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THE RADIAL PROBLEM STILL FACES YORK COUNTY

The Transportation problem still looms large on the horizon of 1930 as far as Richmond Hill and the North Yonge Street district is concerned.

The people of the North Yonge Street district want a Radial Service. It is capable of providing a safe, dependable transportation service at a moderate cost.

Every resident and every property owner along the route of the Metropolitan stands to be a severe loser if the line is abandoned. Let every interested ratepayer be a personal missionary from this date to impress on County Councillors the seriousness of the problem confronting this district.

The people have faith in the radials. The people have faith that with an operation planned to give an adequate service to the people at a moderate cost and with the view of the upbuilding of the district that the Metropolitan would in at least a very short time be a paying institution.

The County of York and municipalities interested owe it to the residents of the districts served to make sure of the continuance of the Radials. The County of York and the municipalities concerned owe it to the people to make sure that the Radial line is not scrapped in favor of a bus service.

The York County Transportation Committee will now renew their negotiations regarding the Radials and in their effort they have the whole-hearted support of the people of the district. May victory attend their efforts.

COUNTY COUNCIL REFORM

With the regularity of the seasons the question of the increasing cost of municipal government as it relates to the County Council is one of the main topics of discussion at York County nomination meetings.

There are some fifty-eight members of County Council and during three sessions of the year each member draws eight dollars per day. Then there are many committees which meet periodically during the year and then also there is pay of eight dollars per day and ten cents per mile mileage.

While there are none who say that County Councillors should serve for no financial remuneration there are many who feel and speak openly that there is ample opportunity to reduce this estimate.

The members of the York County Council for 1930 would be serving the interests of the electors if they considered this question at the January session. Even as concession is good for the soul, open discussion of the subject would be welcomed by the ratepayers of the County.

It might be that the County Council could do with two sessions a year instead of three, leaving more work for the elected commissioners and executive officers. This would seem plausible as a great deal of the time of the County Council is taken up with the transaction of routine business.

It has been suggested that representation at the County Council be confined to Reeves and not include one, two or three deputies as is the case in some municipalities. This suggestion is good but offers many difficulties in the representation of municipalities with a great variance of assessment.

There is evident a demand for some curtailment of County Council expense and probably for some County Council reform. Such curtailment or reform must necessarily come from the County Council itself and therein lies the difficulty. It is hoped however that the County Councillors of 1930 fresh with their mandate from the people will recognize the demand of the electors and at least discuss the question at the January session.

COUNTY TAXATION

The increased County taxation provided a popular subject of discussion at all nomination meetings. The cost of secondary education is one of the more serious items which as reached very large proportions especially in York County.

The County has to depend for revenue on direct taxation and it would only seem reasonable that with the continually increasing revenue of the Provincial government that the time had arrived for some relief to the overburdened municipalities. The province reaps millions from the gas tax, and scores of other sources and a sharing with the municipalities to reduce their burden is over-due.

TAKE OFF THE BUSES

Citizens of York County are anxiously awaiting the announcement that the bus permit of the T. T. C. which permits the City of Toronto to operate busses on Yonge Street will be cancelled. A word from the Department of Highways that the Bus Permit will not be renewed would be the best New Year greeting which Hon. G. S. Henry could give to his constituents in the North Yonge Street District.

MONDAY'S VOTE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

A regrettable apathy towards an important public question was the outstanding feature of the vote taken in Richmond Hill on the Nursing Service ballot. An unusually small vote was polled and a great majority of the voters did not take the trouble to think sufficiently on the subject to take the trouble to go to the polling booth.

There are many regrettable features concerning the vote. It was only at the last moment that it was definitely stated that there would be a vote. No proclamations were issued and the public did not know until they entered the polling booth the wording of the ballot.

The vote was not submitted to the people as a by-law as is the case in most instances when the people are consulted and hence was not final or binding on anyone or on any public body. If it had been a by-law appointing a nurse no doubt the people would have turned out to vote in much larger numbers as they would have known exactly what they were voting on.

In our last issue we stated that we considered the vote at this time to be just so much waste of time, energy and money and the small interest taken would bear out our contention.

The matter of a Public Health Nursing Service for Richmond Hill is still a matter which the 1930 Board of Health will have to face. The unhappy idea of the council to take a vote at this time has contributed the information that in a snap vote taken under peculiarly indefinite circumstances 135 people voted against the project and 127 people voted in favor of it.

No doubt still feeling badly over not having a new street by its office the Daily Star is taking the odd stab at the Metropolitan. If the Star would display the same enthusiasm to secure the facts concerning the Metropolitan Radials as it does in misleading its readers regarding the claimed deficits it would be rendering a more commendable service, as a great newspaper.

Thornhill Ratepayers' Association held a public meeting last Saturday evening for the purpose of hearing aspiring candidates for municipal office. The association is to be commended for the move and other communities might profit from a similar action at election times.

A suggested slogan for the Richmond Hill Board of Trade for 1930: "Twelve months of sincere effort to promote the welfare of the community."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Discusses Cost of Living and Wage of Laboring Man.

R. R. No. 1, Richmond Hill, Ont. January 4th, 1930

The Editor Liberal, Dear Sir—

I am extremely anxious that the following article be properly understood by the person to whom it is directed i. e. J. T. Saigeon, Esq., Deputy Reeve in the Township of Vaughan.

In the last para, sub para 3-4 in the article referring to the Vaughan Township Council and under the subtitle J. T. Saigeon, which appears in your worthy journal dated 2nd instant He is reported as saying—"He had favoured raising the labouring man's pay from 25c. to 30c. per hour. He thought this was little enough for a man who was keeping a home and family." His thought was nearer the mark than he imagined.

The increase favoured by Mr. Saigeon is indeed small yet, small as it is, it shows thoughtfulness and consideration for others, attributes that I most earnestly recommend to those who, like Mr. Saigeon, have it in their power to improve the lot of the common labourer.

Had Mr. Saigeon's favour been for raising the labourer's pay from 25c to 40 cents he could still have said, and with truth, that it was little enough for a man who was keeping a home and family. We are never satisfied are we?

I claim your indulgence Mr. Editor that I may be permitted to throw some light on how a thrifty housewife would provide the necessities of life for herself, husband, and two children (who, we will say, are old enough to attend school) on \$18.00 weekly, and if I err at all it will be on the side of meagreness.

Table with 4 columns: Articles, weekly, at, amount. Items include Meat, Bread, Potatoes, Vegetables, Butter, Tea, Sugar, Milk, Coal, Wood-Kindling, Coal Oil, Matches, Soap, Milk, Stove Polish, Boot Polish, Rent Weekly, Taxes, Weekly.

Table with 2 columns: Insurance, Weekly, 40; Other little items, 50; Total, \$18.00.

The foregoing list contains no luxuries. I have made no mention of medical attendance, clothing or boots, and you will please observe Mr. Editor that \$2.10 is all we have left to meet these items.

Live and let live is a good motto. Merely existing is slow torture, but even that has its merits, (a matter of opinion of course) it provides sponges with which to absorb the old age pension.

I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Saigeon, but I have heard that he's not a bad fellow, so I won't anticipate any bricks. Your truly, A. ROLFE.

NEW BODIES BUT NO MECHANICAL CHANGES IN FORD

A showing of new bodies for the Model A Ford, each one of which will soon be available in a variety of new colors, was announced last week by Little Brothers, Local Ford dealers.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that the car is unchanged mechanically; that nearly 3,000,000 Model A type Fords are now on the highways proving that they are thoroughly dependable.

The policy of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, in this respect has been to make minor alterations whenever a new device has shown itself worthy to be included in the mechanical plan of the car, but not to bring out a new car as a whole.

Beautiful New Bodies "The new body types will have a distinctly refreshing appearance," said Mr. Little. "They have all the beauty and charm of contour, line and proportion usually associated with the large cars."

"As one looks at them, the first thing that catches the eye is the new radiator. Still retaining the Ford individuality, it is high and narrow, and in excellent style. This, with the higher and longer hood and the shorter cowl, give the front of the car a distinctly new and pleasing appearance, to which an added touch of brightness comes from the finish strip at the juncture of the hood and cowl."

"Moulding treatment is new and the fenders are of more generous dimensions, flowing with the lines of the car."

Fenders are Fuller "The fenders, much fuller than heretofore, contribute a great deal to the improved appearance of the car. Higher at the front, with high crown and sweeping well down over the wheels, the new front fenders flow back in graceful curves to the running boards. The rear fenders, which also have high crowns, sweep down over the rear wheels to a point lower than formerly."

"The head lamps, set higher on a new arched tie rod, also contribute to better appearance. "A new atmosphere of stability is produced by the smaller steel spoke wheels and large ties, which bring the bodies closer to the ground, resulting in a lower center of gravity and consequent increased safety on the road, especially in rounding turns at high speed. Riding quality also is improved."

Use Rustless Steel A distinctive feature will be glistening head-lamps, radiator shell and hub caps of the new material, which has a polish fully as high as that of nickel plate. Nor will this polish tarnish. No matter whether brought into contact with water, ice, snow or steam, the especially treated metal does not rust. And its silver gleam is not plate. It exists all the way through. Rustless steel, however, is only one interesting feature of many which make the Model A more desirable than ever. The complete ensemble has added beauty, combined with greater dignity—a more substantial look. It is fresh and new without being tricky. No attempt has been made to do anything sensational just

as a passing whim. Tudor Sedan, Roomier The most notable changes in body types have been made in the Tudor Sedan, the Coupes and the open cars. The Tudor Sedan, most popular of the five passenger closed cars, is longer. There is more room for occupants of the rear compartment. Access is easier around the folding seats. In exterior appearance the car is much improved. It still retains the crown roof effect with rounded corners on the rear quarter, the beauty of which is accentuated by a new body belt and moulding.

SAND - GRAVEL From Maple Gravel Pit GENERAL CARTAGE by Truck WM. McDONALD, Telephone 62. Thornhill.

Richmond Hill BEAUTY PARLOR

MISS VIOLET HAYNES Announces that she has taken over the Hairdressing Parlor at Davies' Dry Goods Store, formerly operated by Miss Shackleton and solicits the patronage of the ladies of the district. Haircutting, Marcelling, Shampooing, Finger Waving, Etc Open 9.30 a. m. to 9.30 p. m. Close Monday's at 7 p. m. and Wednesday's at 1 p. m. Phone Appointments 163

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The Renaissance of the English Folk Dance



"Merrie England" and the spacious days of Queen Elizabeth with Maypole and Morris Dance are being given new life in the Old Country within the present century and so great is the popularity of the revival that Hyde Park, the great London rendezvous of rank and society, has been gay with annual festivals of folkdancers in colourful motion. A century of industrialism has not been sufficient to kill the ancient urge and Cecil Sharp, thirty years ago, was astonished to see countrymen in an English village, fantastically apparelled, come dancing through the snow one Boxing Day to the strains of a concertina. Eleven years later he founded the English Folk Dance Society which today has a membership of 15,000 with over fifty branches. Certificated teachers from this society have been doing excellent work in Canada and will be encouraged greatly by the visit to this country of sixteen of the best English dancers from the parent society under the leadership of Douglas Kennedy for a series of demonstrations at the forthcoming English Music Festival at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, November 13-18 next. Lay-out shows groups of folkdancers; an English Folk-dance; and Douglas Kennedy, leader of the English Folkdance Society accompanied by Joan Sharp, daughter of the founder, with pipe and tabour. —Photographs by Debenham Longman; Photopress; and London Times.