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Honor Federal Tory Leader

King Township Reeve Gordon Cook, pictured above centre, appears amused at the comments made by Federal Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield as he presented Professor Donald Creighton's two volume biography of Sir John A. Macdonald to Mrs. Rhoda Jarvis of the King Township Library Board. The three were guests at a beer and oyster party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Walker in honor of party workers Alice and Albert Bickerton who have moved from King City to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Master of ceremonies was York North MLA William Hodgson, York County's only Conservative provincial member. Proceeds from the party will go to the King and District Tory Association Library Fund to purchase books and Canadiana for the new King Township Library.

Lifetime Dream Takes Reader To Finland

Recently "The Liberal" asked its readers to tell us how they spent their summer vacation.

Mrs. H. Atkinson of Oak Ridges, spent hers in realizing a lifelong dream to visit Finland, the homeland of her parents. She spent an unforgettable four weeks in that Northern European country.

Mrs. Atkinson writes:

For more years than I care to remember I had always wanted to see Finland. I guess I grew up on that dream because my parents, who emigrated to Canada in the early 1900's, were never able to make a return visit to their beloved homeland. They died, the years went by, but my dream never diminished.

Finally in this year of 1969, I was able to spend my summer holiday in Finland. To accomplish this, I had to find a flight with the most for the least. It took four months of phone calls and correspondence with a travel agency in Port Arthur and the same length of frustrated waiting for a passport. Then I had to fly from Toronto to Fort William to begin my journey. This was a group flight and offered in addition to the plane fare, hotel accommodation and unlimited travelling in Finland.

We left the Lakehead airport on a beautiful June morning. During a stop in Toronto to have lunch and transfer to American Airlines I became friendly with

some of the rest of the group. At New York's Kennedy Airport, after a five hour wait, we boarded the Finnair plane for the overnight flight over the Atlantic.

Did I say night? Somewhere it was lost in the time zone change of seven hours. Sleep was impossible. Six beautiful stewardesses and a blue velvet gownned Finnish hostess kept us well supplied with food and drink.

After brief stops at Amsterdam and Copenhagen we reached Helsinki. My hotel accommodation proved to be in a small country town called Karkilla. It was wonderful to rest when I felt like it and to walk about the country roads to my heart's content. The town park was a lovely place to enjoy the sunny warm temperature of the Finnish summer. Next to it was an ancient church built in 1781.

It took a week of getting used to the upside down time change. During the three months of summer there is none or very little night. Lapland, north of the Arctic Circle is called the land of the midnight sun. Elsewhere in Finland the sun rises at 2 am. June 24 is a national holiday called Juhannus when the people stay up all night to celebrate the longest day of summer.

The exciting part of the trip was to meet some of my numerous cousins for the first time and to see the birthplaces of my parents. So I travelled by train, a

12 hour journey to a town called Sotkamo, in Central Finland. There the first day was spent on a farm in a beautifully old fashioned home of one cousin. The land was part of the original land of my grandfather. Since the climate and land of Finland is very similar to Northwestern Ontario, where I was born on a farm, it was like stepping back into childhood to walk about in the fields of my ancestors. I visited the school and church my mother had attended. I saw the family tree which dates from 1600.

Then there was the Haaposaari Island to visit, where my father grew up, which is home to three cousins. There I was feted with a Finnish steam bath and freshly caught lake trout. What memorable peacefulness was found on that birch lined island with the sun's rays casting a red glow across the lake!

I saw most of the central and southern portions of Finland. It is a country of pine, birch and lakes. Every village, town and city is situated beside a lake, so one is never far from a beach or fishing area.

One of the nicest parks I saw was the Sibelius Park in Helsinki, named in memory of the famed musician. The Finnish are known for their love of reading and have perhaps the largest book stores of any country. They are equally fond of music, dancing and laughter. The music tends to be soft, melodious and dreamy accom-

panied by violin or accordion.

Helsinki, known as the white city of the Baltic, is the most northerly capital of the world.

The schools are closed during June, July and August. Never did I see children playing about in the streets. Perhaps because the schoolyards are used for sports and games. With their long winters to contend with, skiing is probably the main sport of the nation.

At this time Finland is industrially advanced to the point where the damages and debts of the past war are nearly forgotten. They are becoming well known for their unique architecture, furniture designs and colorful textiles. The Finnish are a coffee drinking people, but I found it much too strong for my taste.

Words cannot express the feeling of emotion at the knowledge of how much it meant to my relatives, the coming of their Canadian cousin. For I am the only one of their few North American kin to make this once in a lifetime trip. For three unforgettable weeks I learned of the history of my ancestors, tasted the life of unhurried, European culture, walked in the footsteps of my parents, feeling everywhere the true meaning of the word 'sisu' as the Finnish strive to keep their independence.

So at the end of June I was winging my way back to Canada across the 4,743 miles over the Atlantic.



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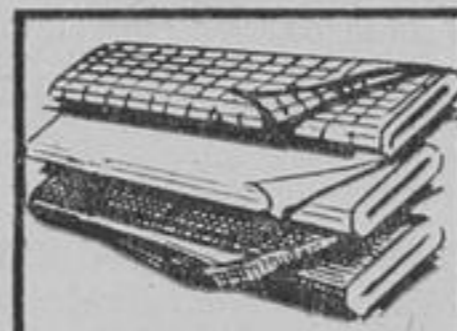
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York County Board Of Education Briefs

York County Board of Education last week gave approval to estimates for building a new public school and for additions to three existing schools for a total of \$1,703,905.

The new school in Newmarket will have 14 classrooms, a primary special education room, kindergarten, two small guidance rooms, a library resource centre, general purpose room, change rooms and a teachers' work room. Cost, including furnishings and equipment, is estimated at \$322,870.

Trustees also approved a \$388,791 addition to Baythorn

School in Thornhill, a \$318,893 addition to William Armstrong School in the Town of Markham, and an \$180,200 addition to Morning Glory School in Georgina Township.

Tentative approval has already been received from the Department of Education for grant purposes, and the board will now seek approval from the Municipal Board for these capital expenditures.

School facilities will be available without charge to municipalities, recreation committees, home and school par-

ent-teacher associations and nationally recognized groups such as Scouts and Guides, but other groups will have to pay.

The York County Board of Education agreed to a fee scale at its regular meeting on September 2.

For a single classroom the charge will be \$3; for a lecture room \$6; for a cafeteria without kitchen \$20; for a gymnasium with no chairs single \$12 and double \$24; for a gymnasium with chairs set up and for use of storage space the charge will be \$25 single and \$40 double.

The charge will be made each time a facility is used, and additional costs may be added.

Staff was asked to bring in a further recommendation for costs of a cafeteria plus kitchen.

Students going on overseas field trips should be required to enrol in the school's accident insurance plan, or have equal private coverage declared.

Trustee Warren Baillie of Vaughan Township at a meeting of York County Board of Education last week.

There should be a rider similar to that that applies to students participating in sports, said Mr. Baillie.

At an earlier meeting Sutton Trustee Les Burrows had asked about insurance covering students on overseas trips, and staff was directed to report on the matter.

The staff report stated that only one of the three plans offered covered students during the summer months, but that all three provide coverage for students on school organized field trips that take place during the school year.

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Neighborhood Notes

Early readers are reminded of the open house being held at Jefferson School Wednesday (tonight) commencing at 8 pm and sponsored by the community club. This is an opportunity for parents and friends to see the new school and to meet the teachers. Special guest speaker will be George Mason, co-ordinator for special projects of the Department of Education, whose topic will be school-to-school projects with special emphasis on the Caribbean.

Crosby Heights School in Richmond Hill will also hold an open house at 7:30 pm for the grades 7 and 8 of this area and Bayview High School features the same program tonight, which will certainly keep some parents busy moving from school to school.

Registration for 1st Jefferson Scouts and Cubs will be held Thursday at 8 pm at troop head-

quarters, St. John's Parish Hall. Fees this year will be \$6 per boy. Fathers or guardians are requested to accompany their sons when hot corn-on-the-cob, coffee and hot chocolate will be served.

A large number of people attended the annual open house at the Orange Home on Sunday. Birthday greetings are extended to David Talbot and Albert Munroe, Sept. 27. Vincent Munroe and Brian Scriver, September 28, Brian, Bruce and Cindy Wilton and to Ann Lomas, all on September 30.

The work party which was held on Saturday effectively accomplished its mission of painting the exterior of the church and cleaning the windows of the hall. All who participated deserve a hearty vote of thanks, as do the ladies for providing an excellent luncheon.

Rev. Earl Gerber is preaching

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