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63rd wedding anniversary

Vaughan natives Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Robson, now of King City, have been married 63 years.

10 children visit

Helping Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Robson celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary at their Keele Street, King City, home Sunday, were their 10 children.

Lifelong residents of the area, the Robsons were born and married, and lived in Vaughan until 25 years ago when they retired to King City.

Celebrating the anniversary of the wedding which occurred on Jan. 20,

1913, with them were sons George and his wife Mildred of King City, Norman and his wife Jean of Richmond Hill, Rolph and his wife Norma of Toronto, Bruce and his wife Jessie of Aurora, Leslie of Toronto, Earl and his wife Joan of Oak Ridges, Ronald and his wife Helen of King City, Roy (principal of the Joseph A. Gibson School in Maple) of King City; and daughters Louise, at home and Margaret and her husband, Bob MacEachren, of Barrie.

Trustees want Black Creek Village open

AURORA — Despite protests from Trustees Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury that "Every penny we get from Welch (parks and recreation Minister Robert Welch) he's going to steal from (Education Minister Thomas) Wells," and Markham Trustee Don Sim that a letter from the board would probably not make the "slightest difference", York County Board of Education Monday night decided differently.

As a result, it will send a letter to Minister Welch, as suggested by Vaughan Trustee Betty Canivet, urging him to "make every effort to keep Black Creek Pioneer Village operating in the coming years."

The motion was prompted by a letter from Patrick Trant of Thornhill, in which he asked the board to intercede in an effort to keep the village, which is in financial straits, from closing down. Trant described the village, which is at Steeles Avenue and Jane St., as "a small miracle," representing "a gentle rural oasis of distinguished survivors in a suburban desert of aluminum, concrete and glass."

It would be a "tragedy" to allow it to "close and die," he said. Trustee Sim, however, didn't agree it was all that much of an issue, so far as the board was concerned.

What difference? "Do you think it will make the slightest difference if we write a letter to Welch?" he asked. "What business is it of ours writing about a facility that lies within Metro. Haven't we enough problems of our own?"

Sim appeared unaware part of the Black Creek complex is in Vaughan and

within York Region.

If each individual member of the board wanted to write, then he should do so, Sim said.

Better still, he should enclose \$5 as well.

Both King's Dorothy Zajac and Markham's Doreen Quirk felt that, even if the village was outside the region, it was still something that benefitted regional school children, and so should be supported.

Not so, said Markham's Trustee McMonagle. There just wasn't enough money "left in the pot."

Houghton objects
Richmond Hill's Robert Houghton, took strong objection, however.

"To not take part is ridiculous," he said. It was in much the same category as the Toronto Zoo, which was something to be shared by everybody.

"I see nothing wrong in the board standing behind this, instead of spending time on the lousy wording of policy," Houghton concluded.

His latter remarks referred to a marathon session earlier in the evening in which the board kept suggesting changes to its book-length policy on communications.

Ask taxpayers
"I think we should find out what the taxpayers want us to do," said Margaret Coburn of King.

Warren Baillie of Richmond Hill pointed out the Wintario lottery provided money for just such ventures. Trustee Sim felt that, if they were going to seek support for the village, they might just as well seek some support for the Markham Historical Museum.

The motion to write to Welch about the village was dropped.

More books for RC schools

A 17.7 per cent increase in the general school budget was approved last week by York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

This budget — increased from \$34 per pupil in 1975 to \$40 this year — covers textbooks, student supplies, field trips and library expenses.

Multiplied by the separate schools' enrolment of 6,870, the total amount comes to \$274,800.

At last week's board meeting, trustees commented that the large percentage increase will not necessarily establish a trend for the overall 1976 budget.

Some trustees felt the new per-pupil budget should be limited to \$37.50, but a motion to that effect was soundly defeated.

The general school budget, according to education director John

Zupancic, represents the schools and would be very "real need areas" of the difficult to cut.

She's a "people person"

spotlight on people

(In the third of a series of articles discussing the life styles of women in the community, Anne Fowler, The Liberal's Maple correspondent, interviews Joyce Studdy, Director of York Central Hospital's Volunteer Services. — Editor)

York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, is one of the growing peripheral hospitals, serving the southern region of the Municipality of York. Like many medical centres it has an active expansion program under way.

A very important part of any hospital is its volunteer staff. Joyce Studdy is Director of York Central's Volunteer Services.

Mrs. Studdy, who is married and is raising three boys, obtained a degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Toronto in the Fifties. During this time she was involved with various volunteer organizations, but did not utilize her degree in a career. The family moved to Maple seven years ago.

Anne: How did you become actively involved in the Maple community?

Joyce: There were four of us who were concerned about the constant noise on Keele Street, the dirt, and other problems. We were frustrated and getting nowhere.

Donald Deacon advised us that we'd never succeed without some form of association.

Hence, the Maple Ratepayers Association evolved.

We started with about half a dozen people; then it just snowballed.

Recently, a steering committee came out of this group and formed a committee called SAVE. (Sensible Approach to Vaughan's Environment).

Anne: When did you join the York Central staff?

Joyce: In 1971 I started on a part time basis and then went to full time five days a week (at least!) in 1973.

Anne: How is the volunteer system set up?

Joyce: There are 12 different branches of the Hospital Auxiliary covering all areas served by the hospital. Volunteers are requested to join the branch in their area.

In this way they are registered members of the auxiliary and are therefore covered by insurance when working in the hospital.

Numerous services

There are numerous services covered by volunteers. For example, volunteers wishing direct contact with patients have choices such as the pediatric unit and the continuing care unit.

Those who wish to give their time but do not wish direct patient contact, have the alternatives of



Joyce Studdy
... directs volunteer services

working in such areas as the gift shop, information desk, laboratory filing, to name only a few.

Anne: I know there are many new programs in the hospital. Could you elaborate?

Joyce: The continuing care unit is an exciting program involving many facets. For example, we have "party organizers". They set up a Halloween party which involved the staff and all the patients with their relatives.

Also, there is an average of one large party each month for which the patients design and make the invitations to send to friends and relatives.

Anne: This must be very enjoyable not only for the patients but satisfying to the other participants.

Joyce: Another aspect of continuing care is our hairdressing service. This involves two volunteers working each Monday, they come in to do shampoos and sets right in the patient's unit. This is in addition to the regular hairdressing service.

In the emergency department we have weekend volunteers doing various jobs such as answering the telephone.

Anne: I believe you have a section called Pediatric Orientation?

Arrange tours

Joyce: Yes and it is really growing! Children under the age of 12 about to undergo surgery, are sent an invitation to come with their families and tour "their" hospital. They visit the playground, which is run by volunteers, where they are served juice and cookies.

A slide presentation narrated by Winnie the Pooh is shown and tells the child what to expect while in

hospital. After the film, staff members are present to answer any questions. This series developed into what you might call a "preventative psychology" program.

It started in a small way — once a month on Saturdays — the same as pre-operative patients — but we found on admissions, that some children were being missed. So we increased it to two Saturdays per month.

Anne: Aren't you involved with the schools too?

Joyce: Yes. Once a month on a rotating basis the Grade 1 classes from a school in the area, go through the program previously mentioned, starting with a tour of the emergency department by the Head Nurse.

In most accidents children have had no previous exposure or knowledge of the hospital. All of a sudden they are whisked into a foreign atmosphere. We believe that this tour will help to allay fears — if indeed the child should ever be in the situation.

Continuing the school program — once a month — (also on a rotating basis), a volunteer and a staff member from the pediatric department visit a local Grade 1 class.

They take the Pooh Bear slide presentation and visit schools, which for various reasons cannot come to the hospital orientation. This way, the hospital is attempting to cover all the Grade ones in the area served by York Central.

Library service

Anne: Do you get any feedback on these presentations, other than immediate reaction from the children?

Joyce: Yes, we always give the teacher a questionnaire to fill in after the in (or out) of hospital visit.

Another new volunteer program in the past nine months that I feel is very successful and couldn't be accomplished without the support of the Richmond Hill Public Library, is our library service.

Anne: How is it different?

Joyce: To set up an extensive hospital library is simply too costly. The volunteers visit the patients who are in 10 days or longer, see what their subject interest is, any other special needs such as large type.

They then go to the library, pick out the ordered books and deliver them to the patient the same week. Some donated books are available at the hospital, but there is a limited choice.

Anne: All these innovative new

programs sound great Joyce, I wonder if you could now go into the actual breakdown of the volunteer services?

Twelve branches

Joyce: There are 12 branches: four in Richmond Hill, and one in each of the following communities — Buttonville, Gormley, King City, Oak Ridges, Richvale, Thornhill and Maple. The twelfth is a special group — our Junior Auxiliary.

All branches are responsible for at least one fund raising event during the year. For example, the Juniors have an annual car wash. All branches are tied into the central executive, each sending a chairman from its group.

The Juniors have an adult adviser who represents them on the main executive as well as their own separate executive. There are 170 on the Junior committee at the moment. During the school year, they work after school and weekends on a rotating basis — approximately every other week. In the summer they actually take over 80 per cent of the regular adult volunteer work.

Anne: Is there a minimum age?

Joyce: They cannot work as a Junior until age 14.

Anne: How do you train your new volunteers?

Joyce: They first take part in a morning session of "new staff" orientation. After that, I interview them and give them their volunteer orientation.

Plan information centre

Anne: What are the future plans that you hope to see accomplished that you can tell us about now?

Joyce: We are in the process of planning a new surgical information centre. This will serve the relatives and friends of patients undergoing surgery.

Anne: Regarding your continuing care program, we were discussing parties and so forth; are there any plans affoot to involve some of the community groups in this?

Joyce: As a matter of fact a program is under way now to involve the local service clubs and youth groups in providing live entertainment for the continuing care patients. Not just at parties, but anytime. Also, taking patients to community affairs such as bazaars and teas.

Anne: Are you in need of more volunteers, or is that a silly question?

Joyce: Volunteers are always needed for new services as well as the present ones, especially now with the hospital's expansion program.

Anyone reading this article who is interested in volunteer work — please contact Mrs. Studdy at 883-2206.

King zoning

The Municipal Board has set Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. in King City Community Centre auditorium, as the time for the hearing of King Township Bylaw 74-53, the zoning bylaw.

Mayor Margaret Britnell said there was still time to be placed on the list to be heard.

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On January 16, 1976, the Ontario Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs made public the proposed development plan for the Parkway Belt West planning area established under the provisions of The Parkway Belt Planning and Development Act, 1973.

Copies of the proposed plan, entitled the Parkway Belt West Draft Plan, can be obtained from the Ontario government bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto. The Draft Plan, together with material used in its preparation, can also be examined at the Ministry's Parkway Belt Section, 7th floor, 801 Bay Street, Toronto, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The Ministry invites written public comment on the Draft Plan. Submissions should be delivered or mailed to the Parkway Belt Section office by April 30, 1976.



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