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Business Booms

Spectacular Jump Shown By Yonge St. Bus Figures Carry Half Million More

Reflecting the growth of the area and the saving effected by the closing of the Willowdale sub-station and the conclusion of maintenance of the old tracks of the radial line, profits for the North Yonge bus system showed a spectacular jump for the month of November, 1949.

Profits earned by the buses for the month amounted to \$5,284.94 as compared to \$1,085.99 for the same period last year, the statement given by the Toronto Transportation Commission to the owning municipalities, the townships of North York, Vaughan and Markham and the village of Richmond Hill reveals.

The figures for the month are of particular interest because, for the first time since radial cars were taken off in October, 1948, a comparative statement of bus operation for a whole month is available.

Passenger revenue for the month showed an increase of 15.6 per cent over November 1948. In the latter month it was \$20,375.18 whereas November, 1949, revenue amounted to \$23,552.82.

The number of passengers carried jumped from 233,406 in November, 1948, to 280,781 in November, 1949.

Figures for the first eleven months of 1949 show a similar trend. Over half a million more revenue passengers were carried than in the same period of 1948, the total being 2,856,194. Profits for the first eleven months of 1949 were \$18,709.74 whereas 1948 operation for the same period amounted to \$5,398.95. During the year \$11,289.79 was paid out for maintenance of the old tracks and the Willowdale sub-station, pending a tax-payers' decision as to the future of the system, leaving a net profit of \$42,109.16.

Bus Profits Accumulate At Expense Of Patrons Who Pay But Stand Up

Introduction of a twenty minute service to and from Toronto during evening rush hours has gone a long way in creating a much needed improvement to the North Yonge bus schedule.

But, according to regular users of the buses — the people who make the line's big profits possible — there is still considerable room for further improvement. A survey conducted recently by The Liberal indicates that there is much justice in their claims.

Overcrowding of the buses during rush hours still continues, that survey indicates. For instance, on the bus leaving the city limits at 5.10 p.m. on Friday, December 6, it was not until after the bus had left Steele's Corners that the last passenger for points north was able to secure a seat. That bus left Toronto with fifteen passengers standing — a figure which was increased to twenty when Stop 8 was reached.

The 7.30 bus that same morning from Richmond Hill had every seat occupied by the time it reached Stop 15. From there additional passengers stood up.

On the 9 p.m. bus from Toronto on that date a seat was not available for every passenger until the bus reached Stop 14A. On the 8 a.m. bus from Richmond Hill on the morning of Saturday, January 7, passengers from Thornhill into Toronto had to stand. And, on the bus from Toronto at 3 p.m. on that day passengers had to stand until they reached Stop 17, north of Thornhill.

On the other side of the picture is the fact that buses during other periods of the day were running practically empty for part of the trip. The 4.20 p.m. bus from Richmond Hill on January 6 left Richmond Hill with 24 empty seats. At Stop 24 at Richvale there were 29 vacancies. That situation continued in a general way until the bus reached Lansing, where six passengers were without seats. When the vehicle

reached the city limits there were fifteen standees.

The 10.20 bus from Richmond Hill to Toronto on that day presented a somewhat similar picture. With only eight seats filled when it left Richmond Hill, it arrived with twenty-seven standing. Leaving Toronto at 11.10 a.m. on the same day that bus had some empty seats all the way to Richmond Hill.

Passengers Resentful

A few minutes standing in line at the City Limits terminal is sufficient to indicate the temper of the passengers who pay full fare for their trip but who do not secure the seat they pay for. Resentment is openly expressed. It has been emphasized in the last few days since the new enclosure has been built at that point. Leg to believe, by a statement made by a municipal officer, that an enclosure would be provided without charge to the municipalities which own the bus line, patrons are openly scornful of the way in which, to quote the words of one of them, they have "been deceived." The new enclosure only takes in part of the station, passengers for northern points still having to line up in the open. The situation, they say, has been made worse rather than better as the erection of the enclosure has created a funnel through which the wind whistles with extra violence.

Resentment is being expressed, too over the fact that the overcrowding of the buses creates a hazard to safety. It is not uncommon, passengers report, for the bus diver to have to ask them if the road is clear on the right, as he cannot see because of the fact that bus patrons are packed in around the door, obstructing his vision. "And here we have, every day, car drivers being summoned to court if they overcrowd the front seat of their car so that the driver cannot see out," said one passenger bitterly. (See Editorial on page 2)

Richmond Hill Midgets Defeat Newmarket 7-3

By Harold Mills

Last Saturday afternoon Richmond Hill Midgets went to Newmarket for their first game. Newmarket has made quite a change with its artificial ice. There was new ice for the game which was made while the players dressed. Each dressing room has showers.

The first period opened up with Richmond Hill getting away to a bad start and showing badly their need of practice. At 7:25 in the first period Newmarket scored the first goal on a nice shot by Morton. At 8:49 Richmond Hill started to pick up a little and Charles, who played a good game for the Hill, put a nice shot into the net to even the score.

Newmarket retaliated three minutes later when West of Newmarket scored with Richmond Hill a man short in the penalty box. Don Watt of Richmond Hill scored the tying goal of the period with half a minute left to go. There were three penalties in the period, two to Newmarket and one to Richmond Hill. It might be noted that Richmond Hill scored two of their goals in the game when they were a man short.

The second period caught the defence off guard in the opening seconds and Robinson of Newmarket scored a nice goal. In the next face off Murchison of the Hill went down into the corner and shot from an impossible angle at the goal and the puck was deflected off the goalies' skate

to make another score for the Hill. A few minutes later White of the Hill scored on a pass from Watt. This made the score 4-3 at the end of the second period. It might be noticed that Richmond Hill started to look more like a team after they got warmed up and started working together.

In the third period it was Richmond Hill all the way, looking like a real team except for the players bunching together too much. Charles scored again from Murchison and Murchison scored on a pass from Charles, and with three minutes left Lloyd Grainger, who played a nice game, scored to make the final score 7-3.

We have been notified that in our group we have to win out over Stouffville and Aurora to get a place in the Ontario playdowns. Newmarket is in B series while the other three are C series.

The Hill has a good team but lacks practice very badly and I believe that with practice it will be the team to beat. This Friday night at 8 o'clock Richmond Hill plays host to Stouffville (if ice available). This will be their first meeting and I believe will be a real good game. So all of you, if you can make it, come on down and watch. All of these lads belong to Richmond Hill schools. They will give you plenty of hockey. I think that you will feel proud of your own team. So what about it? We'll be there, will you?

R.C.A.F Assn. January Meet "Open House"

The January meeting of the Richmond Hill District Wing, No. 417, Royal Canadian Air Force Association, listed in the "Coming Events" section, will take the form of an Open House at Pony Crest Lodge, Elgin Mills.

Husbands, wives, boy friends and girl friends of members and those eligible for membership are invited to attend and get to know the RCAFA and those in the district who are members.

It's hoped to obtain the film — Fighting Lady — which will be the feature of the evening following which refreshments will be served.

Headquarters at Ottawa have accepted the application of the Wing for certification and allotted the number 417. The charter itself will be forthcoming in due time and when received a presentation ceremony will be held — possibly open to the public.

Membership is growing and it's hoped others will soon contact the executive either at the meeting or at other times and join up. With the Provincial Group and National conventions of the Association scheduled for this Spring, it's hoped Richmond Hill District Wing will be able to present a goodly membership list.

Executive officers are Harry Sayers president; George Sweeney, vice-president; (Mrs.) Jean McCarthy, secretary and Dr. Bill Howe, treasurer.

Council Aid Asked For Hockey Club

Asking for support of the council to bring hockey in Richmond Hill back to its old place in the world of sport Harold Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Richmond Hill Midget team appeared before the village council at its first meeting of the year. He emphasized that the time allotted to his team did not allow sufficient practice and said that it was impossible to develop senior players unless the younger boys could be started off properly. He also pointed out that Richmond Hill, without artificial ice, could not hope to hold the older players who were, at the present time, playing for other municipalities.

Councillor Cec. Mabley pointed out that he had at various times in the past called meetings in order to create a better situation but had met with little response.

Councillor Wes Middleton, Floyd Perkins and others stated their emphatic support of the hockeyists, with Reeve J. A. Greene promising that the village council would do everything in its power to support those who were taking an interest therein.

Golf Through The Centuries

The history of golf through the five centuries since that popular sport was first mentioned in 1457 was told in an unusual exhibition held recently at one of Britain's well-known courses Moortown, Leeds, in the North of England. Golf clubs and societies throughout Britain loaned golf treasures of immense historical interest, which had never before been shown to the general public. The exhibits formed a complete record of the evolution of golf, from a 15th century golf-type club recovered from the bottom of the Zuyder Zee in Holland, to the recently-completed portrait of Bobby Locke, 1949 open champion.

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