

Thornhill Couple Has Adopted Children On Three Continents

Children in half a dozen countries on three continents are enjoying a happier and more prosperous life, thanks to the personal and financial interest of Dr. and Mrs. Morley Honey, 45 John Street, Thornhill.

It all started in 1957 when Mrs. Honey, then 25, decided to "adopt" two children in Belgium through the Foster Parents Plan of Canada. Then followed a foster child in Italy. After that came two in Hong Kong, one in Greece, one Ecuador, and most recently a nine-year-old girl in Korea.

Through the years the children have grown up, and most of them no longer need foster parents. The Honeys are still in touch with their foster-daughter in Italy, however, now 20, she intends to become a doctor.

BOY IN ECUADOR
They are also still contributing to the education and support of their 14-year-old foster son in Ecuador and his family. He has not decided on a career yet, says Mrs. Honey, but he writes some very interesting letters, and was "student of the year" at his high school.

Being a foster parent is a



KIM HAE KYUNG

great experience, she says. "It really broadens your outlook."

NEWEST CHILD
Their new foster child is Kim Hae Kyung, 9, of Korea, and their monthly contribution of \$17 brings material and financial assistance to both Hae Kyung and her family and is aimed at strengthening the family unit by helping each member.

Hae Kyung lives in Sung Nam in the Republic of Korea and is in her second year at primary school where she studies Korean, arithmetic, social life, nature, music, art, sports and morals.

Her father, Kim Deuk Yoon, was an unemployed farmer when he died of tuberculosis in 1969. Her mother, Kim Bok Soon, is a vegetable seller. Her oldest brother, Kim Hong Kee, 18, is disabled and cannot work. Her other brother, Kim Hong Suk, 13, works as a clerk.

STREET VENDOR
Mrs. Kim earns about \$25 a month selling greens in the street. The family eats dishes of barley at breakfast and noodles at lunch and supper. They take greens as side-dishes, but can hardly afford fish or meat.

Their living unit consists of one small hot-floored room six by seven feet. It has a tiled roof and block walls and is situated on high land in a slum area. The family pays \$4 a month for rent. They get their water from a public well.

The Foster Parents Social Worker Park Soon Kook reports Hae Kyung is an average student, bright and pretty. Her favorite subject is arithmetic. She is obedient and careful and good to members of her family.

Her working brother, Hong Suk, left school when he was 10 and in mid-course of his fourth year. He works in a candy shop where his only pay is one of 50,000.

Hae Kyung is one of over 50,000 children currently being aided by individuals, groups and families in Can-

ada, the U.S. and Australia. When her picture was taken she wore her best clothing.

The foster parents' \$17 monthly contribution provides families with a cash grant, vitamins and blankets, towels, soap and other essentials, medical and dental care, the sustained guidance and counselling of social workers and the benefits of special programs.

Vocational training courses are available to foster children, their brothers and sisters, and in some cases, their parents. The aim is to give the family the tools to help them become independent and self-supporting. Special programs adapted to the needs of each country also meet these aims.

MONTHLY LETTERS
Foster parents and foster children correspond monthly (letters are warmed and often develop warm and affectionate relationships which mean as much to the child as the material and financial aid.

As a veteran foster parent, Mrs. Honey says some foster children are better correspondents than others. "Aren't we all?" she laughed. There is a time-factor, too. It is often two months from the time a letter leaves the home of the foster parent, is translated and relayed to the foster child, answered, translated and relayed to the foster parent, and returned to the foster parent.

VERY REWARDING
But it is all very rewarding. Foster Parents Plan is currently working in 10 countries in South America and Asia, and aside from the satisfaction of knowing that they have made life easier, opened doors for self-fulfillment, for children and their families, the foster parents learn a great deal about what is going on and what life is all about in the world around us.

For further information write Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, M4V 1P8 or telephone 920-1654.

Richmond Hill Raising Share Of Property Tax \$23

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It was also reported word was received that the Metro Conservation Authority would carry out some fill and levelling work on the Meadows Property west of Yonge at Oak Ridges and the cost to Richmond Hill would be negligible this year, probably some benches and trees.

Some park fencing will be erected this year. In the works department budget provision was made for the improvement of the outlet of Lake Wilcox on the east side of Yonge Street.

REFLECTS STUDIES
That department's budget reflected recommendations of the Woods, Gordon study and the Roads Needs Study, both of which were recommended by the province. It includes the increase in salaries and cost of material and the addition of a survey crew of three men to work on established roads to determine lot lines, etc. (The town has limited information on these). The existing survey crew is occupied in working on new roads.

The budget also includes \$8,000 for additional street lighting and \$40,000 for sidewalks.

CANINE CONTROL

Also included was a substantial increase in the amount paid for Canine Control Services which will upgrade this service and provide two men and two vehicles for Richmond Hill with increased patrols in the early morning and after dinner when most dogs-running-at-large complaints are received. At night and on Sundays emergency calls when dogs are injured will be answered. The emergency number may be obtained from the police. It was pointed out by Councillor Chateauvert that dog-running-at-large do not rank as an emergency.

"If you compare this amount (\$33,200) with what other municipalities are paying to the Humane Society, we are getting a bargain," he said. "If we want seven day service, it would mean hiring at least one more man," warned Regional Councillor Lois Hancey.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Robert Kennedy requested eight additional firefighters so he could man the new snorkel to be housed at the Richvale Fire Hall on Spruce Avenue when it is delivered in July. The finance committee recommended five additional men and after a lengthy discussion council agreed to this recommendation in a 5-3 vote.

The finance committee recommended removal of two new vehicles — a rescue truck at \$15,600 and a car for the chief at \$5,000 — from the budget. But council decided the rescue truck could be purchased this year. Chief Kennedy said this would eliminate sending out a fire truck on rescue calls to carry the heavy equipment such as saws and jacks which cannot be carried in a car. Also eliminated were a new typewriter and uniforms for the chief and deputy-chief (this position has been eliminated).

The chief reported he now has 20 permanent firefighters at the central fire hall and will have to take one man from the crews of two men at the Richvale hall.

"We will have to have two men to take that vehicle to the fires and it cannot be operated by volunteers," he said. He also explained that it will be used in many cases other than in fires in apartment buildings — as it will enable the firefighters to get their water hoses up in the air to fight fires in roofs. "We would have been able to do a faster job at the bowling alley fire, for instance, if we had had it."

The snorkel is being paid for out of the lot levy funds — \$54,000 being set aside last year for this purpose and a similar amount this year.

NOT SUCCESSFUL
Richmond Hill Social Planning Council budgeted for a grant of \$17,000 which would have enabled them to

hire a social planner and find office space. However, the finance committee's recommendation to council was that this grant be granted \$1,000. Appearing before council at the budget session, Mrs. Anne Gold, representing the Social Planning Council, asked council reconsider and grant the requested \$17,000.

"Apparently some members don't understand the functions of the social planning council," she said. "Speaking for himself, Councillor Chateauvert said he looked back on the accomplishments of this group over the years with practically no funding and 'I wanted to know why it was not wanted professional help. To me the group has become politically oriented and I could not see utilizing taxpayers' dollars to hire professional people and then giving grants to groups to give people in the same field to oppose our staff. There was an increase of 50% in the amount grants requested this year from a large number of applicants, I am aware that in some municipalities the social planning council is funded by the municipality and in others by the United Appeal, which we don't have."

"Everyone is aware of the benefits of the social planning council work in the past and when council last year asked them to examine the different organizations applying for funding, they realized the need for a Youth Task Force to assess the needs of all youth in the municipality and where the

municipality should go and find they needed the assistance of a professional," stated Regional Councillor Hancey.

"The volunteers went so far and could go no farther without funds, so asked for professional help to carry on. There is a difference between social planning in a community. A report prepared by the planning department, to me justifies the need the social planning council has voiced for professional help. I do not believe these volunteers as a council are politically oriented. To retain their volunteer work which has been so valuable in the past they should have their own staff answerable to them."

REGION PLANNER

Mayor Lazenby reported the Region of York will be hiring a social planner, on the recommendation of its health and social services committee which he chairs, for input into the official plan. "I believe this position will be available to local groups."

"I think \$1,000 is more than ample," stated Councillor William Corcoran and Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe stated he would support leaving the grant at that figure.

Mrs. Hancey felt the social planner to be hired by the Region to work on the official plan would have very little time to assist groups in the nine individual municipalities. "The requested funding would serve to maintain the volunteer assistance we have and encourage more people to participate. A local

planner would do a more in depth social study than we would get from relying on someone in Newmarket. Miss Pounder (of the planning department staff) is not a social planner. She is a social physical planner, so there would be no conflict."

"I sit on the planning council and think they have done a very fine job, but can't see the grant going past \$1,000," stated Councillor Jack Major. Councillor Graeme Bales agreed.

THE OTHER SIDE

Mrs. Good pointed out that by virtue of its constitution the social planning council is a non-political organization, that the executive is elected at a public meeting and every citizen is a member of the council and has the right to participate in that meeting.

"We feel the hiring of a professional could be a great asset to the town. There are many programs we would like to introduce. I feel we will survive, but we could accomplish much more with pro-

essional help. "We know what can be done. We know how we can help the town," added Mrs. Winona MacDonald of the SPC. "I worked on the day care committee with Mayor Lazenby and David Schiller and I was aware of the deep concern for social welfare of this town by both men. I felt we could not lose what Mr. Schiller had to offer and invited him to join the SPC. We then asked him to take on the job of president. I feel any political implications have stemmed from council not from the SPC."

ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL
David Porter appearing on behalf of the Emergency Shelter Implementation Committee asked for a grant of \$2,400 to provide emergency housing when needed. Mr. Chateauvert said he was advised to take this matter up with the region since welfare services are a regional matter.

The mayor said he talked to Region Health Commissioner

Dr. Owen Slingerland and to Warren Hall, the welfare officer for Richmond Hill, and learned that people in need of housing in an emergency are put up in motels or hotels until more permanent arrangements can be made. "The service is there if we use what is available," he said. Council agreed not to provide the requested funds.

OTHER REQUESTS
The Citizen's Advisory Group sought financial assistance with their expenses of providing and mailing reports. The advice of Town Solicitor Tom Fraser was that the municipality had no legal power to make such a grant and so one was not included in the budget.

A grant of \$5,500 to Helpmate Information also had no legal basis as a straight information service, according to the solicitor. But since HI does handle recreation information calls the grant was legal and was included in the budget.

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Police Blotter Strange

A Newmarket man, who appeared before York Regional Police Commission last year to complain about youthful rowdiness on the town's Main Street, has been charged with common assault, following an altercation in Newmarket, May 4, about 7:50 pm.

Watson Sweezy, 36, of 245 Prospect Street, which is directly across from the police station, was arrested after he appeared at the station to make a citizen's arrest of a 12-year-old boy.

Police said the youth was one of four, who earlier in the evening had been in a "heated discussion" with a man at the Prospect Street residence, and had been ordered off the property.

The boy then made a gesture of sorts and was allegedly grabbed by the man and dragged some 80 feet to the police station.

The man, who police said was in his pyjamas at the time, went home to change and on his return, the charge was laid.

Last November, Mr. Sweezy presented a petition to the Police Commission charging rowdiness. The month before he had been involved in an altercation with a youth on Main Street.

Two local men have been arrested and face charges of robbery, following an incident in Richmond Hill, May 3.

Police said that a meeting had taken place between four people at 19th Avenue and Concession 3, allegedly to exchange some money for drugs.

However, the money — \$600 — was taken by two of the men, who then made off.

One of them was arrested later in the day on an impaired driving charge, and had \$255 on him. The other man was arrested the next day with \$200 in his possession.

Facing charges are Donald Davies, 20, of 150 Colborne Avenue, and George Lennerville, 27, of Lake Wilcox.

A man, who shed his clothes in Woodbridge last week,

NEWS FROM NEXT DOOR AURORA: The Aurora-Newmarket Kiwanis Club have cancelled plans for a "Springfest" in Newmarket, following a brawl after a similar event in Aurora. During the fight which saw a policeman injured and involved from 30 to 40 persons, 10 cases of beer were stolen from a truck. Some were later recovered. Eight arrests were made.

wound up having a losing steak.

Police arrested Kimball Meek, 22, of Malton, on a possible indecent act charge, after a man had run naked from the front of the Woodbridge Hotel to the back, about 1:10 am, May 4.

A Scarborough man was declared dead on arrival at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, April 30, about 11:35 am, shortly after he took ill at the John Evelyn Golf Course in Markham.

Police said that Philip Macklin, 67, complained of chest pains following a couple of hours of golfing at the club.

A slight case of arson resulted in about \$10 damage at Bayview Secondary School, Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill, May 2.

Police said someone set fire to a couple of paper towels, between 7 pm and 9:15 pm, and showed them under the door of the physical education teacher's office.

Some sweaters in the office caught fire and were destroyed.

Coats it seems aren't the only things that interest thieves who visit Woodbridge's Board of Trade Golf and Country Club.

Three mink coats and a man's all-weather coat have been reported taken within the past few months, and last week, a golf bag and clubs, valued at \$786, were stolen.

Jack Patterson, of Mississauga, who reported the theft, told police he was taking a shower at the time.

The wrong dog was going to training class at the Richvale Lions Club Hall, Spruce Street, last week.

Vivianne Staddon, Downsview, told police she was taking her dog to the training session when both she and her pet were attacked by another dog as they walked up Spruce Street.

Mrs. Staddon suffered bites to her arms and legs and was treated at York Central Hospital.

The attacking dog was detained by police.

Complaints that a man was shooting at cats from the roof of a building, resulted in the arrest of an Aurora man last week.

Police said an investigation of the roof at 6 Yonge Street, Aurora, revealed a shooting gallery setup, complete with targets of bottles and panes of glass.

Also revealed was a man with a pavel pistol.

Facing a charge of dangerous use of a firearm, is Wayne Duckenfield, 28, of 6 Yonge Street.

Other area occurrences: New Woodbine Hotel, RR 1, Woodbridge, reported the theft of \$1,950 in cash and traveller's cheques from a locked filing cabinet; John Dodds, 7 Village Square Lane, Thornhill, reported the theft of \$1,200 in Royal Doulton china from a storage room at 371 John Street, sometime between December, 1973 and April, 1974; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 10520 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, turned up a money \$10 bill in a night deposit, May 2.

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