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## Which Council Is Right?

In the Town of Aurora a short time ago members of town council decided to ban Sunday night and holiday week-end parking on the west side of Yonge Street from 4 p.m. to midnight. Members of the Board of Trade, objecting to the ban, "talked turkey" to council. The leader of a deputation told council members that the ban would merely create a hazard to safety. They also said bluntly that they were concerned about the loss of business and that the week-end ban is "the thin edge of the wedge".

In the course of the discussion, Reeve Clarence Davis said that council "should not be in the business of putting traffic through the town." "I like to see the cars stop," he said. "Aurora needs the business and the town needs the taxes from the business. We should be trying to encourage business, not discourage it."

Aurora Councillors hurriedly agreed to refer the by-law back to the police committee.

And, in Richmond Hill, just eight miles south of Aurora, where conditions are practically on a par, town council is in the process of establishing a bar similar to that which, quite obviously, the Aurora Council is going to withdraw.

Question of the day: — Which council is right?

## Wanted — Another Court!

A short time ago representatives of the municipalities of Vaughan and Markham Townships, the Villages of Markham and Woodbridge and the Town of Richmond Hill got together and agreed on a decisively common-sense move — an effort to obtain a magistrate's court for the southern part of York County, most probably located in Richmond Hill.

On a line of action, well over fifty thousand people live. That's the population of a big city. And a city that size would certainly be served by a magistrate's court, beyond question.

It might be safely said that Richmond Hill, constantly looking for new industries and other facilities, would be quite happy to get along without this particular addition. But, human nature being what it is, there's little hope of such a total reformation of mankind that swords can be beaten into plowshares and, on another level, magistrate's courts can be turned into community clubs. So it might as well be in Richmond Hill as anywhere else.

The roughest kind of a calculation will indicate the number of man hours and road miles which police and other witnesses have to cover to attend court at Newmarket — to say nothing of the real problem of parking they face when they get there. The time and money expended on that travelling might be employed much more usefully and economically. And as for the "customers" — those who have to answer to the magistrate — they too, in spite of their peccadillos and major offences, have a right to have, as citizens, their interests considered.

Jokes to one side, there's every reason why a court should be established somewhere in the southern part of York County. Such a proposition makes sense. In the municipalities which met at Maple to decide

There may be problems which, from this point, we do not see, such as the transportation of prisoners. But surely the benefits should be so considerable that a few disadvantages might well be offset. The proposition is one well worthy of study in this rapidly growing area.

## Survey Of Commuters

Local proponents of a commuting service for the Richmond Hill and adjacent area will watch with a good deal of interest a move which is under way in the Markham-Agincourt district.

Richmond Hill area is not new. It has been advanced on a number of occasions during the years. The last effort of any considerable strength was some twelve years ago, at the time that the old radial line was being taken up. It met, like other attempts, no sympathy at all from the C.N.R. The railway claimed that such a service would be a money-loser. Various other arguments have been advanced, a major one being that while commuters were making their way to the various stations they might as well be working their way to the city or to a bus line. The bus service itself has been claimed to be a major deterrent to a profitable commuter service.

The Canadian National Railway has applied to the Board of Transport Commissioners for permission to discontinue passenger service between Toronto and Belleville, which would mean cancellation of service for Markham-Agincourt. A hearing will be held on September 19th.

The Markham-Agincourt survey should produce interesting figures which will give encouraging — or otherwise — facts and figures to those who are interested in a commuter service and the railway.

The Agincourt Ratepayers' Association is opposing the railway's application to discontinue service. To back their action members of the association are endeavouring to establish the need for a commuter service between Toronto and Markham. A door-to-door survey is being conducted.

A proposition that commuter service should be established in the

## Watch That Power Mower

Is your power mower going to save you work this summer or relieve you of a few toes or fingers? Will it give you extra leisure or a hole in the head from a hidden piece of debris in the grass?

force of a bullet.

Don't count on it that you're a normally cautious individual... you just need to slip once with this machine to do irreparable damage, and the variety of grisly injuries it can cause is infinite.

2. Disconnect the sparkplug wire or electrical plug when refueling, or working on the underside of the mower. If you don't know how, learn!

Amputation, sprains, electrocution and death from hurled objects have been steadily on the increase as power mowers have come into widespread use. Yet the machine itself needn't be a menace — it simply has to be treated with the utmost respect. Here are some survival rules offered by the Ontario Safety League to power mower users:

3. Never fill the tank while the engine is hot or still running.

1. Rake and inspect your lawn before mowing, and clear away sticks, stones, wire and other debris. A mower can throw objects with the

4. Stop the motor whenever you leave the mower, and — it should be obvious — when clearing objects from the blades. Disregard of this rule has already cost a lot of fingers.

5. Wear heavy shoes, and cut sideways on hills.

6. Never let children operate mowers and insist they stay well away while mowing is in progress.

7. Never use an electric power mower during rain, or when grass is wet.

8. Have mower inspected yearly and maintained in good repair by a reliable serviceman.

If you want your mower to work for, rather than against you, these rules are of vital importance.

## Second Thoughts...

By George Mayes

PROVING THAT YESTERDAY'S NEWS IS NOT NECESSARILY DEAD.

We doubt if we'll ever find a better tie-in to our title than a news item that a Toronto funeral firm, in explaining its unlicensed selling of funerals-in-advance, claims it is offering a pre-need service. . . . It's just a sort of pay now, go later, plan.

And there is something slightly suspicious in the fact that a missing arm of the Venus de Milo was discovered by an American cafe operator. He could have a buried motive to use it as a gimmick to open a One Arm restaurant.

The statement by a Hamilton promoter that he has lost \$75,000 with his Miss Canada contests would seem to be something of a twist on the adage about not having both beauty and brains.

We can't help wondering about the last two words in our sports columnist's description, last week, of the new Bayview Country Club being the most complete club in the country—bar none!

Fred Gardiner's interest in the party-poopng tactics of the Metro Police could arouse a bit of trepidation among those who have had the SSS treatment. (Seize, Strip and Search.) There is the thought that they might be subject to a re-run of their indignities in his promise to "uncover all the facts".

The news that Bill Brady is leaving CJRH with his popular "Call Me, Madam" show does have its brighter side. Our wives will no longer be making the misconstruable remark that they are "one of Brady's call girls".

A Newmarket subdivision advertises its location as: "Peaceful! . . . No screaming jets overhead!" . . . And every home is equipped with a power mower.

Members of the Maple Leaf Cricket Club expect to drive from their new playing ground, opposite Eaton Hall on Dufferin St., to the City Hall in 20 minutes. The distance is roughly 27 miles. Man, they're going to be serving Tea that really dares to be different!

The Ontario Labor Department's plan-within-a-plan for a Training Plan for low-level applicants for their Job Training Plan will, if nothing else, create a lot of jobs for trainers.

Somehow, it seems there was something missing in last week's personal report from our Lake Wilcox correspondent. She described a four-day holiday in Detroit in some detail and concluded with: "The rest of our holiday was spent at home . . . repairing the damage caused by the fire."

### Character In Handwriting Conditioning Is Not Curing

by Axel Sjoberg (CGA - IGAS)

Psychology, which studies man and his needs in relation to his environment takes the view that when the causes of man's fears are understood we will be in a better position to obviate some fears and control others. To do this we will in part manipulate a child's life which will enable it to be infused with a love of life and universal brotherhood so that for the remainder of his days he will benefit from a workable idealism, world-consciousness and a world-conscience.

At our present stage of development we can condition many of our troubled citizens to function less painlessly. This is just

week's specimen is an example. This writing is that of an inadequately educated, mistreated woman who periodically must undergo psychiatric treatment to enable her to at least function in a world she doesn't really understand. In the old days we would have burned her at the stake. Today, although she is beyond complete cure because suffering has impaired her intelligence, she does fit in and is usefully employed eight months of every year. One day the unfortunate childhood and young adulthood conditions which contributed to her illness will be wiped out.

Let's not confuse fact with fiction or shadow with substance. Rosemary Boxer's safety program in The Telegram illustrates the same superficial reasoning which often is applied to an understanding of psychology. Boxer invites people to report drivers' shortcomings to her. Now, under threat of public ridicule a few drivers will temporarily toe the line . . . until some other gimmick is

offer represented our contribution toward familiarizing more persons with the value of the science. It's been fun, we have had the privilege of being helpful to many, and when time permits we hope to be able to make another attractive offer. One reason for our lack of time is that we do free analyses for the unfortunate who need them and have no money. We cannot withdraw this type of aid. (Copyright)

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## Have You Read These?

Book reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library

Mila 18, by Leon Uris (Doubleday, 1961). Returning to an episode treated briefly in his A Shooting Star, by Wallace Stegner (Viking, 1961). This is written a sweeping narrative, fictional in form but based on extensive research, about events in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II. He re-creates the full story of Jewish degradation, suffering, and slaughter, and reaches a climax with the story of a small band of freedom fighters who, for 42 days, held off inevitable destruction.

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### Your Garden and Mine

By Ruth Banks

**THE ROCK GARDENS**  
Rockerries serve an interest in most gardens as they maintain our interest the year round. The early plants can be seen in many various species of the spring flowering bulbs in March to many shades of the sedum family blended with late flowering annuals and perennials, giving colour to the garden from the first flowers in spring until the frost kills the growth in the fall. One shouldn't forget the use of the dwarf shrubs and evergreens with miniature roses to add interest to the rock gardens.

### PLEASE NOTE

August Holiday Matinees  
Every Wed. and Sat. at 2 p.m.  
Thurs., Fri., Sat. Aug. 17, 18, 19

Other new fiction titles include:  
**My Hero**, by Robert Carson (McGraw-Hill, 1961). A story of men behind the scenes in high finance and international power politics.  
**Mothers and Daughters**, by Evan Hunter (Simon and Schuster, 1961). The story of four women, of different ages and temperaments, whose lives are linked closely by the threads of love.

**Murder By Request**, by Beverly Nichols (Hutchinson, 1961). A mystery set in a fashionable nature cure establishment in which a great financier is found shot through the heart in a darkened television room.

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