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Landslide P.O. Business Mirrors The Spectacular Growth Of Richmond Hill

Statistics studied in the abstract are coldly impersonal unless related to something familiar, then they come to life in a vital and intriguing way. This was borne out through a visit with Richmond Hill's Postmaster E. T. Willis and Assistant Postmaster Douglas Brown. They explained that in 1959 their 24-member staff members handled 248,587 more pieces of mail than in 1958 and that the 1960 figures would undoubtedly show an even greater increase. "We are in a better than average position to appreciate The Hill's spectacular growth," said Mr. Willis.

In 1958 the local post office handled 966,284 items and this does not include metered letters which, said Mr. Brown, would certainly bring the 1958 figure to at least one million. In 1959, still not including metered letters, the figure rose to 1,214,871. Elaborating on the general growth of the town and its overall economy, he said that probably the best reflection of progress was the sharp increase in the sales of unemployment insurance stamps. In the April 1-March 15 period, this year, some \$84,000.00 worth of stamps were sold. During the same approximate period in 1958, similar sales came to just under \$46,000.00. Also in this period, cash receipts from second and third class matter and postage meter sittings came to just under \$17,000. Sim-

ilar 1959 figures came to \$11,078.88.

Other comparable 1959-60 figures for the April 1-March 15 period, with the 1959 totals bracketed, are as follows: money orders, \$33,948, (\$21,754); bank saving deposits 44 (38), savings bank withdrawal, 38 (20); registered articles 21,813 (18,012); insured parcels 1,195 (1,085); C.O.D. articles, 9,246 (1,580); special deliveries, 1,615 (1,347). Few persons realize the scope of the Canadian postal service. Mr. Willis pointed out that in 1959 the system everywhere in Canada did a \$183,000,000 business and handled 3,802,000,000 pieces of mail or the equivalent of 200 pieces of mail for each of the 18,000,000 citizens. In the same total amount of \$850,000,000 were issued. Incidentally, the average value per money order was \$15.85. Mr. Brown added that the 1959 figure for pieces of mail handled represented an increase over 1958 of 80 million. This mass of work was carried out by 50,000 full and part-time employees.

By the time this report goes to press, the new \$200,000 post office on Arnold Street at the south end of Richmond Hill may be in full operation. Between them, Mr. Willis with 28 years association with the postal system and Mr. Brown, with 13 years service, appear more than well qualified for their work.

Moff. Cockburn At M-H Farm

Appointment of W. Moffat Cockburn as assistant manager of Massey-Ferguson's 1,000-acre farm, situated in Markham Twp., at Milliken, was announced this week by W. A. Sutherland, manager, M-F Farm.

A member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, Mr. Cockburn is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., and is a prominent member of the O.A.C. Alumni Association. Before joining M-F on May 1 last, he was a senior agricultural representative with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Extension Branch. He is widely known throughout the Canadian agricultural field.

As an agricultural representative, Mr. Cockburn was instrumental in introducing new and improved farm practices and in organizing many Ontario farm business and educational groups. He has also had extensive experience in teaching and in farm management.

In 1959, Mr. Cockburn became the first agricultural representative to be appointed as a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, a national association of professional agriculturalists. Mr. Cockburn is a native of Wellington County, Ontario, and is a resident of Newmarket, Ontario. For many years he was the popular agricultural representative for York County.

SUTTON — Councillor Frank Kennington has been elected deputy reeve of North Gwillimbury township to replace Lea Glover who was killed in a car accident over the holiday weekend some weeks ago.

DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK

Beware Rabies In Skunks

The continued appearance of skunk rabies in Southern Ontario proposes a threat to man and animals. With the approach of summer, owners of dogs and cats should be warned to protect their animals and also to keep their pets from running at large. Parents should be warned of the danger of these animals to children. No person should handle these animals or treat them as pets.

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YORK COUNTY

Mrs. Cockburn and I wish to thank the people of York County most sincerely for the very generous gifts presented to us on "Moff Cockburn Day". The cheque which accompanied the car "to buy some gas" we hope to use in a year or so to drive to the Old Country. We have appreciated the privilege of working in York County and any success with various projects was due to everyone's wonderful co-operation. Again, thank you York County.

W. M. Cockburn
M-F FARM, MILLIKEN

TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

Notice: Re. Weeds

Notice is hereby given to all property owners and occupants that in accordance with the Weed Control Act, 1960, Ontario, Section 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 - unless weeds growing on their lands within the Township of Whitchurch are cut down by July 11th, and throughout the season, the Weed Inspector of the Township of Whitchurch may enter upon said lands and have the weeds cut, charging the cost against the lands, as set out in the Act.

The co-operation of all concerned is earnestly solicited.

J. W. CRAWFORD
Clerk

H. W. WELLS
Weed Inspector

Canadian Council G.G.A. Appoints 1960 Executive

Miss E. Henrietta Osler, an active worker in the Canadian Girl Guides Association for many years, was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Girl Guides (whose membership stands at 200,000), at the annual meeting of the Canadian Council held last week at Wymilwood House, University of Toronto. Formerly deputy chief commissioner, Miss Osler has represented Canadian Guides at several World Conferences.

Guiding in Canada, which reached its 50th anniversary this spring, has added a new badge - for Conservation - thus keeping in trend with the modern trend and current events. To mark the Golden Anniversary of Guiding, one million tulips were planted from coast to coast in Canada, and as far north as the Canadian Arctic, last fall.

... this spring the golden river has spread across the land as the springtime blooming took place. Interest in Guiding among pre-teens and teenagers has risen too and membership has increased greatly across the Dominion. In the North-West Territories 42.9% more members have registered in the association, and the Eastern Arctic Division, newly formed, has expanded the work of the Canadian Girl Guides into the far north.

Camping has shown a spectacular and satisfying upsurge too.

Brushed By Car Girl Recovers

Cheryl Moore, three and one half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore of 427 Fernleigh Crescent is recovering from a car mishap which occurred at 1.05 p.m. June 5 at the corner of Sussex Avenue and Fesserton Road. Local police say the child apparently dived out from behind a parked vehicle and was brushed by a car driven by Garry Leach, 17, of Richvale. The child was treated for abrasions and allowed to go home. No charges were laid.

WILLOWDALE — Contractors will have to submit tenders for paving of Sheppard Avenue from Yonge St. to west of Addington Avenue. Because of errors in the two low tenders, council has decided to ask all nine contractors who originally made bids to send in new ones. Approximate cost of the project will be in the neighbourhood of \$115,000.

Canadian Guides, Cadets and Rangers camped abroad, or visited on exchange, groups in Sweden, Fiji, Australia, Switzerland, Mexico, the United States and Finland.

At last week's convention, among the honorary members of the new executive was listed Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier's mother, Mrs. John A. Wilson. Mrs. Redelmeier is the Executive Chairman of the Dominion Nominations Committee, she is a past commissioner for Richmond Hill. Other local residents who are on this year's Dominion Executive are Mrs. W. Thomson, Mrs. H. G. Currie, who is also Divisional Commissioner for York Central, and Mrs. Wright Morrow, member of the Dominion Camping Committee.

It is remarkable to note that recently a magistrate commented, "If members or former members of the Guides or Scouts are called as witnesses in court, there is no need to explain the giving of an oath or 'promise'." From the time girls and boys are enrolled as brownies or cub Scouts they learn the Guide or Scout law, which begins, "I promise . . ."

Letter From An Editor

Dear Friends and Readers: We've been having some interesting spare-moment reading from old "Liberal" files, which go back to 1884, since we moved into our larger offices (have YOU been in to see our newly enlarged offices yet?) and from time to time you'll be favoured with "A Journey into History" through a reprint of what we believe our readers like to see in a weekly newspaper.

Some of the excerpts are precious. Take this one for instance, from "The Liberal" of 1899: "It is estimated that free rural mail delivery is increasing the value of land in Colorado, where it is in operation - to \$5. an acre."

Even way back when, people were guilty of not operating pleasure boats properly, or with regard to safety as the following poem dramatically implies:

"There was a fool who rocked the boat,
And now his friends must weep.
For he's at present rocking in
The cradle of the deep." (1901)

Today we usually reach for a ready-mix when beating up a cake for tea, but in the year 1899 the following recipe for Almond Cake made a big hit with women readers and their "consumer" families:

Four eggs, 1 cup butter, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, one pint milk, 2 cups of sugar, 2 cups flour, 1 cup corn starch, 2 ounces bitter almonds.

"Cream butter and sugar together, then put in the 4 egg yolks, then the milk; sift the flour, cornstarch and baking powder. Blanch almonds and grate them fine, put these and the whites of the 4 eggs, beaten to a froth, in last. Beat all 10 minutes. This will make two loaves."

The housewife was advised to "bake 40 minutes - in a smothered oven" - Our guess is, that would be at a low heat, perhaps some of our women readers who were raised on a farm, or who have cooked with woodstoves could lighten us on this point.

Going to try the recipe? If so let's hear the results. We think we'll have the recipe for a try at our house.

Cordially yours,
MONA ROBERTSON

STOUFFVILLE — Building Inspector Henry Ogden reports that new house building here is down, so far this year, to the lowest point in several seasons. There are 35 vacant homes awaiting renters or buyers. Ordinarily at this time of year about 25 new houses would be in various stages of construction.

C.N. By-Pass 45ft. High Some Places

Residents in the area near the proposed CNR by-pass south of Thornhill have had continuing concern about the height of the tracks, which will cross Markham and Vaughan Townships to the new marshalling yards.

A recent letter from J. L. McCann, CNR projects director to F. H. Brennan, Chairman of Markham Twp. Planning Board gives the details of the track profile of the proposed railway grade between Bayview and Yonge St.

From Bayview Avenue to the East Don River Valley the fill will be approximately 20 feet high. There will be a bridge about 270 feet long across the river, and from the west bank of the valley to Sprucewood Ave., the fill will be about 30 feet high. Between Sprucewood and Henderson Avenues, the height of the fill varies from 20 feet to a maximum of 45 feet over the small creek just east of Henderson, and is 30 feet high at Henderson. West of this street, the fill is a maximum of 35 feet in height, diminishing to zero, and from a point 1100 feet east of Yonge St. the track is in cut, reaching a maximum height of 37 feet at Yonge Street.

Interested citizens may secure detailed information from Markham Twp. Planning Director R. Forest or members of the Planning Board.

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