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SIDEWALKS FOR YONGE STREET

The municipal councils of Markham and Vaughan townships have conferred with the Ontario Department of Highways regarding sidewalks for Yonge Street and it has been definitely stated that a start will be made this fall. The councils have decided wisely that all construction will be of a permanent nature and will be of concrete. Cinder or gravel walks while perhaps a little cheaper are dear in the long run and a waste of money as the people do not walk on them.

The cost of the sidewalks which will be built on Yonge Street will be shared by the two municipalities and the province. It is an expenditure which in the interest of the public safety is commendable and justified. Many accidents have happened, lives have been snuffed out, people have been crippled in past years because of lack of sidewalks and when it comes to a matter of saving lives it is hard to reckon in dollars and cents. The authorities however are not plunging into any large expenditure and this year only a start will be made, it being the intention to lay a quarter mile of walk.

The LIBERAL has consistently advocated the construction of sidewalks on Yonge Street in the interests of safety and with the citizens of this district and all who use Yonge Street either as motorists or pedestrians we welcome the announcement that a start will be made this fall.

WHAT AN "ACCIDENT" REALLY MEANS

In discussing the subject of sidewalks the question arises concerning the many mishaps of which we read in the newspapers and which happen so frequently on the highways of this province. Do we as citizens appreciate the real meaning of such a large number of accidents. Perhaps it would be well for us to ponder on it for at least a few moments.

Accidents on the highways have become familiar reading matter in the public press in recent years since the increase in automotive traffic. In the first place a car and its occupants are always involved. It may be with another car, it may be a pedestrian proceeding along the side of the roadway has been struck by a car, or it may be one of the numberless things which "might happen" to a motor car. In nearly all cases more than one person is involved in the "accident."

If the one individual whose heedlessness or carelessness caused the accident was the only one imperilled, the case would not be so serious. The man or woman who by unsafe driving wrecks one car and does himself or herself injury or even death, is not to be greatly pitied.

But there are often several persons involved in a motor accident. Hospitals or morgues are called upon to care for them; physicians or coroners are summoned; nurses or undertakers are called in attendance.

All of the persons involved must cease work or activity of any kind either temporarily or permanently. There is loss of time, great expenditure of money, the upset of plans, perhaps defeat of the hopes and prospects of a lifetime often years of suffering and misery.

In a great many instances, legal prosecutions follow. Damages are demanded and resort is taken to the courts. This involves additional loss of time and great annoyance—sometimes imprisonment and not infrequently fines or judgments of considerable size.

As to the immediate property loss such as the destruction of one car or two, that is of smallest importance when compared with the pain and misery which almost invariably accompanies and follow accidents.

To have snuffed out the life of a human being through carelessness of our own, or because we were driving a car at unsafe speed, or failed to observe intersection hazards, or in our great desire to hurry for some cause which even we ourselves cannot explain, would seem to be something that would always haunt the person to blame and be with them until memory ceased in their own extinction.

To have crippled a child and sent him on the weary journey of life under the handicap of crutches, or a wheel chair, or a vacant sleeve, or a weak or malformed frame; or to smash down the trembling and weakened aged man or woman who goes wearily upon the public highways which they may have helped create; or, to plunge into confusion and distress and disaster the friends or relatives who may be accompanying you on what was hoped to be a pleasant outing—these, and all the hazards of accident which one might well avoid with care, must be depressing knowledge to carry in one's daily life through the years that follow.

Would it not be a good plan to educate ourselves more thoroughly on the full meaning of the word "accident"?

"HITCH HIKING"

After more than 14 months of operation the Maine law against hitch hiking is declared effective and beneficial by General J. W. Hanson, chief of the state's highway police.

The law forbids any person on a public highway to "endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise to beg or secure transportation in any motor vehicle not engaged in carrying passengers for hire, unless said person knows the driver thereof or of any passenger therein." An exception is made in the case of sickness of an emergency nature. Maximum punishment for a violation of the law is \$50 fine or 30 days in jail.

"Hitch Hikers" are a nuisance to the motorist. Many cases are on record in which persons soliciting rides have robbed and even murdered those who befriended them. Anyone who uses Yonge Street or any of the other main highways of the province is familiar with this nuisance. A trip even from Richmond Hill to the city limits is not complete without the familiar scene of a pedestrian frantically signaling with his arms as if his life depended on the much sought "lift." Most motorists are kindly disposed and would not be against giving a lift to a pedestrian who is the victim of unusual circumstances and must reach a certain place at a given time or suffer severe consequences. But the case of the conscientious pedestrian who might occasionally desire a ride is ruined by the experience of motorists who time after time have stopped in answer to the frantic hailings of a pedestrian only to find he was going a couple of blocks, or that his sole aim was to "save his fare." The

"HITCH HIKER" is familiar on Yonge Street and is a menace to safety and in addition the continuance of the practice means reduced revenue for the people's railroad. If an active public opinion fails to banish the "HITCH HIKER" from Yonge Street legislation patterned after that which has apparently proven effective in Maine may have to be introduced.

BUTTONVILLE

Last Sunday evening the Y. P. S. of Brown's Corners United Church enjoyed a fine address given by a native son of India. He explained several customs of India that are frequently misunderstood by the people of other countries.

Miss May Harper, of Bolton, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodick.

Mrs. Roff, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Richmond Hill, called on Mr. and Mrs. Cline Burr last Friday evening.

Presentation to Miss Helen Rodick

On Wednesday, October 8th, Miss Helen Rodick accepted an invitation to have tea with Miss Rhea Scott. But when she arrived there, she found the large living room already well filled with many of her friends of this neighborhood. She also found a special chair reserved for her under a very pretty arch. Miss Rhea Scott then presented her with an electric floor lamp, on behalf of the community. Miss Della Burr presented a picture on behalf of the Sunday school class, and Miss Laura Brown presented a clock on behalf of the Junior Women's Institute. As these presentations were made the following address was read:—

To Miss Helen Rodick;

We, your many friends of this neighborhood are filled with regret as the time draws near for your departure from us. We regret the loss of one so friendly of manner, and one so keenly interested in all phases of church and community life. But we rejoice that you have chosen for your husband, not a stranger to us, but one whom we have already learned to know and to respect. We are proud that you, one of our own girls, and your husband have been called to enter upon a life of ministering to the spiritual needs of others. As you enter upon this great and noble life work, we extend to you and your husband our love, our prayers, and our confidence that you will meet with a large measure of success. As we give expression to our earnest wishes for your future prosperity, we also wish to leave with you some visible evidence of our esteem. Therefore, on behalf of the community, we ask you to accept this lamp, and we hope that it will brighten and cheer many evenings in your new home.

The girls of your Sunday School class feel deeply the loss of their well loved teacher, but they realize that their loss will be some other's gain. They ask you to accept this picture in remembrance of their love. May it suitably fill some vacant spot on the walls of your future home.

The members of the Junior Women's Institute would also like to add their voice to the many wishing you well. This voice may be heard early every morning if you just set the alarm at night. They ask you to accept this clock as a slight remembrance from the Institute.

Signed on behalf of

The Community, Mrs. W. Brooke, The Sunday School Class, Miss Della Burr The Junior Women's Institute, Mrs. George Kelly.

Buttonville, Oct. 8th, 1930.
Miss Helen Rodick, assisted by her mother, welcomed many friends to her "Trousseau Tea" last Saturday afternoon and evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the J. W. I. will be held at the home of Miss Edith Craig, Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Miss Edie will be the speaker at this meeting. Every woman of the community will be welcome at these meetings.

Mrs. W. Summerfeldt and her two sons spent Sunday with Mrs. John Boyington.

Mr. and Mrs. Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Clemens and son of Stayner, spent last Friday with Miss Alice Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Tennyson were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tennyson.

Mr. Wm. Leathers was the guest of Mrs. R. L. Stiver last Sunday.

Mrs. Firth, Shirley and Ross, spent a few days last week in Newmarket with her mother who is ill.

Dr. and Mrs. King, of Newboro, have been spending a few days with his sister Mrs. James Thomson.

Mrs. Ada Hood and Mr. Robt Duncan were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Dr. Kelly, Sr.

A number of ladies from Brown's Corners, along with a large number of representatives of other rural auxiliaries of Toronto East Presbyterian, had a splendid meeting with Sherbourne Street auxiliary in Sherbourne Church parlours on Thursday, October

9th. Mrs. Jessie McIntyre gave an instructive, illustrated address on the new Canadians.

Vellore

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McDonald, Jean and Dora, motored to Orillia, on Saturday to visit Mrs. McDonald's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bates and son Wilfred of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bates on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maston, of Newmarket, called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDonald on Saturday.

Mrs. Mortimer, of Dresden, is spending a few days with her niece Mrs. J. A. McNeil.

The sympathy of the Vellore district is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stephenson, (nee Susie Julian) in the loss of their little son Bruce.

Miss McBride, of Toronto, and Mrs. Burns visited at Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McNeil over the week-end.

Miss Evelyn Bentley, of Toronto, visited with Miss Jean McKinnon on Saturday.

The Vellore district was well represented at Woodbridge fair on Saturday. Mrs. Cameron captured a goodly number of prizes for flowers and Mrs. Craib won a great many awards in domestic science and dressed fowl. Mr. Albert Rutherford brought home a red ribbon for his colt.

A Mission band rally will be held at St. Paul's, Vaughan on Saturday, October 18th. All the bands of section 3 comprising Bolton, Nashville, Woodbridge, Knox, Weston and Maple will be present. A good programme and tea will be provided.

The Junior Farmers and Junior girls met at Vellore Township Hall for their October meeting last Thursday evening. The programme consisted of a bird contest conducted by Miss Jean Robson, community singing, a musical sketch was led by Miss Margaret Watson and a bird romance was given by Miss Mary Constable. A very enjoyable feature of the programme was a competition of group singing. The group winning first, sang "When it's Springtime in the Rockies." Lunch was served by four boys and four girls. The next meeting will be held on November 13th in the Township Hall, Vellore.

The results of the field competition of the Home Garden and Canning competition have been announced and the Vellore girls rank high in their garden score.

Mr. Argent, of St. Catharines, visited friends in the district over the week-end.

A play, "Mary Made Some Marmalade," given by the Fairbank Young People, will be held in Vellore Township Hall on Friday evening, October 24th, under the auspices of St. Paul's choir. Everybody welcome.

The Vellore Euchre Club had their opening meeting on Monday night for their fall and winter season. A goodly number were present. The prize winners for the ladies were Mrs. Archie Cameron first; Mrs. Casely second; Mrs. M. McDonald third, and Miss Clara Philips consolation. Prize winners for the gentlemen, George Brownlee first; Walter Monks second; Jack Cowan third and Mr. Milton McDonald consolation. The following officers were elected, Mr. J. A. McNeil President; Mr. Malc. Watson, first-vice President; Mrs. Melvin Wituy, sec-vice President, Miss Jean McKinnon, secretary; and Mr. Pete Craib, treasurer. Mrs. J. Brownlee moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, seconded by Mrs. M. McDonald. Lunch was then served.

The St Paul's Women's Missionary Society motored to Markham on Tuesday last and held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. S. R. Robinson. A goodly number were present. The programme consisted of Cleanings from the Glad Tidings by Miss Jean McKinnon; Duett, "He Hideth My Soul" rendered by Mrs. H. Farr and Mrs. T. Witherspoon; Letter from Mr. Koffend of Manchuria, China read by Mrs. A. L. McNeil, instrumental "To the Rising Sun" by Laurena Rutherford and a report of the work in Formosa by Miss Jean McKinnon. A dainty lunch was served. Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Craib were Miss Grace Egan, of Kleinburg and Mr. Paul Snider, of Elia.

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| SWINE and POULTRY 23 Shoats 1 Sow | IMPLEMENTS 1 Fordson tractor, in good shape 1 Fordson belt pulley 1 International tractor plow | GRAIN and HAY 1 Cook stove, coal and wood grates 1 Churn, Favorite, No. 3 1 Butterworker, No. 3 1 Cream separator, DeLaval. About 100 bushels goose wheat About 700 bushels mixed grain About 15 tons of alfalfa hay |

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