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Telephone Changeover

In keeping with the rapid expansion of Richmond Hill and the surrounding area, the Bell Telephone Co. has announced that by mid-November, residents in the Oak Ridges area will have a direct dial telephone connection with Richmond Hill and Thornhill by being included on the Turner 4 exchange.

With the rapid growth of this northern community, commuting to the city has increased and, because so many from the area are passing through Richmond Hill, and Thornhill, the natural trend towards social, business and recreational activities has become centred in this area. For this reason, the improved facilities of a direct line south will enable residents in the Oak Ridges Area to contact shopping and recreational centres conveniently. The changeover is part of a Bell Telephone Co. plan to unite telephone services in order that

the communities surrounding Toronto may be more easily reached and may reach each other more conveniently through a smaller number of telephone exchanges.

The changeover should prove a decided advantage to Oak Ridges and area in direct communication with an area passed through almost every day by many of its residents and to the south in establishing trade connections. While service with Maple and King will remain much the same, the change will mean being connected with communities within six miles of the Metropolitan area.

Work on the project is well under way with over half the pre-installation work done and construction work on the cables started. At the latest, the new service will be in operation by the end of November.

The "Litterbug"

Toronto's lady alderman, Mrs. May Robinson, has coined a new term, "Litterbug" to describe those thoughtless persons who drop pieces of paper, candy wrappers and other litter on the city streets.

Well, Toronto may have a lot of these Litterbugs, but Richmond Hill, too, has a good supply of those thoughtless creatures who continuously treat the village streets as a garbage can. We all know them, the man who throws his empty cigarette package on the sidewalk, the lady who strews facial tissues around the boulevards and the children who litter streets, play yards and front lawns with candy wrappers. The Litterbugs throw their papers all over the streets and lawns with no regard for either public or private property and without thought of the untidiness and extra work they are causing.

However, in fairness to these litterbugs and others, we must admit that there is really no place to drop waste paper even on our main street. There have been numerous suggestions on the problem, many of which are worthy of consideration. Of course, for the Village Council to assume the responsibility of almost daily street cleaning, it would mean an increased village staff and equipment, the cost of which would be added to our mill rate at a time when

the Council is doing its utmost to keep the mill rate steady. Therefore, it is necessary to implement a scheme that, with the co-operation of all, would do away with the need of street cleaners for the present.

It has been suggested that the merchants who sell confections, cigarettes, etc., could assist a great deal by placing a large waste container at the entrance to their premises. An adequate container with a sign requesting people to deposit their refuse would combat a lot of the papers and litter that collect around confection shops. Two business men on Yonge St. have already initiated this idea and it has met a measure of success.

The service clubs, too, might make a useful contribution to this clean-up idea by placing containers at various points in the village, or at any rate, on Yonge Street. There is the added possibility that the sand barrels, which have proven such a boon to winter driving, might be used in the summer for refuse.

Whichever suggestion may be followed up, there is no doubt that it would be much appreciated by the citizens of Richmond Hill. Then there would be no excuse for the Litterbugs to go on cluttering up the town.

Post Office Blues

It has been brought to our attention the number of people who fail to return immediately or not at all, mail sorted in their boxes by mistake, to the Post Office or the proper owners. We take this opportunity to remind subscribers

of the inconvenience caused to those who await important letters or word from relatives and friends and often anxiety caused by the delay.

A little thoughtfulness goes a long way.

Knowledge Goes Begging

It won't be long now before the hurry and scurry of harvest is over. Grain combines will be silent. Plows will be turning their last furrows. Cattle will be ranging closer to home or chewing contentedly on their cuds in stalls or loafing in barns. Whether the year of hard work has been profitable or not, the farmer and his family will be looking forward to a period of comparative relaxation during the next few months.

These months, however, can often be turned to profit by using the time to acquire further knowledge on better farming methods.

Information on the most efficient methods of farming is actually going begging. Provincial and federal departments of agriculture have an abundance of literature which describes the latest findings of agricultural scientists in experimental stations across the country. These are available usually without charge. Many Canadian industries are constantly turning out reams of valuable informative matter

for various segments of the rural population. The closer scrutiny of farm journals and weekly newspapers and careful attention to farm broadcasts, will often provide information that can be turned into dollars and cents by the farmer.

For the benefit of the young farmer, most Canadian agricultural colleges run many short courses during the slack farm periods. These cover special or general subjects ranging from fruit culture to farm management. Enrollment fees and cost of board and room are so low that the return on the investment can be incalculable.

Editorial Comment

Before you boast that you've been "working like a dog," reflect on how hard a dog works.

When your knees are knocking, it may help to kneel on them.

From Thatched Hut to Brick Dwelling



The young gentleman from El Salvador, hands in pockets, looks on approvingly as his father helps move the new furniture into their new home, one of 250 specially-designed new houses built by the government with the help of the specialized agencies of the United Nations. The housing project is part of a community development plan designed to better the living and working conditions of some 100,000 such valley dwellers in El Salvador.

"Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

October 12, 1950
Victors in 27 straight wins without a single loss during the entire season, the Elgin Mills Ladies' Softball team is the winner of the York Centre Ladies' Softball league.

A petition requesting that the police village of Thornhill become an incorporated village has been forwarded to York County Council.

Work has been started on the new rectory at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

A 3-2 vote in Council authorized sending a by-law to start construction on Richmond Hill sewers to the Ontario Municipal Board.

October 26, 1933
The improvement of the lighting on Yonge Street in the Village which has been under construction by Richmond Hill Council received a great set-back when Councillor Mills pointed out that it would increase taxes 1/2 mill. Present lighting costs are \$310. Yearly while the cost of the new system would be \$768. The Council has sufficient funds in the Hydro account for the \$1500 expenditure for new equipment but the operating costs seem to have

curbed the plan for the moment. Only six ratepayers appealed against their assessment at the Court of Revision and only one adjustment was made, indicating the satisfactory work being done by the assessor, Mr. A. E. Glass.

Whitchurch Council has petitioned the Provincial Gov't to amend the Sheep Protection Act to place some responsibility on the owner of sheep being pastured a long distance from the owner's home.

October 20, 1898
In future, service will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church at 7 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. as heretofore.

Mr. H. Lunau will be at the Liberal Office on October 28 to issue Deer Hunting licenses to any parties who desire them for the season. Price for a license is \$2.00 and each hunter is allowed to kill 2 deer during the season which is from November 1 to 15 inclusive.

A party has been looking through some of the rooms of the Grand Central Building, the intention being to start a creamery in this place if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Accounts totalling \$1,400 were paid by Markham Township Council at the regular meeting. Local Plowmen are preparing for the Vaughan Plowing Match to be held near Kleinburg on November 1. The King Township match will get underway on November 3 at Temperanceville.

What We Share At Cherry Hill Farm

by Tom Scott

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

If you are thinking of joining this year's Folk School, better make up your mind very soon now. Classes are fast reaching a maximum, some are already filled, so don't put it off another week. The dramatics class is all lined up and a fine instructor has been brought out from Toronto. It may well be that Markham Township will be blessed with another Straw Hat Company. Males, however, are at a premium in this class, so let's go, men, you may be another John Barrymore or Orson Welles.

Folk School Hour
As a special treat Leah Leventhal, well-known Jewish interpretative dancer, performed for us during the play party in the gym. Other news is cut down somewhat since our speaker last Wednesday deserves all space available.

Dr. Murray Ross, author of nine books, member of the National Council of YMCA, Associate of the School of Social Work, travelled to Israel last year, on a fellowship received through UNESC. For the whole of his talk everyone was all ears. What he told us were facts that were both interesting and highly informative.

Dr. Ross started by asking what the average person wanted in his or her community. The following wants are from a cross section poll: A democratic community; opportunity for children to grow; financial and job security; a community with a purpose everyone working together towards a common goal; an improving community; facilities for recreational and cultural activities.

These wants were more than fulfilled in Israel in villages called kibbutz, where the inhabitants live together in a collective manner. This type of village is not just a rarity either, but there are actually over 300 practicing this type of living. There are over 600

with a variance of kibbutz. The kibbutz are without exception, agricultural villages, all produce raised, harvested and sold is done collectively. An amazing part of these villages is that all told their acreage does not exceed 250 acres, and from this acreage at least 500 people find a living.

The people living in a kibbutz are living in a strictly democratic way. Large apartment houses with suites of only two rooms and bath, house everyone. Why only two rooms? That is all that is required since the children leave their parents at the age of six months and live in special child-mothers' homes until it is time for them to leave and go out on their own. Specially trained staff, including nurses, teachers and doctors look after their health and education. The hours from 5 p.m. until bedtime are the parents' hours, when the children visit their parents' homes. The practice is mostly that the parents take them back to the homes and put them to bed. Under this plan of child supervision, both parents are free to work all day, and each child has equal opportunity.

Every Saturday night there is a village meeting, which everyone is requested to attend. This meeting is for the purpose of hearing the various committees reports on crops, marketing, purchasing and various personal problems which may arise. Everyone joins in the discussions and decisions are made only by a majority vote.

Everyone works at least nine hours per day, the children starting work at 12 years of age for at least five hours a day. Each group of children is assigned a small plot of ground and together they decide what will be grown and how the crop will be grown and sold.

Sunday Afternoon

By Dr. Archer Wallace

MENTAL HABITS

A cheerful, good-natured old man was asked the secret of his happiness. He replied: "I haven't any great secret. When I get up in the morning I have two choices, either to be happy or unhappy. I choose to be happy and that is all there is to it."

Norman V. Peale, who tells the story, admits that it does seem oversimplified. For most people life isn't as simple as that but the idea that we can control our thinking is not new, nor has it been seldom understood. Yet the ancients believed and taught thought control and Shakespeare made Hamlet express a profound truth when, regarding a certain line of thought, he said: "That way madness lies."

If we entertain certain thoughts long enough they become part of us and sooner or later find expression in action. There is a wealth of truth in the old proverb: "Your feet will follow your thoughts." Charles Darwin summed up in these words: "The beginning of all moral culture is the belief that we can control our thoughts."

TODAY'S QUOTATION
Our quotation today is by Charles H. Spurgeon: "Good thoughts are blessed guests. Welcome them and feed them well."

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It is a good thing to start the day right. More than half the battle is won if we get off to a good start. It isn't any more difficult to select our morning thoughts than it is to turn the radio on to the program we prefer, and it ought not to be more difficult to reject negative thinking if we really want to. This was what Paul meant when he urged the Corinthians to "Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5).

More than half a century ago it was said of Robert Louis Stevenson that when he entered a room it was as if another candle had been lighted. We have all known people like that and their cheerfulness was not superficial. It was the outward expression of an inner happiness; of thinking that was wholesome and contagious. Right thinking had become a habit, solid and permanent, just as wrong thinking may become habitual.

I often go over in my mind some of the high-minded people I have known and I thank God for the memory of them. They have been angels of my pilgrimage.

I am not foolish enough to think that thought control is easy but I do believe that once a clear-cut decision has been reached, healthy, happy thinking can be established that, almost automatically, all negative thoughts can be refused admission. I am sure that thousands of people have reached a place where the mind is open to the highest and the best and where there is no place for malicious or evil thinking.

There is an admonition in the Bible against harbouring evil thoughts. To harbour means to welcome and entertain. The definite implication here is that there is no need to open the door of our minds and admit these dangerous guests. We can reject them as easily as we turn off the radio and select another station.

Knocking other people gets to be a habit. A lady told me that her 12-year-old daughter said to her one morning on the way to church: "I wonder who our minister will knock this morning." The girl wasn't trying to be funny or sarcastic, but she knew what to expect.

We are creatures of habit; we tend to do the same things over and over. This applies to good habits as well as bad ones; and especially to habits of the mind. There was a wealth of sound philosophy in the old hymn:

Each victory will help you
Some other to win
Can we control our thinking?
I feel sure we can. I don't claim to have arrived but — I'm getting there.



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Have you ever been in a hospital for any length of time?
Do you know how long a day can be with only two bright spots — the visiting hours.
Our nearest hospitals are in Toronto and Newmarket. They are fine hospitals but the distance is a handicap.
Our Clubs and public spirited citizens are always looking for a worthy cause. Well folks, here is a case of "charity begins at home". I am sure our medical doctors would appreciate it and I know the public would benefit. Often it might mean the difference between life and death.
Let's start a drive for a hospital for Richmond Hill district. (Mrs. Chris. Ratchford)