

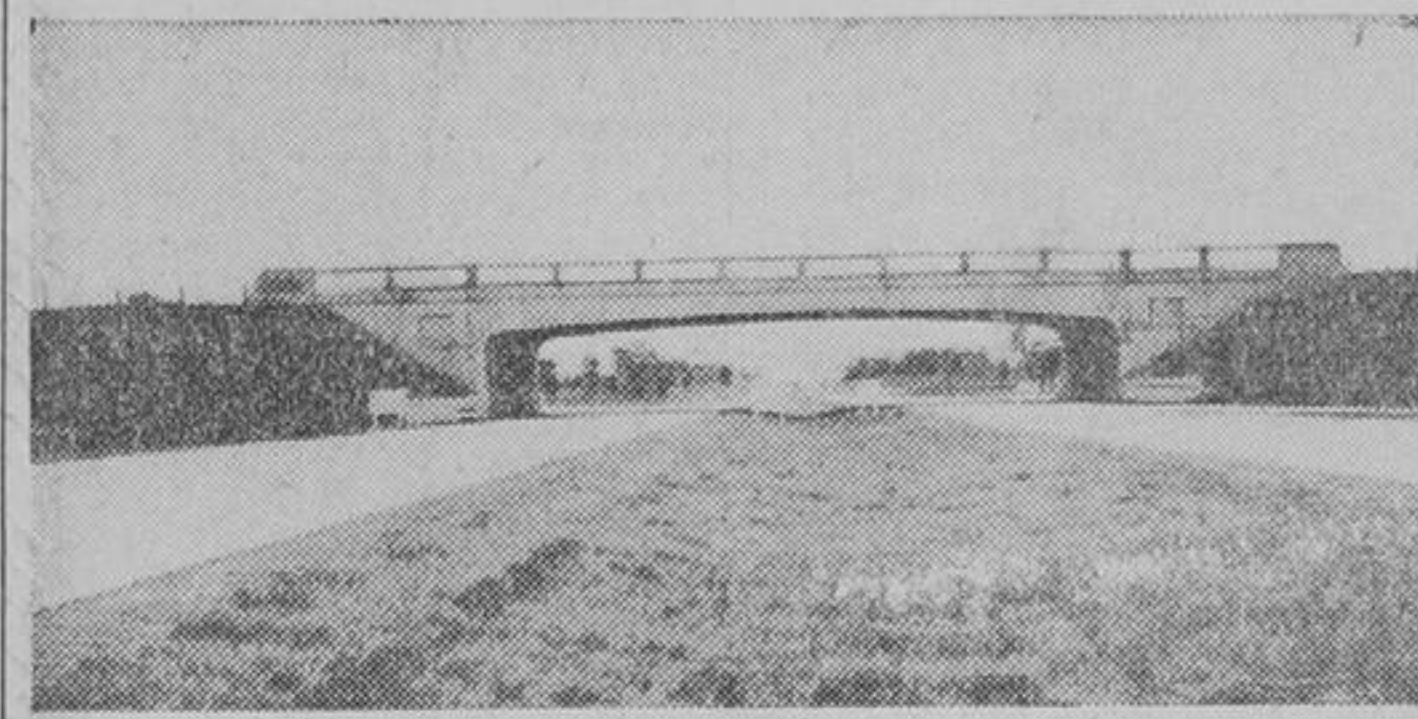
New Highway Relieves Traffic Pressure

Historic Old Yonge Street Now Paralleled By New Dual Highway Carrying Traffic To North

Yonge St. For Over 150 Years A Busy Highway Still Carries Very Heavy Traffic

High School Reports Increase In School Population This Year

Local Manufacturing Firm Changes Ownership



Close-up view of No. 7 Highway overpass, Toronto-Barrie Highway, south and west of Richmond Hill. Note single arch span, nearly 80 feet in width. This type of construction has been pioneered by Ontario Department of Highways bridge engineers. Centre pier overpasses affect most motorists adversely, causing dangerously sudden reduction in speed.

From Toronto north to the vicinity of Lake Simcoe, two great highways run closely parallel for 33 miles, the distance of original survey ordered for a northward road by Upper Canada's first Lieutenant-Governor, Col. John Graves Simcoe. One of them is Yonge Street, on which traffic has been moving for 159 years. The other is the new Toronto-Barrie controlled access dual highway which was opened for traffic on both lanes on July 1, of this year.

These two highways, hardly five miles apart but separated in their beginnings by nearly 16 decades, offer engineers, economists and others concerned with future highway development an almost unique pilot plant for special studies and general research. The Toronto-Barrie-Highway belongs entirely to the future and represents all that highway engineers have learned about the requirements of the automotive age. Yonge Street exemplifies how time and progress affected a pioneer road and shaped it to meet changing conditions on through to a new age in transportation.

Yonge Street today is by no means out-of-date. It is about as modern as any highway can be short of complete rebuilding on fully protected right of way. But it does stand as a vital link with Ontario's earliest pioneers and it marks the point where old conceptions in regard to highway construction and use reached the end of a road whose beginnings are lost in the mists of antiquity. What succeeds the old lies just a few miles to the west, and veteran engineers already are astonished at what is being done to traffic patterns by this new highway in conjunction with the old.

For one thing, the new Toronto-Barrie Highway is relieving traffic pressure on Yonge Street. But the trend is clearly apparent — new traffic is being created. One of the engineers most concerned with construction of the new dual highway reports that he had given up driving his car for family pleasure, and as a result, it was in the home garage most of the time. With the dual highway and Yonge Street relieved of congestion, he is once again finding the pleasure of the open road for himself and those dear to him.

Now Checking Traffic No accurate figures are yet available and they won't be for months to come. But traffic experts of the Ontario Department of Highways have teams out getting the facts about current use of both highways at all hours of the day and under all conditions. Later the data will be given very careful study and apparent facts will be subject to analytical checking before conclusions may be announced.

Traffic Picture Changing But there is no reason to doubt the fact that the traffic picture of the entire area lying north of Toronto between Lake Ontario and Muskoka, and between Western and Eastern Ontario is being changed. This is especially true in district lying northwesterly from Toronto. Motorists who formerly went to Owen Sound and district by way of Brampton and Orangeville are now, in increasing numbers, traveling on the Toronto-Barrie Highway to a point where they can turn off to Cookstown and proceed by Highway 89 to High-

way 10 at Primrose which leads through Shelburne direct to Owen Sound and the Blue Water Highway. The distance is longer, but motorists make better time. Yonge Street has been greatly improved in recent years. Paved throughout, the first mile from Toronto's northern city limits at Hogg's Hollow is still two lanes. Beyond that to Steele's corners, that section of Highway No. 11 has been widened to four lanes. At Steele's Corners, Highway 11-A, four lane, runs into Highway 11 proper, and from there to Richmond Hill, Yonge Street has four traffic lanes. From Richmond Hill to Newmarket, turn, about six miles, Yonge Street is three traffic lanes wide, with the pavement widening to four lanes over crests of hills. Beyond that, Highway No. 11, is two lanes wide. Resurfacing has been carried out this year on section from Newmarket turn to a point some two miles south of Aurora.

Yonge Street was built, chiefly, to give access to land. That was the reason for construction of most highways in the pioneering period and on until the dawn of the automotive age. Today, concept governing road construction is to provide a major and efficient form of transportation, not a minor one. In fact, highways could take the place of railways now, for the greater part of the year anyhow. But railways, from their first, were built with protected rights of way because they were not constructed to give access to individual parcels of land. Speed at low ton-mile transportation cost was the great economic benefit of railways. Highways, however, did not have to give much more than plain access. Only with the development of automotive transportation did it become evident that on highways, as on railroads, local business and transportation can't mix without detriment to the one or the other and, often, to both.

The Toronto-Barrie controlled access dual highway is outstanding, not only for Canada but for this continent. It stretches for 45.5 miles from junction with Wilson Avenue, Toronto, to Highway 27, at Barrie. (Continued on page 3)

Richmond Hill District High School will again open its doors to the students on September 2. It is reported that the school population this year will be approximately 475, which is about 75 more than last year. Grade nine alone will take nearly 180 of the pupils and they will be divided into five forms. There will also be four grade tens, two elevens, two twelves and one thirteenth. There are also several new teachers on the staff this year. Mr. Smith, who will teach English and Geography, Mr. Jensen who will teach History and Agriculture, Mr. Lavender who will teach History and English and Mr. Turchin who will handle Upper School Maths.

Mr. Lazar will be in charge of the new course in Instrumental Music. The time table has been settled and most of the text books for the year have been decided upon and the lists handed to local book sellers. The cafeteria will be open from the beginning and the ruling requesting all students to eat there will again be in force. As was the custom last year, the 40-minute lunch hour will be divided into two shifts. New sidewalks across the front of the school and an improved playing field will be in evidence early in the fall term. School officials hope that the general public will not cut across the new field until the grading and seeding operations are completed.

Cared For 574 Animals

North York Humane Society Building New Animal Shelter

The North York Humane Society is planning a new shelter. It will be in the form of a new building and will be completed by October 15. Included will be living quarters for Inspector and Mrs. Boulding so they may be on call for emergencies at all hours. The shelter hours will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except on Sundays and holidays when they will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. An ambulance service for small animals will be inaugurated. Also to help raise funds the Society will board dogs and cats, do toe-nail clipping and bathing.

The plant manager, Mr. Geo. Sampson, Richmond Hill, who has been with the firm since its inception three years ago will continue in his present capacity.

R.H. Separate School Ready For Opening

St. Mary's Separate School, Richmond Hill, will have an increased registration when the doors swing open for the new year on September 2. Board Chairman Clive Bettes has set this year's school population at 112 children which is an increase over the June closing figure of 95. There will be a new face on the teaching staff as Loreto Abbey is replacing Sister Simeon. No actual replacement has yet been named for Sister Simeon, who has taught at the school since its opening 4 years ago. Mrs. R. Harcourt, Toronto, the lay member of the staff will be returning for another year. Mother Camilla will be commencing her second year as Principal. During the summer vacation the Board has had the outside of the school building, classroom number 3, the washrooms, and cupboards all re-painted. The new text and library books ordered in July have nearly all been received. A new 25-foot flagpole will shortly be erected in the school yard.

New Classroom And Teacher, Concord Sch.

When Concord School opens next week, there will be a new classroom and a new school teacher. Miss Joan Wood of Timmins has been engaged by the school board to begin her duties with the opening of school. The grades will be divided among the three teachers. Miss Wood will teach the youngest children in grades 1, 2 and possibly 3; Miss Duke will take the intermediate grades and Mr. McWhirter, principal, the Senior classes. This coming year is expected to bring between 20 and 30 new pupils into the school. The basement room has been equipped this summer to accommodate the increase in attendance.

Richmond Hill Cat Takes Trophy

Mrs. R. Maudsley's Anthony of Blue Haven won the Dr. Ballard Trophy for the best Canadian bred novice at the Canadian National Exhibition. This was his first show, and besides the trophy he won first in the Blue Male Novice and Blue Male Open, competing with many entries from the United States and Canada. His sire is the well-known Maple Leaf Antoine of Khyber and the Dam, Black Velvet of Blythwood. Mrs. Maudsley expects to have for sale kittens from this line at Christmas time.

Power Cut Is Caused By Accident At Oak Ridges

The Richmond Hill and Oak Ridges area experienced a power failure early on Wednesday morning, August 27. An international truck struck a hydro pole on Yonge St. at Oak Ridges and the wires were broken. The power was off in some areas for about two hours and many of those depending on electric clocks found themselves behind schedule.

Increased Registration For School Area No. 1 Markham - Vaughan

In common with the growing school populations in the districts adjacent to the Toronto Metropolitan Area Board officials of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan estimate 1066 pupils will register for classes in the six public schools under their jurisdiction on September 2. This is a sizeable increase over last year's figure of 840 students. The six schools comprising the Area are, Powell Road School, Thornhill school, Thornlea school, Langstaff school, Charles Howitt school and Richvale School, plus the new Thornlea school situated in Highland Park which is presently under construction. The School Board expects the new Thornlea School in the Highland Park District to open at the beginning of 1953. Until that time Powell Road will work on a shift basis, three classes working from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the alternating three classes from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Grades 6, 7, and 8 will attend classes between the regular hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A listing of the schools, their Principals, new teachers, and estimated number of pupils per school, for the coming year is as follows. Powell Road Public School: Principal Gordon Learn; teachers, Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. Lemon, Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Bissonnette; estimated No. of pupils 256. Thornhill Public School: Principal John Martin; Teachers, Mrs. E. Elliott, Donald McSparran; estimated No. of pupils 222. Thornlea Public School: Principal Allan Martindale; teacher, Miss A. Harris; estimated No. of pupils 127. Langstaff Public School: Principal David Smith, Robert Everist (ass't princ.); new teachers, Miss J. Bradley, Miss D. Creighton, Mrs. V. Fletcher; estimated No. of pupils 155. Charles Howitt School: Principal Ernest Dunning; new teachers, Jack Fisher, Mrs. G. Baker; estimated No. of pupils 160. Richvale Public School: Principal Ralph Brown; new teachers, Peter Kurita; estimated No. of pupils 146. Total estimated No. of pupils 1,066.

Sees Sister For First Time In Twenty - Eight Years



Mrs. T. Blake of Daysland, Alberta, is pictured with her brother, Mr. John Donaldson of Carrville Road, Richvale, whom she saw for the first time in twenty-eight years, upon her arrival by train from her home town last week. Mrs. Blake plans to have a two-week visit with her brother. Mr. Donaldson has lived in Richvale since 1927, the family originally coming from Scotland.

C. N. R. Station In Village Remodelled

Within the last three weeks the C.N.R. station at the foot of Centre Street has taken on a new appearance. Increased traffic on the line through Richmond Hill has warranted enlarged facilities and an extensive remodeling programme has been carried out. The office space has been enlarged to accommodate more business equipment and the larger staff while the waiting room has been made more comfortable. New paint throughout has added to the appearance. Outside, a section of the old platform on the south has been enclosed to make an express room while part of it has been left open but with a roof. The station itself and all the buildings connected with it have been given a coat of red paint with yellow trim.

Coming Events

AUGUST 30 — Saturday, Dance at Lake Wilcox Community Hall, modern and old time dancing to Norm Burling and His Kingsmen, dancing 9-12 p.m. Ladies 50c, gentlemen 75c.

Partition Aud. Into Classrooms Student Population At R. Hill Public School On The Increase

All indications are that the School population at the Richmond Hill Public School will once again be on the increase when school convenes on Tuesday, September 2. School officials estimate this year's attendance figure at 700 which is a fair increase over the June closing figure of 630. Going up to date 574 animals have been handled at the present shelter in Newmarket and these have either been claimed or adopted or put to sleep. There are always pets available for adoption at the shelter. Richmond Hill village clerk, Russell Lynett, has kindly offered to take calls of complaints for this district at the municipal offices.

Money is urgently needed to help finance the new building, and any donations will be gratefully accepted. They may be left at the Clerk's office in Richmond Hill or sent directly to the North York Humane Society at Newmarket.

Mr. Bruce Johnston, a new member of the staff, will assist Mr. Scott in teaching Grade 8 and also act as Music Supervisor. New additions to the teaching staff include, Miss Mildred Young, Mr. R. C. Flynn, Miss J. Creighton, Mrs. J. Morrow, and Mr. B. Johnston. The members of last year's staff who will be returning include Mr. G. Nighswander, Mr. J. C. Wilton, Mr. G. Orton, Mrs. J. McWhirter, Mrs. A. Unger, Miss E. Huffman, Miss E. Shaver, Mrs. V. Styrmo, Miss M. Fockler, Mrs. J. Lee, Mrs. D. Tilt, Mrs. E. Kidd and Miss E. McWhirter.

R.H. Development Co. Sponsors Tour Of The Metropolitan Area

Reeve Taylor with members of the Council, Planning Board officials and representatives of the School Board and other local organizations enjoyed a tour of the Metropolitan area last Monday, August 25. The arrangements for the tour were made by the Richmond Hill Development Co. Among the officials in the party were representatives of the Development Co., also S. J. Raymond and R. Y. Doty of the C.N.R. Industrial department, W. A. Wilson Toronto Industrial Commission A. V. Grate of the Ontario Dept. of Planning and Dr. E. G. Faludi, well known Planning consultant. The main purpose of the tour was to show examples of the type of industrial development that is planned for the Richmond Hill area. Throughout the length of the tour Dr. Faludi and Mr. Wilson who were at the front of the bus answered questions and Dr. Faludi gave a running commentary on the particular points being visited. The party had the opportunity to see the development near Wilson Ave. in an area similar to the recently annexed land here, with the highway at the front and the railway at the rear. Various other examples of industry, without housing and shopping areas integrated into a functional unit were also visited. Dr. Faludi explained that the Development Co. wishes to bring about a healthy balance between the higher assessment of industry and the lower assessment of residential areas. This balance of assessment, according to Dr. Faludi, will make it possible for the village to carry on a programme of improvements without forcing a heavy load on taxpayers of either tax bracket.

Whitchurch Appoints Committee To Check Polling Sub-Divisions

Whitchurch Township council appointed a committee, at its meeting Monday night, to review the polling sub-divisions in the township and to recommend necessary changes which would bring them in line with the Municipal Act which calls for one polling booth for every 400 voters. On the committee are Reeve Ivan McLaughlin, Councillor E. L. McCarron, Clerk John Crawford and Assessor Fred Cummings. Council gave two readings to the money-by-law for its share of costs for construction of Stouffville High School. The High School will cost \$425,000 to build. The by-law was sent to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. The tender for the K. J. Beamish Construction Company of approximately \$7,000, submitted for work on the south Lake road at Wilcox Lake, was accepted. This decision will however be subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

Chairman Patchell Reports Old Jefferson Sch. Ready For Use Lake Wilcox Pupils

Chairman Alfred E. Patchell of the Board of Trustees of S. S. 13 Whitchurch reports that the old Jefferson school on Yonge St., which the board rented for the coming school year to accommodate an overflow of pupils, is now in first class condition. He stated that parents of children who will attend this school will be interested to know that the ceilings and walls have been spray painted, broken windows replaced, and a general clean-up given the school. New pipes will also be installed for the heating system. A woman teacher, with permanent certificates, has been hired to teach at the school, and bus transportation to and from both the Jefferson and Lake Wilcox schools has been arranged. "Securing the Jefferson School," said Mr. Patchell, "has proved to be fortunate, as it will eliminate tagger classes at Lake Wilcox school, thus relieving any pressure here. The Board would also appreciate the co-operation of the parents in seeing that their children attend school regularly," he added. He said as well that the Board leveled into the matter of area schools with the township council and school inspector some eight months ago, and it was found that debentures and conditions in other school sections would hold up any promise of a school area at the present time. "S. S. 13 Whitchurch is in a very solid financial status," stated Mr. Patchell, "having but a small overdraft after all outstanding bills were paid." The new principal, W. C. D. Hill, will decide after registration which overcrowded classes will be sent to Jefferson School.

York Historical Society Meet

This September 4, a special meeting of the York Pioneer Historical Society will be held at the Scadding Cabin, on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition at 2 p.m. Dr. H. Crawford Scadding, a direct descendant of the first owner of the cabin will be present in person to receive an honorary membership in the society.