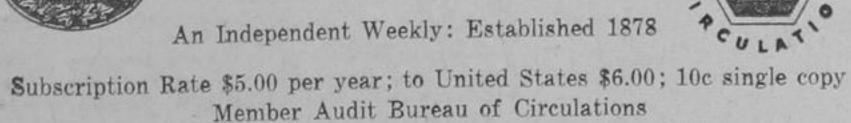


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Investment

Early in March Angus Philip warned the town's parks and recreation committee that unless a roof is constructed soon over the Centennial Pool, it will become just "a hole in the ground".

Mr. Philip pointed out that the pool had been constructed as the first phase of a fully enclosed, yearround recreation facility. Therefore the concrete in the pool will not stand up to severe outdoor winter weather. The committee agreed that council should be approached again with revised and realistic figures on the cost of the undertaking.

It is now June - the 1969 town budget has been accepted and the tax rate has been set - and no provision has been made for roofing in the pool this year. In fact, as far as we can determine, council has not been asked recently to make any provision for this major undertaking.

Local Architect Douglas Allen has spent much time in providing alternate plans for enclosing the pool, with cost estimates running from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Since a mill raises a bit more than \$38,000, the pool roof would require a levy of from four to five mills if paid in one year at these figures.

Recently Toronto Controller Fred Beavis reported that plastic domes could be built over the city's outdoor pools for about \$100,000 each. He claimed the coverings would enable pools to be used all year and could be removed in summer if desired. This new approach to the problem would bear investigation by local authorities. It might well prove a practical and economical solution to closing in our pool.

ONE OF THESE DAYS WE'VE JUST GOT TO GET

A ROOF /

Back To The Old Swimmin' Hole?

by Elizabeth Kelson

When so many of us are caught up in the bustle the automatic pay increases

Rambling Around

One Day At A Time

of a society that thinks it's going somewhere . . .

when so many regret the passing of the "good old

days" . . . when so many are fearful of a future that

hasn't arrived yet, it is rather refreshing to hear

Osler lived his life in "daytight compartments" and

a distinguished English author, Arnold Bennett,

thought this day-to-day living so important that he

wrote a book about it. Dr. Minton Johnson of

Thornhill has also written a book called "Twenty-

this fact and act accordingly. This probably ex-

Hill live one day at a time. Jean Hook says so -

AS THE DAY, SO THE STRENGTH

engaged in building a house. Eric Hook was build-

ing a home for himself, his wife Jean and two

now, the famous Salk Vaccine was discovered but

not in time for Eric Hook. He is a victim of polio.

It paralyzed and ravaged his body and Eric has been

heroism and courage began for the family of the

stricken man. The big blessing was that Eric lived

and had a family which loved him dearly. He

also had his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Hook of Thornhill, sisters Mrs. Wib Smith

(Jean) of Thornhill and Mrs. Clarence Westall

(Jessie) of Willowdale and a brother Gordon Hook

Eric fought for his life and with the help of those

he loved became spiritually strong and sure. Those

who know him testify to his great faith in the

has been the joy of watching his children grow

up. Sharon is 17 and Marilyn 15 and these two

young girls do their best to keep their father in

possible because Jean wheels his cot to the table so

outside to the yard where he can enjoy the out-of-

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he can take part in the food and conversation.

A man flat on his back with the sure knowledge

Jean says that Eric's greatest incentive to live

Eric eats his meals with his family and this is

Even though Eric was unable to finish the house

It seems that really discerning people realize

The Eric Hooks of Rumble Avenue, Richmond

In August, 1953, a young man was happily

Somewhere in the interval between then and

Jesus said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil

World-famous Canadian Physician Dr. William

a person say, "I just live one day at a time."

four Hours To Live", on the same theme.

plains why they accomplish so much.

daughters, Sharon and Marilyn.

flat on his back for fifteen years.

thereof". Do you agree?

and I believe her.

of Thornhill.

goodness of life.

Richmond Hill's Centennial Pool was one of the first municipal Centennial projects to become operational in Canada - and in the four summers since then it has proved its value by teaching hundreds of youngsters to swim and by providing healthful recreation for all age groups in the community. On a year-round basis these benefits would be multiplied many times.

The federal and provincial governments each contributed \$1 per head of population to the project - a total of \$38,000. Residents and industrialists added about \$45,000 and town council picked up the rest of the \$120,000 price tag to complete the first phase.

Surely, it makes good sense to protect this investment by completing the job started back in 1964.

Attention: Young Cyclists

The Richmond Hill Police Commission's decision to crack down on bicycle riders in the town who break traffic rules has been taken out of deep concern for the safety of the children. The fact that these children will grow up to be car drivers with the attitude that traffic laws were made to be broken probably influenced the decision.

Every child in Richmond Hill's elementary schools is given a thorough indoctrination in the rules of the road by Constable Douglas Young, safety officer. But once some of them acquire "wheels" these lessons are quickly forgotten. The majority remember and observe the rules.

There are young boys on the way to school who come to a stop at a stop sign, watch for a break in traffic and carefully walk their bikes across the intersection, mounting again only when they have reached the other side. They remember and practise their safety instruction.

It has been appalling to see a young girl pumping a bicycle along the sidewalk with a younger girl balanced precariously on the bicycle seat as the two-wheeler wavered from side to side. One wrong move and both youngsters could have been thrown under the wheels of oncoming traffic. They had forgotten their instruction.

It is illegal to ride a bicycle on the town's sidewalks - in fact it is illegal to propel any wheeled vehicle (including a baby carriage) on these cement surfaces which were built for pedestrians.

However, it is realized that the heavily travelled four lane highways on Yonge Street, Markham Road and

Bayview Avenue are too hazardous for young bicyclists. The public accepts the fact that, for the children's safety, they must, if they ride their bicycles to school, be allowed to use the sidewalks. But if they do, it is their responsibility to remember that sidewalks are primarily for pedestrians and they must be concerned about the safety of other people using the sidewalk.

Incidentally, with the exception of some grade 7 and 8 pupils at Crosby Heights Public School, is it necessary for any child attending an elementary school in Richmond Hill to bicycle to

school? Then there are the daredevils who take a delight in plaguing the motorists - who shoot out of driveways and side streets, who (often in gangs) purposely weave from side to side in front of a motorist and greet the blast of a horn with laughter and cries of derision. They are gambling with their lives and will continue to gamble with their own and other lives when they get into the driver's seat of a powerful motorized vehicle - unless they are stopped now.

The schools are doing their part in safety education, Constable Young is doing his part, the other members of the police force will do their part but they can't do it all. Parents also have a responsibility to teach their offspring to obey the traffic laws which have been passed in the interests of safety. The best method of teaching is by example. If father and mother ignore stop signs, parking regulations, speed limits and try to run traffic lights, their sons and daughters will do likewise.

Flood Of Pupils Descends On Ottawa

Danson Hosts 15,000 From York N.

By the end of June, York Unfortunately with auchling with Conservative Leader North MP Barney Danson will large numbers of students des-Robert Stanfield for a student have played host to between cending on Capitol Hill within who showed interest in that 12,000 and 15,000 students from a few short weeks, the mem-political party

his riding. The students make bers are finding it difficult to Beleaguered MP's, although the trip to Ottawa with teacher give as much time to the stu- they welcome their young conchaperones to see government dents as they would like, and stituents, have suggested that in action, and representation it has not been possible to pro- the visits be spread out a bit touch with the outside world. from York North has been vide meals in the parliamentary -that they would have more greater than from any other cafeteria for them, so great time to give to the students, and the students would have a

have been their numbers. There have been groups from Mr. Danson solved the prob- chance to see more of the capi-Richmond Hill High School, lem by arranging buffet style tal. If visits were spread out a Bayview Secondary, Woodland lunches for students in the Rail- bit - i.e. April to June and Sep-Senior and Royal Orchard Pub- way Committee Room and the tember to November. Members lic School in Thornhill, Park- Confederation Room at the na- would then have more time to spend with them, and facilities view School in Unionville, tion's capital.

Markham District High School, Popular spots to visit in Ot- would not be so crowded, Charles Howitt Public School in tawa are the House of Parlia-Richvale, and St. Joseph's Mor- ment, the Mint and War Mus-

row Park on Bayview Avenue eum. In their two day visit, 80 stu-In June grade 8 pupils from dents from Whitchurch Town-Mark II School in Markham ship also managed to work in Township will make the trip and an 18 mile cruise on the Ottawa so will 170 students from Rose- River and a tour of the Na- learners, the physically, emolawn Senior Public School in tional Museum of Science and tionally, or intellectually

And 80 students from Armit-hundreds of items from Can- help in the school system. age, Lemonville, Pine Orchard ada's scientific past, from a The gifted child, too, needs and Vandorf schools went to 365 ton locomotive to tiny tran- special attention. Ottawa in May, as did several sistors, exhibits dealing with groups from North York schools. physics, astronomy, marine tech- County Board of Education While Mr. Danson was play- nology, meteorology, atomic en- on May 26, Maynard Hall-

North, John Roberts MP was agriculture. greeting students f,rom his Both Messrs. Danson and services told the trustees that riding, York Simcoe. He wel- Roberts found that the high 45 special education classes comed visitors from Holland school students in particular will be conducted in county Landing, Sharon, Mount Albert, were interested in the opera- schools in 1969-70, serving Park Avenue and Maple Leaf tion of the federal government more than 600 children. Public Schools in Newmarket, and are full of questions. Mr. Four primary education and King Senior Schools,

Richvale, Vaughan Township. Technology where they saw handicapped that need extra

In a report to York ing host to groups from York ergy, aviation and space, and man, superintendent of special education and student

the problems of kindergarten they slow learners, perceptusocially and emotionally immature? Do they suffer from speech or hearing problems, and how can they best be helped? Should they be in special classes, or integrated

into the mainstream of the school system? that six primary opportunity classes will be needed to aid

many of these children. Beginning September 1, the board will have 17 remed-

those who cannot adjust to the regular academic pro-

especially qualified in counselling, guidance and psychological support in special education will work with

Throughout the program, said Mr. Hallman, an effort will be made to bring the students up to the level of the regular class so that they may be integrated into the

he destined for the senior opportunity classes, will instead be going into the new Don Head Secondary School on Vaughan Road west of Yonge Street, which has been designed as a junior vocational school to provide training in trades and skills that will equip students to work in vocations and ser-

vice areas. Many who are not otherwise handicapped, will be given help in remedial read-

> "At all times, however," (Continued on Page 16)

etters to the Editors

CITIZENS SHOULD PROTEST SMELLY WATER IN THORNHILL GREEN

Dear Mr. Editor: It is with extreme interest that I read in the It was a fine performance. June 5 publication of "The Liberal" that "Markham Township Council is not sure whether it wants another fuel oil pipeline stinking like a polecat in the township. Councillor Allan Sumner said he'd visited a similar installation in North Thornhill Green last week and it was reeking with oil and stunk like a its eerie, ghostly beauty. It was polecat."

Some four weeks ago, after wasted discussions understanding. A superb selecwith the township, my husband called Councillor Sumner to inform him that our water (if I may Mozart and the fire-breathing use the same expression) also "stinks" but this Wagner. gentleman disagreed and said he had never heard of this situation.

The township is fully aware of the condition of the water in North Tornhill Green, they spend tax- sheer pleasure. payers' money "flushing" twice a week, and if any of your readers have this problem and have been informed "their's is an isolated case", don't believe it. tor for a wonderful evening.

The water we use in our homes is more important than the oil we use in our burners, and if any residents of North Thornhill Green would like to bring this matter to the attention of our Ward I of love. Financial reward is not Councillor (Mr. Sumner) perhaps they would be kind enough to let him know.

If any one cares to contact me to organize a meeting to discuss this dreadful situation, perhaps they would care to telephone me at 889-8279 at their all who like good, well-played convenience.

MRS. MERVYN McCARTHY, to be shown that the end result 19 Shady Lane Crescent,

SEWER CONNECTION

CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS Dear Mr. Editor: How many home owners Mr. Mozart's Symphony No. 40 least, that, (sewer-joiners if you will) know in G Minor came next. Waiting To all lovers of good music they have the choice of where his turn, a little later, was Mr. who were not at that concert, the "feeder" line enters their Wagner and I could see very I would say ... You should have

ham Township to request that Mr. Mozart, who never seem- Thank you, sir, for your symthis information be included on ed to care over much for any- pathetic ear. In terms of economic indices the notices announcing the in- thing at a pace less than a gal-- increases in living costs and stallation or on the assessment lop, challenged the ability of the musicians with his celebrat-

productivity - the higher pay notice. package negotiated by London's Avoid handwringing as it ed Number 40. But I am conhigh school teachers and the goes in under your favourite board of education is a reason- tree at the wrong side of your lot where your plumbing isn't

MRS. GWEN DUGAN, 37 Johnson Street, Thornhill.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

teachers gain by way of incre-Something more, I feel, other words - that are not should be said. On June 2, in subject to annual negotiation. the Richmond Hill High School, The increment levels are established initially by bargaining

but once set they are added automatically to teachers' salaries, regardless of what other insequently bears no relationship to ability. The poor teachers overboard, either. But in my fare just as well as the excelown peculiar idiom, I would call lent ones - and it is in this that concert a lulu. And if lulu area of merit that the teaching has shape, style and beauty and profession's public image retells you that along with her charm she attributes her de-London's high school teachlightful whole to damned hard ers are now being well paid - work with little thought to fin-

and justly so, for it wasn't al- ancial reward, then there is no ways the case - for the heavy better word than lulu. social responsibilities they bear. The auditorium was small It is difficult, however, to jus- The audience was small. But it incompetence. Perhaps some necessary to wince at applause day the increment arrangements between movements. The apwill be replaced by a system plause was full and sturdily that places greater stress on appreciative. My hands were individual merit but it doesn't sore at the end of the concert. I know that my applause was

Then that dilly for flute and

And the so-called "congratula- lusty - my wife wore cottontory bonus" of \$100 for teachers wool in her weather-side ear who have or get their perman- But allow me to tell you, Mr. ent secondary school certificates Editor (unless you were there, is hardly likely to trigger an and you should have been, you Since that fateful day in 1953, a new epoch of outburst of spontaneous public know), that Richmond Hill Sym- tion of the place. acclaim. It enlarges, however phony Orchestra gave us a wonslightly, upon the mechanical derful evening, Beautiful music, principle that is the main flaw magnificently played. From in the increment policy and it Handel-like Pergolesi to the has nothing to do with class- flamboyant and breath-taking It also opens the door to all bent on overwhelming you with affection. kinds of questionable fringe in- a tidal-wave of harmonics that

centives that are no substitute leave you wondering how the for proper recognition of abil- people who play together, stay ity, especially when public together. that he is wanted and loved has everything to live for. funds are involved.

MOLLIS

Teachers' Pay

(London Free Press)

The 7.3 per cent increase re-

flects almost exactly the con-

sumer price and productivity

ments - experience pay,

It does not, however, include

The increment system con

quires the most bolstering.

rise of the past year.

creases they obtain.

Needs Merit

Principle

strings by Telemann. A most soothing treat for ears battered SCARBORO: Centennial Col- by a cacophony of nerve shatlege has bought a 50-acre site tering noise that seems to domiat the southeast corner of High- nate our modern world. A treat

way 401 and Markham Road for the ear, as I have said, but for future expansion, Dr. Regi- in this, I must add that there nald Stackhouse, chairman of was a treat for the eye, too. the board of governors, said did not find it at all difficult to watch the soloist, Mrs. In his address to the college's Eleanor Braun. There were

convocation, Stackhouse hoped times when I became conscious the main campus of the college that she played a magnificent will be located on the site by flute, too. When the good weather comes, Jean wheels him | 1972.

to be approved by Scarboro know) you would have seen, Council and planning board, plain as pie, that this orchestra was bought for \$1,800,000 at meant business after the interval. They called in reinforce-\$3,600 per acre.

fident that Wolfang Amadeus would have happily patted every head in that determined orchestra. They did him, and us, well.

But you know, Mr. Editor, it was the next selection that wove a special fascination for me. I had never before heard the Toccata by Frescobaldi and I found it utterly devastating in played with great delicacy and tion for moments of quiet reflection between the vigorous

Wagner and the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra gave us a magnificent finale and a remarkably short two hours of It was my privilege to thank

a tired and perspiring conduc-Mr. Budd was pleased that I had expressed my pleasure. He informed me that his musicians regard their playing as a labor a consideration. Mr. Budd said to me, "You know, we need people like you." I knew what he meant. This fine orchestra needs the positive support of music. These musicians need of their self-sacrifice and freely offered talent fills a public need. And the only way to make that need apparent is to get out ments and the brass section to those concerts and fill every

The programme told us that This orchestra deserves at

property? Having learned this clearly the reason for the heavy been there, you know. You have no right to miss so much.

VICTOR ATHERTON, 109 Walter Avenue, Newmarket.



Having lived for over ten years within sight of the Mill Pond, it has always surprised me to hear children complain that there is nothing to do in Richmond Hill during the long summer vacation. As a setting for adventure, this area would satisfy the Huck Finn in every boy, and I've seen many girls coming home just as grubby and contented as their brothers from an hour or two "down the road".

I was very pleased, therefore, to receive a notice this week from the Richmond Hill and District YWCA, announcing the setting up of a day camp to be held in the park and bushland surrounding the tify a system that makes no was evident that most knew pond. The "Y" is co-operating with the Richmond distinction between ability and their music. Not once was it Hill Recreation and Parks Department in this project, not in place of, but as an addition to the existing summer playground scheme.

A program of nature lore, camp craft and woodland hiking will be conducted in the immediate area of the pond. Anyone who has watched a muskrat cleaving its v-shaped trail through the still water, or counted as many as 57 turtles at one time lying along the fallen logs, looking exactly like steel helmets shining in the sun, will appreciate the fascina-

A real feature of the Mill Pond is "Uncle Fred". (Fred Thomas), custodian of the ducks and geese, and a storehouse of knowledge on all aspects of raising the birds. He is a great friend to all the Wagner, who seems forever youngsters, who regard him with respect and

Nature craft will not be the only type of activity for the day campers. Outdoor classes in puppetry, drama, arts and crafts will be conducted on the plateau above the pond, and sports, games and singsongs will round out what promises to be a real fun

The scheme is open to youngsters 8-13, and the fees per session will be \$12 for Richmond Hill residents, \$15 for out-of-towners. There will be two sessions, July 7-18, and July 21 - August 1. Contact the "Y" for their brochure on "Park Y" by calling 884-4811.

Who needs a lake when we've got the Mill

One does not usually associate a science teacher If you were there, sir, (and with show business, but Tony Hiscoke, who teaches The new site, which has yet you should have been, you at Zion Heights Junior High School in North York has been involved in many areas of entertainment, from Spring Thaw to the lighting rigs at Maple Leaf Gardens. He is also a long time member of the Curtain Club in his "spare" time.

Recently he showed his students what he could (Continued on Page 16)

YANGTZE PAGODA DINING LOUNGE

We will start to serve our customers with a

"Special Menu" in celebration of our 11th Anniversary, Friday, June 13, from May 30th to June 15th.

CATERING TO ALL KINDS OF BANQUETS & PARTIES

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Gifted Children Need Help Too, Says Educator

Danson even arranged a meet- diagnostic classes will assess

ally handicapped, or just in particular areas.

Mr. Hallman anticipates

Three speech therapists and four speech teachers Will also be travelling from school to school aiding those

with speech problems, giving special aid to those with the greatest difficulties as well as being available as consultants with other teachers. Mr. Hallman told the board, there will be provi-

sion made for 19 junior opportunity classes, ten intermediate opportunity classes, A back-up team of staff

these classse.

mainstream.