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Deserve Heavy Fine

Along with the pressing problems of maintaining village roads in Richmond Hill during spring break-up, the question of disappearing road-locks and lanterns has become an additional headache. In recent weeks, a large number of lanterns used to warn motorists of washouts and barricades have vanished from the village streets.

In addition to the actual replacement cost of these lanterns, there is the element of a theft charge which apparently has not been considered by the culprits. But an even greater implication arises from the fact that a motorist could easily be killed by driving into a washout from which the barricade and warning lanterns have been removed. The two latter elements could

mean considerable unpleasantness for the guilty ones.

Apparently it is pure mischief which has precipitated the entire matter. Even after scotch-lite reflecting tape had been used to replace the stolen lanterns, the barricades were disturbed and the tape removed. As a last resort, the village road department has ordered luminous paint to be used as a warning.

It is a sad commentary on life when pranksters must stoop to this dangerous practice. The Highway Traffic Act provides a heavy fine for jeopardizing human life by removing road barricades and warnings, and it will certainly serve the culprits right if they are caught and fined heavily.

Farmers Might Sweeten Up Town Folk

Maple sugar time has come and is practically gone again, and much of the syrup made is already sold, comments the Durham Chronicle.

Children are taught in school about maple sugar time and are told that Canada is one of the few countries in the world that has such an industry. And yet, right here in a district where some trees still are tapped, there is scarcely a child that has ever seen the syrup or the sugar cakes being made.

The maple sugar industry is peculiar to this country and every boy and girl should have at least one day a year in the sugar bush.

It's a real thrill, especially for a

town boy, to follow a horse and sleigh through the bush as the sap is gathered and then stand around the crackling fire where syrup is simmering in a great cauldron.

It would be a generous gesture for the Federation of Agriculture or some farm group to organize a "Sugaring Off Day" next Spring and invite town kids out for a holiday.

Such a day would do much to promote a good feeling between town and country. But it would do more than that. It would give hundreds of young Canadians a practical understanding about a romantic industry that is otherwise just another lesson in a textbook.

Roads In Spring Much Better Than They Used To Be

When we start complaining about the condition of the country roads, left with large holes, humps and heaves by the passing of winter, we need only think back a few decades to realize how fortunate motorists are today. Fifteen or twenty years ago travel was very difficult over many of our roads at this time of the year. Most springs would find many still banked high with snow in places and nothing but mud holes in yet other parts. Motor travel just was not attempted in many parts a quarter of a century ago. Even on some of the better roads it would be necessary to

give the car a push through the old mudhole, perhaps to go find a fence rail or two to level up the back wheels and stick boards or stones under them to get traction enough to keep on going.

Higher, well drained roads have solved most of those early problems, along with the present extensive system of snow plowing, of course. Even in recent years, lower roads have been badly broken up by the frost and lying waters. That is one of the reasons new roads are being built high above the surrounding ground levels.

Richmond Hill Cadet To Receive Award At Annual Corps Inspection

The annual inspection of the Richmond Hill District High School Cadet Corps will be held on the school grounds Wednesday, May 4, at 11 a.m. The inspecting officer for the day is Lt. Col. McGinnis of the Queen's York Rangers. Also on the saluting platform during the march-past will be Capt. Haynes of Central Command, Principal Maj. A. S. Elson, Lt. J. H. Jensen (Instructor), Cadet Lt. Col. Bruce Blackburn, and a member of the School Board.

Following the inspection and the salute, there will be a programme of military exercises including Bren-gun drill, rifle care and drill, signal demonstrations, band selection by the cadet band and dances by the girls. During the ceremony, the inspecting officer will present the Strathcona Award for best rifle shot in the entire corps. It is expected that the Cadet Parade will march through Richmond Hill at about 12.30 p.m.

Send Motion To School Board

Richvale Parents Object To Frequent Changes In Staff

At a meeting of Richvale Home and School Association held on April 20, a motion presented by Mrs. R. F. Paul and seconded by Mrs. Earl Lambert, that its newly appointed representative to the Area Home and School Committee, J. McCarthy, approach the Area Board regarding the "incessant changing of teachers, particularly principals, at Richvale School to the detriment of the welfare and progress of students," was unanimously passed. A brief resume of points of dissenation was discussed and the decision, "Whereas all other schools in the area have been allocated principals, there was no mention of Richvale's new principal. It is felt that different methods of teaching, supervision and school routine call for adjustment every time the teachers change."

Mr. Bursley gave a report of the meeting of all Home and School representatives with the Board last month. A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Craigie for the north end, and Mrs. J. J. Taylor for the south will take care of the nominations for next year's executive. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Fryer will convene the echre to be held on May 13 to assist in raising money for the scholarship fund. Mr. Kinzinger introduced Mr. Hugh Martin, Music supervisor for the Area, who explained to the audience how he trained the children in singing. Grades 3 and 4 were present and gave a recital of two-part harmony, varietals on scales, and sequentials. They also gave a demonstration of sight singing, and a selection of songs. A school musical concert, on an outside stage is planned for sometime in

Accepted For Cadet Camp

Bruce Blackburn, 16-year-old Grade 13 student at Richmond Hill District High School has been accepted from this area to attend the National Cadet Camp at Banff this summer. Bruce is a senior officer in the High School Corps and is a member of the Royal Regiment of Canada. He will spend two weeks at Camp Ipperwash, followed by three weeks at the Bivouac Camp near Cascade Mountain, Banff, Alberta. Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Blackburn, Yongehurst Rd.

Editorial Comment

RIISING SCHOOL COSTS MAJOR MUNICIPAL BURDEN

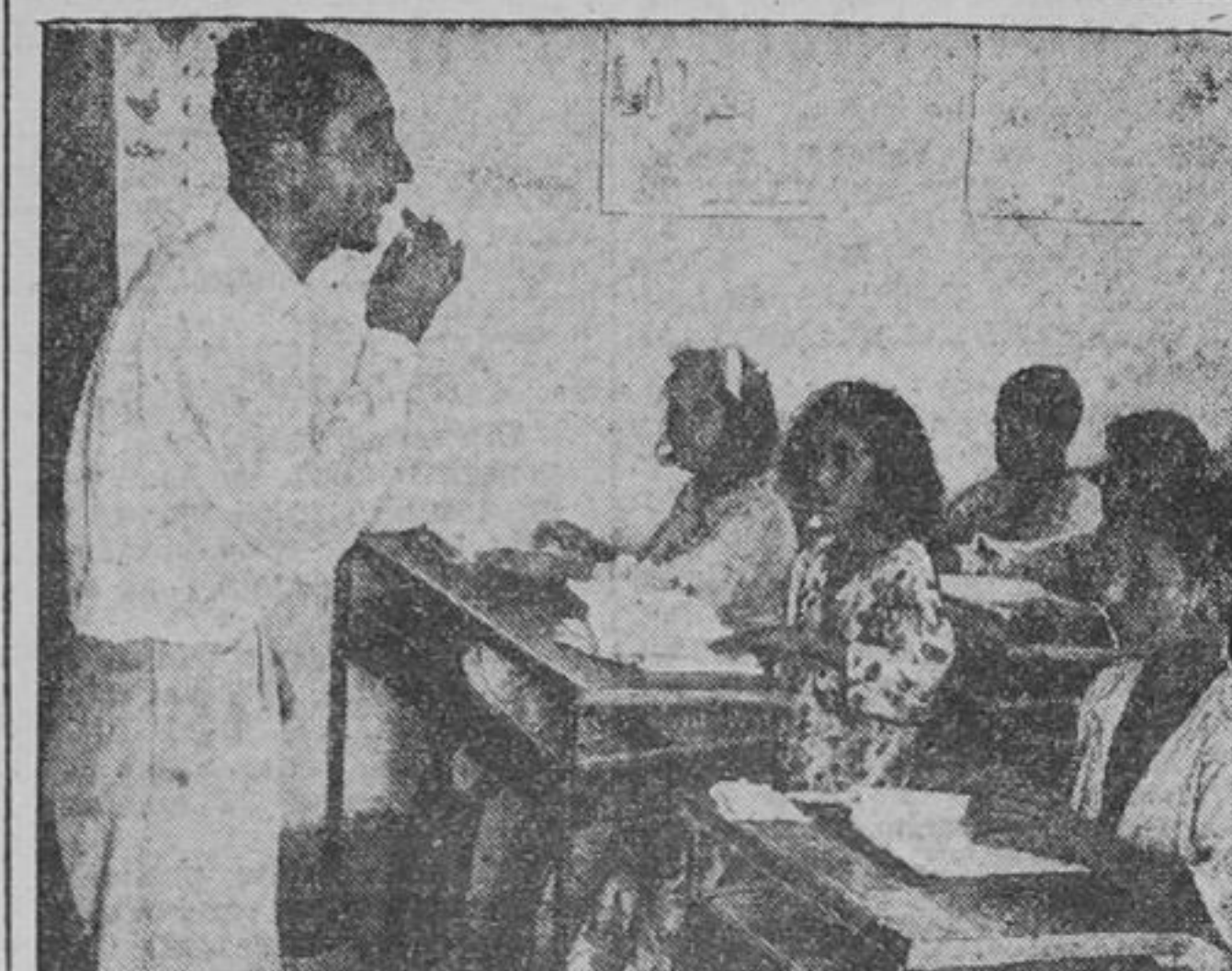
The municipalities, not the provinces, are shouldering an increasing share of the rising burden of education costs, the Canadian Teachers' Federation indicated in a survey report issued recently.

According to the report estimates indicate that the proportion of provincial tax dollars virtually no change since 1946, but that the proportion of municipal expenditure on education has jumped to 35 per cent from 29.

George C. Croskery, Secretary of the Teachers' Federation, said in commenting on the report:

"It becomes increasingly clear that education costs on the municipal level are reaching a point where greater assistance must be obtained from the senior administrations."

While overall outlays for education have increased both for provinces and municipalities, the Teachers' Federation estimated that the percentage proportion of total provincial expenditures allocated to education has shown virtually no change since 1946, when it was about 18 per cent.



This Iraqi teacher is not telling children to say "cheese" to have their picture taken. He is instructing them on the proper pronunciation of a word in Arabic. Photograph was taken in a community school set up on the outskirts of Bagdad with the technical assistance of a United Nations expert in community development. Children in this school are taught to read and write, as well as simple but efficient methods of agriculture, handicrafts, hygiene and good social habits. Two community development centers have been set up near Bagdad with U.N. aid—one in El-Doura and another in El-Tarmia.

Dear Mister Editor

Deplores Actions of Highway Department

Dear Mr. Editor: To most Ontario citizens, the recent Highways Department scandal is, by now, a thing of the past. However, to many indignant home-owners on Yonge St. between Aurora and Toronto, this same Department is responsible for another equally grave and scandalous state of affairs.

It all began early last Fall when workmen from the Highways Department could be seen daily, at widely separated points on Yonge St., engaged in cutting down healthy, living trees. None that I stopped to examine were either dead or dying and what possible excuse there could have been for such wanton destruction is (or, more correctly, was) hard to imagine. Soon, in place of the beautiful, shady trees along the roadside, there was nothing but barren and empty space.

And then, early this Spring an event occurred that showed, perhaps, that there may have been a method in this apparent madness. Directly across the road from my home where until last fall some five or six lovely sugar maples enhanced the view a huge and ugly double bill-board has been erected. There any significance in the fact that had these trees not been cut down the sign would be almost hidden from view? Travel south from this point and within half a mile you will see no less than nine large, recently erected bill-boards. Is it no more than coincidence that in several cases, large stumps of trees are all that remain of what would have proven to be an obstruction to the clear reading of these signs?

Unless immediate action is taken, it is apparent that before too long the traveller on Yonge St. will no longer enjoy the beauty and shelter of lovely old trees, but will instead be subjected to a constant barrage of flamboyant advertising—the most pleasing of Nature's beauties sacrificed to the pressure of Big Business.

Those trees already destroyed are, unfortunately, irreplaceable. But no time must be lost in preventing further destruction. The hideous signs should be removed and be banned in the future from lands adjacent to the highway.

It is to be hoped that indignant citizens will protest to their Member of the Ontario Legislature demanding attention to this matter while yet a few trees remain standing.

Very truly yours,
JAMES EGAN,
Oak Ridges

Questions General Conditions In Richmond Hill

Dear Mr. Editor: Some time ago an editorial appeared in your paper entitled "The Little Town" quoting from Dorothy Thompson's evaluation of America's UNDER-TAKE reforms not vote for them as they do in great cities and lastly that small towns have produced great writers and artists.

Let us examine these points and see how they apply to Richmond Hill—Little Town. Many residents have comfortable homes, but what comforts does the village supply for the residents. There are no parking facilities and there are no public washrooms. There are no benches at bus stops to rest on while waiting for transportation.

Cleanliness and coziness might be taken together. Let us stand on Yonge St., say at Centre St., and look north and then south (east and west too if you wish.) What do you see? Not cleanliness. For one thing you see mud boulevards; either dust is rising from them or

they are a quagmire of slippery unsightly muck. Today's yesterday's and in fact last year's candy wrappers, cigarette boxes and garbage is deposited there by the citizens. If a breeze is blowing this accumulated filth on the street will be swirling around your ankles. There is no street cleaning in Richmond Hill and private and business people on Yonge St. certainly don't exert themselves with a broom although it should be noted that the west side of Yonge is by far the worst. Some merchants and private citizens on the east side do make an effort to keep the sidewalk clean. In the business section where a private residence remains many of these are unpainted and unkept with the usual litter of paper and junk on a miserable lawn. For those who do try to keep a neat and clean appearance on Yonge St. it must be a discouraging task to see close at hand so much untidiness.

Proceeding into the residential districts you see a number of average nice homes, but even if residents do have an interest in a lawn the unkept boulevards and ditches hardly make this village an outstanding example of beauty.

Considering the item that small towns produce men and women of high artistic calibre. We know that Richmond Hill can lay no claim to a native son or daughter having achieved exceptional fame in the world of art, letters or science. Also it should be pointed out that genes of genius are inherited and cannot be directly attributed to the fresher air in Little Towns.

What exactly have we in Richmond Hill to crow about, to be proud of? Have we anything preserved historically? No. Have we, for instance, a model playground for children to show a tourist? No. Have we an outstanding building, home or estate that we might point to with pride? Have we a municipal golf course, swimming pool, auditorium, ice rink, etc., etc.? No. Have we a beautiful park with carefully tended trees, shrubs and gardens to enjoy from season to season? Emphatically no. I beg of you Mr. Editor and readers to tell me of anything at all outstanding or exceptional in Richmond Hill that would set us apart or even bring us up to the standard set out in Dorothy Thompson's article and taken up in an Editorial in the Liberal entitled "Little Towns."

We could have a beautiful village and some municipal projects which in the case of the latter are always credited, eventually, with the payment of good dividends if the Council with the help of the citizens would make the effort. True it would be a large effort but what chance for this Council to immortalize themselves by investigating some aesthetic improvements in this Village?

One reads of the latest effort of Council to destroy the last remaining spot of green grass in this Village around the Municipal Offices. Could this be considered a reform that Council intends to UNDERTAKE? (You mentioned Mr. Editor that Little Towns UNDERTAKE reforms.) Perhaps one could also consider a reform which has been undertaken by the Council around the Mill St. Pond where junk, rubble and garbage have been dumped for years. A beautiful area of green grass and trees into a garbage dump. Some reform!

Summing up Mr. Editor I don't think Mr. Thompson's article on the Little Towns in America apply to us. We must not take a pat on the back for something we have yet to achieve.

In closing I must say that this village is fortunate in having a newspaper such as the Liberal where one may express personal opinions. Why don't more people use this organ, this voice of the people, to express their views?
Yours faithfully,
John Citizen

Vaughan Clarifies Police Charges

(Continued from page 1) to relieve them of this growing responsibility.

In the new set-up, former Chief Bone who has been with the township force for four years will act as a senior officer and William Adams will continue in township service as a constable. It is expected that the township will be seeking a new chief in

the near future.

Oil Tenders
Tenders for approximately 75,000 gallons of asphalt primer were opened at the meeting and the tender awarded to J. K. Beamish a price of 22.3c. Other tender prices were 22.6c, 22.7c and 23c.

Gravel tenders were awarded to Stouffville Sand and Gravel Co., for 10,000 cubic yards at \$2.10 and to Crestline Contracting Co., Ltd., Weston for 5,000 cubic yards at \$2.03. Council expressed concern over the increase in costs for gravel. A figure of \$25,000 was budgeted for in '55 based on last year's figures, however it now appears that gravel will cost in the neighbourhood of \$31,000.

Let Bridge Tender
Council awarded the tender for the new Kleinburg Bridge to Percy M. Finigan construction at a tender price of \$28,247. This was the lowest tender in the seven bids received. The highest was for \$49,389. Council moved acceptance of the tender contingent on a letter from the contractor regarding the proposed finishing date and the clarification of several unit-prices. The three tenders let will be subject to final approval by the Department of Highways and the Ontario Municipal Board.

A letter was received from Dr. R. M. King of the York County Health Unit regarding the Uplands Garden Subdivision. Dr. King recommended that approval be withheld until sanitary sewers were installed. "Let's get the water we need first before we start talking sewers in that area," commented Reeve McMurphy. Council took no action on the matter.

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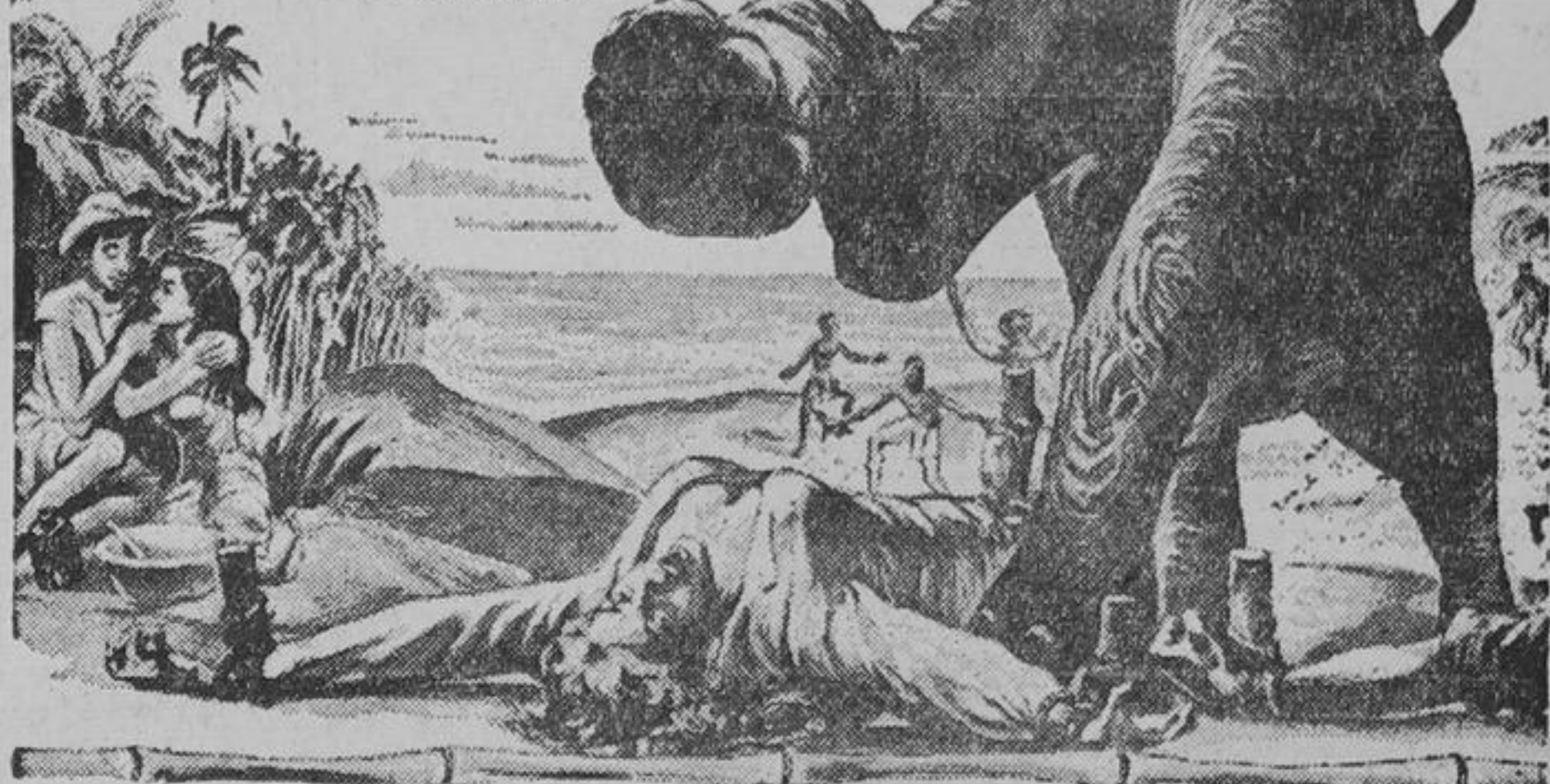
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