

Region Okays Fluoridation Plan

While York Regional Council has often tried to pass resolutions that it can get its teeth into, a resolution passed last week may eventually be one that will be getting into the teeth of the members.

In short, council agreed to a recommendation of its engineering committee headed by Mayor Tony Roman of Markham that, if it decided to fluoridate the regional water supply, the regional solicitor be authorized to make application for legislation that would allow the region to proceed on a permissive basis.

Permissive in this case means that the rest of the people in the region, whether sporting store teeth or the real thing, will get a chance to have, as Toronto Newscaster Gordon Sinclair would say: "That rat poison" in their water.

Mr. Sinclair was an outspoken opponent of just such a scheme, which was subsequently instituted, in Toronto several years ago.

The regional proposal resulted from a request from the Town of Markham to "favorably consider the implementation of fluoridation treatment" of the

water supplies there. After checking into the ins and outs of the matter, in which Commissioner of Health and Social Services Dr. Owen Slingerland, endorsed fluoridation of water "from a health standpoint," the committee said it would not be possible to fluoridate the entire system of Markham without including part of Richmond Hill and Vaughan, the three areas having interconnecting supplies.

ALL OR NOTHING

The report went on to say that, a municipality before enacting a bylaw to establish a fluoridation system may submit the question to the electors. However, the submission of the question is not mandatory unless a petition is signed by at least 10 percent of the electors.

At present, 65 percent of the population of the region receives water from the same source.

As a result, it would be better to provide fluoridation on an "all-or-nothing-at-all basis," according to Regional Solicitor Edward Oakes.

Councillor Robert Adams of

Markham, speaking in favor of the scheme, said that all they were asking for now was "permissive legislation." Markham at present had two connections with Metro, which was fluoridated.

Councillor Robert Pollock of Georgina Township said he had read of a plan in Scandinavian in which milk was fluoridated. Couldn't they have the same thing in the region on a voluntary basis?

Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby, who is also chairman of Health and Social Services, said that people here already had a choice in that they could get fluoride tablets.

Dr. Slingerland said that children in Markham, which already had large quantities of fluoride in its water, could possibly get too much of a good thing if they were taking the tablets as well.

In answer to a question, Dr. Slingerland said that such an excess led to brown spots on the teeth.

If the legislation goes through, those in Markham may be drinking more and smiling less in the future.

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Community News

Belated birthday wishes go to David Murphy who was six, to Steven Rumble who was nine and to Joe Lentini who was 11, all on November 22; and to George Beatty who was nine November 27. This week birthday wishes go to Chris Mohl who will be eight December 3 and to Rhonda Blumenthal who will be nine December 4.

Church News

Sunday at St. John's there will be a family service at 10:30 am. At 7:30 pm there will be a fellowship hour for the men of the parish.

Last Sunday at St. John's Holy Communion was celebrated and the junior choir sang the anthem, "Jesus, Friend Of Little Children". The flowers on the altar were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Jim Kerswell by his wife, Evelyn. In the evening there was a confirmation class and fellowship hour.

The Spiritual Life Fellowship of the Deaf met Monday evening in St. James, Sutton. Wednesday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and Bible study at 10 am.

Saturday, the Villa Nursing Home is holding its Christmas bazaar on the premises at Bathurst Street, between Carrville Road and the Langstaff Road, from 1 to 4 pm. Bake items, notions, new or in excellent condition are requested.

The Young Adults Fortnightly Bible Study meets at the rectory this Friday evening at 8 pm. The passage to be studied will be

Matthew 18. The Married Couples' Christmas party is being held in the parish hall Friday at 8 pm. There will be Christmas carols, games, square dancing (if desired) and Chinese food.

Sunday evening, St. John's Mixed Blessings sang at the Peace Table Coffeehouse near Yorkdale.

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Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion

By Eric Chapman

Gloria Sanford Produces Hit In "Dixie Cabaret"

A cast of ten troupers of the Branch 375 Ladies' Auxiliary entertained more than 200 guests at the Legion's Prince Philip Centre Friday evening in a show entitled, Dixie Cabaret.

Dressed in colorful red and green flowered costumes made by Dutch War Bride, Greet Tonner, the ladies sang, danced, mimicked comedienne, cracked jokes and wound up knighting a noble member of the honorable branch color guard.

Producer Gloria Sanford thanked all those who had sent cards and letters following last year's show, but announced that she intended to sing anyway. She stated that the girls had spent hundreds of hours in rehearsal and, "If you think we're bad, you should see the rejects!"

Judging by the applause it was evident that nothing was bad. Even the bald-headed electrician who kept racing back and forth fixing the sound system received a cheer. At one point while the full cast was singing, "Wrap your Troubles In Dreams", Comrade Frank Barrott was busy wrapping wires around the microphone, and the cry of, "Take it off", did little to inspire him.

As Gerry Chapman and Audrey Davenport dueted in the Dance of the Southern Belles, Bud Chapman sold tickets for the bar in one

hand and applauded with the other. Audrie Apperley soloed in singing, "After You're Gone" and "All of Me". Elsie Burnie, as a tearful alley cat, got chased by an astute horticulturist Edith Titshall, dressed as a dog; and Mabel Brooker joined the crew to cruise up a "Lazy River".

Producer Gloria Sanford introduced a satirical skit entitled, "Marta", as she said — "In an endeavor to bring a little class and culture to the show". The skit featured well-busted Madam Popplexy, Madam Tonneria and opera star, Gloria Scruso.

The whole thing was sung in Italian, and it was at this point that the microphone went dead again, heralding the appearance, once more, of Comrade Frank Barrott with wire in hand and wearing an expression like he was about to make a fix nobody could refuse.

Producer Sanford, at this stage, was being photographed and mentally finger-printed by an astute member of the OPP known in undercover circles as, "Walter". Undaunted, she then went into a mime of television's Maude. Subsequent interrogation went like, "Who was that lady I saw you with last night?"

And the response, "That was no lady — that was my son". Mary Robson said of her immigrant producer, "You can always tell an English

woman — but you can't tell them very much. Oh, to be in England now that Englands here". Marie Finnerty was recognized as the lady responsible for "carving the roast beef at recent dinners at Legion headquarters, and consequently is responsible for all the bull that emanates from Branch 375.

In further dialogue the subject of nudist camps came up, at which it was generally agreed that these were places wherein the best man could be found. And at least one Legion midget had been thrown out of such a camp because he had been getting his nose into other people's business.

Commenting on the high cost of living, Elsie Burnie related upon a visit to a local perfumery where they asked \$35 for an ounce of, "Perhaps". At that price, Elsie stated, I want, "For Sure". And then, apparently, there is a local furrier who for a fee will cross a mink with an octopus. Every fur coat sold is guaranteed to come complete with 39 sleeves.

Newspaper space in this column does not permit the reporting of the ladies' mimicry of TV Channel 69's blue movie at which Tricky Dicky came to sell his harem to the big shiek of Richmond Hill, who is also well known as a lazy fakir.

However, in finale, it is reported that Comrade Don Parnell, a member, of the kilted color guard, who paraded November 11 at the Richmond Hill Remembrance Ceremony, met with an accident.

Apparently they do not make elastic with the same strength that upheld the Black Watch and the Argyles through the thick of battle in bygone days. In a peaceful solution along Yonge Street on Remembrance Day our comrade's pants failed to hold up, but in the shivering cold and snow our comrade pressed on without sustenance amid much moral support, especially from the ladies.

For this feat of endurance, Branch 375 Ladies Auxiliary, conferred upon our august comrade the Knighthood Of The Order Of The Brass Monkey. In the absence of Prince Philip of Edinburgh, exaltation of the new knight was carried out with the sword of Sir Gordon of Ketteridge.

God Save the Queen.

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