

R. Hill Joins Industrial Commission

(Continued from page 1) form length by moving their northerly limits as follows: zone 3 — from Stop 16 (Thornhill) to Stop 18 (Uplands); zone 4 — from Stop 22A (Spruce Ave.) to Stop 23 (Carrville); zone 5 — continue at Stop 27A (north end loop).

Also as a consequence of the fare changes in the Metropolitan Area it was pointed out passengers travelling on North Yonge buses south of Steele's would be using the new suburban tickets and passengers for points north of Steele's would have to buy a supply of two kinds of tickets, unless the new fare schedule was applied uniformly on the whole line.

It was noted change in fares in zones 1 and 2 would mean increased fares for through passengers to the city from zones 3, 4 and 5, only if they now use 35

for \$1.75 book tickets, whereas fares would be less if they use the 4 for 25 cent strip tickets. Analysis of the adult fares north of Steele's showed 58 per cent using the latter and only 42 per cent the former, indicating more passengers would get a reduction than would be increased.

It was said that for many through passengers north of Steele's the fare would be increased in zones 1 and 2 in any event and the proposed rates for additional zones beyond 2 is 5 cents per zone or exactly the same as the cheapest rate now available to them.

On the basis of the "average" adult fare of 5.7 cents now paid by riders north of Steele's, resulting from the fact 58 per cent pay 6 1/2 cents per zone and 42 per cent pay 5 cents, the following was submitted:

| | Present | Proposed | Inc. or Dec. | Amt. | % |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------------|------|-------|
| 1 Zone Ride | 5.7c | 7.5c | plus 1.8 | 3.2 | 55.3 |
| 2 Zone Ride | 11.4c | 12.5c | plus 1.1 | 9.7 | 85.1 |
| 3 Zone Ride | 17.1c | 17.5c | plus 0.4 | 2.3 | 13.5 |
| 4 Zone Ride | 22.8c | 22.5c | minus 0.3 | -1.3 | -5.7 |
| 5 Zone Ride | 28.5c | 27.5c | minus 1.0 | -3.5 | -12.3 |

While this shows an increase of 1.8 cents or 32 per cent for single zone riders, a recent riding count demonstrated that not more than 10 per cent of adult riders north of Steele's were single zone riders, that the number

affected by the relatively large percentage increase would be very small.

To illustrate the effect on the fare for through riders to various points the following comparisons were made:

| To | Present Min. | Prop. S. North of | Inc. or Dec. | Amt. | % | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|------|------|
| Richmond Hill | 25.0c | 12.5c | 15c | 27.5c | 2.5c | 10.0 |
| Langstaff | 20.0c | 12.5c | 10c | 22.5c | 2.5c | 12.5 |
| Thornhill | 15.0c | 12.5c | 5c | 17.5c | 2.5c | 16.7 |

* — on basis of use of 35 tickets for \$1.75 only used by 42 per cent of riders north of Steele's.

This shows that for the through riders of the commuter class the increases are brought about by the increases in Metropolitan zone rates south of Steele's which they should be subject to in any event.

North Yonge Fares (Fare per zone in each of 5 zones)

Comparing the new rates with the present ones, adult cash fare will remain at 10 cents, four tickets will cost 30 cents (7.5c each), compared to the present rate of 25c (6.14c each). Two zone tickets sold in a strip of 8 will sell at \$1. (12.5c each), compared to the present rate of 35 for \$1.75 (5c each).

Children's tickets are up one cent, the proposed cash fare being 4 cents to the present rate of 3 cents. Strips of 8 tickets will sell for 25c (3.13c each), and two zone tickets in strips of 10 for 35c (5.5c each) compared to the present rate of 10 for 25c (2.5c each).

The present rate for scholars' tickets run at a strip of 7 for 25c (3.57c), compared to the proposed rate of 6 for 25c (4.17c) and two zone tickets 10 for 70 cents (7c

each). The two zone tickets are good for any two adjacent suburban zones.

The adult fare for three zones would be one 12 1/2c ticket plus 5c, for four zones 12 1/2c ticket plus 10c, five zones 12 1/2c ticket plus 15c. Children and scholars will also enjoy a two zone reduced rate.

It was pointed out the proposed change in fares involved a minimum of change, either up or down, for the majority of bus riders north of Steele's, but that failure to adopt the proposed fares would lead to a very difficult fare collecting and administrative problem for both the rider and the operator.

Terminate Police Contract

Council unanimously agreed to terminate its agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police Monday night for policing the village, following a recommendation from the Police Commission that council terminate its contract. Council was not satisfied with the present set-up and felt it wanted more control over the policing of the village. Added to this is the rumoured increase in salaries of

the Provincial Police which would raise considerably the outlay for police costs.

Deputy-Reeve Tomlin, who is chairman of the Police Commission which includes Councillors Perkins and Jones, reported on their decision. He stated "we have thoroughly discussed the situation and we are not satisfied with results because of our lack of control over the policing. We are therefore recommending the termination of our contract with the Provincial Police. We are suggesting the organization of our own police force to include the hiring of one senior constable at a salary of — minimum \$3200., maximum \$3500., and one police constable at a salary of — minimum \$2800., maximum \$3100. As chairman of the Police Commission we have had no authority to improve police conditions during the past and we feel a force of our own would be more beneficial. We have looked into the matter of a joint policing system with the townships but feel it is just as economical and can be dealt with more directly if we employ our own men. It would be a nice feeling to go to the police and ask for some improvement and get it."

"Have you ever gone to the police and asked for something they didn't look after," asked Reeve Taylor.

"Yes, once," answered Mr. Tomlin.

"I was responsible for getting the Provincials and I am sorry to see them go," said Reeve Taylor, "but the OPP don't seem to want to police the small municipalities. I hear they have a shortage of men on the force, as well."

Purchase Pump

On a motion by Councillors Middleton and Perkins council agreed to purchase a 25 h.p. pump for the pumping station on Arnold Crescent.

Hear Auditor's Report

"Your financial position is good and you are in a position to weather any storm," Auditor S. S. Joscelyn told council in his report Monday night. He said the tax collections were coming in well and that "people in Richmond Hill seem to take advantage of the discount for early payment more so than in other municipalities. At the end of 1953," he said, "\$8,000 was owing in taxes, but there was only \$2,000 outstanding at the end of 1953 showing 75 per cent of this amount came in in 1953."

To rise and go to school at nine. They think a perfect waste of time. But — when they put their books away. They start to chatter bright and gay.

Improvements In Duncan Road Area To Run High

Acting on a petition of the ratepayers in the Duncan Road area of the E. T. Stephens subdivision in which information was requested on the cost of constructing roads in the area, Markham Township Engineer, J. Howard, Monday in a comprehensive engineering report listed the costs and the work involved in such an operation.

Mr. Howard's survey covered an area lying on the south side of 16th Avenue between Yonge St. and Bayview Ave. "Adequate drainage is the biggest problem as far as the construction of roads is concerned," stated Mr. Howard in his brief. "Most of the present ditches are blind and just form basins in which the surface water collects." As the cost of a first-class job would be prohibitive, since storm drains and drainage easements would be required, Mr. Howard based his findings on what he described as a "second-class job." Even such a job as this would involve (1) complete re-grading of the ditches; (2) not building on Elm or Fern Avenues south of Duncan Road, but using these streets instead for areas on which to spill water from the ditches and other streets in the subdivision; (3) not building Duncan Road west of Maple Ave.; (4) re-grading of the crown of roads where necessary, and an application of sufficient gravel; (5) construction of a new culvert across Duncan Road just east of Maple Ave.

The total estimated cost of the work based on the Road Department doing the job would be \$10,698.00.

The total assessed value of properties in the area is \$29,050. The amount to be raised each year, based on a 10-year debenture issue at 4 1/2% would be \$1352.00. Thus the mill rate would amount to 46.54 mills.

The highest assessment in the area is \$1500. and at 46.54 mills, this would be \$69.81 per year. The lowest assessment in the area is \$100.00 and at 46.54 mills taxes would be \$4.65 per year.

Naturally, as the building in the district increases, the mill rate will decrease.

The expenses covered in Mr. Howard's report did not include the construction of roads on Duncan Road west of Maple Avenue, Elm Avenue south of Duncan Road, or Fern Avenue south of Duncan Road.

It is felt the maintenance of the latter two as purely drainage spillways is essential to the adequate drainage of the rest of the roads until such time as other arrangements can be made. Further expense would be incurred by the ratepayers in that each resident would need to install a new replacement culvert

subject to the township's standard. Entrance culverts of this nature cost approximately \$60.00 each.

This matter of constructing roads in the Duncan Road area had its beginning several years ago, when the residents concerned petitioned council for a satisfactory system of roads. The whole matter has turned on the question as to whether or not a sufficient assessment to carry the burden is available.

If the ratepayers decide to proceed with the project, it will be done on a local improvement basis. The council plans to hold a public meeting with the ratepayers before a final decision is reached.

Award Contract

The members of council have awarded a contract to the K. Beamish Construction Co. for the resurfacing of three streets in Langstaff, Ruggles, Essex and Sussex Avenues, the Kennedy Road (6th concession), and the main street of Unionville. The Beamish Company's total price of \$7,056.00 was slightly lower than that of Miller Paving Co., of \$7,174.00. The Beamish and Miller organizations were the only two firms to enter bids. The successful tender price for resurfacing each of the streets was Ruggles Ave. \$1062.00, Essex Ave. \$765.00, Sussex Ave. \$765., Kennedy Rd. \$3589., and Unionville \$875.00. The cost of the Unionville work will be charged against the police village.

Thornhill Village

The Board of Trustees of Thornhill Police Village has tabled a request with council to purchase a small \$448 tractor to be used by the village for weed-cutting and snow removal. The sum so expended will be charged to the police village and also must be approved by the Department of Highways.

Also at the request of Thornhill, Township Engineer J. Howard will prepare an estimate as to the cost of sidewalks on a section of the north side of John St. If the work is later proceeded with, it would be done on a local improvement basis.

Retarded Class

A request from the Thornhill Class for Retarded Children for financial assistance in the amount of a \$50.00 monthly grant for the five children from Markham Township attending the class, was turned down by Council members.

The girls delight in fancy clothes. Boy friends, and a sultry pose. They'd skip a class had they a chance. But try to keep them from a dance.



Kathryn Grayson, Gordon MacRae and Allyn McLerie are pictured in the artist's conception of highlights from Warner Bros Technicolor presentation of "The Desert Song," which plays at the Richmond Theatre, Wednesday, Thursday, June 30, July 1.

Passing Off Clay As Loam Claims Markham Reeve

Apparently some individuals are passing off ordinary clay from Markham Township as rich loam from the Holland Marsh by mixing lamplack with the earth, Markham Reeve Alfred LeMasurier stated last week in York County council's first session at Newmarket.

"A lot of Toronto people are being fooled by this practice," the Reeve declared. "They don't know what they're getting until the rain washes away the lamplack and all they have left for that beautiful garden is clay."

Before selling the clay, the operators first skim off the top soil and sell it, the Reeve said. Deputy Reeve William L. Clark said, "the land is being stripped and the township is being left holding the bag. What was once excellent farm land is now little more than a desert."

Some 600 acres have been skimmed in the township, said Mr. Clark. York County council decided to ask the province to enact legislation empowering municipalities to prohibit the practice. This latest attempt by Markham township to halt the indiscriminate removal of top soil follows similar endeavours by the mun-

icipality during the past year and a half to stop this practice.

Apparently the difficulty lies with the fact that at present the Province has never passed any enabling legislation granting the municipalities authority to halt this practice.

Markham had previously consulted both their solicitor and the county in the hope of finding ways and means to curb its removal.

The removal of the topsoil is often forerunner of serious engineering and drainage problems. Further where the top soil is removed from new subdivisions, those individuals purchasing the lots are then required to buy back the necessary topsoil.

Recently the Council as a means of checking the practice passed the resolution suggesting that the Planning Board consider as a condition of any future subdivision development the subdividers agree to not remove the topsoil.

This move will not have any bearing on individual farms. The municipality will have to await legislation from the Province in order to effectively control the removal.

NORTH RICHVALE

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William Johnston of Mill Rd. is convalescing at home after his recent appendectomy at the Sick Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Everett and her daughter Nancy from Weston enjoyed Sunday with Mrs. M. Holmes and Mr. F. Sinclair.

Bruce Blackburn left for Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday to spend a week's holiday and army training with the Royal Regiment of Canada, Reserve Army. Birthday greetings are extended to Mrs. Pete Savage who observed her birthday on Monday, June 21.

Mrs. M. Holmes of Yongehurst Rd. spent Tuesday, June 22, at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Radley Pierson and son Rickey along with Mr. and Mrs. Al. Ainley and children from Toronto spent Father's Day with Mr. and Mrs. E. Ainley, Yongehurst Rd.

Reservations have been made for Stephen Sim of Avenue Rd. to leave very shortly by plane to spend the summer with his grandmother in British Columbia, Richvale School.

As vacation time draws near, a special thank-you is extended to the staff of Richvale School for all the time and effort they have given their pupils during the past school term. Thursday Miss Bryson took all her class on a hike and gave the children a wonderful day. On Monday, June 23, Mr. Brown and Mr. Kurita are taking grades 7 and 8 and part of grade 6 on a bus trip to Niagara Falls and several other historic places. During the year the teachers have joined in, as well as coached the children in all their sports. Richvale school children are very fortunate in having such a fine staff of teachers.

HERE'S HEALTH



Brush my teeth? said "Two-Gun" Tuck. Why should I be such a cluck? He's wiser, now that he knows why his teeth neglected said "Good-bye" Dept. of National Health and Welfare

Announcing New Addition To Silver Mills

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MEANS Superior Quality at LOWEST COST



We cordially invite you to inspect the modern addition to our mill and join in the evening's entertainment.

AT YOUR SERVICE

In order to serve farmers in the community better we have just completed a modern warehouse addition to our mill.

By means of this it is our hope that we can be of better service to our many friends and customers in the area. Our objective in the feed business is "to put the best possible feed into your barn at the lowest possible cost". We are now in a better position to do this.

On Wednesday evening, June 30, we would like to have you drop in to the mill to see our new set-up and also enjoy the evening's entertainment.

SPECIAL FEATURES

As a special feature of the evening's program we will have with us Mr. W. K. Meyer, Chief Nutritionist of Shur-Gain Feed Service. He will discuss "More Profits From Balanced Feeding", and also show some interesting movies on livestock production.

DANCE

Bring your dancing shoes when you come, because we're going to have a real old "hoe-down". Sally and her mates will be on hand to provide the music which is guaranteed to keep you lively.

DOOR PRIZES

You may be lucky enough to win one of the lovely door prizes to be given away.

Refreshments will be served
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