

Weekly News Budget From The Richvale Community

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Willowdale, October 1st, 1948
The Liberal,
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor:

It appears to me that, because of the decision made by the Reeves of the four municipalities having an interest in the North Yonge Radial to replace street cars with buses as a temporary measure, the citizens should be told why such a decision was necessary, and we must consider ourselves fortunate that buses are available at this critical time.

Much publicity has been given to the fact that there is a very serious power shortage at present existing in the Province of Ontario and in an attempt to keep the wheels of industry turning and to give the domestic consumer a reasonable supply of power, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario has issued letters to the various Municipal Hydro Commissions which, in effect, state that the consumption of kilowatt hours has been considerably in excess of the quota allotted to the municipalities and that unless our week-day consumption of kilowatt hours is reduced to the quota which had been allotted, the Provincial Electric Power Commission would be obliged to request us to open switches for regular intervals throughout the day until the required reduction is assured. Failure to comply with this request will make it necessary for the Provincial Commission to interrupt our power supply every hour on the hour throughout the day, from dawn until dark, for periods of time ranging up to 15 minutes in duration. A copy of this letter was sent to me on September 27th, with the request that I give all assistance possible and endeavour to make the necessary arrangements to avoid these power interruptions.

For your information, our quota was exceeded last week by approximately 24,000 kilowatt hours daily, and it was therefore necessary to take immediate action to curtail the use of power and work out a program that will enable the North York Hydro-Electric Commission to carry on during the Fall and Winter months without the necessity of pulling switches.

It must be realized by all concerned that if power service were interrupted in manner suggested by the Provincial Power Commission all users of the North Yonge Radial Line would have been greatly embarrassed by these interruptions and it was felt by the Reeves of the four Municipalities affected that it was their duty to see that reasonably good transportation facilities should be made available during the period that this power shortage exists.

The average power consumed, according to the season of the year, by the operation of the North Yonge Radial Line varies between 7,000 and 10,000 kilowatt hours daily, so that it will be readily seen that by the substitution of buses this saving of power will very materially help the North York Township Hydro Commission to gain control of the situation.

Furthermore it must be realized by users of the North Yonge Radial line who do not reside in the Township of North York that any interruptions to the sub-station in Willowdale throughout the day would have tied up their means of transportation at the time of such interruptions.

Arrangements have already been made by our local municipality with a number of industrialists, including de Havilland, Fruehauf Trailer Co. of Canada Ltd., and many others for their working hours to be staggered in such a manner as to assist us.

It is also vital that all possible power be conserved by domestic consumers in order that the wheels of industry may continue to turn uninterruptedly and thus maintain maximum employment conditions. However, the failure to co-operate by many of the domestic consumers is to be regretted and I certainly hope that they will endeavour to pull switches on water heaters as much as possible and to reduce consumption of power in any other way they can.

I wish to repeat this is a temporary measure only and no franchise rights are being interfered with and no attempt is being made to force upon the citizens a transportation system which they may not wish to have. I am quite satisfied that ample opportunity will be given to the residents of the four municipalities affected to record their vote in a democratic way when it seems desirable to obtain such an opinion from them as to the future means of transportation for the residents in those areas.

Finally, in so far as the residents of North York Township are concerned and, as stated by myself on many occasions, at ratepayers' meetings and elsewhere, there are thousands of sump-pumps placed in the basements of homes in our municipality which are very necessary, particularly during the winter months and in the spring, and if we fail to live within our quota and it should be-

Youthful pranks have taken a serious turn of late in the Richvale district. The nature of these childish deprecations have been of such magnitude that they have come under the notice of the local constabulary. Since the opening of the current school term the Richvale public school on Spruce Avenue has been broken into no less than twice. A small sum of money was taken as well as sundry articles used in school work.

The money and articles stolen however, is of secondary importance to the obscene remarks written on the blackboards and the filth which was deliberately left in prominent parts of the rooms.

There must be an answer to this conduct — is it lack of parental supervision or is it just another sign of the times?

An answer to this could be a lack of recreational facilities in the evenings for the younger citizens — it could be the community hall may solve this so very important problem — what do you think?

The teaching staff and pupils alike welcomed Mrs. D. Tansley back to the Richvale school last Monday. Mrs. Tansley has successfully recovered from a serious operation — the convalescence from which compelled her to miss the school opening.

Mrs. Tansley must take things easy for a while; however she expressed a feeling of enthusiasm for the new surroundings in which she will continue her teaching duties.

The many friends of Mrs. G. Wells of Oak Avenue will be relieved and thankful to know that she is resting much easier and in a more cheerful frame of mind. Mrs. Wells is in the Toronto General Hospital where she has been confined due to a condition of general ill-health.

The exuberant feeling of an automobile and an open road expressed with an itchy foot on an accelerator is once again being noticed on the Yonge St. sidewalk. It could be that open road may suddenly have a child on it. You can't stop very fast on gravel, no matter how good your brakes are. The bones and flesh of children is a possession more precious than the wealth of the world — so far the district has been very lucky. Don't let there be a first time.

Many of the parents are taking a dim view of these speedsters as a good number of them came from the city primarily to get away from traffic hazards of city streets. Could be some action may be taken if a change is not apparent.

Many community residents are beginning to wonder when the township engineer is going to advise them as to whether their culverts are at the proper depth for the best drainage. Word came from the council chamber last spring when the condition of the roads was a major problem. We sincerely hope this has not been forgotten for if memory serves us correctly every year has a spring with its share of water and next spring will be no exception.

Sport
Last Tuesday "Red" Garner, the wrestling milkman, who is out to top Maple Leaf Gardens in sports promotion held another successful exhibition of grappling at the Richmond Hill arena amid the thud of falling bodies while the crowd was in the grip of a mild attack of hysteria.

Red trounced Carlo Trounce in the main bout by taking the first and third falls in a display of mat mayhem. In the preliminaries Ernie

come necessary to pull switches, much damage will be caused to property. It is something that we should all endeavour to avoid to the best of our ability and I ask you to support myself and Council in this regard.

Yours very sincerely,
Geo. A. Mitchell, Reeve

Houghson took two straight falls off Harvey Stanfield with a very fine display of ring lore which pleased the spectators no end.

Two local lads, Cleve Burton and Tom "Junior" Cooney, entered the lists in a very impressive manner. They wrestled one fall each with Ed Mangotich and both exhibited themselves as no mean opponents.

"Red" will again promote an exhibition under the sponsorship of the Ratepayers Association next Tuesday evening, October 12th, at the arena in Richmond Hill. He will introduce team wrestling for the first time in this district. Ernie Houghson will team with Red in opposition to Carlo Trounce and Harvey Stanfield in the feature.

The preliminaries will find Cleve Burton versus Ed Mangotich for one fall, 30 minute limit and "Junior" Cooney in opposition to Joe Halem for a similar period.

An added feature will be a grudge match between two local boys, Frank Young and Joe Petcoff, in a bout to the finish and may the best man win — wow!!!

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