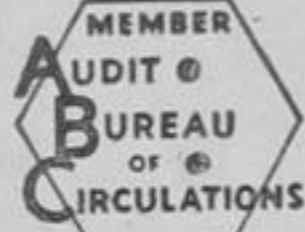




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## Curtailed Mail Service

The reduction in mail service imposed on Richmond Hill citizens by the Post Office Department has aroused considerable local protest and we hope the former service will be resumed at an early date.

Since April 1st, Richmond Hill has had only one outgoing mail, instead of two, and the curtailed service is certainly not acceptable to a large number of our people and business places. For more than half a century the community has had the service of twice daily outgoing mail and it is preposterous that in the light of our recent growth and development this should now be cut in half.

Under existing service mail leaves Richmond Hill only once daily, at 5:30 p.m. Mail posted here at 5:30 p.m. sits in the local office until 5:30 the next day.

Richmond Hill now has a population of more than ten thousand and is experiencing rapid business and industrial development. A curtailed mail service is not likely to enhance this development which is so important to the economic future of the town.

It is just not reasonable that a growing community within fifteen miles of one of Canada's largest Metropolitan centres should have a cut in mail service at this time.

It is remarkable too that a major change in mail service should be carried out with such secrecy and without any notification to the people concerned. As far as we are aware no notification whatever was given to the people of Richmond Hill that such curtailment in service was to be inaugurated.

Any private firm serving the public would feel duty bound at least to notify its customers of a fifty per cent reduction in service. The Post Office apparently feels no such responsibility to the people and arbitrarily and without any notice discontinues a service which the people have enjoyed for more than fifty years.

The Post Office is a service operated for the people of Canada by the government and the people have every right to expect at least the same consideration and courtesy they would expect from a private business institution.

The fault of course does not rest with the local Post Office staff but with the higher-ups at Toronto and Ottawa. We trust prompt action will be taken to disprove the charge of a local citizen that the Post Office Department is treating Richmond Hill like a whistle-stop community. The twice-daily outgoing mail should be re-established at once.

## Vaughan Will Confer Markham On Thornhill Road Paving Program

Vaughan Township Council agreed Monday evening to consider issuing the debentures needed to resurface roads in the Vaughan portion of Thornhill Village. The council hopes to confer with Markham Township officials regarding the project shortly in order that work can begin this summer.

Reeve John Perry felt such a project would tie in with the road improvement program the council is planning for this year. The council has only to approve the net amount of the required debenture \$12,800.00. The entire project on the Vaughan side of Thornhill is estimated to cost \$25,565.00, with \$12,675.00 expected to be paid by the Department of Highways. Thornhill Village chairman A. Sumner stated a member of the department had suggested the trustees obtain estimates, and he was sure the board would get departmental support. Mr. Sumner estimated the net figure for the debenture spread over five years would come to 7 mills. As some roads have been paved in recent years it is felt some exemption will have to be looked into.

**Numbering System**  
A more controversial matter discussed by Mr. Sumner and Trustee F. Tucker, who was also present was the method of strict numbering by blocks chosen by the trustees for Thornhill.

Reeve Perry said that it was planned to assume the whole water area which includes Thornhill for numbering at township expense. Deputy-reeve Robert Kirk and Councillor E. W. Anstey are the committee working out the details of the numbering from Yonge St. in the first concession. Thornhill trustees will be asked to remove the numbering installed by Municipal Services, all householders will be responsible for obtaining their own numbers which will be provided by the township.

Trustee Sumner stated he considered the township system of street numbering to be "going backward." He recalled numbering had been discussed for the past three years. He said there were four by-laws effecting numbering in the Village of Thornhill that "won't tie up."

Deputy-reeve Kirk said he was surprised to hear the township numbering had been studied and then the project gone ahead with without consulting the council.

Mr. Sumner commented, "Some of Vaughan Township would be hanging in the trees if Thornhill trustees didn't go ahead." He asked if council realized the system chosen was used by other townships. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Anstey answered "Yes," but said

they didn't recommend such a system for Vaughan.

Trustee Sumner asked the council to meet with Markham council in regard to Yonge St. numbering.

A letter was received from the Southwest Thornhill Property Owners' Association asking whether or not council was considering hard surfacing Arnold Ave. and Thornridge Drive. In reply council will inform the group a traffic counter is to be installed on Arnold Ave. to see if it merits hard surfacing this year; on Thornridge Drive local improvement only will be considered.

**Septic Tank Fee**  
The township will collect and retain a septic tank inspection fee of \$6.00, it was decided Monday. The move came about following a discussion in York County council regarding the municipalities levying a fee for the inspection work done by the York County Health Unit. The unit does not collect for its services.

**Dogs**  
A \$400.00 used truck will be purchased for use in dog catching and some cages will be built immediately, council decided. A dog catcher will be advertised for also.

The Department of Lands and Forests has suggested a deer season in Vaughan Township. Members of council were of the opinion such a hunt was not desirable.

A letter from Richmond Hill Council requested Vaughan Township approval for issuing debentures for the Crosby Heights Public School. Council concurred. The request is necessary as Vaughan still has a small share in the Richmond Hill Union School Section.

Reeve Perry and Councillor Victor Ryder expressed dissatisfaction as no settlements have been made as yet by the insurance companies for the fences knocked down by snowplows last winter.

Deputy-reeve Kirk asked that a dump truck be rented and the rubbish on the township roads be cleaned up. This will be looked into.

Deputy-clerk T. Jackson stated relief payments were dropping off, for April they amounted to \$1,363.00, 80% of which will be paid by the federal and provincial governments.

## Rabbit Show At Fair On May 24

A new feature at the Richmond Hill Fair on May 24 will be a Rabbit Show. It will be sponsored by the Dominion Rabbit and Cavi Breeders' Association. Full particulars of classes may be secured from either Earl Richards, phone AV. 5-1315, or Mae Yates, HU. 9-9772.

## Piano Wanted

Any make or size. Pay cash. Toronto, LEnnox 4-9419 collect.

## Over Hill, Over Dale

By Cicely Thomson

Saturday, May 10, is what is known as "Cookie Day" to some 1300 Guides and Brownies in this Division, which stretches from Sutton in the north to Thornhill in the south and from King in the west to Markham in the east.

On Cookie Day the big girls in their blue and the little girls in their brown set off with their heavy loads of goodies to fill the orders they have taken during the past few weeks. There'll hardly be a house in Richmond Hill that won't be having Guide cookies that day! The girls work with a will to have lots of "orders" for they know that the profit, (8c on each box) goes directly to their company or pack. It is their one and only money-making day in the year.

One of my favorite stories about guiding is the story of the needle which had a magic thread upon which he strung some magic khaki beads. No sooner had he got these khaki beads in place with the magic words than there was a great scrambling sort of clamor and he found that there was a whole mass of smaller green beads shouting that they wanted to be on the magic thread too. These were hardly on when he found some blue beads trying to slip on as khaki. They said they were just as good as the khaki beads and didn't know why they couldn't be on the magic thread too! And after Lord Baden, I mean the needle, found room for them the next thing he knew was that their young sisters wanted to be on the thread too. . . . So, being very wise, the needle found room for them all, and the most magic thing of all was that there was always room for more and more of the khaki and green, blue and brown beads as the necklace grew and grew every year.

It really is a most magic thread; for if you have ever been a-Brownie or a Cub or a Guide or a Scout, you will never see that familiar hat or beret without that feeling of brotherhood that the wise Needle realized was so important. You see two boys with neat packs on their backs and the Scout hats firmly in place trudging off into the country and for a moment you are starting on your 14 mile hike too for the first class badge. You may see a photo and story of a Guide choir that has won honors at a Kiwanis Festival and it warms your heart to think of the energetic Guider who has steered these girls to success.

It is a uniform that they wear proudly, these cubs and brownies, guides and scouts. The boy or girl who takes no care of his school clothes will go off to his meeting with well polished shoes, ironed tie, clean face and brushed hair.

The Little girl struggling with knitting needle and wool, the small boy in the tangle of legs and rope that to many a lad means "skipping" will both learn to persevere until they overcome their difficulty, and the badge that awaits will mean all the more.

A Brownie meets with adventure as she gathers a tiny pile of birch bark and twigs to make her fire, sets the match to it, and cooks her very own lunch outdoors. And while it may seem pretty dull to a grown up, preparing, cooking and serving a vegetable in a kitchen, that to a nine year old is another adventure . . . on the road to self-reliance.

So many things the Needle and Lady B.-P. thought of in the great game we play in Scouting and Guiding. Each stage of accomplishment is divided into four sections. . . Intelligence, Handicraft, Health and Service. They are carefully graduated, practical and designed to enable the boy or girl to take his place more fully in society.

In this division alone, there are 110 Guiders, some with years of experience behind them, some learning guiding with the children. All of them are in it because they believe in the things that Guiding is trying to teach, and they like the way the game is played that makes fun of the hard work and excitement of the fun.

## Starts Ino. Kurek Memorial Fund

Subsequent to the tragic death of Mr. John Kurek of Richvale, on April 27, the Canadian Legion Richmond Hill Branch No. 375, of which he was a popular member, has set up a memorial fund raising campaign. The Women's Auxiliary of this branch has organized a dance in the Legion Hall, Carville Road on Saturday night, May 10. Refreshments will be served.

Donations to the John Kurek Fund may be sent to the Canadian Legion, Box 172, Post Office, Richvale. Donors may also telephone the Secretary, Mr. G. T. Wood at TU. 4-2479 or President Wilf Sutcliffe at AV. 5-3700, or Norm Alexander at AV. 5-2736. A memorial Bowling Trophy for competitive playing has been presented by Mr. C. Bennett of Elgin Mills.

## Charley's Aunt "Unmasked"



Last Saturday night, Grade XIIB of Richmond Hill High School presented the perennial favorite, "Charley's Aunt", to an enthusiastic and well-entertained audience in the high school auditorium. Above, shown from left to right are the members of the cast who

romped through their acts enjoying the play quite as much as the audience enjoyed their performance: Metro Kozak, Pat Lund, Bill Bigelow, Cecilia Anderson, Peter Kerslake, Donna Lindsay, Ed Kraushar, Peter Sales, Valerie Craddock and Don Brillinger.

## Turn Down Request Of Increase Police Salaries

Markham Township Council Monday afternoon agreed unanimously to refuse a request of the township police force for a salary increase in 1958. Council had turned down a similar request from the police department twice already. However council did instruct its finance committee (Deputy-reeve W. Dean and Councillor L. Mumberson) to bring in a salary schedule covering all township employees for consideration by next year's council. The police had requested a 14% salary increase. Last year council granted them a \$200.00 salary increase. If dissatisfied with council's decision the police have the right to take their case to arbitration.

Council received a request from Mr. S. Kelner, solicitor for Samrod Developments Ltd. for an appointment to meet council in order to discuss proposed changes

in their subdivision plan. The Samrod company owns property on John Street east of Leslie Avenue. Reeve W. L. Clark stated that council could not entertain any requests to hook into the township's new water system until such time as the needs of Water Area No. 1 have been adequately served. Council ruled that any application to reduce the lot size from one acre to half an acre will require the approval of the planning board.

The members gave two official readings to the 1958 taxing bylaw. Markham will pay \$110,049.78 to the county this year as its share toward the county system. The various public school boards throughout the township will require a total of \$263,024.10. In the matter of secondary school education the York Central District High School Board has requisitioned \$112,316.37, the Mark-

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Too Much Speeding On Town Streets

Dear Mr. Editor: Spying is here and I wonder if it wouldn't be a good time to have a campaign for safer and safer driving on our town streets.

Richmond Hill is a town of homes, and we have many children. They play on the streets and as children sometimes are sure to be carried away by enthusiasm of their games and be forgetful of danger.

The way some drivers tear through our town streets is a disgraceful disregard for the safety of these children. I have seen many motor cars and trucks offending in this regard.

I read in "The Liberal" that we now have a larger police force. Some of these extra police could render useful service by checking the speeding on our side streets. After some child is hurt or maimed it will be too late.

How much time do our police actually spend checking speeding on our side streets?

Note - This question should be submitted to the Town Council. Ed.

## Ask Change Gas Station Sun. Hours

A petition signed by eight gas station operators asking for revised Sunday opening regulations was presented to council Monday night but no action was taken as it did not represent two thirds of the gas stations in town. At present there are fourteen gas stations in Richmond Hill.

Under present regulations one gas station is allowed to open east of the CNR and one west of the tracks. Operators take turns at Sunday opening.

The petition requested that half the stations be allowed to sell gas on Sunday in the summer and in the winter there be one open east of the tracks and two west of the CNR open on Sundays.

Signing the petition were: Fina Station, Tony Puccini, Frank Hodgson, Harry Wilson, M. F. Malby, J. W. Wager, E. G. P. Lister and the Superst at Yonge and Markham Rd.

If two thirds of the operators signed the petition council would have to amend the bylaw as requested. A motion by deputy-reeve Plaxton said council will take no action until the petition is signed by the required number of operators.

## Men's Club Visits Lands & Forests

The visit to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in Maple last Thursday night, provided a fitting climax for the season's final meeting of the Men's Club, of St. Mary's Anglican Church. This visit was made possible by one of the club members, Mr. Joe Goodier, who is Radio Officer in charge of this "Toronto" communication station with its towers and antenna set on the high hills in Maple.

This installation serves the entire network of the Ontario Forest Fire Protection Department, and is recognized as the largest system of its type in the world. Mr. Goodier demonstrated this two-way radiophone system, tuning in speech that was clearly audible from stations in Kapuskasing, White River and voices of forest rangers up to 1,000 miles. These calls provided some very humorous and interesting interludes. Following this technical demonstration, the group was entertained by the showing of three fine color films depicting the latest technique and equipment utilized in protecting and fighting forest fires in Canada's vast forest areas.

The Rector, Reverend James F. O'Neil, was among the group entertained in the Goodier home, where a delicious supper had been prepared by Mrs. Goodier. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Goodier for their efforts in making this evening one of the most memorable in the annals of the Men's Club.

In his monthly report Fire Prevention Officer Sgt. George Clayton stated he had inspected 10 premises during the month. Some of the main fire hazards during the past month were: (1) Fire extinguishers empty or needing checking and recharging. (2) Service station employees cleaning parts and tools with gasoline. (3) Homemade electrical wiring. (4) Overloaded fuses. (5) Inflammable liquids stored under open stairways. (6) Combustible materials placed close to furnace smoke outlet pipes.

Planning Director R. Forrest reported that building in the township during April amounted to \$163,575.00. Of this total figure the vast majority, \$138,700.00 was for residential building. Permits fees amounted to \$269.00.

**Meeting Time**  
In a change in the time of the Monday council meetings the members will in future hold their first and third meetings each month in the afternoons and their second and fourth meetings in the evenings. Up to now they have held all their meetings in the evening with the exception of the first meeting each month which was held in the afternoon.

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