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## Fire And Police Calls

Our office has been called upon so many times to supply the telephone numbers of the police and fire brigades for the surrounding districts that we have decided to look into the matter and seek a remedy for the situation. People, in general, are confused about the whole set-up and do not know under what name to look, for these emergency numbers.

In Richmond Hill's new dial telephone directory, the fire call is listed under FIRE, EMERGENCY CALLS, the police under RICHMOND HILL VILLAGE. These two numbers are standard throughout the province, the only difference between Richmond Hill's and other municipalities which have dial phones, being the Turner 4. Richmond Hill's police number is Turner 4-2121 and the fire call is Turner 4-1323 where the call will be taken by either Fire Chief Alf Stong, Russell Lynett, Wm. Neal or H. J. Mills Ltd., whoever happens to be on call.

In Vaughan, Markham, King and Whitchurch Township the system is somewhat varied. In Vaughan Township, a call to the Municipal offices, Maple 13W, will get the police, and one to Mr. Donald Allen at Maple 19R5 will reach the Fire Brigade. For Markham Township police the number to phone is Unionville 40, which is the Municipal offices, and for a fire call, Unionville 26W or 26J to Mr. A. K. Harrington, Fire Chief.

King Township is divided into two fire areas. The west side of the township is served by Schomburg Fire Brigade and the east by Aurora. It is sufficient to call the operator and ask for the Schomburg Fire Brigade or the Aurora Fire Brigade.

If living in Whitchurch Township, residents are instructed to call the local telephone exchange and say: "Fire Department." Wait until the operator gives the alarm — then give the location of the fire by lot and concession and the most accessible road. If not on the Aurora or Stouffville exchanges ask for a through line to the proper exchange and give the information as outlined above. The telephone companies concerned have agreed to give this service. Call only one fire department as additional help will be summoned by the chief answering the call. All toll charges will be charged to either township phone

## The High Cost Of Education

In the hard-pressed municipalities situated in the Toronto area skyrocketing taxes in many cases can be blamed on increased educational costs.

One needs only to consider what percentage of the yearly tax-take is being spent on education to realize the demands today's educational costs are making on the community. Toronto township estimates 48 per cent, East York township 46 per cent, and Scarborough township 50 per cent, of this year's tax revenues will go towards education.

Naturally these steadily soaring costs are due to several factors. Part of the rising costs of education are due to an expanding population, a backlog in building, and higher construction and operating costs.

School Boards have had a difficult task in attempting to fulfill their responsibilities and at the same time remain within the financial limits of the municipality. Conscientious school board trustees have been doing an admirable job in accepting the dual responsibility of educational requirements and municipal solvency.

With the cost of building and maintaining schools, and paying teachers salaries now taking about fifty per cent of the Suburban Municipalities' budget numerous Councillors and Trustees feel the saturation point has been reached. Many theories have been put forward by harried individuals and groups as possible solutions to this problem. These include a halt to any further increases in teachers' salaries, streamlining administration through the ceation of Area Boards, and the curtailing of building costs by abandoning the traditional red brick school house in favour of frame built portables.

North York township has built four so-called portable schools. These are frame buildings, with a Kindergarten, a Library, a Principal's office, five other classrooms and washrooms. They are oil heated, costing between \$58,000 and \$60,000 each, or about one third the cost of permanent buildings, and they have affected considerable savings for the township's

## The Insects Are On The March

This has been quite a year for insects. Grasshoppers in certain areas of the prairies. Tent caterpillars in Ontario and Quebec. Spruce budworms in the Maritimes. Locusts in Brazil, North Africa and southern Europe — let alone the mosquitoes, house flies and black flies which seem always with us.

At one time the insect hordes pretty much had their own way. They stripped bare great areas of forest land and chewed up food crops on which millions of people were dependent. In their wake marched poverty, starvation and disease. It seemed that insects would eventually inherit the earth.

But it is encouraging to note that Man is starting to outsmart the insects. He has developed a wide variety of chemical insecticides which are able to control most species. The simple hand sprayer has developed into great power sprayers

at Aurora 80R03 or Stouffville 46R15. As a result of the many enquiries we received re these emergency calls, we took a telephone survey of people in the district. It went something like this — "This is the Liberal office calling. We're taking a survey in your district to determine what percentage of the people know the number of the police and the fire call."

Most of our customers were rather dubious at first but after a short conversation they took us seriously. The results were just what we anticipated. After a running barrage of phone calls to ten people in each district of Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Maple, Richvale, Elgin Mills, Oak Ridge, King and Unionville, and still more in Vaughan and Markham Townships, we found that approximately 90 per cent of the people called, did not know their police or fire numbers.

We heard recently of complaints to firemen for not answering a fire call or "I called you several times before you answered." When the truth became known, it was not the fault of the firemen but of the caller, who had been dialing the wrong number. This is particularly annoying to volunteer firemen who are often called out of their beds about one o'clock in the morning and who, like everyone else, appreciate a word of encouragement.

However, it is not only the people who are at fault. A few of the town fathers slipped up as well. Reeve Taylor of Richmond Hill, took his own survey at a recent council meeting and found that he was the only one who knew the police and fire numbers. Clerk Lynett was able to give the correct ones, but he had a decided advantage over everyone else as he is a member of the Fire Brigade.

Complaints have been heard as well of the speed firemen travel on their way to the fire hall. Speed is most important in a case like this, and we often wonder if those who complain would want the firemen to drive thirty miles an hour, or within whatever the speed limit is, if their houses were burning down. The safety of children and other pedestrians is unquestioned, but firemen are instructed to get to the fire truck as soon as they can, without accident or injury.

taxpayers. However they may create problems of their own when they reach the end of their life span in about 15 years and have to be replaced. But they have taken the pressure off taxpayers of today.

One of the main drawbacks to portable schools is they must be built out of current funds, not through debentures. This means extra taxes temporarily.

Toronto Township is another municipality intending to make use of portable school rooms to keep costs down. Officials there estimate they can be built, complete with heating and washrooms for \$7,000 each. They can be moved, to follow the population, if the pressure for school rooms is eased in one section and increases in another. Their cheapness and their mobility make portables attractive to hard-pressed school boards.

In Toronto township a newly established Board of Education is expected to bring some tax relief next year. The district formerly had eleven separate public school sections, some of which were hard hit by education taxes. Trustees predict that the equalization of school taxes in the area — a single school tax in place of eleven separate levies — will mean lower school taxes for residents in eight of the eleven sections, with two remaining about the same, and one having a higher rate.

Some feel the creation of an Area Board will help to keep costs down by holding the lines on teachers' salaries. With the establishment of an Area Board school sections would no longer bid against each other to attract teachers.

Certain responsible municipal officials hold the opinion the Province will have to come to the aid of the municipalities as far as school costs are concerned and that the Provincial Government will have to intervene and make some arrangements by which they assume a greater share of the cost of education.

Everyone realizes an immediate and satisfactory solution to the problem is necessary but the big question is who can supply the magic formula.

has developed into great power sprayers, capable of covering large insect-infested areas. For coverage of forests and jungles he uses fleets of airplanes and helicopters.

The counter offensive against insects has merely begun. The successful spraying this summer of 200,000 acres of budworm infested forest in New Brunswick to save 2,000,000 cords of pulp wood is indeed encouraging. Almost \$2,500,000 was spent in the last three years in the states of Washington and Oregon to save \$63,000,000 worth of timber (Douglas fir and white spruce) against the same scourge.

Lessons from these pioneer ventures in large-scale pest control indicate that careful planning, preparation and co-operation are necessary to achieve successful results. If this is done, there need be little fear of devastating insect plagues in Canada.

## Weed Of The Week

1952 Series

### CHICORY

Chicory receives the doubtful honour of being a Weed of the Week by virtue of the untold losses it causes in forage, grain and pasture crops according to W. S. Young, Fieldman, Ontario Department of Agriculture. This weed is widespread and provides severe competition for moisture and plant food in all of these crops.

It is easily recognized by its many branched stems covered with bright blue flowers. These stems, often reaching a height of four feet, are almost leafless and arise from a group of dandelion-shaped leaves spread out on the ground. The long tap root of this perennial makes it difficult to control through cultivation. Unfortunately, when the tops are cut off, this tap root continues to produce more stems.

Mr. Young recommends the use of short rotations for the best control of Chicory. However, he adds that eradication can also be achieved with deep fall plowing followed by a row or cultivated crop the following year. This cultivation will eventually weaken the root and kill the plant.

However, on roadsides and other areas which cannot be cultivated, excellent control has been achieved with 2-4, D Sprays. A good kill can be obtained by using 1 lb. of 2-4, D acid per acre. The most satisfactory results have been obtained when the weed is treated at the full leaf stage or just before flowering.

Mr. Young suggests that in corn or cereal grains 2-4, D be used at the rate of one half-pound per acre. This will usually kill the top of the chicory but further treatment will be necessary to kill the roots. In grains that are seeded down, 2-4, D should not be used, as it will damage or kill the clover and cultivation will give the most practical control. However, if the Chicory in these fields grows in isolated patches, these areas may be sprayed without affecting much of the clover.

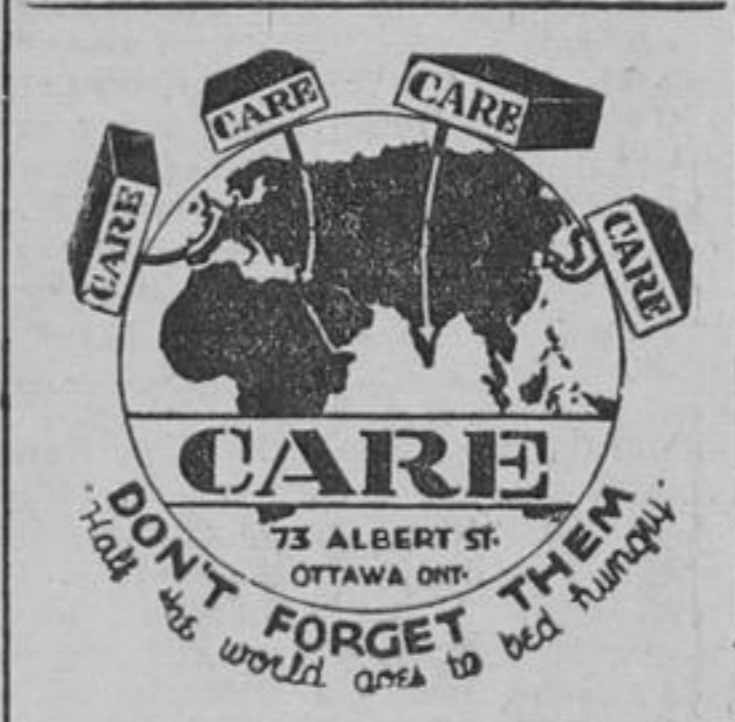
**THE LEGIONNAIRES**  
 Branch 375  
 Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.  
 Richmond Hill

Regardless of unfavourable weather there was a very good attendance at the branch's first annual picnic at Woodland Park, August 10. Fortunately the weather cleared and the program of sports was entered into by young and old.

The Richmond Hill Branch No. 375 took second place in the horse shoe pitching contest held in Newmarket, Saturday, August 9. The Branch sports officer Comrade Jack Adams hopes to organize a team for the youths of the branch.

C.N.E. Warriors' Day is Saturday, August 23. Free admission tickets are now available to veterans and their families of Richmond Hill and District from the following: J. D. Sanders, Richmond St., Richmond Hill; Frank Tishler, May Ave., Richmond Hill; Gervis Huestis Sr., 218A Oak Ave., Richvale; secretary, 259 Oak Ave., Richvale. As in the past veterans and their families will receive free admission to the C.N.E. on Warrior's Day which includes a duet to the afternoon grandstand show.

Only veterans allowed in the parade (excepting bandsmen).



## Weedsmuir History

ARTICLE 4

### THE FRENCH REFUGEES

After the French revolution, the French aristocracy found it necessary to flee for their lives. Many went to Great Britain and were assisted to settle in her colonies by being given land grants amounting to thousands of acres. Several of these French gentlemen settled in the vicinity of Richmond Hill. Among them were Rene Augustus, Comte de Chalus, Jean Louis, Vi-compte de Chalus, le Comte de Paisaye, Quetton St. George and Augustus Bointon.

Chevalier Auguste Bointon received lot 48 Markham Township, Concession 1, now part of Richmond Hill. His patent bears the date 1807. On the site of the L.T. B. & O. Home, Lot 53, was the grant of le Comte de Paisaye. He was a rich landowner in Normandy and was able to escape with many valuables and therefore he performed only the least of settlement duties, that of building a few log shacks on the land. The rest of the time was spent in society in York.

Le Comte de Chalus, on the other hand, took more interest in his new holdings in Vaughan and Markham Townships (Lots 58 and 60 in Vaughan and 54, 55 and 58 in Markham) than did many of the French settlers. The Chalus were an extremely wealthy family and they brought much money to Upper Canada along with their ideas of etiquette and social rank. It is said that Madame la Comtesse was never seen except in full dress

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LET US ALL SING

The satisfaction of a religious service depends largely upon the fervour of congregational singing. This is not intended to underrate renditions by choirs which do much to enrich services but when the leader of a service says: "Let us all sing," he often intends it as a mild rebuke. Personally, I love to hear people sing lustily even if, like myself, they are often out of tune. I can still remember the days when as a youngster I hung onto one half of a hymnbook while my mother gently poked me in the ribs and said: "Sing up."

It seems strange that one of the greatest hymn-writers who ever lived, one whose inspiring hymns are sung by millions every week, was a little man so frail and delicate that his life was often despaired of. His name was Isaac Watts

**TODAY'S QUOTATION**  
 Our quotation today is from the Magnificat:  
 "My soul doth magnify the Lord  
 "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

and he was born at Southampton, England, in July, 1674. As a baby he was sick and puny and throughout life he remained so small in stature that he seemed little more than a dwarf.

As a pastor, Isaac Watts was greatly loved by the congregation although his health was such that for days, often for weeks at a time, he was confined to his room. When, because of advancing years, Dr. Chauncery retired, Isaac Watts became minister in his place, and his eagerness to serve the people made such demands upon his strength that from time to time he was completely prostrated. When these ailments came it was his custom to write pastoral letters which were read to the congregation, and the tenderness and courage of the chronic sufferer were a constant source of wonder to the

congregation. Even when he was racked with pain, Isaac Watts managed to maintain a peace of mind and calmness which breathes in all his hymns.  
 Few people who sing the hymns of Isaac Watts will ever know the circumstances under which many of them were written. Here and there however, the effect of his sickness is seen. In 1706 the condition of his health was such that he went to Southampton for rest and change. One day while there he gazed across the gulf to some fields beyond, and one of his most beautiful hymns was composed at that time. The first verse especially, reveals the longing of this much tried sufferer:  
 There is a land of pure delight  
 Where saints immortal reign;  
 Infinite day excludes the night,  
 And pleasures banish pain.  
 In spite of his sickness, no other man did more to make public worship bright and inspiring than Isaac Watts. The church services of his day were often so solemn as to be depressing. The congregations sang psalms only, and the tunes were generally dull and lifeless. One day Isaac was returning from a service with his father when he bitterly complained about the singing. "Why don't you try to compose something better?" said his father. It was this thought which first started him to write hymns for congregational singing and from that day until his death many years after, he continued to write hymns and today a large number of his hymns are in constant use than of any other hymn-writer.

He died on the afternoon of November 25, 1748, and was buried in Bunhill Fields Cemetery, not far from the resting place of Susanah Wesley, and within a few steps of Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe. No one would have thought that the tiny baby, born in 1674, would live to pass his seventy-fourth birthday, but he did so and millions of people are grateful for his noble life.

## "Dear Mister Editor"

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

Dear Mr. Editor:  
 For a period of seven months, together with other members of council I have been the object of petty criticism and abuse which has served no useful purpose, but has cost the taxpayers so much valuable time and money, that the business of council and essential projects have been delayed, in some cases, beyond hope of accomplishment in the current year. Apparently there is no end to the length that councillor LeMasurier will go in order to further the political ambition that he professes not to have.

To begin with I will answer the letter of this so called "stormy petrel" which was published on July 17. Is it possible that there are taxpayers interested in the welfare of Markham Township, who are so glibly as to believe that for the sum of ten dollars the road committee will supply six loads of gravel together with calcium chloride as a top dressing? I sincerely hope not. To begin with this gravel was not placed on private property, Mr. Taxpayer, but I emphasize was placed on township property. Now if a public spirited taxpayer should send council a cash contribution to be applied for township use even though this is irregular the money will be accepted and faithfully applied as it was in this particular case, or returned to the donor.

In this case, as you know, posts were placed to temporarily prevent the use of this land as a right-of-way pending a final decision by council. Councillor LeMasurier states that "council put up posts that were subsequently knocked down." However this was done by an unauthorized person or persons unknown and not by order of council. Councillor LeMasurier states that "he knows of taxpayers who have been complaining about their roads for a year, and still nothing has been done." If six loads of gravel were applied to the roads in

question they would contribute little to the value of these roads, a mere drop in the bucket — just another mole-hill made into a mountain. In this instance it was not a case of road construction but merely to spread this gravel and calcium in order to satisfy the majority of taxpayers in the district in question. So, Mr. Taxpayer, you see, the road committee did not make this land into a roadway for the sum of ten dollars as stated by councillor LeMasurier. After reading councillor LeMasurier's letters to the press the taxpayer is left with no doubt whatsoever that he is the exponent of economy in this municipal council that he has the welfare of the taxpayers at heart. If this is so, why did councillor LeMasurier at a council meeting on July 7 publicly advise a Mrs. Ross the complainant in this Johnson Ave. controversy to disregard appeals to council to see her lawyer and sue Markham Township. Does this indicate that he is serving in the best interests of Markham Township?

A. James,  
 Chairman of Roads Committee,  
 Deputy-Reeve.

### REPLIES TO DEPUTY-REEVE

Editor, The Liberal,

Sir: —  
 In reply to Deputy Reeve James' letter in which he expounded a great many personal opinions may I give you some FACTS. These are several resolutions taken from the minute book which you may verify by inspecting the records at the Township office. Note how each member voted.

1. March 31, 1952.  
 Resolution moved by A. LeMasurier, seconded by A. Lennie.  
 Resolved that a committee be appointed from council members to report on the efficiency of our office filing systems, methods of conducting business, etc. Against this motion Mr. James, C. Hooper, W. Timbers.

2. May 2, 1952.  
 Moved by A. James, seconded by C. Hooper.  
 That the Township of Markham investigate the hiring of a different auditor. Resolution carried with A. LeMasurier opposing.

3. July 28, 1952.  
 Moved by A. LeMasurier, seconded by A. Lennie.  
 Resolved that council instruct our auditor to set up our budget in such a way that council could have a monthly report from the treasurer as to what funds have been spent and what funds are available for expenditure. This is in accordance with the auditor's letter dated April 8, 1952. Resolution carried with A. LeMasurier opposing.

4. July 28, 1952.  
 Moved by A. LeMasurier, seconded by A. Lennie.  
 That council receive a written monthly progress report from the Road Superintendent regarding finances and construction schedules. Resolution not carried — Opposed Mr. James, C. Hooper, W. Timbers.

You will see from the above facts in the manner in which Mr. James has voted. He admits in his letter that accepting \$10.00 "is irregular" yet he sponsors a motion to investigate the hiring of a different auditor after our present one points out some of our poor bookkeeping practices. The auditor is the man who checks irregularities. Judging from the way Mr. James voted he apparently does not want us to have any information about what is going on in the road department with regard to money matters or construction.

Yet council at the same meeting were quite willing to pass resolutions asking for monthly reports from the Plumbing, Building and Police departments.  
 Yes Mr. James I have political ambitions. To try and clean up some of what I believe are very poor business practices in our township.

A.M. LeMasurier

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