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**FROM THE HEARTS OF — 'THE KIDS'**

Breathes there in Richmond Hill a man or woman with soul so dead that he or she will not be stirred, and not only stirred but moved to a resolution to act and act promptly, by the appeal of the three young veterans, Cpl. Chester Unger, Pte. Frank Moorley and Sergt. Jim Butler, which is published elsewhere in this issue of The Liberal.

They are our own boys, youths of our village who went abroad to fight for us, and now that they have returned and have had a chance to look around, they come to us, as their elders, and say in effect:—

"Won't you do something to make Richmond Hill a better place for young people? We do not ask for ourselves. We will be busy with our studies and with other duties, but we do think the boys and girls of today ought to get a break. We have no plan on which we want you to spend money. We just want you to make the things we have in the village now available for today's kids. We know you are going to build a fine recreation centre, but by the time it is ready some of our kids won't be kids any longer.

"Perhaps the war made us grow up faster than we might otherwise have grown, and perhaps we have adult minds and an adult sense of responsibility. But no one knows our Richmond Hill boys and girls better than we do, and we know they don't want to get into mischief and won't get into mischief if they get an opportunity of occupying their leisure decently.

"You may ask: 'What do you want us to do?' Well, we'll reply by telling you what the kids are now privileged to do: Stand on the street corners hour after hour, dropping into a store occasionally to treat themselves to a soft drink; hitch hike to Wilcox Lake for a swim or to the city to see a show. That just about sums up all the Richmond Hill kids of today have a chance to do.

"We will do anything you set us to do to help solve this problem, and we know every boy in the Hill will do so, too. We have an arena. Suppose, you let us use it once a week or so for a bit of fun. A new amplifying system was installed last year, and there are records which could be used as an orchestra for a dance. Then there is the Masonic hall. If the village asked for it for us, perhaps we could have it once in a while for physical training or little plays or manual art."

How about it? Can such an appeal leave us untouched? Can the humblest resident of the village say: "It's not up to me; it's a job for the village council," and not feel something within that tells him he's shirking his duty? If a Richmond Hill boy should some day get into trouble and wind up in the hands of the police, will we be able to say that we did our best to save him by providing him with wholesome amusement for his leisure hours?

It is not exclusively a problem for school board or village council that the three young veterans enunciate. It's a problem for every man and woman in the village. And it is, we submit, an urgent problem, one to which we should all address ourselves at once.

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**LEGALIZING BUSINESS HOURS**

The council of Vaughan township has turned down the request of 19 service station operators for a by-law regulating the hours of sale. The issues involved are of genuine magnitude. It is by no means a question of whether the service station operator should be willing to wait upon the convenience of the motorist who does not choose to buy his gasoline within certain hours or whether the motorist should govern his purchases to suit the convenience of the service station operator. It is something much more important.

Municipal councils now have the power to enact by-laws restricting the hours of business of retail establishments. Many of the councils, as was the case in this instance with the township of Vaughan, do not care to exercise these powers. It is argued that the trend of such restrictive legislation is to curb the freedom of a merchant, to deny him the privilege of putting as much effort and time into his business as he may please. The other view, of course, is that the man who is a "glutton for punishment" and who does not object to spending a long day at his business is offering unfair competition to his brother who probably advocates an eight hour day for himself and his employees.

The experience of Toronto with respect to such by-laws has not been altogether pleasant. Some years ago, for example, it was decided that grocers should close their stores early in the evening, but that fruit merchants, having a highly perishable commodity, should be allowed to remain open almost as long as they pleased, save on Saturday nights, so that they would suffer a minimum of merchandise losses. Some fruit dealers at once put teas, coffees, all kinds of canned goods and other grocery staples on their shelves, and thus offered what was called unfair competition to the grocers who were obliged to close. As a result scores of prosecutions followed, and no one felt happy about it.

The reeve of Vaughan told the service station petitioners that they should be able to reach an agreement among themselves as to the hours they will remain open. That may be, but there are some operators possibly who would not care to enter into such an agreement. Should they be compelled to adhere to a plan they do not like or pay a police court fine for non-adherence? Councillor J. A. Dick predicted that the situation will right itself in time, and everyone hopes this will be the case.

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**THOSE STREET NAMES AGAIN**

"Street names that live," was the title of an editorial in last week's issue of The Liberal, and apparently we could have selected few theses more provocative than we did when we raised the question of changing the names of some of the streets in the village. A few of the views expressed are reported elsewhere in this issue. Many others were given off-handedly in street conversations. Summing them up, the conclusion seems inescapable that public opinion, in large measure, favors a municipal survey of the subject, and possibly eventual action based thereon.

Little if any disagreement is voiced with the opinion of a reader we have already quoted to the effect that: "By emphasizing the deeds and heroism of our own day rather than of the dead past we can infuse greater patriotism and more vital and abiding love of our heritage of freedom

in the school children of today and tomorrow. Why not then let us keep the names of those who mean something in our day before our young people? Why not let us call our streets by their names?"

It is perhaps unfortunate that council is required to consider such a proposal only on a petition of taxpayers. A citizen or group of citizens must give time and effort to the production of such a petition to effect municipal attention, and, naturally, only matters of pressing urgency or personal concern will impel the average citizen to devote his energies to the preparation of a brief for presentation to the public authority. Councillors, of course, may of their own volition initiate changes, improvements and movements, and so to our village councillors we would commend the views of citizens set forth in this issue.

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**LET THE YOUNG VETS JOIN, TOO**

Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township Veterans' Association is an organization that has never lacked vitality or shown a disposition to accept unchallenged conditions that might be detrimental to the interests of the men and women who have served Canada and the Empire in war.

Indeed, the association has become a centre of activity for not only veterans and their activities, but it has become also and promises to continue a highly influential agency for the promotion of community well being.

It is encouraging, therefore, to note that the young veterans of today are joining with their comrades of a quarter of a century ago in furthering ideals well worth preserving, and we have no hesitation in recommending to all the youths of this district, returning from overseas or from camps throughout the Dominion, that they consider seriously the advantage of membership in the association.

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**WHERE IS THIS PETITION, AND WHY?**

J. M. McDonald, clerk of Vaughan township, reported at the last meeting of Vaughan council that he has received no word from the Department of Highways relative to land for sidewalks on Yonge St. Perhaps Mr. McKenzie, North York's member in the legislature, would, if he were asked, employ his good offices in speeding up a reply. Certainly there should be nothing of greater importance before the Department of Highways than the safety of little children on their way to and from school. These children live south of the Hill, and in getting to school here their lives are daily endangered by heavy Yonge St. traffic. Nothing ornate in the form of a sidewalk is asked — all that is wanted is a path on Yonge St. on which they can walk in safety.

And the subject is not a new one. Two or three years ago, Mr. Fred Stapely, a resident of May Ave., Richvale, initiated a petition for a sidewalk. It was largely signed, forwarded to the Vaughan township council and later to the Department of Highways at Queen's Park. What has become of it seems a mystery. Certainly if it is in the pigeon hole of the desk of one of Col. Drew's officials it should be brought out at once. Schools are soon to open, and, pending some action, the lives of these little ones will again be in danger.

**Langstaff Highlights**

A bingo was held this week at the home of Mr. W. W. A. Mathews on No. 7 highway. The bingo was a great success and the sum of \$30.00 was realized for the Langstaff Athletic Club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morris and all those who worked so hard to make the affair such a success.

This week one of our oldest neighbors in this community passed away in her 83rd year, Mrs. Geo. Howell will be sadly missed by all of us who knew her so well. Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Walter of Collingwood, George of Langstaff and Mrs. Thos. White of Langstaff.

Mr. Morris of Langstaff returned home from overseas this week. He served in the R.C.A.F. and was welcomed home by his wife and two sons, Ronald and John.

We were all pleased to see another one of our boys return home from abroad this week, Jimmy Read of Oak Ave., Richvale and formerly of Langstaff. Jimmy served with the Irish Regiment of Canada in Italy.

Miss June Macdonald and Miss Joyce Hurd of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen of Langstaff.

Leslie Hughes of Garden Ave. is home once again, this time to stay. Leslie has seen many parts of the world with the Merchant Navy. His last trip took him down through the Philippines in the South Pacific. He brought home many souvenirs, mostly Japanese.

Two local boys have left us in quest of travel and adventure, Bill Chinery and Victor Richardson started last Thursday to hitch hike to Edmonton, Alta. to work in the grain fields. From there they hope to eventually get to Yellow Knife to spend the winter working in the mines. The very best of luck boys, we think you will need it.

There isn't much news this week regarding the Langstaff softball club. We took a ball team up to play the patients of the Ontario hospital. We won't mention the score but that isn't important. They were very grateful to us for coming up and we feel privileged that we could in a small way supply entertainment for these men who are not as fortunate as we are. Thanks for letting us come boys, hope to see you again soon.

Anyone having any news or announcements of interest we would appreciate it if you would leave it at the Langstaff post office.

**EDUCATION IN CHINA**

Education in China has gone forward despite the war. Comparing the 1937 and 1943 figures it is seen that the number of universities and technical colleges increased by almost 50 per cent while the number of students increased more than 100 per cent.

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- HULL**

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Before making arrangements to vacate your present home, be sure that you have other accommodation and a permit to occupy it. Applications for permits should be addressed to the Administrator of Emergency Shelter in the area to which you plan to move.

Every person who rents or occupies family quarters in any of these districts contrary to the order, commits an offence and, in addition to other penalties, will be required to vacate the shelter and the district at his own expense.

(Issued under the authority of the Emergency Shelter Regulations, Order-in-Council P.C. 9439, December 19, 1944.)

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