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DISCOURAGE THE "HITCH-HIKER"

Now that the North Yonge Railways—owned and operated by the people of this district—are in operation and giving to the district a reasonably good service the attention of the people must turn to the problem of making sure of the financial success of the line. The people who own the road are interested in its success for two main reasons, firstly any operating deficits must be met by taxation and secondly the best guarantee of the continuance of the line which means so much to the future prosperity and development of the communities along Yonge Street is the financial success of the line. If a man chooses to run his own car for personal transportation going back and forth to the city that is his own business. If however he induces or allows others to ride with him, in reality operates a taxi that's a matter of concern to the community as it robs the car line of revenue it should be having. If the operator of the car makes no specified charge merely accepting "gifts" from the passengers and thus evades prosecution it satisfies the letter but not the principle of the law. It is a practice which should be discouraged by loyal citizens of Yonge Street communities.

Another offender is the "HITCH-HIKER." Who has not observed and often times with annoyance the prevalence of "HITCH-HIKING" on Yonge Street? A motorist hardly passes the City Limits but he is hailed by anywhere from one to a dozen people asking for a ride. It is hard perhaps to pass one of your friends, leave him to wait and ride on a street car while you ride home alone, but the fact remains that the free rides on Yonge Street have been and continue to be a menace to the success of the people's own railroad. Motorists as a class are not at all averse to performing their daily "good deed" but the "HITCH-HIKERS" on Yonge Street have grown to such proportions as to constitute a menace not only to the railroad but to public safety.

The annoyance seems to be registering elsewhere. In New York state the matter has come to a head with a bill introduced into the state legislature aimed at making the practice unlawful. "It shall be unlawful," says the Bill, for any person to stand in a roadway for the purpose of stopping a private vehicle to solicit rides from, or to solicit for or sell to occupants of such vehicles." This will hit others besides hitch-hikers, be it noted, but on Yonge Street we are most concerned with those out for a free ride.

The people of North Yonge Street district have just emerged from a long struggle for a car service. While it is fresh in our memories is a good time to start in to discourage the "taxi" and the free ride artists who are a menace to the success of the people's railroad.

The man who runs a car to and from work in the city should not operate a taxi in competition with the people's railroad. It is understood the authorities have this problem under consideration and it should be remembered that magistrates and law courts often convict on the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

Pass up the "HITCH-HIKER" on Yonge Street.

A gasoline price war is reported in some places. If this becomes general the public would feel like singing with Red Newman, "Isn't It A Lovely War!"

Mr. Bennett takes office at sixty. Mr. Borden was fifty-seven, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, fifty-five. But Mr. Meighen and Mr. King were much younger, Mr. Meighen, only forty-six when he fell heir to the premiership in 1920, and Mr. King only forty-nine when he won his election in 1921.

The local Board of Health has notified Richmond Hill householders of the condition of their wells which were recently tested by the Provincial Inspectors. A word to the wise should be sufficient. The warning contained in the advice that a well is contaminated should be sufficient to have the owner cease using it at once and have it either cleaned and repaired or else filled in. There is no need to run the danger of contaminated wells in Richmond Hill with so good a supply available from the municipal waterworks. The inauguration last year of the monthly payment plan for the installation removes the financial burden of the initial work of having the waterworks installed and placed it within the reach of every householder.

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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

SAFETY FIRST; LAST AND ALWAYS IS AN APPROPRIATE MOTTO FOR ALL THOSE WHO USE THE HIGHWAYS.

Parents should be untiring in warning children of the danger of using Yonge Street.

The rain so long looked for in this district came in abundance last Friday. The shower was general throughout York County and was welcomed by farmers, and gardeners. It is hailed of special benefit to the root crops.

For quality job printing call The Liberal, telephone 9, Richmond Hill.

Beware of the "Hitch-Hiker." There is no longer any need to beg rides from motorists on Yonge Street. The people own a railway to transport passengers. Use the cars and make them pay.

Is the well where you are getting water contaminated? A great many of the wells have been tested by the inspectors and have been rated below par. Play safe, make sure your water supply is O.K. The best way to play safe is to have the municipal water supply.

Safety First. Don't take chances on Yonge Street.

WARN THE CHILDREN OF THE EVER PRESENT DANGER ON YONGE STREET.

Before Orval Storey, highway traffic officer on Yonge St., left to assume similar duties on Dundas highway this week he was presented with a wrist watch by his friends. The presentation took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reid.

When the car in which she was driving skidded into the ditch four miles north of Bradford Sunday night, Kathleen Dineen, aged 18, of Toronto, received internal injuries which resulted in her death several hours later.

Markham Village Council, Public School Board and High School Board are wrestling with the problem of school accommodation. A new high school to cost around \$100,000 is proposed and it is planned to use the old high school building for public school purposes.

Safety Always—exercise care and caution when on Yonge Street.

Time changes things, even in Milliken. The old Harding Raymer barn where the cows mooed and chickens roosted in days gone by has taken on a new aspect which is now called Bungalow Park Inn "Dancing Pavilion." Saturday evening the second dance was held with a good crowd in attendance. Jane Seager's orchestra provided the music.

The tax rate in Cobalt last year was 113 mills for Separate School supporters. And this year it is likely to be even higher. This perhaps constitutes a record in these days of high taxes.

Lindbergh offspring is pictured as an "eaglet." It is to be hoped he will not turn out a nighthawk.

Every hot day from now until the beginning of September will be the "hottest day of the year." Only some will be a good deal hotter than others.

The question is not whether man descended from a monkey but when is he going to quit descending.

With water assured from recent drilling operations work has begun in the village of Bradford for the establishment of a water works system.

Citizens of Huntsville on July 29, voted for the second time within two days, this time endorsing the creation of a new ice arena by a vote of 196 to 67. Already plans are being made for the building which is expected to be completed in time to house the annual fall fair.

Mrs. J.L. Younghusband, 17-year-old wife of a well-known Chicago cosmetics manufacturer, was fined \$50 on a charge of driving a car recklessly and \$10 for driving without an operator's license after she had knocked down a silent policeman, for a joke, on election night at Orillia.

Kiwians of Orillia are preparing to hold a three-day carnival on August 21, 22 and 23.

A tag day held in Orillia recently to assist in continuing the war on mosquitoes resulted in \$223.

Three different cars smashed into the same telephone pole in Aurora on the Yonge Street highway on Friday.

There were 23 entries in the standing field crop of oats competition conducted in connection with Schomberg Agricultural Society, judging of which has just been completed by George Foster, of Honeywood, Ont., who announces results as follows: 1st, F. J. Suhr, Brampton Farms, Kleinburg, score 92 points; 2nd Thomas Blackburn, Kettleby, 89 points; 3rd N. Haynes, King, 87 points; 4th, Earl Cook, King City, 86 points; 5th, Roy Jennings, Temperanceville; 6th, W. Agar, Nashville; 7th, F. Sheardown, Nashville.

Three Woodbridge young ladies, Miss Mildred Shore, Miss Elma Farr and Miss Marjorie Watson, passed their Normal School examinations and have each been successful in procuring a school. Miss Shore goes to Agincourt, Miss Farr to Vellore and Miss Watson to Downsview.

Struck by lightning, on Friday the barn of Thomas Masters, near Weston was completely burned, with his whole hay crop and half his grain. The damage is estimated at \$3,000.

Preston M. Thompson, mayor of Aurora, was elected first vice-president of the Ontario Funeral Service Association at the annual convention this week held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa.

Built from stones picked from different farms on which members of the Reesor families settled a monument in the form of a cairn has been completed. It stands on a commanding site at Locust Hill on ground donated by the Provincial Department of Highways. In the centre of the cairn is a large grindstone, which was used by Peter Reesor, who operated the first grinding mill in the district. The cairn also contains relics and current newspapers of the family. It is over 125 years ago the first of the Reesors settled in the Markham district and their descendants are to be found in many parts of York County.

O, to live in that land where no taxes are paid, where not even the land is assessed! Honestly such a place exists and, according to the Pembroke Standard-Observer, it isn't very far from Pembroke. In spite of the fact that the county rate has soared; in spite of the fact that Old Age Pensions throw a burden upon wage earners compelling them to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves; in spite of maturing bonds and debentures, no assessor ever calls nor tax-collector darkens the door. This happy land, the Standard-Observer says is on Morrison's Island, only three miles from Pembroke, situated most prettily in the Ottawa river, famed as the landing place of Champlain. There is only one family—that of Thomas Fitzpatrick, a native of Allumette Island—and no municipality of Allumette wants any jurisdiction over the island. If they collected taxes then they would have to provide a road, so considering all, they could collect, it is the part of wisdom to have this beauty spot designated as "no man's land." Yet Mr. Fitzpatrick toils on his farm, sells his produce, but never pays a cent in taxes.

At least one newspaper man ran in the recent federal elections—but he was defeated, getting but one vote. Under the Election Act the name of the printer of the ballots must appear on the back of each ballot. One voter of Elmwood, in South Bruce, either did not know the candidates were Dr. W. A. Hall and Foster Moffatt, or else he or she knew the publisher of the Chesley Enterprise, who printed the ballots, for when ballots were counted, one ballot bore an X after the publisher's name.

Lighting a cigarette while travelling through Aurora Monday morning proved disastrous to F. C. Brunke, Teddington Park, Toronto. He took his eyes off the road for a moment and crashed into a truck driven by Harry Shaw, of Queensville. Shaw was standing by his truck and was knocked down, receiving cuts about the arms and face.

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The members of Buttonville Junior Women's Institute held a joint meeting with the Unionville Branch at the home of Mrs. R. L. Stiver, Thursday, August 7th. Mrs. Brodie gave an interesting address on "Prison Work." Miss Edith Craig was a Buffalo visitor last week. Her sister Miss Kate Craig, R.N. returned with her for a few weeks vacation.

Miss Ada Thomson of the Toronto Teaching staff is spending the summer at her home here.

Rev. Barnes, of Markham, occupied the pulpit of Brown's Corners United Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have returned home after an enjoyable trip through the Western Provinces.

Misses Doris and Margaret Stephenson, of Mimico, have been holidaying at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. F. Stephenson.

Six young people of this vicinity enjoyed a delightful motor trip on Sunday. They went by way of Hamilton, Galt and Kitchener and returned through Guelph, Georgetown and Brampton. They report splendid roads with the exception of short detours at Woodbridge and Concord.

A number of Buttonville citizens gathered at the school house Monday morning where they had a splendid view of the British Airship R-100 as it circled over Toronto.

Mr. R. Duncan, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gooderham, Lansing, were Saturday visitors at the home of Dr. Kelly sr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hood and family went for a motor trip on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Atkinson and family.

A delightful birthday party was given by Mrs. C. Boynton, Dollar, in honour of her daughter Ellen, Saturday, August 9th. About thirty little guests from Headford, Richmond Hill and the surrounding district spent a happy afternoon with their young hostesses. Many happy returns Ellen.

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