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SCHOMBERG - Emilian Martin, RR 3, died recently at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laurena Lavoie. He was 103 years of age. He is survived by 36 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

AURORA - Traffic lights at Yonge Street North and Aurora Heights Drive have been installed and are now in operation. Heavy traffic conditions at the corner prompted the installation. The crosswalk sign which was formerly at that corner has been transplanted to the corner of Wellington Street and Haida Drive.

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In The Spotlight

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neighbors lived in fear and dread until they crossed the border out of the country some weeks later. "At first we went to our office — though there was no work to do. But gradually we kept closer and closer to our homes for there was much harassment and rough treatment from the privates (soldiers) . . . and the officers of the army did nothing to stop their actions."

When the time arrived to move out . . . the group of 160 Ugandians were taken from Kampala to Entebbe Airport, 20 miles away by bus. "I asked several times, 'Have we crossed the border yet', for I was apprehensive of my family's safety." At last they were airborne and on their way to Canada.

Until they left Uganda, the only official news the group had was that conveyed in the TV announcements. "There was no publicity in the local press . . . the grapevine passed the news by word of mouth."

Since the British Asians left the country, commerce has more or less come to a stop . . . so the news now goes.

On their arrival at Dorval (Montreal Airport), the little family of five — who had to flee with what they could carry in their hands, leaving behind their own home and life savings — entrained immediately for Chatham, Ontario. Canadian Manpower had arranged good accommodation there for them for 10 days . . . because there were firms in that area in Nizar's line of experience. However, this proved a mistake. The Chatham offices were only branches. The recruiting for work was done at the head offices in Toronto.

Manpower then sent Nizar to Toronto for an exploratory tour. Eventually he met a potential employer and believes his application for sales work is being considered "very seriously". (Incidentally both Nizar and Yasmin speak flawless English . . . they were taught it in their schools in their native land.)

The work area now established, Manpower advised the Jinkas that the community of Richmond Hill would help in providing them accommodation and food. . . . They were then introduced to a Mr. "Bob" Smith, who collected the little group and drove them to their new home (furnished by gifts from Richmond Hill residents) an apartment near the Richmond Heights Centre.

Later Nizar found out that "Bob" Smith is the Minister of the Richmond Hill United Church, and that he was assisted in his aid to the new arrivals in Canada by Mrs. Valerie McKittrick. The Jinkas are the only Ugandian family in Richmond Hill. But they will not lose touch with their friends, who have been scattered across Canada.

Both Nizar and Yasmin, speaking in their soft, cultured, almost-singing voices, asked me to say through this column, "Our family is exceptionally grateful to the government and the people of Canada for the humane manner in which we have been treated . . . it is deeply moving. We would also like to thank Mr. Bob Smith and Valerie McKittrick and Dr. MacAteer and all the new friends who have helped in our welfare."

One parting question, of course, was about their reaction to our shops and housing accommodation. "You have a tremendous variety in your shops," Nizar told me, "but basically the prices of food and cost of housing is the same in British pound sterling in Uganda or here."

Someday, Nizar hopes he may one day see his own house and garden again . . . but Canada will be their home from now on.

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Nature Notes
Hubert South Describes Spring Trip To Yukon, Alaska

The Richmond Hill Naturalists held their November meeting on November 17 at St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Richmond Hill. There were approximately 80 members present. Barney McNamara introduced the guest speaker, one of our own outstanding members, Hubert South of Unionville, former member of Peel Naturalists and member of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

Hubert presented us with a vivid and memorable account of his spring trip to the Yukon and Alaska. Following the flight to Winnipeg, Hubert and his companion Ed travelled by camper trailer along the Trans-Canada Highway through the Prairies, north to Edmonton and on to the Yukon. There was a wide variety of wild flowers along the roadside and carpeting the landscape. The visiting fishermen seemed disappointed because the lakes were still partially frozen over, despite the normal early June temperatures.

Along the dusty highway, abandoned pack horses grazed, each one with a bell hanging from its neck. Elk imported into the Yukon from Alberta's Elk Island 20 years ago are still holding their own, despite the hunting laws in Alaska where every U.S. citizen is entitled to take his quota of elk and caribou.

Hubert showed numerous fascinating slides of Mount McKinley (20,320 feet) at sunset and through the bright night. A visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Ree) Nancarrow whose log home stands on the shore of Denneke Lake, adjacent to Mount McKinley National Park. Mrs. Nancarrow, who is a well-known artist and naturalist, takes inspiration from the peace and beauty of her surroundings.

In Anchorage one slide shows a section fenced off and left as it was, a grim reminder of the earthquake of 1964. Another slide later on shows 800 miles of pipe waiting to be installed for the proposed and controversial natural gas pipeline.

In conclusion our traveller is convinced that the Yukon holds as much for the tourist as Alaska.

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Story Of Ugandan Asians Topic For University Women

The history of Uganda and events leading up to expulsion of Asians from that country were described by Mrs. Janet McBride of Stouffville to a meeting of the University Women's Club of York at Kingcrafts House on November 27.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride and family were sent by the Canadian International Development Agency to Uganda where Mr. McBride taught at a school of commerce for two years. They have just recently returned to Canada this past August.

Uganda was isolated from the rest of the world until about 1840 when Arab traders moved in. Mrs. McBride explained. Then, during the 1950's European explorers arrived and Britain developed an interest in the country, making it a protectorate of England in 1894.

To transport goods inland it was necessary to construct a railway and experienced workers from India were brought to Uganda to assist in the construction. Following completion of the railway the Asians were allowed to remain and soon traders from India arrived to supply goods and materials for homes.

As the Asians became wealthy because of their trading and manual skills, they were able to send their children abroad for education and professional training. Many of these educated Asians, doctors, lawyers, etc., returned to Uganda and occupied important positions in the professional and business fields.

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