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Reeve John A. Greene

"He serveth best who loveth best, all things both great and small," wrote Samuel Taylor Coleridge many years ago.

Those words are a fitting conclusion to the career of one of Richmond Hill's oldest and best beloved citizens, Reeve John A. Greene, who went to his long rest last week after a full and happy life spent in building a successful career and, above all, in serving others.

For Johnnie Greene liked everybody. It mattered little whether their opinions agreed with his — whether they were opposing the things which he believed to be right, or not. He still liked them — and his liking was not that of a man seeking votes but the affection of a kindly, human, individual.

He loved the municipality which, for thirty-seven years, he called "home," and for which he did so much. Above all, he loved its children — thought day and night of their welfare. "I'm an old man," he said quietly to his friends on more than one occasion during recent months, "When I go I want to leave something for the children — something that will do them some good."

And he has left them something — both children and grownups. Some material things — yes. But above all he has left the memory of a man who was a good neighbour, a good friend, who helped, without any flourish of trumpets, many of his fellow-citizens when they needed a lift along some of the rougher paths of life.

He's left the memory of an infectious laugh which, even in his days of illness, came spontaneously and happily. He was a human being and, in consequence, got a little bit annoyed at things at times. But the laugh was never far away from the frown — and goodwill was never absent from his approach to any problem, personal or municipal.

The corporation known as the Village of Richmond Hill has lost a sincere and zealous worker. In the long years he served it as Reeve, as Councillor, and in many other capacities he placed its interests first — worked unceasingly on its behalf. He has left it the better for his efforts.

Its citizens have lost a friend — one who will be sorely missed in the days which lie ahead. They, we know, join with us in expressing to Mrs. Greene and her family not only regret at his passing but also deep appreciation of a life well spent in the service of this municipality and its residents.

Johnnie Greene died in harness. That, we believe, is the way that he would have liked it to be. He died as he lived, giving all that he had without stint or excuse.

He lived well. He served well. And his home town, his friends, are the poorer for his passing.

In Tribute

J. E. Smith, M. P. for North York

"Reeve Johnnie Greene was a public spirited citizen and a most willing worker on behalf of others. He gave freely of his time, talent and means in support of every good cause. In the twenty-five years I knew him as a citizen of Richmond Hill he was always in the forefront of every movement for the betterment of the community and he never passed up an opportunity to render service to his fellow citizens. He will be greatly missed and in his passing I feel I have lost a good friend and the community has lost an outstanding citizen."

Wilf R. Dean

Thornhill Board of Trustees
"Reeve J. A. Greene was one of those citizens who always took a broad view of things. It did not matter to him whether a man came from Thornhill or Richmond Hill. If there was anything that could be done to help him Mr. Greene didn't stop to ask where he came from. He did very much to build good-will between our communities and in his passing we feel that we in Thornhill have lost a good friend and a good neighbour. We hope that the spirit which he worked so unceasingly to build will live long as a fitting memorial to him."

Reeve Win. Timbers, Markham Township

"In the long years that I knew him I always found Reeve J. A. Greene to be one of those rare men who thought of others before he thought of himself. The connection between our two municipalities has, naturally, always been a close one and because of that a warm friendship has been created between us. Reeve Greene always fought for the betterment and rights of his community both at home and in County Council. Richmond Hill has lost a good reeve — we in Markham extend our sympathy to that municipality and to Mrs. Greene and family."

Reeve John Hostrawser, Vaughan Township

"The passing of Reeve J. A. Greene marks the end of a friendship of thirty years. During that long period it was my privilege to work closely with him on many things. He has done much for his community and his fellow-Canadians everywhere. Not in the least of the many activities he undertook was his work in connection with the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association, to which he made a contribution that was outstanding. We have lost a good friend and a good neighbour and this district has lost one of its most progressive and upright citizens."

Mel. Maltby, President, Richmond Hill Lions Club
"Reeve Johnnie Greene has been a friend to me ever since I came to Richmond Hill seventeen years ago. As a member of the Lions Club he always did everything in his power to promote what he believed to be the welfare of his fellow-members and his fellow-citizens. I know that I speak for all our members when I say that we are deeply grieved at his passing. His unfailing kindness and his happy disposition will be missed in Richmond Hill for many a long day."

James Pollard, Chairman, Richmond Hill Public School Board

"Perhaps the finest tribute which can be paid to Reeve Johnnie Greene is to recall his never-failing love for the children of his municipality and his desire to do everything that could be done to make their lives happier and to make them better citizens. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him to do for them and, among all the fine and progressive things which he ever did, his work for our children will always be remembered. Our school board, naturally, had much to do with him insofar as children were concerned and all of us on the board will always keep green the memory of a man whose life was a shining example of Christianity and kindness."

Warden Elmer Brandon, County of York

Reeve Greene, whose death we regret so greatly, was a valued and respected member of York County Council. His long experience was always at the disposal of others and he was ever ready to give a new member, or indeed anyone who wanted it, the value of that experience and his advice. His never-failing kindness and sense of humour made him a fine friend, and his interest in the affairs and well-being of others was outstanding. Both as a man and a councillor he will be greatly missed.

Trustees Should Be Compensated

While there may be many points in the report of the Hope Commission on Education on which there will not be universal agreement there is one recommendation which should command general approval. It is the suggestion that school trustees should be paid.

Fortunately this province is lucky in that men and women who have the interests of both children and taxpayers closely at heart have always been available to carry out the onerous responsibilities of school government without thought of personal gain.

But the fact remains that duties of school trustees are becoming increasingly heavy. Often, indeed, a school board is busier than a municipal council. That is a situation which, in this district at least, is likely to become increasingly pronounced.

It is not suggested that being a school trustee should develop into a paying profession. But, in all fairness, there should be some amount of recompense sufficient to compensate for their out-of-pocket expenses for those who do a big job for their fellow citizens. The size of that job, the time required and the responsibilities accepted might surprise many of those who are not in close touch with the work.

Learning New Lines at U.N.



Sir Cedric Hardwicke, distinguished British actor, came to U.N. Headquarters to view at first hand the work of the Economic and Social Council. He plays the starring role in "All Your Strength," a radio program based on the work of the Council, first of a series of documentary radio features produced by the United Nations.

"Dear Mister Editor"

Dear Mr. Editor: —

In behalf of the Salvation Army I am pleased to express appreciation for the co-operation you so willingly gave in publicizing the recent Red Shield Appeal in Richmond Hill.

The total amount received in the way of voluntary donations tendered at the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia is \$355.91. Although this amount is considerably less than has been received in previous door-to-door canvasses, we feel that the token effort has kept alive the need existing, and will contribute to the greater success of an all-out door-to-door Red Shield Campaign to be held in 1951.

May I take this opportunity to request your publishing the total income for the 1950 Appeal and express in behalf of The Salvation Army a big "thank you" to all who contributed. Also a special acknowledgement of the fine help given by Mr. W. W. A. Trench, Mr. C. J. Hart, Mr. E. V. Croth, Mr. Ned Hill, and by no means least, your own grand assistance. Thank you!

Sincerely yours, FRANK MOSS, Captain, Public Relations Representative

Dear Mr. Editor: —

On Friday night the Richmond Hill Hockey Club is planning a "Parents' Night" at the Alcoa at which three games between the six teams making up the bantam league will be played.

May we ask you to draw the attention of the public to this. All parents and indeed all members of the public care to attend will be welcome.

We now have well over eighty boys under the age of fourteen playing in the league and feel

that the training which they are receiving and the fun they are getting makes our job worth while. We should like to see parents turn out to encourage their boys. We believe that many of them will get a surprise when they see what fine players they are turning out to be.

Yours truly, TIM SAUL, President Richmond Hill Hockey Club

Dear Mr. Editor: — Oh! for a dog's life in Richmond Hill.

Dogs in Richmond Hill appear to be the privileged class. Humans run a poor second. As far as I know there is one by-law restricting a dog's activities to a certain extent during the late spring and summer. At other times they are free to run over mine or anyone's property. They may also dig in my garden and

strew my garbage around even though I take the trouble to provide a proper garbage pail with lid. Their sanitary habits are nil. For similar offences a human would be clapped in jail and exiled from society.

However, I have been bothered to the above and my plea to dog owners is to please stop them from continually rending the otherwise peaceful air of Richmond Hill with their yelping and barking. I never step out of my door without my ears being assailed with the unmusical yelping of dogs for no other reason than to exercise their lungs.

No one will deny a dog's bark can be a good thing in case of a prowler, etc., but I wish their owners would be kind enough to see that they take their exercise in another form.

Yours, JOHN SMITH

"Finance My Wedding" Salvation Army Asked

Senior Major John Philp, Salvation Army Welfare Director, Toronto, revealed in his 1950 report some of the ludicrous appeals made to his department.

One young man requested that the Army provide him with "a room with a telephone in it." He couldn't be expected to keep running down to the employment office to see if they had a job for him!

Another man requested that the Army rent and equip a farm for him. He had decided that "it would be healthier for my family to live in the country." In addition, he would appreciate The Salvation Army loaning him \$2000. so he could get a head start.

A confused bridegroom-to-be had bought an expensive engagement ring, but had made only a small down payment. He and his fiancée were now ready to be married. He had therefore ordered a \$75. suit for the great occasion. Could the Salvation Ar-

my meet the outstanding payments on the engagement ring, and underwrite the cost of the wedding suit and the wedding ring?

A Maritimer who had moved to Toronto decided he wanted to go back home. He asked Major Philp to provide him with plane transportation for himself and a pair of new-born twins.

A young man holding a good job with a department store admitted he had been "living high." He had borrowed money from a finance company, but a new difficulty had arisen. In addition to meeting payments, his holidays would be coming up in the middle of the month. He hoped that the Salvation Army could pay off the loan he was carrying and, in addition, finance his elaborately-planned holiday in Muskoka.

Major Philp did not reveal how he handled these cases. He just laughed good-naturedly.

Richmond Hill Hockey Club Revised Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Date and Teams.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23: Detroit vs Canadiens, Maple Leafs vs Boston, Chicago vs Rangers
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26: Detroit vs Rangers, Canadiens vs Boston, Maple Leaf vs Chicago
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29: Rangers vs Maple Leafs, Canadiens vs Chicago, Detroit vs Boston
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2: Boston vs Chicago, Canadiens vs Rangers, Detroit vs Maple Leafs
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6: Maple Leafs vs Canadiens, Detroit vs Chicago, Rangers vs Boston
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Boston vs Detroit, Chicago vs Maple Leafs, Canadiens vs Rangers
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13: Rangers vs Maple Leafs, Canadiens vs Boston, Chicago vs Detroit
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Canadiens vs Chicago, Maple Leafs vs Detroit, Boston vs Rangers

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

HEALTHY RELIGION

There is a general agreement among medical men — and I include psychiatrists — that wholesome religion brings happiness and serenity to its followers. All religion is not wholesome. It is often marred by superstition and crude conceptions of God and the purposes of life.

Some forms of religion have made people unhappy and unsocial. There is a good illustration of this in the Book of Jeremiah. The prophet is protesting against idolatry; "Their idols have to be carried; they cannot move a step." In other words, religion to these people was a troublesome burden, a heavy load which made life harder instead of helping them. It was worse than no religion at all.

Healthy religion makes people friendly and likeable. The pupils and sinners drew near to Jesus and responded to His words and teaching. His enemies said: "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." They objected to his friendliness and tolerance. Jesus encouraged people in their hopes and enthusiasms. He urged men not to be over-anxious; not to hate; not to despise others. And Paul who caught the spirit of Jesus said that the greatest things in the world were faith, hope and love.

Here are the signs of poor health in religion: fear, worry, anger, resentments, self-centredness, avoidance of responsibility and suspicion of others. On the other hand here are the marks of healthy religion: faith, hope, cheerfulness, a keen, kindly interest in what is going on in the world, a lofty goal in life and above everything else, love and goodwill toward others.

On a wall in Chester Cathedral in England this prayer is inscribed:

Give me a good digestion, Lord, And also something to digest; Give me a healthy body, Lord, And sense to keep it at its best; Give me a healthy mind, O Lord, To keep the good and pure in sight

Which, seeing sin is not appalled, But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored, That does not whimper, whine or sigh;

Don't let me worry overmuch About that fussy thing called "I." Give me a sense of humour, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some happiness in life, And pass it on to other folk.

Whoever wrote these lines had a keen insight into life and thorough understanding what religion can do for people. There are many religious people who are queer and unsocial but they are in poor religious health.

A bulletin, published by the Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene had this paragraph: "You are in poor mental health if worry interferes with everything you do; if you run away from things you find hard, and if you think you are always right and can't see the other person's point of view, and want to avoid people."

You are in good mental health, if your worries pass quickly, if you tackle your responsibilities and do the best you can, if you admit your mistakes and laugh at them; if you are tolerant of other people and like them and if you have some worthy goal in life."

These words were written for those seeking mental health but they are in agreement with religious health; after all, a truly religious life makes for wholesome living of body and mind.

Our quotation today is by Isaac Watts:

"My God the spring of all my joys, The life of my thoughts, The glory of my brightest day, And comfort of my nights."

HALF MILLION BLOOD DONATIONS

Blood donations in England and Wales have reached a rate of over half a million a year.

HERE'S HEALTH



A word to the wise— "Take care of your eyes." There's nothing to gain From eye-strain but pain.

Dept. of National Health and Welfare

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Saturday: Matinee at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday — January 26 & 27

ADVENTURE!!!

The lusty story of the heroes of our nation's greatest chapter!

Movie poster for 'The Eagle and the Hawk' featuring John Payne, Rhonda Fleming, and Dennis O'Keefe. Directed by Lewis R. Foster.

News Cartoon

Monday & Tuesday — January 29 & 30

Movie poster for 'The Comedy of the Year' featuring Ray Milland and Rosalind Russell. Directed by Howard Szeles.

Movie poster for 'A Woman of Distinction' featuring Edmund Gwenn and a woman's portrait.

Wednesday & Thursday — Jan. 31, Feb. 1

Movie poster for 'One Last Fling' featuring Alexis Smith and Zachary Scott. Directed by Peter Godfrey.

Movie poster for 'Frontiersman' featuring Gordon MacRae. Directed by Warner Bros.