

"The Bell" Says Toll-Free Calling Will Be In Richmond Hill By June

Work is well underway to provide some 400 Richmond Hill telephone customers with one-way toll-free calling to telephones in the Toronto core exchanges, W. C. Barnes, Bell Telephone manager for the territory announced this week.

This follows a survey by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada in which about 10 per cent of the Turner 4 telephone customers in Richmond Hill expressed the desire for such a service to eliminate the present long distance charges to Toronto.

The toll-free telephone service, which is optional, applies only on calls made from Richmond Hill to Toronto, and not on calls made from Toronto to Richmond Hill.

Special dial switching equipment must be connected to the lines of each customer who has agreed to take this service. This equipment, now being manufactured, will be installed later in the Richmond Hill central office.

Customers taking the service will have toll-free calling with all Hickory, Baldwin, Empire, Walnut, Hudson, Howard, Garden, Roger, Russell, Oxford, University and Lennox telephones. All Turner 4 customers will continue to have two-way toll-free calling with Thornhill, Maple, Oak Ridges and King, under the Company's Extended Area Service plan which provides free calling between neighbouring exchanges where desired by the majority of customers in both exchanges.

Mr. Barnes explained that Richmond Hill customers are the first to be offered such a service in the Toronto Area because it has long been known that many of them wished to have local service with Toronto core customers.

New rates will apply in those cases where the optional toll-free service is installed. They will be as follows: Individual Residence Line, \$10.50; Business

Line, \$25.00; Switchboard Trunk Line, \$37.50.

Customers who expressed a preference for this new service during the course of the survey will be notified of the effective date of its introduction well in advance of its establishment, Mr. Barnes said, and suggested that any other customers who may have since decided to take this optional service should contact the local business office.

This new service is to be available approximately June 1st, 1961.

Don Head Farms Big Winner At Chicago Show

Francis Redelmeier of Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill, has returned from the International Dairy Show at Chicago, where several Ontario Jersey herds were represented. Don Head continued their winning ways at Chicago. They were Reserve for the best uddered cow, they also had Junior Champion female, and won the Shadel Perpetual Challenge Trophy on the Imported heifer, Jingo's Rush. They had the first prize dry cow fourth and fifth prize year old cow, and third prize aged cow in milk. The third prize aged cow in milk was their Grand Champion at Chicago last year.

In addition to all this, they contributed to the winning of the State Herd for Ontario, for the third successive year.

MARKHAM — Heise Hill Public School, S.S. No. 7 Markham, has been awarded a safety plaque commemorating an accident-free year.

"Rose" Makes Lucky Draw



"The 'Rose of Richmond Hill', lovely little Darlene Harcourt, is seen above as she drew the lucky, correct entry form for a \$20 merchandise certificate won by Mrs. Len Miles, 15 Maryvale Crescent, Richvale, following the recent contest held at The Children's Fashion Shop, Richmond Heights Plaza. Store Manager Mr. Louton assists Darlene.

— Photo by Lagerquist

Horticultural Sc'y. Dec. Meeting Has Christmas Carols, Special Talk

The choir of St. Matthew's United Church sang Christmas carols and the Rev. Charles Higginson brought the Christmas message at the December 8th meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society which was held in the Lions Hall.

Mr. Higginson pointed out, "That while we modern people associate Christmas with beauty and loveliness, Jesus was born into an ugly world; where existed a cruel dictator, ready to do murder."

"Men were restive because of oppression and taxes," the speaker told his audience, "the stable was rude, and there was nothing of beauty and fragrance. But — and here's the miracle — into this ugliness God sent His Son, to redeem us, and to bring beauty and joy and peace into our lives."

Another feature of the evening was the presentation of prizes for the year's accumulated points won by the following: Roses: Mrs. G. Caldwell, Rev. Fred Jackson and Dr. H. H. MacKay. Specimen Flowers: Mrs. G. Caldwell, Mrs. J. Grainger and Mr. R. D. Little. Arrangements: Mrs. R. Kerslake, Mrs. George Barker and Miss Susan Till.

The horticultural entries for December were judged by all the members. The winners in each class being as follows: Class 1, Mrs. Kerslake, Mrs. Redelmeier and Mrs. Titshall. Class 2, and class 3 Mrs. Titshall. Class 4, Janice Grainger, B. Redelmeier and A. Kerslake. Class 5, Susan Kerslake and Janice Grainger. The annual turkey draw winner was Mr. H. Smith.

Vegetables: 1, Art Stong, 2, Mrs. P. Titshall, 3, Mrs. Barker, and Russell Till. New members section, 1, Mrs. Chris Morris, 2, Mrs. J. Rumney and 3, Mrs. F. Titshall, Juniors, 1, Janice Grainger, 2, Susan Kerslake. The annual turkey draw winner was Mr. H. Smith.

President G. Longworth presented Miss G. McLatchy with a gift in token of the society's appreciation for her tireless work as secretary-treasurer and Miss McLatchy in turn presented Mrs. Longworth with a bouquet of flowers.

The meeting closed with coffee and cake being served.

Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9.00 p.m. - 12.00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375 Canadian Legion. \$1.00 per person. tfc36

DANCING, modern and old Tyme, every Saturday night at Maple Community Hall, Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainmen, stars of TV and radio.

DECEMBER 16 — Friday, Jefferson Community Club Christmas party, Euchre and square dance. Attractive prizes, refreshments, everyone welcome. c2w23

DECEMBER 17 — Saturday, Keswick Optimist Xmas Turkey Shoot, 10.30 a.m. Keswick Arena. Shotgun and 22 rifles. Hunters welcome. Refreshments. c1w24

DECEMBER 19 — Monday 8.15 p.m. York Chorallers under the direction of Dick Edmunds present the Christmas cantata "Bethlehem" by Maunder, with soloists by Chorallers and audience. Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Collection at the door. c2w23

DECEMBER 29 — Thursday 8.20 p.m. The Footlights Club of Thornhill is presenting Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with a cast of 35, in Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, Thornhill. Tickets: adults \$1.00, children up to 13 years 25c. AV. 5-1320. c1w24

BUTTONVILLE — Some 120 guests at the W. I. Hall here December 1 celebrating the 10th Annual Banquet of Markham and East York Agricultural Society honoured Warden W. L. Clark of York County, who was presented with "Meritorious Service to Agriculture" diploma.

your home & school association

The December general meeting of the York-Simcoe Home and School Council was held Thursday evening, December 1, at the George Bailey Public School in Maple. Mr. Garnet MacDiarmid, who led forty home and school members in a leadership training course earlier this fall, continued consideration of the subject. Different types of leadership were discussed, and their effects on a group. The home and school president who is too busy to make a telephone call was contrasted with one whose enthusiasm led her to talk with many people and win their support for the association.

It was frequently remarked that people are too busy, but this is because too few people in the community assume responsibility. When they do they are overworked. Sometimes people are persuaded to take on more activity even though they ought to know they will be unable to give it their attention. One man said he budgeted his time and refused to say he would do more than he knew he could do well.

There are also people who will offer to do something in order to be noticed but do not do what they promised. Some want recognition in order to exert authority regardless of whether their aims are best for the whole group. But some are genuinely dedicated and unselfish people. Often those who could exert a wholesome influence fail to do so because they are shy about speaking up. As group members we need to practise charity and encourage those who have a retiring nature.

In the best groups be it church, home and school, town councils, social clubs, or service clubs, leadership is best when it is shared among the members and not held jealously by one person. Leadership may move from one member to another during a discussion.

Mr. MacDiarmid remarked that discussion should always lead to action so that when a group has determined what is best for them they can work together on a project. Otherwise interest will die out.

The phrases, "public apathy" "too much money," and "we are getting soft" were heard so frequently during the discussion that Mr. MacDiarmid concluded by saying that the reluctance of so many people to be leaders was a real threat to our democracy, because too many are willing to be led.

PLEASANTVILLE HOME & SCHOOL

On Wednesday, November 28th, Pleasantville Home & School Association was pleased to have as its guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Israel, Librarians from the Richmond Hill Public Library.

Mrs. Israel spoke first on their topic, "Are We Banning Books To Our Children?" She informed the meeting that many children in the district have no encyclopedias or books of learning, or just good reading books at home. How often do we think to give our children books for Christmas?

In the United States in a school of 200 pupils, the recommended minimum number of books for a school library is 6000, Richmond Hill Public Library has 6075 to do the entire community.

Mrs. Israel told of conditions of school libraries across Canada. Some provinces have Librarians in the schools where the children may go and study after school and seek assistance with school projects. In Ontario it is the duty of the school to have a library. This only means they must have a collection of books. There is no grant from the government for a special room to be used as a library. In the rural areas the situation is appalling.

Each school in Richmond Hill has a small collection of books. These are excellent for their size but are terribly inadequate when considering the number of pupils served.

The school board requests \$1.00 per child from the town council. The government provides no grant for supplementary reading material. It is almost hopeless to try and pick out a good collection of books with the money Richmond Hill Public Library is supplementing the school classrooms with books.

Once a month 20 books per classroom are brought into the schools by Mrs. Israel. These books are for recreational reading only and it is most difficult for a teacher to distribute 20 books to a class of 44 pupils. Some must always go without.

Mr. Israel then spoke informing the meeting that the above service has been carried on through the courtesy of the school board. The cost of this service to the school and approximately 2500 children, has been born by the Library Board and the amount of extra books purchased and administrative costs arising from this project, have been a strain on the library budget.

It is the hope of the library to be able to put one book per child in each classroom in 1961, but this project may not be able to continue if there is a decrease in the Library Budget.

Just recently, Mr. Israel attended a special meeting, held to assess the possibilities of a York County Library Board. There are 14 voting municipalities in the County and 75% of these would have to agree to finance the Library Board.

At the present time less than 50% of the municipalities are being serviced. It is hoped that the formation of a County Library would reach such places as

Richvale, Gormley, Elgin Mills and many other communities.

McConaghy Home & School Association held their year end meeting on Monday evening December 5th.

Parents and friends could not help but get the Christmas feeling on entering the gaily decorated auditorium. For which we have to thank the staff of McConaghy, and also the children for the Christmas cards, they had made themselves, to hang around the walls. Christmas music could also be heard in the background.

Mrs. Deena Simpson, President opened the meeting followed by the annual reports from Mrs. Gladys Fear, Secretary and Mr. Henry Roberts, Treasurer. Mr. Garnet MacDiarmid, Principal, then announced a very enjoyable programme, presented by the children of various grades. This was climaxed by a very fine rendering of about 60 children in the school choir, singing Christmas Carols under the very able direction of Mrs. Judy Ross, along with the accompaniment of Mr. Fowler, Music Supervisor for Richmond Hill Public Schools on the piano. Everyone being invited to join in with last three well known carols. The children were then served with refreshments by grade mothers, Mrs. Edna McCallum, Mrs. Mary Gilchrist, Mrs. Jessie Hutchinson and Mrs. Helen Slater.

Parents were then given the opportunity to listen to the School Board Candidates who gave very briefly their different backgrounds and reasons for wanting to be on the School Board. This gave everyone the opportunity of meeting the candidates and helping the individual to make up his or her mind who to cast their votes for on Saturday, December 10th.

Everyone was then invited downstairs to chat and enjoy the Christmas cake and coffee set out on nicely decorated tables by Mrs. May Metcalfe, able Social Convener assisted by Mrs. Nessie Gunn, and a very pleasant evening came to an end.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Staff of McConaghy, and all parents and friends a very merry Christmas

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