

## Same Type Machinery Used Here Played Part In S. Pacific War

An interesting tie-up with war activities was revealed this week by David I. Levine, inventor of the machines used by Flex-O-Loc Spring Products of Canada, Ltd., which recently started operations in the one-time Fleetline building on Yonge St., Richmond Hill.

Mr. Levine is a resident of Swampscott, Mass., and has been in the Hill for the purpose of assisting the Flex-O-Loc people in getting their machinery functioning smoothly.

During the war, says Mr. Levine, it was found that sensitive radar equipment being sent to the South Pacific was being damaged in transit. The Pullman Springfield Company of London, which uses in its plant in Wales the same type of machinery employed in the Richmond Hill plant, tackled the problem. As a result special packing cases were lined

veloped and these cases were lined with springs similar to those now being manufactured in Richmond Hill, locked with the patented process employed by the Flex-O-Loc company in the manufacture of inner springs.

So satisfactory did these cases prove that it was found that when a case containing equipment was dropped ten feet on to a cement floor the contents remained undamaged.

"I think it will be only a short time before this plant will not be big enough to handle all the business," said Mr. Levine. It was in 1938 that he started developing the present machinery and since then he has seen it brought into use in several different countries beside the United States. The Flex-O-Loc plant in Richmond Hill, he points out, is the sole manufacturing and distributing outlet for the whole Dominion.

## Rev. R. S. Mason Wins Oldest Coin Battle Entry 1600 Yrs. Old

The competition to find the oldest coin in the district has come to an end — that is, unless somebody can beat the sixteen hundred year old entry made by Rev. R. S. Mason of Richmond Hill in what he calls "The Old Coin Club."

Mr. Mason's coin bears the image and superscription of the famous Roman emperor, Diocletian, who is remembered principally for his persecution of Christians throughout his empire in 303 A.D. He reigned from A. D. 285 to 313.

The coin, made of bronze, is in a remarkably fine state of preservation.

But Mr. Mason goes right on to beat his own entry by mentioning another coin in his possession, supposed to be about five centuries older. It is presumed to have been minted about 200 B.C. and is also of bronze. Proper identification of this fragment of ancient history could only be secured from some authority such as the Curator of the British Museum.

It seems to us that Rev. Mr. Mason wins the honours for the oldest coin but we shall still be glad to learn of the oldest Canadian or British coin in the neighbourhood.

## HELPS SAVE CHILDREN'S LIVES IS AWARDED SPECIAL PRIZE



Winner of a special prize awarded by the Richmond Hill Separate School Board is LOUISE DEMERS, pictured above holding the stop sign. For a year she has been helping forty or fifty children to cross Yonge Street when they go to and come from school.

Provincial police say that the section of Yonge Street where the children cross at St. Mary's School is travelled more than any other part of the provincial highways in Ontario.

An official of the Separate School Board said: "This is a very dangerous area and Miss Demers has given clever handling to a difficult problem." If a motorist fails to obey her "stop" sign she notifies provincial police, says Louise.

## Reject Approval Of School Area Until Taxpayers' Assent Secured

At a recent meeting Vaughan Township council authorized the formation of a school area which would include Langstaff, Thornhill and Richvale. As this required the endorsement of the Markham Township council the subject was discussed at a meeting of the latter body on July 4th. No action was taken as it was felt by councillors that an expression of opinion should be given by taxpayers of the proposed area, either by a petition addressed to the council or a decision made by vote of taxpayers in each present school section.

The suggested extension of Richmond Hill High School was also discussed. Expenditure for the project has been estimated at \$360,000, and Markham councillors expressed the decided opinion that no approval should be given without the vote of ratepayers.

During recent years, it was reported, profits resulting from the operation of the Yonge Street radial line had been held back by the council and not given to taxpayers. It was decided to secure the passing of a special act by the Ontario Legislature which would permit refunds to taxpayers of the first mile and a quarter from Yonge Street — original backers of the line.

Disagreement as to the method of refund was voiced, Reeve Vern Griffin expressing the belief that refunds should be noted on the tax roll in order that there should be a proportionate return to those properties which had originally sponsored the project. Other councillors felt that the money should be divided equally among existing property owners. The subject was left open for consideration.

### Planning Board Appointments

Appointments to the Planning Board of Markham Township were considered by council. At present one member is appointed for a three year term, one for two years, and one for one year. The tenure of office of the three year member reaching the expiry point, councillors felt that the introduction of new blood was desirable. Names of Ewart Stiver, Don McAllister, John Brown, Norman Porter were suggested and it was decided to ascertain if these were willing to serve. On receipt of this information council will make a decision.

It was reported to councillors that operators of a cement block plant on the E. T. Stephen's property had crossed a one foot reserve strip on the south side of Hunt's Lane and that a lane had been established. Action to correct the situation and effect the necessary repairs was authorized.

Looking to the future, councillors considered the purchase of a site for new township offices, garages, etc. Two locations are under consideration. Negotiations are being conducted with the Unionville Veterans for the purchase of the old church which is the present township hall, and it is reported that the sum of \$2,500. is being considered, the veterans to allow use of the hall when required for meetings.

The township will gain \$7,000 on next year's county rate, reported Reeve Vern Griffin, through the recent equalization of county assessment.

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## Pinecrest Raceway Staging Harness Races On July 16

Horse lovers in this area are receiving with considerable satisfaction the news that there will be Harness Races at Pinecrest Raceway on Saturday, July 16th. The announcement has just been made by Charles J. Greenley, local sportsman and proprietor of the Pinecrest track, which most people will identify with the attractive Restaurant and Service Station in Pinecrest Park located on the south side of No. 7 Highway between Woodbridge and Thornhill.

This track is generally conceded to be the finest in Canada for motorized racing and, for that sport, the adjoining property and track are identified as Speedway Park. With slight modifications for the Harness Meet on July 16th, the conditions will also be ideal for horses. This is a dustless track with seating for approximately 3,000 and a clear infield offering an unobstructed view of the entire oval for all spectators.

Original plans were for eight heats offering a total of \$850.00 in purses but the flood of entries being received will probably result in at least two additional heats being put on with additional purses being offered by Charlie Greenley.

An interesting feature of the afternoon's racing will be an attempt by the said Charlie Greenley to win some of the purse money for himself with his well-known eight-year old mare, Lady Victoria. This mare is by Amun-Ray and when she is not busy performing the functions of a mother she has won approximately \$3,000.00 in purses.

The races will be run under Canadian Trotting Association rules. Trotters will be allowed three seconds in pacing events. Bradley-Gregg starting gate will be used and there will be betting privileges on the grounds under Government supervision. Entries close July 13th, 1949, and should be sent to Charles J. Greenley, Edgeley, Ontario, or Hal B. Watson, 215 Wellesley St. E., Toronto.

## B.A. Oil Executive Buys Elgin Mills House And Acreage

Kaspar Haberslach, grocer of Toronto, has sold his house at 157 Morgan Avenue, Thornhill, to a Mr. Gil-martin, gardener, also of Toronto, reports David McLean, realtor of Thornhill.

In turn Anne L. Lever has sold her residence at 156 Morgan Avenue to Mr. Haberslach.

Another transaction handled by McLeans is that of the Nellist property at the north-west corner of the Elgin Side Road and Bathurst Street. The large house and 7½ acres of land have been sold to Robert E. Kepke, one of the vice-presidents of the British American Oil Company, who is moving from the United States.

## Sorry—We Can't knock At Every Door

Much as they would like to do so, it's impossible for our reporters to knock at every door and ring every telephone the big district covered by this paper.

If it were possible then we should be able to report each and every one of those activities which go to make up the life of a district — the stories of showers, weddings, visits, parties, which constitute so much of our social life.

But obviously it can't be done — therefore we have to rely on the co-operation of our readers in order to cover fully this important phase of "home town" newspaper's service.

So please telephone Richmond Hill 9 or any one of our district correspondents (most of whose names and telephone numbers appear at the head of their columns) when you have social and personal items to report which would be of interest to you and your neighbours. We shall appreciate your help.

EDITOR.

## More Alterations Hasten Change Of Richmond Hill's Main Street

The painted bricks which for many years have formed the face which Richmond Hill business establishments have presented to the public are fast giving way to chrome and glass.

Particularly is this the case on the east side of Yonge Street where, during the past seven or eight months, practically the entire business section has changed its appearance.

Starting at the southern end, the old frame building formerly occupied by the Liberal has been replaced by the modern building which now houses the paper, the Robert Simpson Company order office and the Richmond Theatre. This building was completed last December.

The old Dominion Hotel, next door north, is also undergoing a transformation, as reported recently. There a modern automobile and electrical appliance show-room is rapidly replacing the ancient rooms where old timers met for rest and refreshment, both liquid and solid.

A few steps north Stan Ransom, second generation of the Ransoms to conduct a barbering business in Richmond Hill, has completely altered the look of his premises in the last few months by putting a brick facing thereon and adding an apartment. And once again builders' hoardings hide the front of his establishment while further construction is under way. This time a new store front is being installed. When finished it will have a very modern appearance. Composition tiles in green will surround a large plate glass window and, at the bottom fluted metal will predominate. A metal clad door will complete the ensemble.

Next to Ransom's the up-to-date premises of Harold Morton, Massey Harris dealer, opened only a few months ago, gives the Hill a business establishment which might be excelled in size by larger communities but certainly not in appearance. North of that again the Hilltop Electric, another recently opened bus-

iness, with its extremely modern and smart appearance, would be a credit to any community.

### Brathwaite's Remodelling

The latest change of all is in one of the Hill's oldest establishments, the F. Y. W. Brathwaite hardware store. There builders have started to work to put in a completely new front and to extend the store to practically twice its present size.

The lower part of the residence in the south side of the Brathwaite store will be taken into the store proper and two large windows will extend the store front from its present proportions right across the building. Again composition tiles, chrome and glass will be employed to provide a smart, up-to-date appearance. When completed the store will have an area of 2,500 square feet.

An interesting souvenir of old-time business was revealed when wreckers began working on the Brathwaite store front. It was an old wooden sign which bore the name of the one-time operator of the store, C. Mason. He announced his business as "Stoves and stove piping, cove troughing and repairs." Painter of the sign, which had been forgotten about for many years, was the late W. A. Wright, the Wright of Wright and Taylor, undertakers of Richmond Hill.

Incidentally the site on which the Brathwaite store stands was at one time occupied by the Methodist Church, says Ralph Paris, manager of the store.

## New Well Expected To Be Functioning In Very Few Weeks

The new town well is likely to be operating in about a month, Village Clerk Russell Lynett reports.

The pump house has been completed and the equipment is expected to arrive in two weeks' time.

## Thornhill Lions Take In \$3,200 At Street Carnival And Dance

Crowds gathered in Thornhill on Wednesday evening, June 29, to join in the Thornhill Lions Club Street Dance and Carnival.

When one became tired of playing the many games of bingo, chance and weight guessing, there was dancing to Russ Crayton and his orchestra. And to keep the younger set happy there was a merry-go-round and pony rides. Miss Birk, a young member of Thornbank Road, and owner of the pony, raised \$6.00 by selling these rides to the smaller children.

Then there was the lucky draw which caused a lot of excitement about 11 p.m. and made many of the ticket-holders very happy, especially Mr. George A. Green, 52 Hillsdale Ave. E., Toronto, who won the Frigidaire, which will be installed free and which has a 5-year guarantee.

The radio was won by another very lucky ticketholder from Richmond Hill, Marjory Murphy of 18 Arnold Street.

Other prizes and winners were: Vacuum Cleaner, Mr. G. S. Hobbay, Langstaff; Binoculars, Mr. H. Black, 56 McNairn Ave., Toronto; Portable Washer, L. Ballantyne, Thornhill; Electric Mixer, A. Struthers, 80 Hatter St.; Bicycle, Mrs. A. R. Tippy, 181 Greenmount Ave., Toronto; Toaster, Mr. Ed Turner, 128 Codsell St., Lansing; Pressure Cooker, R. Holmes, Langstaff; 5 Gallons of Oil, Mrs. B. Heslop, Thornhill; Record Player, Mrs. J. H. Doyle, Thornhill.

After the draw the dancing continued until 1 p.m. The members of the Lions Club were pleased with the wonderful support which was given to them and the gross intake for the evening was approximately \$3200.00.

## Further Big Increases Recorded In Bus Passengers And Revenue

For yet another month passenger revenue and profits of the diesel bus system joining Richmond Hill and Toronto showed a big increase, according to a report given local municipal councils by the Toronto Transportation Commission.

Covering the month of May, the statement showed that passenger revenue for the month was \$23,260.96 as compared with \$19,876.23 earned by the old radial system in May, 1948, an increase of 17.03%.

Passenger revenue for the first five months of the year increased \$15,799.89, or 17.45%.

Profits for the first five months of 1949 were \$12,814.32 as compared with \$9,211.00 in the same period of 1948. This was in spite of the fact that the diesel bus system had been charged with \$4,951.81 on account of the old radial line, for maintenance of the line and operation of the Willowdale sub-station. If this cost had been eliminated the profit for 1949 to date would have been \$17,766.13 — not far from double the 1948 amount.

Back of the big increase in profits, naturally, is a large increase in the number of passengers.

In May of 1948 the radial carried 220,704 passengers. May, 1949, saw 272,448 people using the buses.

For the year to date 1,270,400 passengers have been carried as opposed

to 1,037,904 for the same time in 1948.

Operating revenue for the month of May, 1949, worked out to 47.89¢ per mile, with expenses being 39.84¢ per mile.

## Richmond Hill Bonds \$25,000 Sold At Par To Bank Of Commerce

The successful tenderer for the \$25,000 debenture issue, tenders for which were opened at a special meeting of the Richmond Hill village council held on July 4th, was the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

While some bids were slightly higher than that of the bank the difference was so small that councillors felt that the added convenience of dealing with a local concern and the possible saving of expenses in connection with the handing over of the securities justified the acceptance of the bank's tender.

Tenders for the debentures ranged from a low of \$99.37 per \$100, to \$100.09. The Canadian Bank of Commerce tender was for \$100 even.

The debenture issue is for the purpose of paying for the new well, pump-house, etc., and is for \$25,000, with debentures maturing from 1950 to 1959 inclusive at an interest rate of 3%.