTAWA REPORT

By **John Roberts MP**
YORK SIMCOE

In The Spotlight

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directors, Barry Pearson and Dave Jeanneret, with Dave Laurensen in charge of the technical side as stage manager.

The accompaniment of a musical is of prime importance, and for the soloists this will be contributed by Don Pole and Mrs. Margaret Dault at the piano, and for the ensemble numbers by the Bayview Band, who will also render the overture.

Leading the corps de ballet will be Brandie Rose, a pupil of Dennis Moore, and Brian Toogood who studied at the National Ballet School and has assisted with the choreography of the show.

Knowing from personal experience how heartening it is to have one's "public" in the audience, I am listing the alternating casts, so that their fans may choose the appropriate nights on which to attend.

Appearing on March 1 and March 7 will be Anita Corbett as Aunt Eller, Bob McDonald as Curly, Lynn Hopkins as Laurey, Merv Pickering as Will, Rob Nicholson as Jud Fry, Debbie Bolger as Ado Annie, Guy Deslauriers as Ali Hakim, and Pam Walker as Gertie.

On February 28 and March 8 in the same order will be Marie Crosson, Harry Bryan, Liz Berta, Maarten Heilbron, Rick Maddocks, Barbi Peirce, Doug Charlton and Lorrie Sim.

Playing the role of Andrew Carnes in all four performances will be Bob Imeson.

Responsible for the sets, a particularly big task in a show of this kind, are Gary Peirce, Larry Wright, Rick Casement, John D'Allesandro and Alan Early.

Tickets for "Oklahoma", which starts at 8 pm, are priced at \$1.50 for reserved seats, unreserved \$1.00 for adults and 75c for students, and may be obtained from any Bayview student, or directly from the school, the telephone number of which is 884-4453.

O-----klahoma! — you see, I'm humming it already.

An actor gets his satisfaction from the appreciation of the audience, but the work of the set designer, so important to the success of a production, often goes unacknowledged publicly.

The cast of "The Beaux' Stratagem" was delighted, therefore on behalf of their designer Catherine Ross Robinson, to hear applause for her sets at several performances. Kit's set for "Out Flew The Web" won an award for the best visual presentation at the 1967 CODL Festival. We hope that her clever, turn-about sets for "The Beaux' Stratagem" add to her credits at this year's festival in Oshawa.

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