

Traffic Offences By Bicycle Users Will Bring Action

Police have issued a stern warning to local bicycle owners who ride about with no lights or reflectors, and who zoom up and down sidewalks in contravention of traffic laws. Chief R. P. Robbins and Constable Doug Young told 'The Liberal' that quite a few cyclists have had to relinquish their wheels to the law in recent weeks and walk home, adding that unless bike owners mind their P's and Q's a lot more will be walking.

Police action follows a series of complaints from citizens about persons who cycle at night without due regard for traffic laws. Said the chief: "A bike is a vehicle and the owner must abide by all the rules and regulations of the Traffic Act."

Bicycle Rodes
Police are attempting to organize bicycle rodeos at all local schools. One has already been held at the Beverley Acres Public School, where 65 bike owners will shortly be presented with safety stickers attesting to the fact that their machines are in good mechanical condition and properly equipped with a light or a reflector. The plan is to hold the next rodeo at the Pleasantville Public School in the near future. A bike must be inspected and passed on by an officer before it becomes eligible for the rodeo.



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Ratepayers Raise Many Points

Pearson Ave. Drainage Considered By Vaughan

For the several hundred residents in the Pearson Avenue area, Langstaff, plagued with drainage problems, an encouraging development occurred at Monday's regular meeting of Vaughan Township Council when councillors handed a copy of an engineering report of the drainage problem to R. A. Bowley, representing three ratepayers' associations, who was on hand to detail a number of complaints.

He said it was the feeling in his area that council should institute a thorough investigation of roads and ditches. The ditches, he said, had been ignored for three years. He said speed control was now necessary on Roosevelt Drive and Westwood Lane, and he also wanted to know whether any action might be forthcoming on road control.

He wanted to know what was to be done about the high water rate and reiterated an old complaint covering water meters. He also wanted to know why consumers in the area had to pay for water meters and said a comprehensive investigation into the entire water situation would not be out of place. Finally, he wanted to know when the new water contracts would be due. They were now three months late, he said.

Refuse Discussion
Council refused to be drawn into a debate about assessment values which, said Mr. Bowley, should be conditioned in part by the type of services available. "We can't commit ourselves," said Reeve A. H. Rutherford. "We have to assess property as equitably as possible." Bowley said that council had committed itself earlier in the year when it

did not fight the successful reduction in some assessments by a group of Langstaff residents. The reeve admitted that in a sense council had indeed committed itself on that occasion but did not intend to go into the matter at the moment.

Roads Committee Chairman Wilfred Keffer ended the discussion by referring to a roads complaint made by the visitor by saying: "I feel you people are asking for a little too much too soon. I'm just itching to get started on the problem and in fact we are making preparations now."

By next fall we hope to have all you people feeling a lot happier," Waterworks Committee Chairman Ruth McConkey promised that the water contracts would be forthcoming promptly.

Drainage Background
Background to the drainage problem involves a water course which starts behind the Charles Howitt School, crosses Westwood Lane just west of Pearson Avenue and cuts into Pearson Avenue. Then it goes along and underneath Pearson, across more private property, underneath Roosevelt Drive, across a farm property called the Chapman Farm, across Gordon Avenue and eventually crosses under Yonge Street into Markham Township.

The Langstaff ratepayers feel that the township should improve the drainage to maintain the roads.

Some time ago, council considered deepening the ditches, putting in culverts and raising the level of Pearson Avenue, but this idea did not jell, nor, said Mr. Bowley, had any ratepayers seen this idea in report-form.

May 4 Meeting

Vaughan & Woodbridge To Discuss Annexation

On May 4 Vaughan Township and Woodbridge councils will once again discuss the question of Woodbridge annexing part of the township. The preliminary meeting will take place in Vaughan's Council Chambers in Maple and word from Vaughan is that its new administrators will content themselves with just listening while they soak up facts and figures.

As matters stand, Woodbridge doesn't have enough tax income to pay for a badly needed sewage system, and its present 35 acres of industrial land is insufficient to resolve the lack of income through industrial assessment.

Want 2,880 Acres
Broadly speaking, Woodbridge would like to take in 2,880 acres of Vaughan Township to provide a basis for a sound, well-balanced development of the village and to enable it to establish a sewage system at an estimated outlay of \$440,000.

Annexation on this basis would enlarge Woodbridge to 3,521 acres from 641 acres. The village's present population is 2,250 and its total assessment about \$4 1/2 million. By 1980, it is figured, Woodbridge and environs will have a population of 8,500.

Includes 361 Homes
The area proposed for annexation contains 361 residential properties, including farms, with an assessed value of \$1,069,784, give or take a few thousand dollars, and 16 commercial properties with an assessed value of about \$115,000.

Various proposals and counter-proposals have been kicked back and forth for several years. While next Thursday's meeting can in no way be construed as one which will resolve various and complex differences, the get-together promises to be of lively interest to everyone concerned.

Den Doings

At the meeting of the Richmond Hill Lions Club, held at the Lions Hall on April 20th, the speaker, Mr. Albert Smith, Public Relations officer of the Bell Telephone Co., chose as his subject, "Master Minds at Work". Mr. Smith stated that, contrary to public opinion, he felt that the United States was not behind the Soviet Union in space research, as they had a 9000 satellite in the field six months before Russia. Mr. Smith had with him a small model of a satellite which had been sent up by the Americans. It was equipped with solar batteries, and when a light was turned on the batteries the instrument would send out signals. He said satellites will improve the standard of telephone and television service.

At the present time the Bell Telephone Co. has 10,000 employees engaged in the operation section of the company, and 6,000,000 local calls are made in Metropolitan Toronto every day, thus making automation necessary as operators would not be able to handle that many calls. Mr. Smith displayed a colored telephone with the numbers in straight lines instead of in a circle. As they are running out of usable names they will shortly be using numbers only, and it will only be necessary to punch the number required instead of turning the dial as is the present custom.

At a Lions region meeting held in Aurora recently Lion Hugh Mackay was elected Zone Chairman for Region 18.

A letter was read by the secretary announcing that the Mental Hospital at Aurora would be open to the public during the first week of May.

The slate of officers for 1961-62 was presented by the nominating committee, and voting will take place next month.

On Demand At The Library

With this issue, we begin a bi-weekly review of some of the notable books in current demand at the Richmond Hill Public Library. We hope to present a variety of diet, or reading matter to suit all tastes.

Seven Miles Down, by Jacques Piccard and Robert Dietz. New York, Putnam, 1961. This is the story of the Bathyscaphe Trieste from its conception and development by Auguste Piccard, through the history-making seven-mile descent in January 1960. Written by the Swiss inventor's son, who has piloted all sixty-five of the Trieste's dives, it combines vivid descriptions of significant dives in the Mediterranean and Pacific with observations on marine geography and biology, and the importance of oceanographic research. Well illustrated with photographs.

The Foxes of the Desert, by Paul Carell. London, Macdonald, 1960. This German writer's detailed history of Germany's Afrika Korps gives us a broad view of the important events in the long and arduous desert campaign that ended with the defeat of Rommel's army in May, 1943. The focus here has been placed on the battles and espionage activities, with some anecdotes about the military leaders and soldiers involved in the campaign.

The Goddam White Man, by David Lytton. London, Macgibbon and Kee, 1960. An impressive novel set in present-day Cape Town and narrated in the first person by Johannes, the highly intelligent illegitimate son of a white man and native servant. Johannes traces his climb from chauffeur to leader of a small but highly successful crime syndicate, and emerges as a vital, wholly credible person whose life is shaped by his hatred of the white man. His relationship and brief affair with the daughter of his white employer, the affection for a close friend killed during a robbery, and the small measure of peace that a house by the sea brings to him are some of the episodes and moods portrayed in this well-written story. While it will be shocking for some, it portrays the deep-rooted feelings that provoke the activity in Africa today.

A few other titles of general interest:
Manila Galleon, by F. van Wyck Mason. Boston, Little, Brown, 1961.
Complete Electric Skillet-Frypan Cookbook, by Robert Ames. New York, Hearstside Press, 1960.
Put It On The Front Page Please! by John Henry Cutler. New York, Washburn, 1960.
Tender And Violent Elizabeth, by Henri Troyat. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1960.
How To Teach Children To Swim, by Carolyn Kauffman. New York, Putnam, 1960.

Walter Scott School

Expect To Entertain 350 Parents At Annual Show

The Walter Scott Public School will be bursting at the seams on the evening of May 5 when upwards of 350 parents will be treated to the school's annual Spring Show. Of the 750 students, 110 will participate. Vice-principal John Pearce, Grade 7 teacher and show co-ordinator, said: "We expect a big turnout and though the seating situation might be a bit on the pinchy side, the parents will be quite cheerful about it all." The student body as a whole will have witnessed the show at dress rehearsal, May 5 will be strictly parents' night.

This year's show, which traditionally culminates the season's activities, will feature the Rhythm Band from Grades 4 and 5, the Junior Choir from Grades 5 and 6 and the Senior Choir from Grades 7 and 8 as well as specialty numbers by the Triple Trio and Triple Duet. Another feature will be the band from Northmount Junior High School, North York.

Senior Choir and the Triple Trio, will be in charge of the former group, assisted by Miss Elaine Higgins, accompanist Mrs. Tom Jeans will be the accompanist for the Triple Duet and Mrs. S. Rumble is responsible for the Rhythm Band, which includes Bruce Evelyn. The Junior Choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hayes. Conducting the Northmount band will be Mr. Glen Woods, former vice-principal of the Crosby Heights Public School.

Mr. Pearce said that the female student element represents the largest number of show participants. "The majority of the boys are ardent hockey players and fans," he explained. "Hockey practices do clash with rehearsals. However, the Rhythm Band for example, is helping to correct this situation."

But at all costs, May 5 promises to be a hot time in the school auditorium. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. sharp.

Radio Station CJRH Gets Approval For 10,000 Watts Power Extension

The Board of Broadcast Governors in Ottawa last Friday announced the approval of CJRH Richmond Hill's bid to increase its power in York County. The station is presently operating at 1,000 watts daytime and 250 watts at night.

The board's approval means that CJRH can now increase its daytime power to 10,000 watts with 2,500 watt power at night.

CJRH will also change its transmitter site from Elgin Mills to a new site in Markham Township. CJRH began broadcasting in 1957 as a 500 watt daytime station. In 1959 the CBC Board of Governors granted permission for CJRH to become a full time station.

During the recent Ottawa hearing the Board heard representations from Mr. Stewart Cox-

ford and Mr. John Graham outlining the reasons why a power increase was being requested.

It is expected that under the new power, which will not be in effect until October, that CJRH will have equal power strength in Markham and Vaughan Townships and in Georgina and North Gwillimbury Townships where the station has had less power than surrounding stations.

The board commended the station management for its record of public service which reflected community activities throughout York County.

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- 57 Olds Sedan Super 88, automatic trans., power steering, power brakes, radio, two-tone
- 57 Ford 2 Dr. Custom, 6 cyl., radio, whitewalls, two-tone
- 57 Volks 2 Door
- 57 Buick 4 Dr., automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, radio
- 57 Olds 4 Dr. 88 Hardtop, automatic
- 57 Pontiac 2 Dr., two-tone, 6 cyl., standard transmission
- 57 Pontiac 4 Dr., automatic trans., power steering, power brakes, radio, two-tone, whitewalls
- 56 Buick 4 Dr. Special, radio, automatic transmission, two-tone, whitewalls
- 56 Pontiac 2 Dr. Deluxe, two-tone
- 56 Olds 2 Dr. Super 88 Hardtop, automatic transmission
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