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**Jefferson Pupils Visit Jamaica For Learning, Fun Week**

Grade 6 students of Jefferson Public School who participated in the second school to school exchange for the past week arrived back at Toronto International Airport in the early hours of Sunday morning after a most interesting, although somewhat wet, week in Jamaica.

The plane was delayed until 12:30 am and it was almost 1:30 when the party emerged from the customs hall to be greeted by the waiting parents and friends led by Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, who deserves a special vote of thanks for her energy, enthusiasm and organization which made the trip possible as well as the forthcoming trip of Jamaica children to the Jefferson community in June.

The tour began May 17 when the flight left a cloudy Toronto and arrived in glorious sunshine with the mercury pushing the nineties. On Monday the students visited August Town

School where they participated in school work for half a day and ate lunch with their pen pals.

On Wednesday the group went to the ocean where a swim in the sea proved quite an experience, then on to the Dunn River Falls which were climbed through the water, finally stopping at a souvenir shop on the seafloor.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were marked by torrential rains of "Hurricane Alma" which passed through the Caribbean on those days, somewhat curtailing activities. The Canadian students noted with envy that owing to the open-sided construction of the schools, holidays were declared on all wet days.

A visit to the "straw market" on Thursday was a memorable event. Here bargains and momentoes were bought after trading and haggling over prices and later the party toured the

Hope Gardens and Hope Zoo.

On Friday morning they called on the Governor-General at his residence in Kingston where he addressed the youngsters who then visited the Mayor of Kingston. That afternoon the community at August Town gave a party at the school with dancing, refreshments and two films, one on Jamaica and the second on the Calgary Stampede.

Following a full week of activity final farewells were made on Saturday, final swims taken on what proved to be the warmest day of the tour, and with packing completed the group drove to the airport to embark on the return journey.

The party of 25 children was accompanied by Principal Donald Hansen with George Eldridge, Mrs. Jean Scriver and Mrs. Lorraine Phillips acting as chaperones. Other members of the community, travelling with the party, although touring independently and "on holiday" were Mrs. Mandy Petry, Mrs. Jean Powell and Mrs. A. McBride of King City.

**Black-White Study Course Planned For County Schools In September**

Concern about race relations in today's society prompted York County Board of Education to authorize two teachers to spend a week this summer designing a curriculum guide for a course on the subject to be offered in county schools in the fall.

For the past several years courses in Black-White studies have been offered at various levels at Thornlea and Bayview Secondary Schools and have created increasing interest in teachers and students in the county and in the province, trustees were told.

At a meeting on May 11, the board considered a letter from Bayview Principal Arthur Martin, Bayview History Department Head Donald Rawlings and Thornlea History Head Donald Bogle which was brought to the trustees' attention by Superintendent of Planning and Development Stephen Bacsalmasi.

The board agreed with a staff recommendation that the teachers form a committee of two to work for seven full days at summer school

salary to plan a curriculum guide, and that in addition to the Black-White studies, the committee include social matters of greater significance for Canadians, such as French-English problems and the position of minority groups, Indians and Eskimos in Canada.

They proposed that the committee draw up guidelines for teaching techniques to be used, such as seminars, documentary studies, audio-visual materials, field trips and speakers; a list of books, including an annotated bibliography, documentary material and Black literature; audio-visual materials available, including films, film strips, records and tapes; and periodicals.

"Racial problems are a real problem in today's society," declared Mr. Bacsalmasi. "The course will stress also problems closer to home."

"It is all one problem, there are just different aspects to it," commented Markham Township Trustee John Honsberger in moving that the board approve the proposal.

**Your Legion Reports**

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
 By George Wood — 884-2479

As you read this column, four of our members are preparing for a trip to Ottawa to represent our branch at the 23rd Dominion Convention taking place May 31, through June 5.

The members representing our branch are: President Doug-

las Hopson, Gord Mills, John Ogden and Jack Sanders. Also present will be our Zone Commander Frank Barrott. Highlights of the business transacted at the convention will appear in this column on the return of our members.

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**Neighborhood Notes**

Early readers are reminded of the community club meeting at Jefferson School tonight (Wednesday at 8 pm) when Allen Spraggett will speak on "Better Living Through Dynamic Thinking". Mr. Spraggett who is now a resident of this community, is a well known author, TV and radio personality (presenting the news in Gordon Sinclair's spot on the weekends) and is an authority on the occult and unexplained, having been associated with the late Bishop James Pike in psychiatric research.

Friends of the Kerswill family will be interested to hear that Janice and Garry Grierson of Toronto have a baby boy. Grandparents are Roy and Ruth Holmes of Falconbridge and great-grandmother is Mrs. Robert Holmes of Langstaff.

Several grade 8 students who attend Crosby Heights Senior Public School participated in the walkathon from the school to Toronto City Hall. The first walker to arrive at the destination was Doug Workman of Gamble Avenue.

The mother and daughter banquet for Guides and Brownies was held Monday evening and full details will appear in this column next week.

**Church News**

The services at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 am and there will be a family service with the younger members of the congregation participating at 10 am. Please note the early service has been brought forward one hour from the usual 9 am time.

On Saturday from 9:30 am to 1 pm a prayer conference of the deanery spiritual life fellowship will be held in preparation for the Bishop Bardsley Mission in October.

At 7:30 pm the final monthly meeting for the summer will be held at St. Matthew's Islington, 3862 Bloor Street East. Transportation will leave the church at 6:45 pm.

The result of the skidoo fund

**Markham Council Briefs**

At a meeting on May 19, Markham Township Council agreed to the appointment of David Tinker of Victoria Square to the parks and recreation department to replace Zoli Berta, who is moving to Richmond Hill.

At an earlier meeting of council, Councillor Eldred King moved "that we accept Mr. Berta's resignation with regret. He was a hard working member of the committee. He made a real contribution."

Markham Township will hire three students this summer to work as vacation relief in the roads department at a wage of \$1.85 per hour.

Council also agreed to the hiring of a relief typist for duty throughout the township office during summer vacation period.

Markham Township Council last week received a number of letters from residents of Unionville protesting plans for road widening in the area.

Clerk Harry Crisp explained that people are afraid the widening of Kennedy Road will mean demolition of some older buildings and that a citizens' committee has been set up to attempt to preserve the village.

Deputy-revee Anthony Roman said the Department of Highways is working on the widening of Highway 7 at Kennedy Road, and Kennedy Road, which goes through the centre of Unionville, will have to be widened for a distance of about 400 feet to allow space for right and left turn vehicles. South of Highway 7, Kennedy Road is being widened to four lanes.

"A group of citizens are anxious to preserve the character of Kennedy Road," declared Mr. Roman. "They do not want it to suffer the same fate as some villages and towns have with roads going through."

Council agreed to refer the question to committee for further study.

Water rates are going down in Markham Township. The council last week approved a bylaw which will give consumers up to 8,000 gallons of water for \$6. The present rate is 7,500 gallons for \$7.50. This represents a reduction of approximately 25 percent in water bills.

Council is also contemplating a reduction in sewer rates, but the rates are still being worked out.

Under the present system, sewage charges are based on water consumption but Deputy-revee Anthony Roman pointed out, a good deal of water is used outside the home for watering lawns, washing cars, etc., and does not revert to sewage.

"It is only fair that sewage charges be based on the actual cost of operating the two sewage plants (John Street and Unionville). We hope to put the sewage charges on the next tax bill."

Residential rates have been established, said Mr. Roman, but industrial and commercial rates have to be worked out be-

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appeal last year is that Canon Bill Graham of Port Harrison has been able to order a new snowmobile from a Montreal firm, paid in full in cash, three-quarters of which was donated by this parish.

Steven Newroth, director at Daybreak, the home for adult retardards on Yonge Street North preached at the morning service at St. John's recently and gave a most interesting and moving account of the work in which he is engaged.

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**MALL NEWS**  
 RICHMOND HEIGHTS CENTRE  
 RICHMOND HILL

**MYSTERY OF MR. PLESS**

Bennett's Textiles is doing a very brisk business these days. Les of Seafood Corner & Mr. Morrison of Bernina Sewing Machines say he is giving the material away. Mr. Solomon, Bond Clothes and Ed Leeds Sports Store say he is up to something. Bunny Snow TV Repairs and Atlas Photo Supplies say they are going to get to the bottom of the mystery. Karl of Karl's Beauty Salon and Len of Beneficial Finance know something, but are not saying. The police say they need a material witness.

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Members visiting our ladies and escort room can now see, for the first time in one location, the many trophies won by our branch during the past year in various tournaments. Our thanks for this goes to Fred Catlin for building the new display shelves in the said room.

Woodbridge Branch 414 is this year's host for our annual district drumhead service which will take place on June 7, with the Newmarket Legion Pipe Band in attendance. Fall-in will be at the Woodbridge Legion Hall at 2 pm and all members are requested to attend this service. Bring your picnic baskets as family picnic grounds are available next to the Legion Hall.

Our branch will play host to the zone golf tournament which will take place on June 20. Members wishing to represent our branch in this tournament are requested to contact Sports Officer Gord Mills as soon as possible.

While on the subject of sports, we are advised that a bridge club is being formed and all interested members are requested to be in the ladies and escort room at 8 pm Tuesday evening.

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fore overall rates can be set. Council agreed to deal with the rates in committee this week.



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