

SCHOOL DAZE



By John MacRae

Homework And Reading

Last week I made some suggestions as to how you might spend your holidays and how your parents might help. I purposely included nothing too academic. Maybe I'm soft-headed but I prefer to think that I'm soft-hearted.

I look at it this way. Suppose you had a job you detested and one which you knew you didn't do particularly well. Most people would seek employment elsewhere but you know jobs are scarce and you can't afford to quit. Now your holidays have come but your boss sends you home with lots of practice work for your spare time. Would you do it graciously? Perhaps your son or daughter dislikes school and their marks are barely over 50. They can't quit because you or the law say so. Forcing them to do extra practice in their holidays is sure to make them hate school even more.

If you insist that they do extra school work then make sure there is some success and enjoyment accompanying the exercise. If he's in primary school and weak in reading then write him a long involved story explaining where his Easter Egg is hidden. Arithmetic bingo can be played to decide who gets out of the dishes. A poor speller can be made to fill in the missing letters in a note telling him to go and play. Your high school student has to be studied with — sit down with him and try to figure out that Math problem together (if you've got the guts). If you're not prepared to do this and can't think of interesting ways of getting kids to do homework, then forget it.

My child's teacher says he is just not ready to read — that he'll likely fail his year. Is there anything I can do? D.B.

The teacher may be right in suggesting that your child isn't ready to read. Your question of her should be, "What is he ready for?"

Before children can decode written symbols they must master an impressive amount of learning. They first must understand that those lines and circles are really "talk". Until they get this idea the whole exercise is a mystery to them. Then they have to see slight differences in the form of letters. This is just as difficult as it might be for you to identify the chipping sparrow and the song sparrow. At the same time the child has to learn the sounds that letters make in isolation. Most words have an explosive kind of single sound but the child must discriminate between the beginning sounds of "why" and "we". Can you distinguish the difference between the initial sounds of a chipping and a song sparrow's song?

After he's learned to isolate different sounds he must learn to put them back together to make a new sound. Try it yourself — take the initial sound of the noise a key makes in a lock, add the final sound that a spoon hitting a dish makes, then add the middle sound that the ball and bat made in Manila to win the World Championship. (Remember that it doesn't make the same sound as a base hit does in Richmond Hill in July). Now what's the word?

Your son may not be ready to read yet but he is ready for some further development of these required skills. Go back and find out in which skills he's weak and how you can help him strengthen them. If she tells you again that your son is a failure, smile sweetly and advise her that he wasn't until he got to her room.



(Photo by Photique Studio)

Cheering jubilant fans jammed Malton Airport March 15 to welcome back to Canada the World Champion Dynes Jewellers Softball team on their triumphant return from Manila, the Philippines.

It was an even greater mob scene at Richmond Heights Centre, an hour and a half later when Richmond Hill gave the Dynes players and management a reception unequalled in the history of the town. It is estimated that approximately 6,000 fans were present to cheer the team and each individual player on their remarkable accomplishment.

The above picture taken during the height of the festivities, shows (left to right), Manager-Coach Casey Cripps, MC Ken Foss (hidden behind the Cup), Sponsor Verne Dynes (at the microphone) and Left Fielder Joe O'Neill wearing the gold medal, emblematic of the championship.

It was an emotional time for the crowd and for the players and was evidence of a deep and growing community spirit in this town.

Resounding Welcome For Our Softball Heroes

By FRED SIMPSON

The weather was like yesterday's mashed potatoes and it was one ocean away from the 100-degree heat of Manila.

It was Richmond Hill on a soggy-donut night in mid-March of 1972.

But it also was home for the sun-bleached Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers — 1972 World Softball Champions.

The scene was Richmond Heights Centre Wednesday night of last week.

Over 5,000 winter-bleached Richmond Hill and area fans surrounded a cumbersome, floodlit stage that sagged under its load of athletics and dignitaries.

Front and centre was a little man by the name of Russell "Casey" Cripps. He was clutching a microphone and reciting off names like Domik, Hames, Drennan, McDonald, Ferry, Reid, Downing, and saying "what a heck of a tournament they played" over and over again.

Loud bursts of applause greeted each of the local heroes as his name was called and he bounced forward.

It was the night Richmond Hill went just a little bit slappily in honor of the Dynes Jewellers. They had just finished startling everyone by downing the United States 1-0 in the final game of the World's Softball Tournament in the Philippines.

Two shining trophies and a Gold Medal told the story in eloquent fashion. They were the big winners.

Then it was the line-up of special guests to go through as Master-of-Ceremonies Ken Foss recited off such names as Mayor William Lazenby, Councillor Lois Hancey, Barney Danson MP, Donald Deacon MLA, and on and on.

There were congratulatory letters from Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Davis, from ball officials near and far. There was Ontario - Michigan Fastball League President George Mahler of Windsor, making a \$100 contribution to reduce the deficit incurred by the Jewellers during their stay in Manila. And there was an announcement that Ontario would contribute \$2,000 to the coffers and might even consider further financial requests.

There were promises of more financial help to come in the way of special "nights" and campaigns. Youngsters circulated among the spectators selling Dynes Jewellers — 1972 World Softball Champion bumper stickers.

It was all there. Less than three weeks ago the Jewellers and a small entourage of wives and fans had flown almost unheeded to Manila in a bid to add the world's title to their Ontario and Canadian championships.

They arrived back at International Airport Wednesday night to be greeted by television cameras, newspaper photographers and 250 sign-waving fans.

The fans crushed against the doors in the arrival area as the other passengers on the flight from Vancouver were allowed off first. The team was held on the plan to allow the other people to get away. Also to meet them was a two-man color guard from Richmond Hill Legion, Branch

375. The color guard stood on each side of the escalator doors as the players walked through to face the throng.

Then it was a police-escorted bus ride to Richmond Hill, more cheers and fanfare, and then over to the Legion Hall for more frivolity and well-wishes.

The Richmond Hill Jaycees staged the welcome at Richmond Heights Centre.

The Legion banquet room was the scene of a dinner by the Legion intermediate girls softball team and they threw open the doors to the Jewellers.

There were fans roaming around waving editions of Manila newspapers bearing headlines attesting to the Dynes' victory.

All of the players came in for huzzahs. But hurler Dick Hames came in for some of the more vocal effort, along with Jumping Joe O'Neil and Derek Kinnersley.

Hames, of London, was particularly popular in the wake of his 11th inning single and pitching that won it all for the Jewellers. "It was a big thrill all

right," said the 33-year-old insurance man. Someone suggested Hames was not the best of hitters. "I resent that remark," he said in a joking vein. "I can hit when I have to I guess. It was a line drive, a good shot."

Another happy fellow was Sponsor Vern Dynes who said, "This is my 17th year of sponsoring the team and this is it, the top. The community has been very helpful with their different fund-raising campaigns. Sure, there have been

years for us, but we like to only remember the good ones." The province, which eventually came through with \$2,000 to reduce the \$4,000 deficit, had refused to support the team financially prior to the trip. Estimated cost of the trip was \$40,000, with 22,000 provided by the federal government. Another \$14,000 came from donations and other fund-raising campaigns.

Finally, it was back to Casey Cripps and the Gold Medal hanging around his neck.

"This has been great, simply great," he kept repeating between gulps of champagne. "We not only beat the Americans, but we beat them twice. Now I know how the Russians feel."

"I never doubted we'd win it," he said. "I didn't want them to reach their peak too soon. We didn't play any ball games until February, when we used the armory at Fort York."

"We had the players running a lot and doing callisthenics at Bayview Secondary gymnasium in Richmond Hill... we were the best conditioned team at the tournament."

The celebrations ended after the spectators at the Legion hall crowded around a color television set to watch a film clip of the Jewellers as they met and defeated the United States team.

That's where everyone came in.

Obituary

Stanley Tyndall Dies In 86th Yr.

A lifelong resident of Richmond Hill, Frederick Stanley (Stan) Tyndall, 33 Leisure Lane, passed away March 16, 1972.

Born December 23, 1886, Mr. Tyndall farmed on the outskirts of the village and took an active part in his community and in organizations with an agricultural background. He served as president of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society in 1941 and 1942 and in 1967 was honored by that society for his contributions over many years by being named honorary president.

Mr. Tyndall was also a past president of the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association. He served as a school trustee in Vaughan Township, was a member of Richmond Hill United Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ontario Plowmen's Association and the Unionville Curling Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jean Moran; two sons, Stewart of Islington and Norman of Victoria Square, a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. W. R. Johnston) of Agincourt; seven grandchildren, David, Peter, Mardi, Paul, Laurie, John and Wendy; one brother, Norman Tyndall of Fenelon Falls and two sisters, Mrs. Laura Shearhead of Ottawa and Miss Annie Tyndall of Richmond Hill. Another brother, William Tyndall of Senlac, Saskatchewan, predeceased him.

The funeral service was held March 18 at Marshall Funeral Home, with Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Interment followed in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wesley Middleton, Heber McCague, Milton Savage and three grandsons, David, Paul and Peter Tyndall.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 23, 24, 25 — The Aurora Drama Workshop will present "Plaza Suite" at St. Andrew's College at 8:15 pm. Adults \$2, students \$1.25, children under 12 75c. Special good rates. For tickets, call 833-6368. c2w38

MARCH 25, SATURDAY — Rummage sale, sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, Richmond Hill Chapter, from 12-2pm at Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church. c1w39

MARCH 25, SATURDAY — Rummage sale, 10 to 12 noon at Richmond Hill United Church, sponsored by the 1st Richmond Hill Ladies Auxiliary. Donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated — please call 884-4840 for pick-up. c3w37

MARCH 29, WEDNESDAY — Thornhill United Church Women are having their annual sacrificial luncheon at 1.15 pm. Guest speaker Mrs. J. Scorgie. c2w38

APRIL 8, SATURDAY — Rummage sale, 1-3 pm at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Sponsored by CWL. c5w37

MARCH 28, TUESDAY — Richvale Lionettes monthly euchre, 31 Spruce Street, Richvale, Refreshments, Admission \$1. c1w39

ARABIAN HORSES, Spanish Riding School, Dressage and more at an evening of films. Sponsored by Canadian Arabian Breeders Horse Show on Thursday, March 23, 8 pm, at Victoria Square Community Centre. Admission \$1.00. c3w37

Conservatives Postpone Nominations

The nomination meeting of the York North Progressive Conservative Party (federal riding) which was scheduled for Richmond Hill High School March 15 was postponed.

Association President Keith Evans told "The Liberal" that indications were the auditorium of that school would not be large enough to accommodate the crowd of people expected to turn out to the nomination meeting and larger quarters were not available for that evening.

The much larger auditorium at Thornhill Secondary School has been secured for the meeting but a definite date has not yet been set.

Current rumors are that the nomination to run on the Progressive Conservative ticket in this riding will be sought by Radio Announcer Barry Bailey and Mining Magnate Steve Roman.

Come Alive... SHAKE A LEG OVER TO THE LIVELIEST PLACE IN TOWN RICHMOND INN HOTEL YONGE ST. SOUTH

STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 27th "The Hitchikers" FEATURING THE MIGHTY POPE THE ROUND TABLE ROOM FULLY LICENCED BY L.C.B.O.

RICHMOND HILL LIONS CLUB BINGO MONDAY, MARCH 27 LIONS HALL 106 Centre St. East STARTING TIME — 8 P.M. Early Birds 7:40 p.m. 20 REGULAR GAMES — 3 SPECIAL GAMES JACKPOT \$500 - 57 No.'s

Phil Major's CONVERTIBLE POOLS NORTH YORK SEE OUR INDOOR SHOWROOM OPEN 7 Days a Week DO-IT-YOURSELF POOL KITS VINYL INGROUND 12' x 24' \$1125.00 14' x 28' \$1325.00 16' x 32' \$1625.00 18' x 36' \$1825.00 20' x 40' \$1995.00 30 MIL SANITIZED LINER 14 GAUGE GALVANIZED WALLS AND RADIUS CORNERS TOP LINE JACUZZI FILTER SYSTEM MAIN DRAIN AND HYDROSTATIC VALVE AUTOMATIC SKIMMER RETURN FITTINGS 7" WIDE WHITE VINYL COPING AT 5734 YONGE ST. WILLOWDALE - PHONE 223-3592

You Can Always Do Better AT THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY Fabric and Drapery Mill Outlet Now 2 Warehouse Locations Corner No. 7 Hwy. & Woodbine TELEPHONE: 287-2302 And 2160 No. 7 Hwy. at Keele St. TELEPHONE: 889-3701

ONCE-A-YEAR MILL CLEAROUT 45" POLYESTER & COTTON PRINTS 45" POLYESTER & COTTON BROADCLOTH 45" COTTON SEERSUCKER

Slight Mill Subs. REGULAR VALUE \$1.29 YD. MILL OUTLET PRICE 55¢ Yd.

NYLON JERSEY PRINTS A wide selection of beautiful prints in this fine, comfortable dress material. Regular Value \$2.99 Yd. MILL OUTLET PRICE \$1.00 Yd.

68" Polyester & Cotton PRINTS This fashionable Spring fabric comes in many designs and colors. A favorite machine-washable fabric this season. Regular Value \$3.29 Yd. MILL OUTLET PRICE \$1.00 Yd.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WAREHOUSE HOURS: DAILY — 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M. SATURDAY — 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. — Ample Free Parking —

The all new 1972 PINTO WAGONS Test drive one today! \$2628 2,000 c.c. engine, 4-speed transmission, disc brakes, ready to drive away. ONLY \$328. DOWN \$78.96 PER MONTH OVER 36 MONTHS 11.96% ANNUAL INTEREST LITTLE FORD RICHMOND HILL 889-1105