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What Course Will It Be?

With graduation time just around the corner, students in their final year at high school are wondering just what to do about university and the choice of courses available and above all, the future possibility of employment after university graduation.

Students around Richmond Hill are no different than the thousands of other young people who will graduate from Canadian High Schools this year, and parents in the district are no less concerned as to their children's futures. Many grads will soon be making applications to universities all across the country for admission to courses in the fall and possibly the biggest choice of their lives will be made now — what course shall I take?

At the recent O.E.A. convention in Toronto, Laurence V. Thornton, a representative of the Civil Service Commission of Ontario, exploded the old myth that graduates of the humanities and language divisions of our universities have few job opportunities. "There are plenty of opportunities for humanities graduates, but instead of the job coming to seek the applicant, he must seek the job," said the speaker,

The Indispensable Day

Canadian law does not make Sunday a day of religion. The laws regarding the observance of Sunday were enacted and are enforced to maintain Sunday as a day of rest. This important distinction is made in the annual report of the Lord's Day Alliance just released.

It is a point that ought not to be overlooked. Many seem to regard Sunday legislation as an attempt by the religious forces of the nation to foist their own observance upon others. It is true that Christian peoples ARE concerned to safeguard Sunday in order that they may worship corporately on that day. But it is equally true that Sunday laws came into being at the request of labor, and are designed primarily to ensure the workingman his one day a week free, with his fellows, for rest from ordinary toil.

If considerations of human welfare dictated the setting apart of "the Sabbath" as a day of rest in bygone days, how much more necessary it is in our time, as the report states, "to designate one day of rest in the week that will rescue the worker, the businessman,

addressing the basic division of this educational convention.

Mr. Thornton said the idea will always persist that there are much fewer opportunities for humanities graduates than for those who have completed courses in specific skills, but claimed that there is an increasing realization in both industry and government that the value of University training is not always in the development of specific skills but in the attainment of mental discipline and demonstration of ability.

Some of the possible lines open to the arts graduates listed were: commercial firms with world-wide agencies, oil companies, soap manufacturers, sales organizations, civil and foreign service, journalism, the armed forces and teaching.

There are ample opportunities in industry for arts graduates if they are willing to learn skills and although they do not come to a prospective employer with the comforting label of an engineer or a lawyer they nevertheless have an excellent opportunity to get into the business world with an arts degree.

the homemaker, and all others who feel the stress of the times from daily toil and the heavy demands for thought and effort. The kaleidoscopic scene of modern society and the rapid movement of the economic order cry aloud for regular periodic rest."

The report makes it abundantly clear that while the constraints of law are required to maintain Sunday as a day of rest, the law does not make it a day of religion. That prerogative belongs to the voluntary action of the people. To keep Sunday as "a different kind of day", the Lord's Day Alliance feels that Christian people themselves will have to realize their individual responsibility. The Alliance is continually endeavouring to reduce the number of commercial amusements, and where they are permitted, as in one or two provinces, to keep them within the bounds of law.

Burden of the report is the concern of the Alliance for the protection of men and women engaged in every kind of work and at every level. It is to be heartily commended for such concern!

Dear Mister Editor

First Real Estate Sale of Century

Having noticed in your paper the changes in the Bettles' property on Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, I thought it might be of interest to some of your subscribers to know that I bought this place from Mrs. Olive Currier in 1907 for \$1100, and my first tax bill was, I believe, \$133.

Mrs. Currier was a sister of the Newton Bros. who operated a tannery at Elgin Mills. I was told this was the first sale made in real estate in Richmond Hill since the last century. Regarding the age of the house, Mr. James Newton told me he stole apples off a tree on the lawn in 1837.

These were the days of the old stalwarts — Wm. Pugsley, Alex. Hume, Sanderson Bros., P. G. Savage, Jesse Grant, Rev. Grant, Presbyterian Minister, Isaac Crosby, Hesse Nichols, Dr. Langstaff, and many others and no Sunday cars and no automobiles.

Hoping this will be of interest to you,

Yours very truly,
G. Fred Allen,
Indio, California

Editor's Note: We were very pleased to hear from Mr. Allen who has made an interesting contribution to the history of the former Bettles' property. Mr. Allen, whose postal address is Box 86, Indio, California, is 84 years old.

Thanks "Liberal" For Support

On behalf of the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children I would like to thank you for all the publicity you have given us during our campaign for funds. Thank you also for the articles you have printed concerning retarded children and the space you give us to advertise our Association activities. We are all grateful and realize how much it helps us in our fight for the future of these children.

Yours truly,
P. M. Bocquet,
48 Steeles Ave. E., Willowdale

Advises "Village Fathers"

It's quite true that there's a fair bit that could be improved in Richmond Hill. But critics seem to forget that they themselves are largely responsible, that they elect the village council. If they feel they are not doing their job, all they have to do is to remember this at election time. Certainly if they don't vote, they keep quiet. Perhaps some of them could see their way to stand for election with a view to getting new blood on the council.

I quite agree that council does seem lethargic on some matters. For example, the village streets are bad, most of them not just Mill St. and Markham Rd. Church St., Centre St., Arnold, Elizabeth, to mention only a few, are worse than terrible.

Yonge St. is certainly not a thing of beauty. Parking is a problem, but neither council or the business men seem concerned enough to take action and then back it up. You'll find parking violators on Yonge and the adjacent side streets almost any hour of the day. And look at the taxi stand that effectively reduces traffic to a one-way proposition on Centre St. E., — often the cabs are parked one on either side and sometimes on the wrong side. Then council let the hydrant put a huge pole on the south-west corner of Centre and Church, almost in the roadway, making it very hard to make a turn south on Church off Centre E. But these are just comparatively small items. They do indicate that council seems to have too many other things on its mind, such as providing parking space next to the Municipal Hall, apparently for a private building going up to the south. If this is the first step in a Municipal program to alleviate parking, all well and good, but it is more than likely it would never go any farther than just as proposed at present.

Council is also going blithely ahead with sewers in the new subdivision but what about Harding and Elmwood? Residents are paying general rate for sewers but when are they going to get them? Expansion of the sewage plant means more cost for these people and why

they don't kick I don't know. Council could initiate a system there without waiting for a petition. After all, there are so many septic tanks, it shouldn't be hard to find the situation a health hazard. Put the system in now while it's being extended elsewhere and save construction costs that would be incurred with several different contracts. People could then start to hook up as they can afford or as septic tanks start kicking up. Why should progress be denied the people who are paying for it?

Yes, I agree the village fathers are not as energetic as they might be. But personally, I wouldn't want their job. Maybe that's why some of the things which annoy us aren't really that important to the council — such as the few things mentioned above. Oh well, we can keep hoping.

A Hopeful Resident
P.S. Where is all that industry that was being talked about? No progress report for a long, long time. Could council enlighten us on this and some of the other matters referred to above?

Re: Richmond Hill Women's Institute

Dear Mr. Editor:

Recently we read in your paper of the forming of a Kinette Club in Richmond Hill. We would like to extend to them our sincere best wishes in their new undertaking. It is very encouraging to see the young people take an interest in their community.

But we would like to point out that they are not the only women's service club in the village. The Women's Institute has been rendering service in Richmond Hill for the past 42 years.

The Women's Institute was instrumental in starting a number of projects in Richmond Hill. The sponsoring of Medical Inspection in the school as well as dental inspection resulted in the hiring of a school nurse. In 1927 Oratorical contests were sponsored in both Public and High Schools. These were later taken over by the schools themselves.

In 1922 a Memorial Fund was started which was later taken over by a Citizens' Committee and the Memorial at the Public School was erected. The members of the Women's Institute for many years were the collection agency for many funds such as Belgian Relief, Chinese Famine Relief, Salvation Army, Kinsmen's Milk Fund, and many others.

When the Public and High Schools were first opened a piano was given to each one.

For several years when Santa Claus visited the village, the members made the stockings in which the candies and fruit were placed as well as filling them. The Women's Institute also for many years looked after the baskets at Christmas for the needy. This was later taken over by the Lions Club.

In 1937 a committee was organized to work with the school teachers and council in helping the unemployed. Help is always forthcoming for the needy or those who have been burned out.

These are only a few of the services rendered by our organization but any report of our work is not complete without mentioning the donation of over \$1700 we were able to make to the Library Board when they were having the present Library Room put in shape.

The Women's Institute is a non-racial, non-sectarian, non-political organization in which there is no restriction on anyone's eligibility to join. If any woman in the village or surrounding districts is interested in rendering service to her community, we extend to her a very hearty invitation to come to our meetings.

The Members of the Richmond Hill Women's Inst. NOTE: It is not the policy of "The Liberal" to publish unsigned letters to the editor. Names of any correspondent will be withheld upon request. — Editor.

N. GWILLIMBURY: A general tax rate of 25.3 mills has been struck.

NEWMARKET: The total cost of the town police force for last year was \$28,507.98.

Remanded For Sentence

A 32-year-old Richmond Hill father was remanded in custody for one week after a court hearing in York County Court last Friday. The accused was arrested in a theatre by Constable Wm. Maybury of Vaughan Township in connection with a serious offence involving a 6-year-old boy. The arrest was made after a concentrated three-hour search by police forces of Richmond Hill, Markham, Vaughan, and the O.P.P. at Thornhill.

The accused was traced after the six-year-old boy gave an accurate description of a man who picked him up near his home and drove him into the country. Sentence will be handed down tomorrow.

Chief Constable R. Robbins of Richmond Hill handled the investigation.

Boy Scouts Plant Trees

Twenty-five boy scouts from Agincourt, Lansing, Willowdale and Newtonbrook planted some 2500 young jack pine in the Humber Valley Authority Forest near Palgrave northwest of Bolton on Saturday, April 30.

The boys undertook the planting of a very steep hillside overlooking one of the main branches of the Humber River according to Zone Forester Eric Gage. Mr. Gage in describing the project stated that planting was difficult because of the stoney gravelly soil.

Another crew of some 40 scouts will be planting trees again in the same area next Saturday.

Markham Appoints Planning Director

Markham township council announced Monday a further appointment to the municipality's administrative staff. Council confirmed the appointment of Mr. Ronald Forrest as Planning Director. In this newly created position, he will be closely connected with the work of the Planning Board. Mr. Forrest is 28 years of age and will commence his new duties at an annual salary of \$4,800, plus a car allowance. Mr. Forrest was formerly with the Planning Department of North York township. He has been associated with planning during the past eight years.

Extend Campaign Into May

The Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children announces that the campaign for funds is being extended into May.

There is still time to help and small donations are just as welcome as larger ones. The retarded children of this district need a school. Financial help is urgently needed to ensure its successful operation. Please send donations to the treasurer, Mrs. P. Bickerstaff, 215 Oak Ave., Richvale. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged and are deductible for income tax purposes.

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