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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1927

THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW DETAILS OF RICHMOND HILL PAVING PROGRAM

Richmond Hill is to have a paved street. That has been pretty definitely settled but the people are so far pretty much in the dark as to what the cost is going to be and who is to pay for it. It has been roughly estimated that the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$28,000, and that the Province will bear seventy five per cent. of this leaving a balance of nearly eight thousand dollars.

If this balance must be met entirely by Richmond Hill it will be a heavy burden on the people. Taxes are already high—no higher than many other municipalities but high enough that every little more is felt and an additional eight or maybe ten thousand dollars will make a very noticeable difference. No one enjoys paying taxes although the good citizen does not object when he knows that he is getting value for his money or paying for needed improvements.

THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT YONGE STREET NEEDS TO BE PAVED. The question is however that the street will be used easily ninety five per cent by county and provincial traffic and it does not seem fair, just or equitable that the people of this small municipality should be saddled with a large expenditure to provide a good highway for provincial and county traffic. Richmond Hill is entitled to a substantial grant from the county to pay the twenty five per cent of the cost of paving Yonge Street for which this municipality is liable.

At the last session of the County Council when Mimico and New Toronto were handed a mere fifty thousand to assist in the cost of widening the Lake Shore road, Reeve Lunau asked for a grant of eight thousand dollars for Richmond Hill. The matter came up too late for the finance committee to deal with and it was referred to a special committee.

We would like to ask if the Richmond Hill council has approached this special committee of the County Council relative to the grant? If they have not—and we have no knowledge that they have—now is the time to do it. The council should approach the committee and have their assurance that they will recommend to the Finance committee at the next session that Richmond Hill will get a substantial grant.

The York County Council is made up of representatives of all the municipalities in the County and we venture that a fairer or more honest group of men could be gathered together. They are anxious to treat all matters that come up for consideration fairly and squarely with equal dealing for all and special privileges for none. Richmond Hill in the present situation has a case which will appeal to such a body of men. But it must be presented to them in a business-like way and the time for our local representatives to meet the special committee is RIGHT NOW, not after the pavement is built.

The construction of a paved roadway is too important an item for our council and our people to grope along in the dark. The total cost, the local municipality's share, and the amount which the county will pay should be ascertained at once, and the PEOPLE, who must bear the shot, told exactly where they stand in regards the whole paving program.

SIDEWALKS ALONG HIGHWAYS

The Department of Highways present policy allows municipalities to construct sidewalks along highways and bear thirty per cent of the cost of construction. This is an announcement which should vitally interest every municipality in the North Yonge Street district.

In the past Highway construction has had in mind only the motorist. It is however imperative to the safety of life, and limb and property that some provision be made for pedestrians. A drive along Yonge Street any night will convince you of the truth of this statement. The situation is especially acute in North York Township where serious accidents have been narrowly averted many a time and where pedestrians are a continuous source of worry to motorists. The same is true about many other sections along Yonge Street.

As soon as municipalities can see their way clear to take advantage of the government policy the sidewalks should be built in the interest of the safety of the pedestrian as well as the motorist.

PROVINCE OF A NEWSPAPER

It would be comical, were it not somewhat pathetic, the way newspaper offices are besieged every day by their friends, urging them to "roast" this and that; to "see to it" that this and that is corrected; to have this and that done in the city or county; to start this and that kind of movement to correct evils in the state government. These friends actually appear to believe that it is the newspaper's business to handle all these affairs.

But a self-respecting newspaper, though ready and willing to carry all reasonable responsibility, must remind its readers that they—the people—are the authority upon whom rests the responsibility for the present state of affairs local, state and national.

A self-respecting newspaper tries to report the news of what actually happens, not what it might wish had happened. The relation of a self-respecting newspaper to the general public is not always understood. It is the duty of a newspaper to be in a position to support any good act and criticize any bad act of public policy.

This relationship cannot exist where favors are asked and granted. Honesty is the only policy for a newspaper.

If objectors don't like the way things are going, they should qualify as voters, and then raise Cain about it.

THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

Strawberries are about to go, but watermelons will soon be coming in. The cherries are reddening on the trees and delicious raspberries will soon be on everybody's table. The dietist has had his quota of rhu-barb. The small boy looks longingly on the green apple.

The cold spring has passed away, and now some folks who complained of the chilliness of early May are groaning and sweating under the blistering sun. The beaches are open; roads are inviting. Even on Sundays the patience and good nature of the automobile tripper survive the dangers and crowds of the main highways. The delights and burdens of the warm season are accepted generally with joy and fortitude that augur well for the philosophy of the Canadian people in general.

The vacation season is at hand. The lucky ones among us will hie themselves to the beaches or the mountains. Truly the "good old summer time" is here. Nature's glad, and so should we be.

The press of the Dominion seem to be taking an unusual interest in the coming convention of the Conservative Party which will be held in Winnipeg this fall. Papers of all shades of politics have picked the winner and the choices range all the way from Premier Ferguson to Tommy Church. Whatever we may think of the first mentioned we all agree and give him credit with being an astute politician and a man who has a "keen ear to the ground." If he passes the job up we must conclude that he doesn't regard the prospects on the opposition bench as very rosy.

The Richmond Hill council have a good opportunity to win the approval of the great body of the people by seriously taking up the question of remedying the local water supply. It is not a matter for the long argument on various theories. It is a time for action. The water-works represent a great public investment and in its present condition is practically useless to the town.

Vaughan township council are giving a good object lesson to other municipalities in the excellent work they are doing on streets in subdivisions along Yonge Street. The work is all done on the local improvement plan, the people gladly paying throughout a period of years for an improvement which was badly needed.

Opinion varies widely as to the best way of handling the traffic in Richmond Hill when the street improvements are being carried on. All will have to be good natured and remember that it is only temporary inconvenience which will be rewarded with years of comfortable travel.

Monday was civic holiday and on Wednesday afternoon the business houses closed as usual. In most towns when another holiday comes in the week, the midweek holiday is dispensed with.

Respect is something which a person should be expected to earn before he receives it.

Next to money the hardest thing to keep is a secret.

In a primitive state the young left home early, but they didn't come back at 2 a. m.

Humility isn't much of a virtue if you cultivate it because you are afraid to fight.

There were great leaders in the old days because they had ideas to teach instead of cash to pay for elections.

"Way Back in Liberal Files"

**DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week 1895**

When the ladies of the Evan, Lutheran Congregation 4th Con. Vaughan held their annual harvest home services and tea at their church.

When Benjamin Redditt, of Richmond Hill, passed away in his 53 year.

When Robert Marsh, of Richmond Hill, passed away in his seventy first year. After the burial an excellent sermon was preached by the pastor Rev. Mr. Grant.

When Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sanderson went on an excursion to Montreal.

When Mary, wife of Geo. Dibb sr. of Jefferson, passed away in her 68 year.

**DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week of 1890**

When Michels van brought into the village Markham's baseball team to play a friendly match with the club of this place. The home team were as follows:—Penrose, McLean, Bonitace, Anderson, Sims, Piper, Atkinson, Trench, and Ellston, the Thornhill auctioneer.

When at the residence of Mr. Geo. Routliff, Newtonbrook, on Monday, August 4th, 1890. Annie Gray, wife of J. H. Risebrough, Aurora, formerly of Temperanceville passed away in her 30th year.

When Misses Edith and Ethel Switzer visited with Mrs. Brothers formerly Miss Inman.

When Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sanderson, and family visited relatives in Woodville.

**DO YOU REMEMBER
This Week of 1906**

When a very pleasant time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saigeon, Maple, when a social assembly was held on the twenty-first birthday of their daughter Daisy Ethel Saigeon.

When some changes took place in the branch office of the sterling Bank at Thornhill. Mr. B. Walker and Mr. C. L. McDonald were transferred to Port Stanley and were replaced by Messrs C. F. Miller and H. W. Sharp.

When Mrs. P. Hoff resident of Thornhill passed away in her 89 year.

When the Carrville football team came up and played the return match with Richmond Hill the score being 2 to 1 in favor of Richmond Hill. Mr. H. Graham, of Carrville refereed the match.

**DO YOU REMEMBER
This Year of 1902**

When Richmond Hill lacrosse team went down to defeat before the Aurora team on Saturday the score being 3-2. Mr. W. E. Wiley made a first class referee. Messrs Glass and Webster were time keepers, Sheardown and Ferhier goal umpires.

When a joint Ladies Aid Society of the Lutheran churches of Buttonville and Unionville meet at the parsonage.

When Mrs. J. P. Glass and two little sons Lauder and Cecil and Miss Olive Morton spent a month in Prince Edward County with relatives and friends near Picton.

When Mrs. M. James and Miss Mabel James of Parkdale visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright of Richmond Villa for a few days.

"Well, sah," said Sambo, after being asked what kind of chickens he preferred, "all kinds has dere merits. De white ones is de easiest to find in de dark; but de black ones is de easiest to hide after you get 'em."

Travel teaches shrewdness, no doubt; but a man who can make money enough to travel is shrewd enough.

A woman—"I was outspoken at my club." "Who outspoke you?" asked her husband.

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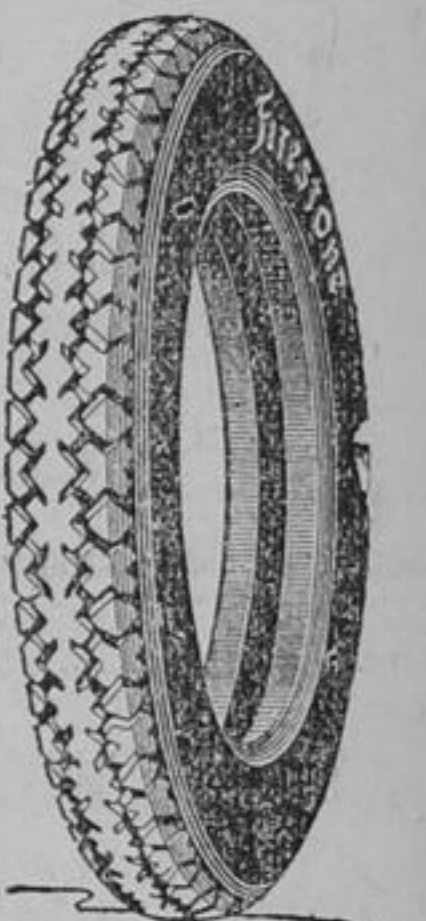
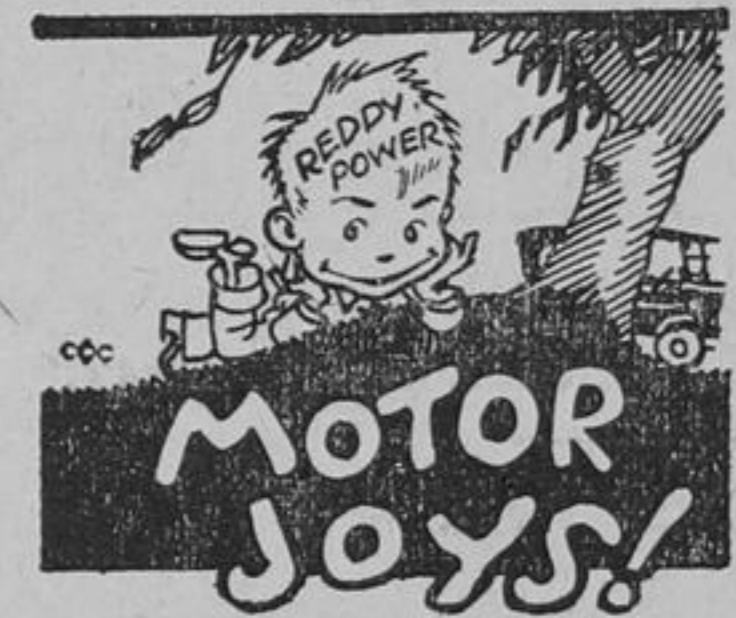
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