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"Dear Mr. Editor"

Protests Mill Pond Conservation Project

Dear Mr. Editor:—

This is a letter in protest of the proposed park development in the Mill Pond area by the Metropolitan Conservation Authority.

Will it be "conservation" with picnic tables, public toilets, fishing docks, and no trouble. Without any publicizing, there are many happy skaters using the pond in the winter. However, if it is developed by the conservation authority and widely advertised for use of the general public from metropolitan Toronto, etc., most likely it will develop into a crowded park of little benefit to the local population, and an annoyance to the residents of the vicinity.

Who is going to benefit from the proposed park? — local residents or the multitudes from outside of Richmond Hill? As we understand, the Province of Ontario will contribute \$30,000, and the remaining \$15,000 will be the responsibility of Richmond Hill as will the expense of maintenance and upkeep. Doubtless it would also add extra duties for the police department to police and patrol the park, especially after dark.

Up until the present, it has been pleasant to see local children and adults enjoying the pond area during both summer and winter, with no trouble. Without any publicizing, there are many happy skaters using the pond in the winter. However, if it is developed by the conservation authority and widely advertised for use of the general public from metropolitan Toronto, etc., most likely it will develop into a crowded park of little benefit to the local population, and an annoyance to the residents of the vicinity.

We do trust the town council will carefully consider the "pros" and "cons" before making a decision.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey,
314 Mill Street,
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Explains Need For New Library

Dear Mr. Editor:

As chairman of the board of Richmond Hill Public Library, I should like to reply to the statements of Mr. MacDiarmid quoted in last week's Liberal. He claims that the council should not have granted money to build a new library as the present one is perfectly adequate and there are other more pressing needs for the community, such as a swimming pool and other recreational facilities.

While the reading room facilities are fairly adequate at present, they are uneconomical to operate, as the two separate rooms necessitate a double staff. The work room and office space are too small for even present needs, and with no outside light or air are neither practical nor pleasant for the staff. The public who see only the reading rooms may not be aware of the conditions under which the staff are operating.

Mr. MacDiarmid states that "there is no evidence to show that the present library cannot accommodate the present patronage." The library board has always felt that one of its important duties is to plan for the future. With the rapid growth of the community we can foresee the necessity of expanding our services, particularly in the east end of town. This would be quite impossible in the present quarters. Also, there is no doubt that all the space in the Municipal Hall will be needed by the municipal offices within a short time. For these reasons the board has been planning for some time to build a separate library building, which would care for the needs of the town for many years.

The board feels that the council has shown great foresight in supporting this project, which is so vital to the educational and cultural life of the whole community.

Yours very truly,
Marie M. Johnston
Chairman Richmond Hill Library Board.

New Formula Ontario Parks

Recently the Ontario Parks Association elected Andrew Macdonald, an Etobicoke Township councillor as its new president. And one of Mr. Macdonald's first statements disclosed that the association had forwarded several briefs to the provincial government outlining a new formula for parks board funds and the establishment of a provincial department of parks and recreation.

Furthermore, Mr. Macdonald cited a need for more parks, greater expense in creating parks and maintaining them, as reasons for the proposed boost in park board funds. In order to get more money for this very necessary work—beautifully maintained parks are not only an asset to their immediate community but also "up-rate" the residential and industrial desirability of any village, town or city—the association asks:

Permission for parks boards to change their present maximum levy of one mill to a minimum of one and one half mills, with an unnamed maximum.

Appointment of a minister for a new department of parks and recreation to eliminate confusion and overlapping.

Under the present Public Parks Act, park boards are allotted an amount which councils must levy at the boards' requests along with other municipal taxes. Mr. Macdonald's request for a minimum of 1½ mill may not seem like very much, (in Richmond Hill at the present time it would mean \$30,000, a year for parks' purposes) but the suggested "unnamed maximum" could be drastic for any community.

Earlier this year Deputy-reeve Donald Plaxton, chairman of the town parks committee stated that it was a pity the Department of Planning and Development would not sanction—for parks purposes—the use of the money now collected from subdividers in lieu of the 5% land dedication, where the subdivision is small and the land dedication useless for park development. On the other hand, the Ontario Parks Association, made up of 178 member municipalities in Ontario, has petitioned the government that the levy collected from subdividers for "public purposes" be earmarked for "park purposes".

The association's request for a minister for a new department of parks and recreation was made in order to do away with the great confusion now caused by parks and recreation activities being under no less than three different government departments, agriculture, lands and forests and education. We would suggest that to avoid overlapping, should such a new department be formed, the board should consist of a representative from each of the three departments mentioned, as well as the minister of parks and his committee.

In any case, a step forward has been made to better public parks and recreation facilities and to make their needs known, not only to governing officials but also to the public—who, "after all is said and done" is the real paymaster behind every public minded and public spirited cause.

FACTS and FAITH

A Weekly Comment On

Christian Life And Action

— By Calvin H. Chambers —



An Intelligent Faith Must Be Built Upon Biblical Knowledge

It is popular to speak of our generation as one which has ceased to believe. It is probably more correct to speak of our age as one which does not "know". It is not that the people are pronounced unbelievers or sceptics. The fact is, that masses of people, inside and outside the church, just don't know what the Christian faith is all about. They have a smattering of ignorance. The reason for this is that we just don't know our Bibles. Most of us have had some Bible training in our earlier years but by and large we haven't kept it up. Christian education is something we insist our children must have, while we adults act as if it really didn't matter whether we used our Bibles or not.

An intelligent faith must be an informed faith. The Christian faith is built upon the teachings of Holy Scripture. If we are sincere in our search for spiritual truth, we must spend some time each day in regular, systematic reading of the Bible. We must give up the delusion that the Bible is just for ministers preparing sermons, and for old people preparing to die. This is a book which is concerned with ultimate reality in relation to our every day life.

If the Bible is to take a place in our daily lives, we must make time to read it. Life is as busy as you make it, and for many of us there doesn't seem to be enough time to do many of the things we would like to do. But, first things must come first. There are some things which demand priority. Bible reading comes in this high priority rating. No one would deny that our Lord's days were extremely busy. We read in the Gospels that the pressures and demands of His ministry kept Him even from eating on schedule. But Jesus did not dispense with communion with God because of this. Every day He rose early in the morning to be alone with His Father in prayer and quiet meditation.

There is no one so busy who cannot find a few moments each day to open the pages of the Bible, and read what God would have him know. The business man should try to have at least fifteen minutes in quiet meditation before he begins his day's work. Perhaps the housewife or mother will find time after the family has gone off to work and school. The student could find time to read his Bible ten minutes before he starts tackling the evening homework. We must settle on a particular time for reading. We will never find time unless we make time.

Then, as we read the Bible, we will only be rewarded for our effort if we expect to learn something. The Bible will not disappoint us if we come in the spirit of anticipation. We must ask God to show us what He wants us to see. As we read we should ask ourselves certain questions. Is there an example to follow? Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a warning to take note of? What is the main lesson? What is the key verse? Is there something to do that has not been done? Is it this kind of honest inquiry and expectant attitude that makes Bible reading worthwhile.

Methodical reading is of paramount importance. The Bible is not necessarily meant to be read from cover to cover, as we would an ordinary book. Many people have "bogged down" in their attempt to make the pilgrimage from Genesis to Revelation. It is important to study the notable passages and the great themes. Whatever we do, it must be done systematically. It is good to spend some time with a particular book. Read up on it with the help of good Bible commentaries. There are some books in the Bible which cannot be understood unless we know something about the social, political and religious situation which existed at the time of writing. Take an important biblical theme, such as the love of God, and trace it through the Bible with the aid of a concordance. Study a character of Scripture, to see what his life teaches in relation to our own. Use the daily devotional materials which are available in abundance today. These are a few things we can do to make Bible reading more interesting and profitable.

Reading the Bible each day can be a most fascinating, soul-enriching experience, if something is put into it. Don't expect to be "spoon fed". Be prepared to dig for the Bible does not yield up all its treasures easily. God wants to speak to us as we read this Book. If our ear is open, our mind alert, we will hear Him speak. "I will feel our lives being molded by divine truth. We will discover by experience that what God says to us through this Book is "a light to our path, and a lamp to our feet".

Operates Photo Shop, Willowdale

The McKee Photo Centre, in the Northtown Shopping Centre, Willowdale, is owned and managed by Ross McKee who has been a professional photographer since 1945. Besides being a portrait photographer, Ross McKee does free-lancing and commercial photography. Two and a half years ago he set up one of the most complete photography shops in Canada in the Northtown centre, and has done a thriving business ever since.

Service is the keyword of McKee Photo Centre, with films "in by 10 out by 5." Cameras of all kinds, projectors, viewers, and every imaginable piece of photography equipment on supply; any demand lines the wall and shelves of the shop. Mr. McKee also holds the only Kodak dealership from the city limits to Barrie. Portraits, studio pictures and commercial work are all part of the service offered the public.

Irene's Lingerie Shop Opens At R. Heights Plaza

Richmond Heights Shopping Plaza could very well use as one of its slogans, "Everything for the Ladies," since another store featuring women's wear opens today, Thursday, September 25, at 46 Leventdale Road.

Owned and operated by Miss Irene McEntee, "Irene's Lingerie" will feature Fantasy and Exclusive Form lines of ladies' garments.

Miss McEntee, who at present resides in North Toronto with her mother and sister, previously worked in the lingerie department of a large Toronto Department store for 10 years. She is a member of the badminton club at the Carlton Club, Toronto.

Irene's Lingerie Shop is an attractive place to shop, with walls of pale turquoise and blond wood show cases. Drop in sometime this weekend for the official opening.

AURORA: The War Memorial Association has been revived in Aurora. Parks Board representative Cecil Adair will be chairman of the association. They plan to fix up the grounds surrounding the memorial light tower.

Find Old 1859 Newspaper

Pursuing her hobby of buying and restoring early Canadian furniture, Mrs. E. Ray Jackson of Mariday Farms, Elgin Mills, recently bought an antique mirror at an auction sale in Scarborough Township. When she removed the frame later in her home, in order to have the back of the mirror resilvered, Mrs. Jackson found a half sheet of The Weekly Globe, published September 2, 1859, which she passed along to "The Liberal" as a curiosity.

Just what were newspapers and readers concerned with 99 years ago? Well they were selling real estate, or trying to, way back then, too, advertising "100 acres . . . cleared and fenced in a superior manner," and another ad reads, "Farms . . . being within a short distance of the Village of Allansville on the stage road to the Berlin Station, of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railroads, with which there is a daily communication. In the village are the various descriptions of mechanics, besides grist and saw mills."

Under "Wants" the Board of Trustees for the United Common Schools of the Town of Simcoe advertised for a headmaster. "The salary will be 150 pounds for the first year, to be increased to 200 pounds the second year; and if the qualifications and success of the teacher be all that is desired, to be raised in the third year to 250 pounds.

Lost and found animals included two horses, a bay with a short mane and a short tail and the other a horse with long mane and long tail . . . and a spring halt. A cow (possibly with an ear for music) strayed off "with a small bell on her neck, and one horn turned downwards."

ion of property that has ever fallen to our lot to chronicle was perpetrated by some unknown nocturnal villain in our midst, on the night of the 19th instant . . . in the setting fire to and the subsequent demolition of the carding and cloth factory, in Stratroy. The aggregate loss amounts to the enormous sum of \$8,000 divisible between three merchants and the farmers of the surrounding townships."

Food prices were very different then, too, potatoes costing 1s 8d per bushel for wholesale buying, retained at 1s 10½d and 2s or, roughly, 48c a bushel. Butter reported to have been scarce, sold for 1d per lb. retail, but bought by the tub was 7d to 8d, 14 to 16 cents a pound.

Lambs were sold for \$2 and \$2.50, calves \$4 and \$6 each.

Under the Deaths, it is curious to note that the mother's name is not given, but the notices read "son" or "daughter" of Mr., while in the Births column the notices read, to the wife of Mr. so and so.

Fatal and tragic accidents and even murder caught the September, 1859 issue of The Weekly Globe and all reports are written directly and yet quaintly regarding these "melancholy occurrences."

Ann Arbor All "A" Students Summer Session

David Alexander Yule of Thornhill was among the 175 University of Michigan students attending the 1958 summer session at Ann Arbor. The Office of Registration and Records reports these students were all "A's".

The number is 27 more than the 148 figure set by students in 1957-58 spring semester.

Only those students who were enrolled for six or more hours of credit are included in the all-"A" list.

Following is the number of undergraduate students receiving the "top" marks in eight of the 116 schools and colleges at the UM:

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Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

We have eight men in Richmond Hill, whose sworn duties are the prevention of crime, the preservation of the peace and the apprehension of offenders.

As well, they issue dog licences, find lost children, maintain a wonderful storage cupboard rather like Aladdin's cave, wherein found articles are kept until their owners get around to telephoning the police to see if they happen to have been turned in. (You'd think a boy would miss his bicycle, wouldn't you?)

To keep these men alert and on their toes the town supplies burglaries, break-ins, robbery with violence, frauds, safes torn open, blown open or stolen completely. We have traffic offences, accidents, complaints, disturbances, shoplifting, assault and car theft. Investigations and court cases take up a considerable part of each day . . . for instance for September 19 there were 25 charges and five officers called to court.

To help these men in their job we have given them two radio-equipped cruisers, whose mileage increases as the town grows. We have given them pleasant offices in the municipal building with radio, telephone, burglar alarm panels, four cells (occupied two or three times a week) filing cases and more filing cases. There are files for lost, found and claimed articles. There are listings for all businesses (geographically arranged for emergency calls), files for all court cases, files for all convictions (which are never closed until the death of the offender). The drawer for court cases this year is already bigger than the one for '57, and that twice the size of the '56 file, and that larger than the '55 and '54 combined. As well as the officers there is a secretary and three cadets, two already finished their six months probationary period and sworn in.

What and who are these cadets? Well, they are young men between the ages of 18 and 21 who were hired primarily as radio operators. They are receiving preliminary training, taking regular oral and written tests that culminate in final exams when they are 21, which if they pass, qualify them for basic training at a police school, from which they may return to the hill to augment our force. By the time they take these exams they will know if they have a feeling for police work, for to make a successful officer a man must believe in what he is trying to do, he cannot treat it as "just a job", but he will find it at the same time engrossing and tiring because of the constant alertness he demands of himself.

However, even on radio duty the cadets have to show that they are developing a police mind, because when several calls come at once it is up to the boy to make the decision as to which is the emergency call that takes precedence and to set the operation in motion. When the cadets are off duty they go out in the patrol car and more than once have been surprised and alarmed when they discovered that routine checks are sometimes far from routine, or that the female of the species can be far harder to handle than they ever imagined. While they are cadets they are learning discipline and basic law . . . they must be thoroughly aware of what a policeman can do and what he cannot do. They learn the traffic act, the criminal code.

(I have never been stopped by one of our town police for a traffic violation, but on occasion when a provincial has poked his head in the car window, the unpleasantness and general attitude has been such that I feel it is the "traffic cop" that has given rise to the feeling against police on this continent. To date I've had only one parking ticket in town and that was put on most regretfully, politely and with the assumption that I knew what he did was inevitable and that the process hurt him more than it hurt me. I hope that man is still with the Richmond Hill police!)

All our men are fully qualified . . . all have had at least four years experience . . . one has taken R.C.M.P. training, one training in New York and Chief Robbins hopes "eventually" to send some for advanced courses.

While public relations are important they have to come inside the framework of regular work. But some of the off-duty activities, such as the teaching of St. John Ambulance to the Girl Guides, or the car road-oes, one for the boys and one for the girls, are going to fulfill more than one purpose. The trophies that the police donate for hockey and softball are for the boy who shows the best sportsmanship on the teams . . . not the best player or the player who improves the most, but for the best sport. In the soccer are about sixty boys in the 7 to 16 age group, sponsored and administered through the police, who although they don't coach are out "as often as we can".

Investigations, summons and warrant delivery all take time. And preparing for court work, as well as appearance there, for all the it's must be dotted and the t's crossed. Patrol work takes time too, checking doors and windows in commercial and industrial sections (when surprisingly often the owner has to be contacted to attend to something left open). The thirty miles of streets are patrolled constantly after dark, although of course never on a set pattern.

It would be pleasant if we could return to the old days, see our policeman walking his beat, his friendliness, his look of part-of-the-community picture. But as the town has changed so must the methods of administration change, and its not much use looking for the old days to come back. They won't.

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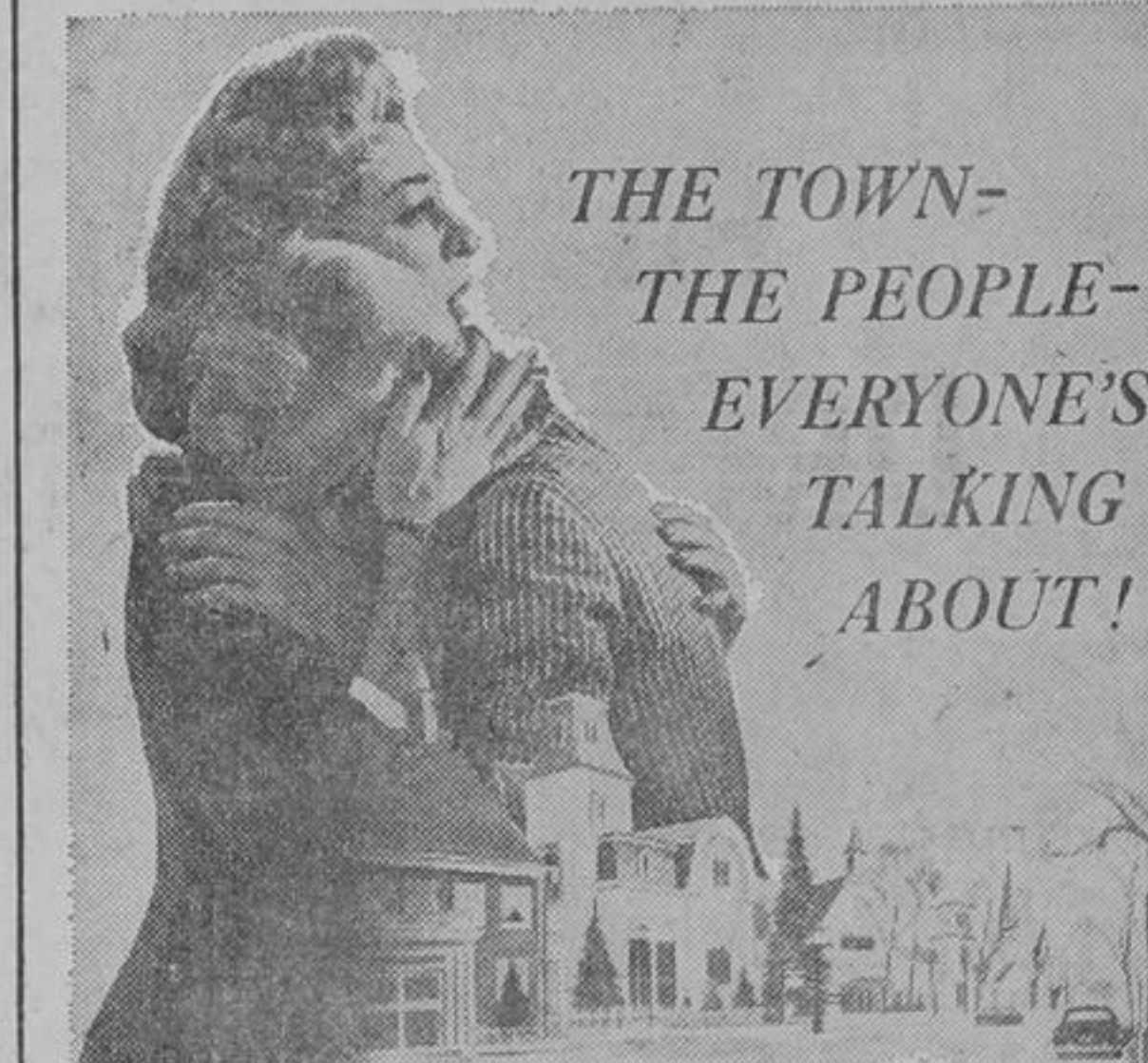
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