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Housewives Flimflammed Asserts Area Storekeeper

"Richmond Hill is taking the right step," said a district merchant recently, commenting on the suggestion advanced by the Business Men's Association to the village council that all itinerant salesmen be required to secure a license from the police before starting their selling activities.

"We suffer from the same thing in our part of the world," he said, referring to the activities of "here today - gone tomorrow" salesmen.

"For instance," he continued, "we had a man through this district recently selling all kinds of articles. A big feature in his sales talk was the fact that no down payment was required."

"And why should it be?" he asked. "Here are the facts and they can be proved. A local housewife bought a pair of towels from

one of these door-to-door salesmen who came from Toronto for \$3.98. Exactly the same thing could be bought at a local store—the same trade name, the same size, the same quality—for \$1.39."

He instanced also a percolator for which the travelling salesman got \$11.95 on the same "no down payment" basis. The same article, with no differences whatever, could be bought at a local store for \$6.95, he asserted.

"And," he concluded, "the devil of it all is that besides the housewife getting stung local merchants are penalized. We pay taxes to support schools and all other forms of community enterprises. Not only does the housewife pay more than she need have paid but those extra dollars go out of the community rather than being kept in it to do the community's work."

Road Destruction By Trucks Irks Whitchurch Councillors 1951 Cost To Be Up \$10,000

Whitchurch Township road appropriations will reach a new peak of \$60,000 in 1951, according to figures set out in the budget by-law passed at the regular meeting of council on Friday evening. The new figure is \$10,000 above that of last year.

"With this heavy traffic today, the roads are wearing out faster than we can build them," commented Councillor Baycroft.

The wear and tear to which the roads were subjected by heavy gravel trucks came in for bitter criticism, and it was agreed that Reeve Ivan McLaughlin, together with Councillor Sid Legge, road chairman and Road Supt. Davis should visit Mr. Ludgate, municipal engineer, to see if some curb could not be placed on this "trucking destruction."

Council gave Road Supt. Davis the green light on the annual order for calcium dust layer. Sixty tons will be purchased from the Brunner Mond Co. at \$38.18 per ton laid down at Vandorf Station.

An account tabled from Solicitor F. J. McRae who acted on behalf of Whitchurch Township in the recent appeal case concerning the equalized assessment in the County of York, was considered exorbitant, and was shelved pending investigation.

Frank Marritt, County Weed Inspector, spoke to council at some length concerning the county campaign against barberry and buckthorn, and urged that local roadsides be kept free of the grain rust carrier. He also revealed that the county would shortly experiment with some brush spraying in Whitchurch Township.

A request was received from the Toronto and York Civilian Defence Committee asking the township council to appoint a civilian co-ordinator for the municipality. After some discussion council agreed to have the reeve and clerk interview several prospective appointees.

Bob Says:—
A few more days like last Sunday and the lambs will be Springing and we'll feel like running after the March Hares. Anyway they're fast and have four legs but with a pair of Fleet Foot Running Shoes on you might be able to wind the critter and yourself if you ran like Sam Hill for 20 miles. It's no use with Rubber Boots on, they slow you down on the hills. Anyway you have to be in the mood for travelling. So we're running a special this week on Ladies' Dome Fastener Rubbers, sizes 5 to 7 at 49c a pair; also clearing our broken lines in Loafers and Oxford at \$1.89. They're good value. Boys' Parkas, Trapper Coats and Station Wagon Coats, broken sizes, clearing at \$7.95 also Boys' Plaid Shirts at \$1.49. Wonderful values. Anyway here's hoping we can be of service to you and best wishes for a sunny week-end.

R. J. 'Bob' Craigie
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Fine Sunday Creates Near Summer Traffic Conditions On No. 11

Last Sunday provided a harbinger of things to come with traffic on No. 11 highway reaching near-summer proportions. High temperature and bright sunshine brought out many motorists for their first spring drive. Traffic during Sunday evening was particularly heavy in the southbound lanes and continued to be so until quite late in the evening.

We "noticed many strangers," said Clive Bettles of Bettles Coffee Shop in Richmond Hill. Larry Folliot of Summit View Drive-In, north of Richmond Hill, and Thorn View Restaurant in Thornhill, reported a similar condition, with trade being very heavy in the later afternoon and evening.

Police reported traffic conditions as being very good with no major accidents.

Guides Change Meeting Date

Richmond Hill Girl Guides will not hold their regular meeting on March 5 but will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 7.15 p.m., instead.



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Annual Seed Fair & Bacon Show Planned For Newmarket Mar. 13

The fifteenth Annual Seed Fair and third Annual Bacon Show which will be held in Newmarket Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, shows promise of being bigger and better than ever. The recently appointed president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, has been secured as guest speaker for the afternoon's program.

The Seed Fair, sponsored by the York County Crop Improvement Association, provides an excellent opportunity for those with seed to sell to make contact with prospective buyers and anyone interested should secure a copy of the Prize list from the Department of Agriculture Newmarket, and make entry in accordance with the rules prior to Friday, March 9.

Exhibitors' attention is drawn to the new classes listed this year which include a class for winter wheat open to exhibitors other than members of the 50 Bushel Wheat Club; a class for shelled corn and a class for table potatoes shown in 10 or 15 pound paper bags. This is a new commercial class which will be of interest to the many potato growers who now market their potatoes in this new type of package. The regular classes of oats, barley, wheat, small seeds, potatoes, turnips and hay as well as the 10 bushel exhibits of registered or certified oats and barley are again included in this year's prize list, and as usual the 10 bushel lots will be sold by auction.

Competition Keen
The Bacon Show which has provided so much interest for the past two years will again high-

light the show and competition between the various townships entered is quite keen as others will be attempting to lift the honors now by Markham township last year. Three hogs per township, selected by the various township committees of the York County Hog Producers' Association, from as many farms, comprise an entry and these along with a spare have been shipped this week to a packing plant for processing and subsequently will be brought back to the Bacon Show. One half of each carcass will be hung up as a Wiltshire side and the other cut to show the eye of lean, ham, belly etc. W. S. McMullen Dominion Department of Agriculture, the official judge, will be on hand to discuss the various carcasses and their placings at 3.00 p.m.

Prize lists for the Seed Fair and Bacon Show are now available from the secretary of the York County Crop Improvement Association, W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket. Included in the prize list is some valuable information particularly in relation to varieties of oats and barley where a review is made of the merits of the various varieties on the basis of three years of co-operative tests carried out across Ontario.

Civilian Defence Discussed By Council

Civilian defence came in for lengthy discussion when Richmond Hill village council held its meeting last Monday, with Reeve William Neal and Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor reporting on meetings called by York County Council which they had attended in Toronto last week.

The situation was not clear enough to enable any definite action to be taken, said the reeve, as the question of appointing a local defence co-ordinator was considered. The meeting which he and the deputy reeve had attended, he said, did not disclose any direct information and left the feeling that it was necessary to secure a clearer picture from "higher up."

There were many problems, said Reeve Neal. While he said that it was asserted that industry must be kept running he questioned as to how this was to be done if, for instance, Toronto was bombed and Hydro plants destroyed. Councillors Tomlin and Perkins expressed the opinion that plans must be made in readiness for any eventuality, while Councillor Middleton adopted a negative position.

Thornhill Parish Guild See Sewer Demonstrate

An interesting demonstration by a sewing machine company was given last week at the home of Mrs. Len Wood, Thornhill to a large meeting of the Parish Guild of Trinity Church.

The demonstrator and his two assistants did the sewing and explained what was being done in the use of attachments for making a chair slip cover.

Mrs. Wm. Lennox, convenor for the Cooking school to be held on April 10, 11, and 12, distributed tickets to the members.

The draw prize of a course of lessons in either home decorating or dressmaking was won by Mrs. Hal Harley.

Thornlea News

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Executive members of Thornlea Home and School Association met at the home of Mrs. Richan, Johnson Ave., to discuss general business on Monday. Mr. T. Covell presided. Ways and means were discussed and how to raise funds for the Home and School. It was discussed how better co-operation can be obtained between parents and the school. A social evening followed.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Simonsen, sister of Mrs. Thompson and sons, John, Laurence and Billy; also Mr. Thompson's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alkenson and Dorothy, all from Toronto.

The most popular saying is "Have you had it too." Yes, the flu or whatever it is has hit nearly every home in the district and all we can say is we hope for better news next week.

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