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Accolade For The Mayor

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst of Richmond Hill has announced his retirement from the office of mayor after nearly a decade of service on town council. First elected in 1960 Mr. Broadhurst's greatest contribution has been during the six years he has served as the town's chief magistrate. A skilled debater, he has presided over council in its deliberations with a sense of purpose and fairness. In the day-to-day management of the town's affairs he has proven himself to be an able administrator who has conscientiously directed the operations of a growing municipal corporation.

Nor has the mayor spared himself in his faithful attendance at a multitude of civic functions where his few, well chosen remarks have always been thoughtful and appropriate. In this he has had the support of his loyal and charming wife Joan.

Mayor Broadhurst has been an excellent ambassador for his home community whether it was at the county, Metro or at the Queen's Park level. He never missed an opportunity to publicize our citizens and was always very proud of the accomplish-

ments of both young and old. Since the end of World War 2, Richmond Hill like so many communities close to Metro, has experienced a tremendous influx of new citizens. During this era of rapid change Mayor Broadhurst has always been quick to acknowledge the contribution of our earlier citizens and their institutions to the life of this community. A less concerned public servant could have easily ignored the past in the rush of current events.

Richmond Hill, in common with every municipality in York County, is on the threshold of some form of regional government. The introduction of this new departure in the near future will mark major changes in the administration of local affairs as we know it today. It is indeed unfortunate that Richmond Hill will not have the benefit of Mayor Broadhurst's experience, common sense and good judgment in the challenging times that lie ahead.

We hope the mayor will consider his retirement as just a sabbatical — a well-earned rest before entering the political arena once again.

Where Can Council Find \$200,000?

The tight-money policy of senior levels of government is being felt in Richmond Hill by the recent decision of the Municipal Board on debenturing \$200,000 to roof in the Centennial Pool.

The OMB did not actually turn down the application but withheld approval until satisfactory written evidence has been provided that arrangements have been made for the sale of debentures which will produce an amount equal to the entire cost of the project.

If such arrangements have not been made, the board stated it would accept instead evidence that a chartered bank or other reliable lending institution is willing to provide interim financing until such debentures have been sold.

With the large amount of debenturing which will be required this and next year for Yonge Street reconstruction, this type of assurance will be difficult, if not impossible, for the town to get.

Therefore some other source of money must be sought if the very necessary program of roofing in the town's Centennial project is to proceed.

Already invested in this pool which

was opened to the public in 1965 and this year completed its fifth year of service to the community is more than \$125,000. Of this total \$36,000 came from the federal and provincial governments as a Centennial grant (based on \$1 per head of population), approximately \$45,000 was raised in a campaign for private donations and the remainder from the town's taxation revenue.

Since the open-air pool was only the first phase of a pool designed for year-round use, the concrete used was that recommended for indoor use and it is showing considerable deterioration from the frosts of winter.

The pool has already demonstrated its value in the number of young people who have learned water safety habits and swimming skills during its five years of operation. If it is to continue these contributions to our community for a reasonable period, it must be roofed in.

Council has referred the search for other sources of money for this large capital expenditure to its finance and parks and recreation committees. It is to be hoped that they can come up with a solution which will be acceptable to council and to the majority of the taxpayers.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

A Harbinger Of Things To Come

An evergreen tree whose branches are laden with snow is one of the beauties of a Canadian Winter that once seen will never be forgotten. Although the tree in the above photo seems to be submitting gracefully to its burden of snow in a bow which could prove disastrous, a few hours of sunshine or a vagrant breeze will send the snow tumbling and good old Mother Nature will start to work to bring the evergreen back to its correct upward stance.

In the Spotlight



By MARY MONKS

The commercialization of Christmas is rapidly making us all into Scrooges — Christmas is humbug, and the "jolly ho! ho!" feeling is sinking into one of aching heads and feet as we search for gifts and cards, and new ideas in both, about this time of year. Because I still love Christmas — that is December 25, not the frantic season with which it has become synonymous — I find that one way to overcome the "humbug" frame of mind is to look out for the unusual when I am finding my yuletide paraphernalia.

I long ago ceased trying to outdo friends and relatives with regard to the commercial value of what I give. A little thought is worth a lot more in the long run than a big price tag. How often have you been tempted to say to yourself "that'll do for so-and-so", knowing darned well that so-and-so will never use it, but at least you can tick him off your gift list. This year try to find something that will show you gave a little thought to the recipient, and you'll get a lot more fun out of this Christmas deal.

One place which may prove very useful in your quest for some different Christmas items is the Villa Nursing Home on Bathurst Street North. The Villa's annual Christmas Bazaar and Handicrafts Sale will take place on November 22 from 1 to 4 pm,

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Letters to the Editors

NEW POUND BILL TO COST CITIZENS MILLION OF DOLLARS

Dear Mr. Editor:

Would you be good enough to publish in your Letters To The Editor column this letter drawing the taxpayers' attention to what provincial Bill 194 (this is the new version of Bill 73) is going to cost them in dollars? The new "Pound Seizure" Bill will require much bigger buildings and larger staffs, since all animals will have to be kept for long periods "in case they are needed for research". Anyone who has helped in the running of an animal shelter knows how quickly it becomes full, even with some animals being adopted out and others being put down. The cost of the kind of pounds Bill 194 demands will run into millions of dollars for the people of Ontario.

Bill 194 is unrealistic from every point of view. A recent survey, endorsed by every Canadian university, reveals that all Ontario universities and medical schools in 1968 used a total of 2,686 dogs and 1,200 cats. Why the sweeping demands for "10,000 dogs and 4,000 cats"?

New York State, which 12 years ago passed similar legislation, is now in process of repealing it, because it satisfied no one.

Every taxpayer should write to his provincial member of the Legislature and object to this hideous proposal.

ETHELWYN WICKSON, Kettleby.

RICHMOND HILL HAS 50 YEAR LEASE ON CENOTAPH SITE

Dear Mr. Editor:

An article which appeared in the October 2 issue of "The Liberal" has been drawn to the attention of the York County Board of Education, as containing two items which affect the good relationship between the principal of the Lillian M. McConaghy School and the students and their parents on the one hand, and the relationship between the residents of Richmond Hill, their mayor and council, and the York County Board of Education on the other.

It is regretted that the article implies that the students of McConaghy School use the Cenotaph as a place to park bicycles during school hours. Information available to the board, from officials who have had close contact with this school for many years is that this is not true, as the principal does not permit students to leave their bicycles on the Cenotaph site during the period that he is in charge of his school. The school

would be pleased to continue to co-operate with the town to make all students aware of the need to respect public property at all times.

The article make a statement in the closing sentence which refers to action taken by the former Richmond Hill Public School Board — "Last year before the advent of the York County Board of Education, the site was transferred to town ownership for the sum of \$1."

Correspondence on file, and minutes of the former Richmond Hill Public School Board have been examined, and it is evident that ownership of the site has been transferred to the York County Board of Education.

The former Richmond Hill Public School Board signed, and forwarded to the clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill a lease which referred to the Cenotaph site; the lease (in part) covered a period of 50 years, to December 1, 1917, and included the following clause:

"The parties hereto further covenant and agree that in the event the lessor desires to sell the demised lands together with the whole or part of its adjacent lands, or, if the lessor requires the land for use in conjunction with the balance of its school site for purposes other than memorial or cenotaph purposes, then the lessor may terminate this lease upon giving one year's notice thereof."

The York County Board of Education has on file a copy of the lease, bearing the signatures of the chairman and business administrator of the former Richmond Hill Public School Board, and of the mayor and clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill. In effect, the lease makes the Cenotaph site available to the Town of Richmond Hill for the next fifty years for the same purpose as it has served for the past fifty years.

The York County Board of Education is prepared to honor both the wording and the intent of the lease, and trusts that the Cenotaph will continue to be a focal point for all who respect the sacrifices made by others on our behalf.

JOHN MacKAY, York County Board of Education.

(Editor's Note: The news article referred to in the above letter was a report of a discussion during the September 22 meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council, and the two items mentioned were quotations of statements made by members of council during the meeting.)



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

A Guitar Pickin' Family

The Celsie family have been around this area for some time now. It all started when Mr. and Mrs. Paul Celsie came from Italy about 56 years ago. They did a very fine thing. They brought the love of music with them. Their sons and daughter, Lucy inherited their love of music and some of them have brought much joy to the lives of others because of it.

One son, Don Celsie, is emcee, singer and rhythm guitarist for the popular Country Rhythm Kings who play at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake. From what Don says, they really pack them in at the big pavilion every Saturday night.

"My great grandparents, back in Italy, were well known as musical entertainers of their day. My dad and one brother play accordion and Fred, Art, and Dave all play some form of guitar and sing," he said. (The range includes Hawaiian steel, Spanish, and bass guitars.) Don's wife Joan often sings the last waltz number at the Cedar Beach dances.

Some years ago, this column carried the story about Fred Celsie's daughter, Sandy. Sandy wrote her own songs, and made records. She made guest appearances on shows like "Country Hoedown," and made several trips to Nashville, Tennessee, home of country music, for recording sessions.

DON LEARNED THE HARD WAY

"I began to play guitar when I was 15," said Don. "I was the one with the tin ear but I didn't want to be left behind the others. I watched my brothers and listened to records especially those of Ernest Tubb, Jimmie Rodgers, Wilf Carter and Hank Williams. I would pick away for hours until my fingers bled. I listened to the sound of my own voice and gradually became able to tell a sharp from a flat. I taught myself to tune a guitar. It's funny how your ear comes around if you keep at it."

You have to start somewhere. Several years ago, Don and his nephew Danny Lurusso and an accordion player made music for the local dances. They got some very good engagements and one of them was a spot at the Palace Pier in Toronto before it burned down.

After that Don and his group organized the Thornhill Jamboree which took place every Sunday night at the Thornhill Farmers' Market. They hired local groups to put on the shows and this lasted nine years. Six years ago they created a band called the Country Rhythm Kings. The members were drawn from Toronto, Woodbridge, Richmond Hill and Thornhill. Freddie Bird, the drummer, lives in the Hill; Cousin Lute, the bass player, lives at Pine Grove; and Don Celsie lives in Thornhill. The seven players can sing when required to do so and this includes the square dance caller, the steel players, fiddlers and the drummer. The format includes square and round dancing and its appeal is largely to the middle-aged crowd.

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Trustees Travel East And West To Conventions

At a recent meeting of York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, trustees and officials reported on conventions they had attended in the past two months.

Woodbridge Trustee Noreen Lee and Trustee June Mallon of Markham Township attended the Canadian Education Association conference on Education and the Innovative Society in Halifax in September.

Trustee Robert Simpson of East Gwillimbury and Superintendent Joseph Hodge attended the Canadian Catholic Trustees' Association Convention in Calgary in September, and Mrs. Lee and Mr. Hodge were present at the Ontario Education Association Fall Conference in Toronto in October.

In her report on the Halifax Conference, Mrs. Lee included a summary of a talk by Professor Charles Phillips, 189 Grandview Avenue, Highland Park in Markham Township, who was a member of the Hall Dennis Commission on the Aims and Objectives of Education in Ontario and one of the authors of the commission's report, Living and Learning.

One of the underlying ideas of the report, said Dr. Phillips, was the importance of motivation as a way of making education more congenial and pleasant for the child and of giving life and meaning to the content of the education program.

The report, he said, reflects the concept that the work of the school should be almost wholly intellectual and accepts the broader purpose of educating the whole child.

The function of the teach-

er should not be to merely give instruction, but also to encourage the student to learn by discovery and discussion. He rejected the concept of indoctrination and stressed the importance of freedom to find out, think and decide.

Teacher training, said Dr. Phillips, should be updated. Candidates for teachers' colleges should be screened, and teachers' federations should co-operate in the certification of teachers.

The chief fault of the report, he said, is that it "takes little cognizance of social problems. It is not only the school which educates, but everything in life. There are conditions in society today which, if left uncontrolled, will largely thwart the best efforts of teachers."

Mrs. Mallon reported on a discussion led by Dr. B. Keeler, executive secretary of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

An important change on the education scene, said Mrs. Mallon, is the alleged militancy of the new teachers.

According to Dr. Keeler, main causes of teacher militancy include the fact that there are more younger teachers in the schools. The young teachers think that they are underpaid and that too many demands are being made on their time and energy.

Teachers want a share in decision-making. They are insisting on their rights as persons affected by decisions to be involved in making the decisions. They are challenging authority and want a colleague relationship with their organization superiors.

With better trained and educated teachers, the teachers believe they have a right to make educational decisions because they possess knowledge and skill.

On the other hand, N. Scarfe, dean of education at the University of British Columbia, cautioned about irresponsible innovations. There is no training for teacher educators, yet teachers must be taught how to guide the discovery approach to learning.

Teachers, said Mr. Scarfe, would be allowed to find their own way of getting ideas across and should not have standardized teaching methods imposed upon them. They should be given more time to work out programs together because the teachers themselves are educated by the process of developing a program.

At the Canadian Education Association Convention, Mrs. Lee reported, Dr. John McCarthy, Ontario's deputy minister of education, warned that education can no longer go on expecting a larger percentage of the tax dollar.

There is more at the root of the educational crisis than the lack of money. He cited unfavorable public reaction — the growing feeling that school boards and educators don't care about increasing school taxes will bring about a reaction that in the long run will be even more limiting for the educational enterprise than some real attempt to meet the situation now.

"We must convince the public by justifying our expenditures," Dr. McCarthy declared.

He told the trustees they must accept the fact that school buildings belong to the public and throw the doors open even though it means some inconvenience to supervisors and teachers.

Every school, he said, ought to have an involved group participating in the process of decision making, and traditional parent-teacher groups should be replaced by more militant groups demanding to be involved in real issues.

School boards should take the initiative in arranging for representatives of interested groups to make regular appearances before the board to express views of the public and to become acquainted with the programs of the board.

Trustees and officials, said Dr. McCarthy, should get off the defensive and go on the offensive in describing solid achievements.

"No matter what new ideas and new proposals are put forward, it must be anticipated that, no matter how valid they may be, they will be a source of difficulty, criticism and even abuse."

Reporting on the convention in Calgary, Mr. Simpson summarized the main points of a panel discussion on religious education for Canadian Catholic Schools.

Today, he said, man is truly searching for a meaning. A questioning attitude is a healthy one.

"Change is a way of life, a law of growth. . . . Our church is at home in storms. . . . Our schools are the main answer today to the formation of Christian character. Their success is dependent on parents, trustees, clergy

and teachers. These people make our schools Catholic."

Religion, the panel concluded, is caught, not taught. A panel of five grade 12 students of Calgary Catholic schools discussed the place of religion in contemporary education.

They concluded, Mr. Simpson reported, that times are changing and the religious knowledge program in the schools is not "with it". The same material, they maintained, is repeated over five years of high school.

Students do not get a credit for religious knowledge, and this impeded their progress. They must give part of their lunch hour to take religious knowledge, and this interferes with their sports activities.

Teachers, the students maintained, are found wanting in that they do not make religious knowledge interesting, meaningful, stimulating. They give more thought to preparing lessons in other subjects.

At the Ontario Education Association Fall conference, reported Mr. Hodge, it was agreed that trustees of county boards should be asked to take a more active part in financing and in membership than heretofore.

The Ontario Separate School Trustees Association, he said, is advising separate school boards to wait for their directors to rule as to advisability of membership.

As a member of the senate of OEA Mr. Hodge advised that the association has an important leadership role to play in unifying the very complex array of sections in the province.