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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, SEPTEMBER 18, 1930

**COUNCIL AND CONSTABLE**

The main topic of general conversation around town this week is the action of the council at the last meeting in asking for the resignation of the local constable. Much has been said which emphasizes the old saying "a policeman's lot is not a happy one" and also convinces even the casual observer that a seat on the municipal council is not a "bed of roses."

The whole affair which has been magnified beyond all relative importance by glaring headlines in the daily press and by the continual round of talk and gossip is not so serious after all and we see no reason at this stage of the proceedings for any wholesale denunciation of either the council or the police. It appears that it is all a matter of a misunderstanding between the council and a public servant for which both may or may not be to blame. It is a situation which calls for cool deliberative action with always only one aim in view, and that the welfare of the community.

In Constable S.A. Barraclough, Richmond Hill has been fortunate in having a police officer of the first order. We believe him to be a capable officer, zealous in the carrying out of his duties and with a keen sense of the responsibilities of his office and a devotion to duty which is most commendable. If his services should be lost to this municipality it would be regrettable.

We also believe that the members of council were actuated by nothing but the best motives in taking the action which they did at the last meeting. All are men of honesty and integrity and in serving on the council have no axe to grind and make the sacrifices which the office demands in the belief that by so doing they may render a service to the community in which they live.

The whole misunderstanding which has existed for several months is based on the association of the town constable with the county police which makes considerable demands on his time. Although the action of the council may have come like a bolt from the blue to many citizens it has been discussed at many council meetings this year. There has been a feeling in the council, and it was heard on the street as well, that the constable was spending too much of his time in County work when he should have been in Richmond Hill. This is the only serious criticism which we have heard concerning constable Barraclough during his tenure of office which is indeed a tribute to him.

It must be remembered that the council is elected by the people and among their responsibilities is the provision of adequate police protection. The measure of police protection to be given the people, in a word the "police policy" is a matter for the council and the execution of the actual duties is a matter for the constable hired by the council.

The action of the council in dismissing constable Barraclough seemed drastic, possibly too drastic. The constable and the council it would appear are at variance only on the matter of policy and it would seem that they should have been able to have sat down together and ironed out their difference. In their aim to have a suitable agreement with the constable for the policing of the town in a way satisfactory to them the councillors are wholly justified and if we may be inclined to criticise them for their methods we should at least be tolerant when we are perhaps not too familiar with all the circumstances.

By the next regular meeting the council should definitely define their "police policy." They should say just what they expect and require of a constable and what his duties shall be and how much they are willing to pay. Constable Barraclough is guilty of no misdemeanor and his record is clear and clean. If he is willing to accept the position of constable in Richmond Hill as outlined by the council he should have the first chance of accepting it. If such is the outcome of what has aptly been called a "tempest in a tea pot" we believe it would meet with the wishes of the majority of citizens in Richmond Hill.

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**MOTORISTS CHANGE STATUS OF TOWN CONSTABLE**

Motorists have been responsible for many changes in the methods of living and the customs of the past but perhaps it has never occurred to us that the motoring public have had a very important part in changing the duties and the standing of the constable in the numberless small villages and towns in Canada. A comparatively few years ago Richmond Hill's need of a constabulary was very slight and the demands on the incumbent of the then more or less honorary position were indeed very light. In 1930 the need is not only for an all time police officer but there is actually a need for a watchman or police during the long hours of the night.

The Durham Chronicle says that: towns like Durham need no constable in the daylight hours, but do need them at night. "In these days of motor cars "and twenty-four-hour travel, a town that goes "to bed and leaves its streets unprotected, is "asking for trouble." Night prowlers become aware of these facts and act accordingly. During the motoring season, especially, a town constable should be on duty when the rest of the populace is sleeping. It is about as cheap a fire insurance or burglary policy as a municipality can have." The comments were aroused by the resignation of the town constable of the town of Hanover, who seems to have been expected to work both night and day. The Hanover Post thinks that the town would not be willing to engage two men, and suggests that if there is to be only one, he come on duty in the late afternoon and remain until the early hours of the morning, acting as fire warden as well as constable. Thus the dignity of the town constable is increasing.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins Receive  
Congratulations of Many Friends on  
Twentieth Wedding Anniversary**

**THORNHILL ORCHESTRA AND  
STOUFFVILLE BAND TAKE  
PART IN PROGRAM AND  
MAKE PRESENTATIONS**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins, Victoria Square was the scene of a very pleasant event on Saturday, September 6th, when relatives and friends to the number of over one hundred gathered to join with them in the celebration of their twentieth wedding anniversary. Guests were present from Mount Lowell, Green bank, Toronto, New Albert, Oshawa, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Gormley and other centres.

The lawn was brilliantly illuminated and the tables, laden with an abundance of good things, were tastefully and artistically decorated. Rev. P. M. Peacock, ably filled the role of master of ceremonies and his ready wit and timely humor added much to the pleasure of the evening. Short speeches were made by Mr. Edward Britnell, of Toronto, Reeve Lunau, of Richmond Hill, Mr. Lorne Perkins, of Toronto; Mr. Clare Sanderson and Mr. L. L. Nichols, of Victoria Square. The addresses were interspersed with choice selections by Miss Sadie and

Mr. Ben Silverton, of Toronto, on the violin and accordion. The Thornhill Orchestra rendered several pleasing selection and the Stouffville Band contributed to the musical program.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins of a handsome China Tea Set by the Thornhill Orchestra. Mr. P. T. Drake in a pleasing style made the presentation on behalf of the members of the orchestra. The bride and groom of twenty years ago were also the recipients of a substantial gift cheque from the members of the Stouffville Band. In addition there were many other useful and beautiful gifts accompanied by the sincere best wishes of scores of friends who wished Mr. and Mrs. Perkins a generous measure of the good things of life and a long succession of wedding anniversaries.

Another unique feature was the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins' youngest daughter, Coral Isabelle, with Rev. Peacock officiating at the ceremony.

The Liberal joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

**Victoria Square**

Mr. Fraser Gee is in various centres in the county this week assisting Mr. R. E. White with school fairs.

Miss Mabel Sanderson was the Sunday evening guest of Miss Marie Dennie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Britnell, Misses Irene and Blanche and Mr. Roger Britnell of Toronto, were Sunday visitors at Mr. L. L. Nichols.

Mr. Alex. McDonald now speeds merrily along the highway with a Chevrolet coach

The young people of the community numbering about fifty, gathered in Mr. L. L. Nichols' flats for a corn roast on Saturday evening. After a lively time spent in games, corn and marshmallows were enjoyed by all. All the members and friends of the Y.P.S. are invited to a weiner roast on Saturday evening, September 20th, at this same spot, which is agreed by all to be ideal for this purpose. Plan now on attending.

Mr. Floyd Perkins leaves this week to attend O.A.C., Guelph, where he intends taking a degree course. We wish him the best of success in his new venture.

Several contracts have already been let for the various improvements to our church. It is expected by the trustees to have everything in readiness for the Golden Jubilee services to be held in late October.

Mr. Gerald Lyons narrowly escaped what might have resulted in serious injury when he caught his hand in a belt of Mr. E. Steckley's threshing machine last week. He suffered slight cuts and bruises on his hand.

Mr. Gordon Mortonson and Miss Reva Nichols motored to the Niagara district on Monday, bringing home several baskets of the now seasonable fruit, the peach.

Miss Vera Nichols attended the Brown's Corners Y.P.S. corn roast last Thursday evening.

Mission Band will meet on Saturday September 20th in the Sunday School room.

Word received from Miss Laura Gee reports a safe arrival and that she is enjoying immensely her stay in the country to the south.

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**BUTTONVILLE**

The Junior Women's Institute will meet Saturday, September 20th at the home of Miss Drew Kelly. Mr. Fred Leaf, President of Unionville Horticultural Society will show slides on Horticulture. Prizes are to be given for the best arranged dining-room and living room bouquets.

Miss Ruth Walker a popular young girl of Buttonville, was quietly married last Wednesday to Mr. Harry Boardway of Unionville. We extend to them our best wishes.

Mrs. Burr, Miss Drew Kelly and Mrs. Geo. Kelly called on Mrs. Woods of Markham last Saturday evening.

**Newtonbrook**

A meeting of the Home and School club will be held on Thursday evening, September 25th.

The teaching staff of the Newtonbrook Public School presented Miss Soden with a silk parasol last Friday afternoon. Miss Soden is finishing her Normal course in Toronto.

The Polly Anna Club met at the Parsonage last Thursday evening with a splendid attendance. Mrs. Harry Hill gave a very inspiring and instructive address on "Hymnody." It was arranged that the club hold a sale of Christmas gifts on Tuesday, November 4th. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Eva Lockyer.

The Women's Association intend having a Harvest Home supper and concert on Thursday evening, October 9th.

The Harvest Home Services of the United Church will be held on Sunday, October 2nd.

The Sunday school classes of Messrs Gifford Summers and Will Smith held a corn roast last Friday evening. The boys report a very fine time.

Preparations are being made for the Sunday School Rally on Sunday Sept. 28th, which will be held in the United Church at the regular service hour.

The attendance at Sunday School is steadily increasing after the holiday season. 117 being present last Sunday, but room for more. The adults are invited to attend the Bible class.

Zion Harvest Home Services will be held on Sunday, September 28th and a concert on Monday, September 29th. Rev. W. E. Hassard will be the special preacher on Sunday evening and the pastor will conduct the afternoon service.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert left this week to attend General Council in London.

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**GORMLEY**

Mr. Louis Schell has returned after spending several months in Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Wm. Philip, of Welland, is visiting at the home of Mr. Ben Climanhaga.

Miss Helen Henderson accompanied by Mr. Louis Climanhaga, of Ridgeway, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Walter Henderson.

Quite a number from here motored to Wainfleet to attend the Sunday School convention held Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and family spent the week-end with relatives in Vineland.

Mr. Allan Smith, also Mrs. Memo Smith and Miss Hazel Smith, of Edgely, had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Mr. Eli Shirk, of Michigan, U.S.A. also Mr. Peter Shirk, of Claremont, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Abram Baker spent Sunday in Toronto, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wilson on Sunday evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. Jos. Cherry on Wednesday last was well attended.

Miss Doris Perkins, of Victoria Square, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson.

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**Township of Vaughan  
Local Improvement Notice**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:—**

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan intends to construct as a local improvement a **Gravel Roadway** on **May Avenue**, plan 1987, from the easterly limit of Yonge St. to the westerly limit of Lot 31, and intends to specially assess a part of the cost upon the land abutting directly on the work.
2. The estimate cost of the work is \$1575.00, of which \$227.00 is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage is 28c. The special assessment is to be paid in five annual instalments.
2. A petition to the said Council will not prevail to prevent its construction, but a petition against the work or the manner in which it has been undertaken, may be made pursuant to section 8 of The Local Improvement Act, to the Railway and Municipal Board, by a majority of the owners representing at least one half of the whole of the lots which are to be specially assessed therefor.
4. A By-law for undertaking the work will be considered by the Council at a meeting thereof to be held on the 6th day of October, 1930, or at a regular or special meeting thereof to be held thereafter.

Dated at Maple this 11th day of September 1930.

J. B. McLEAN, Clerk of Vaughan

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| 1 Black and white cow, calf by side | 1 Holstein cow in full flow            |
| 1 Red cow, calf by side             | 1 Holstein cow, milking                |
| 1 Roan and white cow, calf by side  | 1 Red cow, supposed to freshen Oct. 27 |
| 1 Holstein cow, calf by side        | 1 Blue cow supposed to freshen Sept 30 |
| 1 Holstein cow, calf by side        | 1 Blue heifer, due March 18th          |
| 1 Roan cow, calf by side            | 1 Black heifer, due April 1st          |
| 1 Black heifer, calf by side        | 1 Blue heifer, due March 18th          |
| 1 Brindle heifer, calf by side      | 1 Black and white heifer, bred in June |
| 1 Holstein cow, in full flow        |  |

The above lot of cows are Good Milkers and are from a fine Dairy Herd. The Heifers are all rising three years old.

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