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"Operation Daybreak" Raised \$17,865 For Residence

Because of the successful Operation Daybreak Walkathon in April, the Daybreak residence is now under construction and can be seen by visiting this home for the adult retarded which is located in Richmond Hill on Yonge Street north of Elgin Mills Road. The Canadian Progress Club (York Central), a small group of dedicated young men who organized and sponsored the walkathon, announced this week that a total of \$17,865 has been received and this represents approximately 80% of the total pledged. "The money is important," commented Norm Terry, chairman of the walkathon committee, "but over and above that is the realization that together we joined hands to help those less fortunate than ourselves." In the above picture are seen (left to right) Walkathon Chairman Norm Terry; Canadian Progress Club President Norm Derry; Madame George Vanier, Daybreak patron; Mrs. Keiller MacKay, member of the board of Daybreak; and Steven Newroth, Daybreak's director, during a symbolic cheque presentation. Members of the Canadian Progress Club (York Central) express deep appreciation to all those who participated in the walkathon — walkers, sponsors and those who helped in many ways to make "Operation Daybreak" a successful event. It was a project well done.

Markham's Thornhill Triumph

A much needed Thornhill area swimming pool at last is certain. The York County Board of Education and the Markham Town Council have cut all the red tape and ironed out all the details.

A great deal of goodwill and hard work has been contributed to this success by the members of both of these public bodies, their advisors and staffs.

Especially to be commended are the Thornhill area elected representatives, Trustee John MacKay, Trustee Louise Aimeone, Ward One Councillor Robert Adams, Ward Two Councillor Roy Muldrew, and Regional Councillor James Jongeneel.

Much credit also is due to the Markham Parks and Recreation Committees over the past three years, and to Chairman Don Reid of North Thornhill and his hard working citizens' advisory committee.

Bringing this swimming pool idea to reality and having construction included immediately in the Thornlea Secondary School addition plans, is indeed a triumph for the whole community. This is really a major breakthrough and a first for the new regional Town of Markham and the new Region of York, as Mayor Anthony Roman aptly stated as the final agreement was approved in council the other night. Swimming is widely accepted as the best all-around athletic activity and a pool is a good alternative to an extra gymnasium in a school. Thornlea will be the first York Region school so equipped.

The pool is to have six swimming competition lanes acceptable according to Olympic standards. A last minute change was the switch to metric standards. The pool is expected to be still in use long after the metric system of measurement has become general.

So the water area will be 25 metres long, or about seven feet longer than the 75 feet recommended as a minimum by the citizens' advisory committee. It will serve the school during school hours, and the whole community at other times.

The many new home units built in recent years in the Thornhill area of Markham have contributed large sums of money in lot and apartment development fees, and this is the first real return the area has received for this money. We understand the municipality has enough money in this fund to pay for its share of the cost, without issuing debentures or levying a cent of extra taxes.

So Thornhill had it coming. It is interesting to look at the history of this project and to speculate on the overall quality and adequacy of the recreation facilities in Thornhill. Are they anywhere close to being adequate? What is the prior-

ity of need? What should come next? Should the builders of new homes pay more, or should there be a levy on existing real estate?

This pool certainly was needed and the people showed they supported it. However, the decision to build it would seem to have been an isolated political one. In public, at least, there was little evidence of a comprehensive plan or overall study of community recreation needs.

Now where, for instance, does the proposed second Thornhill public library fit? This project is almost to the stage the pool had reached only a short time ago.

Thornhill does not have community skating facilities, either indoor or outdoor, as far as we can recall. Nor can we recall seeing any amount of ball fields or athletic track, or just open spaces of grassy field for free play of any sport.

What is needed now and what will be needed in 10 years, or in 30 years? What should come next? Does Thornhill need a recreation study?

People come to Markham to raise their families outside the congestion of Metro. Indeed, Thornhill probably has more golf courses, clubs and other private recreation facilities than do most communities.

There are, we think, three aspects to recreation planning. The first is to prepare for the orderly acquisition of adequate and suitable land. The second aspect is the provision of money to develop and plan the right facilities on the land acquired. The third is to plan and develop a program.

It is important not merely to concentrate on one of these aspects or one kind of activity, and forget about the total picture.

The amount of land required is directly related to population density. Apartments need more public land around them than single family dwellings. Up to now this is where the planning has broken down. Apartments are built after single family dwellings are built and after a community has been established. This almost seems to be a fixed pattern followed by developers. The community ends up being choked for space. The residents are faced with either enduring the situation, or digging down to "pay through the nose" for developed land.

The planners should remember the need for recreation isn't only for the young. There must also be space, facilities and program for adults and the aged. A tremendous variety of facilities must be provided.

The new Markham Town in its first year has made a fine step forward with the swimming pool project at Thornlea School. May it go on to bigger and better things.

In the Spotlight



By BONNIE SHEPPARD

The Garret Gallery And Country Magic

Treat yourself to a leisurely hour one sunny day and drive up Bathurst Street to the Garret Gallery, about one half mile north of Maple Sideroad. It's one of those places you see on the road and each time you drive past, you promise yourself that one day you must stop. I've been doing this for about a year and finally last Sunday, the promise was carried out.

Harold Howarth has lived on that same spot on Bathurst Street for close to twenty-five years and he runs the Garret Gallery. What started out as a hobby for Mrs. Howarth has now become a full time occupation for Harold. He's a man with an easy stride and a soft manner that puts one at ease immediately. "Oh yes," he chuckles, as one hand strokes the back of his head, "She was taking art lessons from Otto Grebze down on Pemberton and I guess I became too much of an art critic. . . so she handed me the brush and said, 'Here, you have a go.' That was fifteen years ago and Harold hasn't looked back. He too enrolled in Mr. Grebze's art class and continued with him for two years. His hobby grew and grew until four years ago he opened the Garret Gallery full time to the public.

As we walked through the grounds and looked at his pictures under the trees, Harold explained that he saw art as more than technical facility; perhaps a mood. He searched for the words and it was easy to see that what Harold was trying to say meant more to him than just another interview. He went on to say that perhaps only one out of ten of his paintings is successful in his mind — one out of ten with that little extra something. Perhaps this explains the variation that marks his style. In order to catch the feeling of a team of work horses, Harold uses broad strokes and deep tones; but the painting sitting next to it is a delicate vase of flowers. Those two have worked.

But then Harold used to work a team of horses up in Thornloe and he knows the feeling, through (Continued on Page 12)

Has Proved Need Help Mate Gets Council Backing In Seeking Funds From Region

Richmond Hill Town Council decided at its August 9 meeting that it will back Help Mate, a telephone service which dispenses information to the public of existing community services, in an appeal to the Regional Council of York Health and Welfare Services for a grant to permit it to remain in business. It was also suggested to David Porter, who placed Help Mate's request for a yearly grant of \$1,020 before council that financial assistance be sought from the provincial and/or federal governments. Mr. Porter, who is chairman of Help Mate Services, is an attendance counsellor with the York County Board of Education. Described by Mayor William Lazenby as "an involved citizen whose greatest asset is in getting others involved and making things happen", Mr. Porter has been active in the Richmond Hill Social Planning Council since its inception. This group was responsible for setting up the local day care centre as well as establishing Help Mate, securing Big Brothers and generally helping to improve the life of the community.

Mr. Porter's request was backed by letters from the York County Children's Aid Society and the York Central Hospital Mental Health Service. "Help Mate performs a unique and vital function as the only local information service regarding all available community facilities. It also puts the lay volunteer with a specific service to offer in touch with the person in need of that service. Further, it is an unusually inexpensive agency to operate, being itself manned by volunteers. For these reasons we earnestly hope that Help Mate will be helped to continue", the latter stated, signed by Dr. William Shaw, read, Dr. Shaw is chief

of psychiatry of the mental health service of the local hospital. In an attempt to blend the strengths of the professional and layman, Richmond Hill and District Social Planning Council created Help Mate in May, 1970. It was designed to meet the needs of a sophisticated society, recognizing the fact that the small band of professionals could not cope with all the needs of modern society unless the community is willing to help. Volunteers were sought and found and a telephone answering service established with the help of Richmond Hill United Church. Invitations to seek the help of Help Mate were issued to all individuals and agencies encountering problems. Volunteers have set up a complete file of services available. They receive training by the Children's Aid Society, public health department and mental health services, so that they may serve with confidence and competence, Mr. Porter explained.

He listed among the services provided, finding homes for nine young people, setting up a good used clothing centre, securing rides for handicapped people, providing emergency baby sitting and homemakers. "The response has been amazing", he said. "Help Mate is the hot line between the paid professional on the firing line and the people in the community with skills and time to help." "During the past year the need to develop this service has been proven. In fact a satellite service is being set up in the Town of Vaughan and one is being seriously considered for the Town of Markham", Mr. Porter also noted, as he pointed out that the projected budget was for work in Shaw, read, Dr. Shaw is chief

Youth And Gambling In York Evening Program

More than 40 non-degree courses are being offered this fall and winter at York University, ranging from the people and politics of East Asia to the youth scene and a conference on various aspects of gambling.

The centre for continuing education was established in 1966 by the university to complement the part time degree studies offered by York's Atkinson College. Its purpose is to provide continuing education for people in all walks of life, and in most of the courses offered there is no examination. Nor is it necessary to be a high school graduate.

Some of the courses are, however, accredited by boards of education, private institutions and associations, leading to certificate status.

Some courses — the living theatre, effective public speaking, principles of supervision, the peoples and politics of East Asia, effective reading, business law for engineers, writing workshop, creative writing and various language programs — will be offered at the university's Glendon Campus at Bayview and Lawrence Avenues. The course on oriental antiques will be offered at the North York Library in Willowdale.

At the York Campus, Keele Street and Steeles Avenue, the centre for continuing education lists courses in principles of supervision, theory and process in group interaction, a human relations laboratory, technical aids to teaching, man and his environment, principles of business law, finance, marketing, preparatory college mathematics, computer concepts, management accounting and many others.

A program booklet describing all the courses, and individual course brochures are available at the university, 4700 Keele Street, Downsview 463, telephone 635-2501. Fees range from \$40 to \$296 for the two-semester course in theory and process in group interaction. Most courses begin in September.

Young People Fight Litter, Set Example

"A lot of people are getting emotional about litter, but as in many other areas, not too many are doing anything about this problem. We decided to do something and we hope that other people will get the habit." That's how Milton Bus Driver Henry La Rouchie, he prefers just plain Henry, sums up the activities of a group of children he organized in the Brampton area to clean up litter, and who have now become known as "Brampton's Little Litter Patrol".

"There are about five children I can really count on to do the litter cleanup work," Henry says. "We are just plain citizens doing our bit."

One of the big cleanup jobs with which the group helps is at the Clairville Conservation Area of the Metro Conservation Authority. The patrol cleans up a section each Monday morning before the area opens to the public at 10 am.

The patrol's litter pickup activities have not been confined just to the Metro region however. The group has helped clean up areas at Wasaga Beach, and also picked up litter at the Brampton Flower Festival grounds.

At the flowers festival tickets were made available for free rides on the midway which Henry then distributed to the children in recognition of their efforts in keeping the grounds free of litter.

"Once the other children at the fair saw what was going on they came over and wanted to collect litter too," Henry recalls with a smile. "Pretty soon there were 50 young people running around cleaning up and there wasn't enough litter to go around."

"We know darn well that it is just a matter of picking up litter after people, but also setting an example that counts," Henry states.

Along this line, he has obtained about 80 forty-five gallon drums and 125 twenty-five gallon drums for use as litter receptacles in the conservation authority's areas.

The group has painted "please" and "thank you" on the drums to encourage people to use them.

Air Canada And The Young (Listowel Banner)

Half-fare ticket to Europe this summer — for those under 25 of course. Another beautiful idea. Here we have the height of the tourist season, the only time the airline probably makes a buck on its overseas flight, and good old Air Canada alienates a responsible citizen by, in effect, putting him at the back of the bus.

Yes, travel is mind-expanding and it's ridiculous to have those monsters shuffling back and forth across the Atlantic half empty. But why limit the experience of visiting another nation to those under 25? What's wrong with the rest of you who after all keep Air Canada aloft in the off-peak periods? Instead of offering a generous half-fare ticket to the young, why not strike a happy medium and maintain it all year round so everyone could benefit — Air Canada included? It is about time somebody realized there are a lot of people in this country who are over 25, and they are the ones paying the bills. What's that old saw about the man who pays the piper? Well someday, and that day isn't far off, the taxpayer is going to demand a tune to his liking.

BRADFORD — This town is to have a new two-acre park, with the acquisition of a site purchased 10 years ago by the former local public school board. The town will pay the county board of education \$14,000 the price paid for the land adjacent to the Luxury Homes Subdivision 10 years ago.

How About Simcoe Day?

Now that Civic Holiday for 1971 has passed into oblivion without fanfare in Richmond Hill, it might be well to consider giving this annual holiday a name with a little more meaning.

The John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation is urging all Ontario municipalities to change the name of the holiday traditionally held on the first Monday in August to Simcoe Day, in recognition of the contribution to the settlement of this area by John Graves Simcoe, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada in the last decade of the eighteenth century.

This year the City of Toronto passed such a proclamation and the Borough of North York is on record as favoring the name change.

Indeed this area owes its entire character to Governor Simcoe. It was under his aegis that Yonge Street was surveyed by Augustus Jones and slashed out by the Queen's Rangers. Simcoe travelled its full length from York to Penetanguishene (it was planned as a military road between the two forts) passing through Richmond Hill on his way north. On his southward journey, he strayed from the blazed trail in the vicinity of "The Summit" and wandered southward somewhere to the east of the road-to-be to the vicinity of Thornhill.

It was Simcoe who laid out the pattern of York County, which is still apparent — mile and a quarter concessions, 200 acre farms. These farm lots were offered free to any

settler who could prove himself a professing Christian, capable of manual labor, and a law-abiding citizen of the country in which he last resided.

And the settlers came — from Great Britain, from the United States, from Germany. Many of the Queen's Rangers who came to the area with Simcoe when, in 1792, he selected the site of the present Toronto as the location of his government, took up land grants along the new road, on their retirement.

According to Richmond Hill Librarian Patricia Hart in her 1967 History of York North, Simcoe laid down certain duties which had to be performed by the settlers over a two year period.

"These included clearing the land for cultivation, building a log or frame house at least 16 by 20 feet with a shingle roof, and fencing 10 acres of land. All timber across the width of the lot had to be cut, with 33 feet levelled off for half a public road."

To Simcoe fell the task of naming townships along the road — Vaughan, Markham, Whitchurch (and Yonge) honored men in the British Government of the day. The Gwillimbury bears Mrs. Simcoe's maiden name, the Simcoe County Townships of Tiny, Floss and Tay the names of her pet dogs, and Georgina was named for the reigning monarch.

So, we feel that giving him a day, once a year, may give it a special meaning, and serve to keep the accomplishments of this great man alive in the area he served so well.

Even Vermont Protests Out Of State Investments

(Many Canadians, if not all, are deeply concerned about the large amount of foreign capital invested in our basic industries and the resulting control by non-Canadians. Most of this capital and control comes from the United States and the area of most concern is that the profits of Canadian industry are siphoned off to bolster another economy.)

"That we are not alone in our concern about 'outsiders' owning our resources, is evident in the following article from a recent issue of The Christian Science Monitor which concerns the State of Vermont in New England. — Editor."

Vermont is primarily owned and controlled by out-of-state interests and is simply a "colony" of the metropolitan world that surrounds it. That was the gist of an economic report made by a Prof. Lee Webb at Goddard College in Plainfield. He wrote: "Vermont's industry, its land, and its resources are owned and controlled by out-of-staters. These out-of-staters should not be mistaken for the tourists who might own a summer camp on a beautiful Ver-

mont lake, but they are the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago-based banks, insurance companies, and corporations that make up American corporate capitalism."

"COLONIES" LISTED Professor Webb's report called Vermont a "colony" and listed other such colonies as Maine, Northern New Hampshire, and Northern New York.

Professor Webb said although Vermont is considered a poor state, it is actually a very rich state. But the wealth produced in Vermont cannot be used to develop the state because it is siphoned off by the big corporations which own the industrial and commercial enterprises.

Mr. Webb's report showed that: • Out-of-state firms and holding companies own the great majority of Vermont's large industries and manufacturing concerns.

• The state's biggest single landowner is the St. Regis Paper Company, a New York corporation which holds most of the undeveloped timberland in the northeast corner of the state, called the northeast kingdom.

ant mineral resources, only the marble quarries in Proctor remain owned by Vermont-based corporations. Granite, slate, and other mineral interests are owned by out-of-state firms.

"MARGINAL BENEFIT SEEN" • Out-of-state companies have bought many Vermont ski complexes in the past 10 years.

Mr. Webb said the only benefit many such companies yield to Vermonters is the chance to earn a minimum wage by doing a menial job.

• The state's two largest power companies, the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and the Green Mountain Power Corporation, have huge blocks of stock controlled by out-of-state banks and investment companies. Mr. Webb said Vermont officials own a tiny fraction of these utilities, which control 85 percent of the electricity used in the state.

• The dairy industry, while locally owned, sees most of its profits go out of state, ultimately benefiting international corporations and "agribusiness" firms such as Ralston - Purina and the

Greyhound Corporation, which owns Armour & Company.

TRANSPORT ACCELERATED

• Interstate Highways 89 and 91, which state officials had hoped would develop, the state economically, are helping to further colonize the state by permitting the easy transport of raw materials to Vermont's cheap labor market and the quick exportation from the state of the goods and wealth produced in Vermont.

Mr. Webb pointed out that all but one of the major machine - tool plants in Southern Vermont are owned by out-of-state corporations. He said the Fellows Gear Shaper Corporation in Springfield is the only remaining locally owned machine-tool plant.

One of the first to go, Mr. Webb said, was the Jones & Lamson, Incorporated, in Springfield, which was bought up by Tectron, a multi-billion-dollar corporation based in Providence, R.I. Bryant Grinder Corporation is a subsidiary of the Ex-Cell-O Corporation of Detroit, while the Pneumo Dynamics Machine Tool Group in Windsor

is owned by a Cleveland corporation.

Mr. Webb said the largest granite quarries in the world, in Barre and Bethel, were recently taken over by Nortek Company, a land developer and manufacturing conglomerate based in Providence, R.I.

And he added in a study of the largest manufacturing plants in the state, it was found that the two plants which employ more than 2,000 people are owned by out-of-staters.

SKI INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHTED

The professor said four out of the five plants employing more than 1,000 persons are owned by out-of-state firms, while out-of-state firms own 13 of the 15 plants employing more than 500 persons and 23 of the 31 plants employing more than 250 persons.

Mr. Webb charged that the ski industry has done little to improve the economic conditions in surrounding communities, saying: "Generally it has been out-of-state-controlled restaurants, motel, and other service facilities that dominate the ski areas."

He said that Vermont industries and wholesalers have been able to get contracts to supply the ski resorts, and he said most of the tramway and the ski-lift equipment is ordered from European countries.

FARMERS SHIFT JOBS

Mr. Webb said that while areas like Mt. Mansfield, now owned by Arthur K. Watson, a major stockholder in IBM and President Nixon's Ambassador to France, appear to aid the local communities, they are actually "enclaves" of high development in the otherwise poor surrounding territory.

The professor argued that big business is buying Vermont industries because the state is a mecca for low-wage employees. He said poor farmers, forced off the land, and young housewives, trying to supplement their husband's low incomes, have kept Vermont's wages lower than the average.

Both Republican Gov. Deane Davis and his predecessor, Democratic Gov. Philip Hoff, tried to prevent the situation and failed, Mr. Webb said.

"It's a situation which developed over which no one has any control," he said.