

**C A T E N A R O**  
**CONSTRUCTION CO.**  
 CONCRETE WORK — DRAINS  
 126 Elmwood Ave., Richmond Hill  
 TU. 4-2612

**HOW MUCH ?**

Q. How much is it worth to you to use 15 amp. fuses?  
 A. It could be worth the price of a new electric motor (from a refrigerator, sump pump, oil burner, furnace fan, shallow well pump, washing machine, etc.)  
 BECAUSE if any of these motors should accidentally seize while a 30 amp fuse is protecting the circuit the 30 amp fuse will not burn out. (The seized motor will not draw quite enough current to burn the 30 amp fuse or not burn it before the motor is damaged.)  
 It pays to use 15 amp fuses, especially where there are motors of 1/4 H.P. or less on the circuit.

**Herridge Electric**

TU. 4-3211 ALL HOURS

**Boy Scout Week**

Scoutings 50th, Baden Powells' 100th

**Local Scouting**

While World Scouting is 50 years old this year, in Richmond Hill it is just a young man of 27 years.  
 Credit for starting scouting in Richmond Hill must go to the Presbyterians. It was in 1930 that the Rev. D. Marshall of the Presbyterian church organized the first troop in Richmond Hill, and acted as its Scoutmaster. Mr. Jack Smith, since 1945 our M.P. for North York, and publisher of "The Liberal", gave his support to the movement in becoming the first chairman of the Group Committee. In the original troop there were 14 boys, and in 1932 our staunch friend, Mr. Frank Schissler became assistant Scoutmaster. The Rev. D. Marshall organized a Wolf Cub Pack in this year also.

Being an interdenominational movement, the Troop and Pack moved over to the Anglican church in 1933, and at this time the Rev. Claude Secret was the chairman of the Group Committee. So it will be seen that scouting in Richmond Hill was commenced under the sponsorship of the churches.

During the 30's, leadership changed several times, but it is interesting to read the well kept Troop Log Book written by Mr. Bob Strigley who was Scoutmaster at that time.

Mr. Strigley's Troop Log Book for 1935 tells of the Troop's participation along with the 1st Company of Girl Guides in the parade celebrating King George V's Jubilee on May 6th, 1935. The day's activities concluded with a program in the Arena and the log records "We then passed outside for the firing of the Royal Salute of 21 rockets which were very kindly donated to the Troop by our highly esteemed Committeeman, Mr. H. J. Mills. These were very much appreciated by everyone. This was followed by the lighting of the Beacon Fire by his Honor Reeve Finlay. Closed with God Save the King." The same year's log tells of two successful week-end camps at Mr. Sharp's farm on the Humber River at Woodbridge, and of church parades with Scouts and Guides from the district including those from the Orange Home, led by the Richmond Hill Trumpet Band.

Later in 1935 the local Boy Scout Association acquired a new well-loved principal of the High School, Mr. James Stewart, and he continued in the position until 1942. And yet another long-standing friend of Scouting who joined the Group Committee in 1933 and was still active until 1950, is Mr. Harry Stanford, more affectionately known to hundreds of Richmond Hill High School students (where he has been the caretaker for years) as Uncle Harry. During these years, the Troop and Pack moved their quarters to the Municipal Hall, and later in 1941 to the High School gym, and they continued to hold meetings there until forced out by the needs of the new district High School.

**Difficult years**  
 With the outbreak of World War II, Scouting in the Village fell on difficult years. Men who could have become leaders heeded the call of their country, and the task had to be assumed by others, many of whom thought their days of active boy leadership was over. The Cub Pack and Troop died and were reborn a couple of times during these years. One of the most able organizers and supporters of Scouting at this time was Mr. Dick Edmunds, who took over the direction of the Troop in 1940, and also served as Assistant District Commissioner for what came to be York Central District. For a time in 1945, because of lack of leaders all meetings closed down. The following year, however new life came to the local Scout movement as men returned from overseas and offered to help. Mr. Jack Wharton, who moved to the Village in 1946 after he returned from overseas, served as Scoutmaster for one year, then moved on to use his organizing talents to form a revitalized Group Committee, and from that day to this he has been

a mainstay of Scouting in Richmond Hill. He managed to talk his way across the street neighbour, Mr. Walter Smith another new resident into forming a Cub Pack which held its first meeting of 10 boys in March, 1948. In Mr. Edmund's basement recreation room. One Cub of this period, who shall remain unknown, probably has a very vivid memory of a week-end camp at Mr. Allan Bales' cottage on Lake Simcoe. He hoarded a whole bag of his favorite allsorts which he refused to share, eating them all himself — with somewhat disastrous results. The next day found him very pale and listless, confined to bed while his companions enjoyed the outdoors.

**Rapid Growth**  
 Thereafter, Scouting and Cubbing in Richmond Hill just grew and grew like "Topsy". A second Pack, then a third Pack had to be formed to accommodate the increase in youngsters who wanted to become Cubs. Also as the Scout Troop was filled to overflowing, the Second Scout troop was formed.

With the lull in Scouting in 1944, the Lions Club took over sponsorship of the Group for a few years, but later gave it up, and thereafter the responsibility for Scouting passed to the community as a whole. The Group Committee was, and still is, elected annually from fathers and interested citizens at an annual public meeting. In the years after 1947, the ever-increasing number of boys who wanted to become Cubs and Scouts placed constant pressure on the Group Committee to find leaders, meeting places and funds to keep up with the demand and through these years the Group Committee was very fortunate in having some very capable and public-minded citizens to act on the Committee — Messrs. Allan Bales, Russell Lynett, Herb Butt, Harry Stanford, Jack Reid, Duncan Smith, Angus Smith, Pete Smith, and Jack Wharton (to mention only a few) have given their time and energy to the cause. Of course the constant complaints by the leaders of overwork and inadequate quarters, and the urging of the Mothers' Auxiliary contributed somewhat to the Committee's success. Frank Gardiner did outstanding work in the Richmond Hill Mothers' Auxiliary and as a member of the York Central District, used her exceptional talent to help organize other Auxiliaries through the District. Among the leaders who gave so willingly of their time through this period were Don Fettes, Bill Bunker, Alec Reid, John Flanagan and Harold Brown for Scouts; Mr. Stan Tinker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner, Mrs. Marg. Styan and Mr. Albert Snaith for Cubs.

With the High School becoming a District High School the Cubs moved to the Public School's new auditorium, and continued until the conversion of this room into classroom, forced them out. The Scouts moved temporarily into the basement of the United Church. Here, the Scoutmaster, Don Fettes, with 6' 4" frame had to go around in a constant crouch in order to escape the hazards of the low ceiling. So you can see at this time the need for a Scout hall became desperate. The Group Committee men were even scouring the country for suitable barns or other vacant buildings which might be moved and converted to Scout use. Then in 1950 the Group rented the room on Yonge St. now occupied by the Post Office Annex, and this was the Scout hall until the present quarters, the old curling rink in the park, was taken over a few years ago. Here the Scouts and Cubs hold forth every night of the week and enjoy the complete joy of ownership except for a few weeks in the Spring when a family of skunks who live under the floor, wake up and take over.

Funds for the renting and renovation of the Scout hall and for the boys' activities were raised by the annual financial campaign managed by the Group Committee — by waste paper collections and Apple Days run by the boys, sales, and other fund raising activities of the Mothers' Auxiliary. A very notable event which attracted attention (and funds) from far and wide was the Winter Wonder Fair held at the Lions hall. This gala event conceived and organized by Group Committee chairman, Duncan Smith featured an old time village fair complete with a general store, bake sale, men's baking contest, fish pond, etc., ending up with a self-organizing sale, and an evening of square dancing and entertainment. The work in staging this mammoth event paid off in funds, but wreaked such havoc on Scout parents who worked on it that the fair has not yet been repeated.

In the past two years, with the expansion of Richmond Hill into the east and west, Scouting has entered another boom period, one which the original first Richmond Hill Group felt it was no longer able to cope with. However, this Group did help the new residents in Richmond Acres and Pleasantville to organize their own Scout Groups so that today in Richmond Hill we have four

Scout Groups, the first in the old village, the second at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, the third in the Richmond Acres area and the fourth in the Pleasantville area.

From a start of 14 boys in 1930, Scouting in Richmond Hill has now grown to include approximately 240 Cubs, 72 Scouts, 12 Rovers and 24 Leaders. The number is approximate because more boys and leaders are coming in to the movement each week. Boys and leaders together, no matter what their religious denomination are all bound together by the Scout Promise "On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and the Queen, to help other people at all times and to obey the Scout Law."

With many more boys waiting to get into Scouts and Cubs, the movement will continue to grow in Richmond Hill as long as public-minded citizens will come forward to volunteer as leaders.

**Rover Scouts**

Approximately two years ago the, then Senior, Scouts got together and formed the First Richmond Hill Rover Crew. In the short period of time that has since elapsed, they have made great strides forward. In the community as a whole, they have taken an active and interested part in the local paper collections, scout hall maintenance and cub movement, etc.

Trips to distant points such as New Brunswick for the Canadian Rover Meet, two winter camps held by the Central District and extended hikes in Algonquin Park have all been part of the Rovers' very active program.

After considerable effort on the part of the boys, a fine location for a new rover den has finally been found. The old building is being rebuilt and generally renovated by the rovers themselves with the funds coming from the various money raising endeavours that have been carried out.

Our immediate and distant aims are fairly simple — to encourage second and third rover crews to start in this area, take on certain community projects that will both offer us a chance to learn, and which will, at the same time, contribute a need to the community as a whole.

On this our founder's anniversary, it is our hope and aim that we can carry on and grow in our community in the manner in which he intended and that as we reach manhood, we will be prepared to take our active and energetic part in the community.

**SUTTON:** Sutton and Georgia Councils got together last weekend to discuss the proposed addition to the Sutton Public School.

**NEWMARKET:** The Chamber of Commerce has expressed regrets that no merchant sits on the town Planning Board.

**R. H. Library To Have Scout-Guide Shelf**

It will be of interest to Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies that the Richmond Hill Public Library proposes establishing a special shelf of books relative to these organizations. This shelf will be located in a new junior section of the Library which is expected to be set up in the near future. The Library would welcome any donations of books that would be of special interest to Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies so that a worth-while section can be established.

**3rd Richmond Hill Scout Group**

The 3rd Richmond Hill Group was formed in January 1956. It began with one Cub Pack of 39 boys, meeting at the Walter Scott school with Mrs. K. Y. Forester as Akela. It was split last fall into A and B Packs. These are the leaders now:

A Pack, 36 boys, Akela Mrs. K. Forester, ACM Mrs. Ruth Castle. B Pack, 31 boys: Akela George Goddard, ACM Mrs. Dorothy Turner, Mr. Alex Smith.  
 A Scout Troop of 11 boys was also started last fall at Yonge St. Public School with Len Monkman as leader who is now assisted by John Loftis.  
 Recent investitures in A Pack were Mrs. Castle, Doug. Buckley, B Pack, Donald Temperson, Dave Richards.

**NORTH YORK:** Two new parks comprising 45 acres will be opened this year, the Metro Parks Committee has announced.

**STEEL LINTELS I BEAMS**

Kept in Stock  
 Portable Crane Service  
**STEEL FABRICATING**  
 To Customer Specifications  
**PINDER BROS. LTD.**  
 2 Otonabee BA. 1-3344



**DON'T LET THE CHILLS RUN UP YOUR SPINE. OUR GOOD OIL HEATS A HOME JUST FINE**  
 Have us fill your tank with high quality fuel oil. Then let the thermometer do what it will. You will be comfortable.



**WINTER SPECIALS FOR THIS COMING WEEK**

- 1953 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION 4 Door Sedan \$1095.00
  - 1953 MONARCH 4 Door Sedan - Radio \$1095.00
  - 1953 OLDSMOBILE "88" SEDAN Automatic, power steering, very clean \$1250.00
  - 1949 MONARCH 4 DOOR SEDAN Radio, 2-tone, Spotless \$395.00
- MANY MORE TO CHOOSE FROM  
**Baker's Sales & Service Ltd.**  
 STOP 22, YONGE STREET, RICHVALE  
 PHONE AV. 5-1189

**There are so many things to save for**

Now it's a puppy — in a few years, greater things. You can help your children reach their goals by saving. Get them a Junior Depositor's Savings Passbook at our nearest branch.

**THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE**  
 750 BRANCHES ACROSS CANADA READY TO SERVE YOU  
 Richmond Hill Branch: H. C. Powell

**NOTICE**

**RE: GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Please take notice that commencing MARCH 5th, 1957, garbage will be picked up in the Town of Richmond Hill according to the following schedule:

TUESDAY — All the area north of Crosby Avenue and east of the C.N.R. Right-of-way.

WEDNESDAY — Both sides of Centre St. east and all the area south to Town Limits between Yonge Street and the C.N.R. Right-of-way but NOT including Yonge Street.

THURSDAY — Both sides of Crosby Avenue and all the area south to the Town Limits east of the C.N.R. Right-of-way.

FRIDAY — All the area north of Centre St. East to Town Limits between Yonge Street and C.N.R. Right-of-way, all of Yonge Street and all the area of the Town west of Yonge Street.

**PIANO TUNING and Repairing S. Hoffman**

Formerly of Gerrard Helmsman Work guaranteed, Free estimates

Phone Liberal Office  
 Turner 4-1105  
 Evgs. ORchard 6516, Toronto

**YORK FARMERS' MARKET**

Stop 15, Yonge St., at Thornhill

Famous For Fresh Produce

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY - 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**Sign of savings ahead for**

(city or state)

**motorists**

**STATE FARM AUTO INSURANCE**



**This may be your opportunity to join the millions who save with State Farm!**

Now... you may save important money on the cost of your auto insurance. State Farm aims to insure only "Careful Drivers" who have fewer accidents, fewer claims, and of course, cost less to insure. State Farm passes these savings along to its policyholders. What's more, State Farm uses an economical "continuous" policy that cuts down on paper work and lowers your insurance costs.

But savings are just part of the story! State Farm offers a personalized claims service that's hard to equal. Nearly 8,000 State Farm agents and claims adjusters in the U. S. and Canada are always ready to give you help.

Call today for complete information about the many advantages offered by State Farm "Careful Driver" insurance.

**W. H. HARDY** 31 YONGE ST. N. RICHMOND HILL Res. TU. 4-3766  
**JAS. GRAINGER** 130 YONGE ST. S. RICHMOND HILL TU. 4-1529

BEFORE YOU BUY, FIND OUT WHY STATE FARM INSURES MORE CARS THAN ANY OTHER COMPANY