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Real Estate Is Slow 1,150 More Residents in Year

Real estate movement in Richmond Hill was slow during the past week reports Frank Barrott of Marple Real Estate, with only two new families moving into the Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Joslyn are moving into 220 Neal Drive from Toronto. Mr. Joslyn is an employee of Willow Manufacturing Company Ltd. in Toronto.

The second new family in Richmond Hill is that of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ringle, who are taking up residence at 65 Benson Avenue. Mr. Ringle is a self-employed promotion manager. The Ringles are moving from London, Ont.

Mr. Barrott also reported that the Disk Shop in the Richmond Heights Centre is under new management. The new owner is Mrs. V. Page.

Hill's Population Now 17,242 Vaughan Twp. Also Over 17,000

Richmond Hill was winner in the population sweepstakes for 1961, clinching its position as the largest municipality in York County, assessors' figures for the end of the year reveal. Vaughan Township ran the Hill a very close second, with Markham Township running third in the trio but showing strong indications of a rapid population increase in the future through the construction of many new homes.

The Hill's population now exceeds the figure at which, in the past, some Ontario municipalities have taken on city status. Assessor R. W. Johnston reports it at the end of 1961 as 17,242 - an increase of approximately 1,150 over the preceding year. Vaughan Township's population at the end of 1961 was 17,057 - a jump of 681 from the preceding year. The increase was scattered throughout the municipality. Markham's population was 13,587 - an increase of 293 for the year.

Approximately six to seven hundred of the increased population in Richmond Hill is contained in the north-east corner of the town, says Mr. Johnston. Many of the comparatively large number of empty new houses in that area have filled steadily during the year. The Richmond Heights area, north and west of the shopping centre, is said to be responsible for approximately 200 more of the increase, with the balance being scattered throughout the town.

Figures showing Richmond Hill's total assessment, including supplementary assessment on new premises constructed in the latter part of the year, will be available in about ten days, the assessor reports.

Rambling Around

By Elizabeth Kelson

"NO FAITH IN THE FUTURE . . . NO POWER IN THE PRESENT"

The source of the above quotation is not nearly as important as what it implies. Many lack faith in the future today. Doesn't that sum up the defeatist attitude that is spreading through our civilization? Beneath all the show and bravado there is a sense of futility and despair. You can hardly blame them. The twentieth century has done nothing to promote hope in spite of all the gains that science has made. There is a remedy however. Your Christian ministers refer you to the Holy Bible. In this "Book" you will find the reason why you should never lose hope. They tell you in this "Book" that you will find that people have always lived with fears and worries concerning the future of their generations, but the prophets and apostles of that day, persecuted because they dared to complain of the great evils that abounded, could still sing of hope because they believed in the reality of God and believed that he would have the final say in the end. Therefore we can take courage in the hope that is generated by the Holy Bible. We must not let our morals decay, or our appearance go to seed, let our houses go to rack and ruin, bury our money in the ground or hoard our supplies from others, nor must we refuse to plant trees even though we may never live to see them grow. We must believe as the prophets of old, that God is still the God of History and still the Lord and Master of the Universe and that he is interested in the affairs of men. Like the people of old we must courageously entertain that hope of that "new heaven and new earth" of which the Bible foretells.

YOUR LOCAL BANKS . . . GREAT PUBLIC SERVANTS

"Many people do not realize the amount and extent of the extra services given by banks to keep their communities running smoothly," said Mr. D. M. Jamieson, present manager of Thornhill's Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Jamieson lives on Altamira Road in Richmond Hill and has managed the Bank of Nova Scotia in Thornhill since September 8, 1959. He believes that banking has a real story to tell you because the bank will be important to you all of your life.

Not so long ago, a bank seemed a somewhat formidable place, shrouded in secrecy. The atmosphere suggested that only "Big Business" was welcome here, and many people with small business problems approached the bank in a more or less timid manner. Today the new bank "look" presents a bright inviting front. The bank wants customers . . . and in modern branches the premises look attractive outside and are designed for efficient service and for customer convenience inside. The Welcome mat says: Come In. We have banking services for everybody!

According to Mr. Jamieson, the primary functions of the bank in the community are manifold. They protect savings, paying interest for their use. Lend money and extend credit. Transfer money as in paying bills. Finance foreign trade. Buy and sell foreign currency. Issue travellers cheques and letters of credit. Collect payments. Offer bank-by-mail and night depositories, provide safe-keeping for valuables and offer financial counsel.

One of the chief causes of growing expansion of banks in Canada is that our country has more people and more wealth. Another factor is the healthy competition in the nature of the Canadian chartered banking system. In the last decade or so, most Canadian banks have entered the consumer loan field to varying extents and in varying ways. They have also offered some new types of accounts, such as the Christmas or vacation accounts.

Exclusive to the Bank of Nova Scotia are the personal security program and the Scotia loan plans, i.e., insured savings and loan plans; personal money orders (a new form of bank money order introduced recently to speed up service to the customer) and gold certificates. All over the world, gold is bought and sold . . . but because of its weight and value there are always problems of shipping and storing. The Bank of Nova Scotia designed unique transferable gold certificates, so that the ownership of gold could change hands while the gold remains safe in the bank vaults.

Local banks believe in the neighborly gesture and this varies according to the type of community, in which the bank branch is situated. A few examples: the bank as a whole makes contributions to cultural organizations such as the Canadian National Ballet, and charitable and service organizations. Some branches donate trophies and prizes to 4-H clubs, garden and sport clubs, etc.

Bank managers and accountants frequently act as chairman or treasurer for fund drives — on the building of hospitals and community centres. They speak at banquets, club meetings and career conferences. Some have organized Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. Others coach children's sports, and give swimming lessons. Tours of the branch (or general office) for school classes are frequently arranged. Attractive book covers for school books are supplied. Customers receive good looking calendars at Christmas.

In addition, banks provide services by letter, phone or advertising, e.g. banking by mail. Public relations departments of banks spend a great deal of time answering written and telephoned questions on a variety of topics as well as banking. Monthly letters on a variety of topics are sent free to anyone who requests them. Most banks have literature racks stocked with helpful pamphlets on such subjects as budgeting . . . converting foreign currency . . . safeguarding home valuables . . . as well as explaining the purpose and use of the various bank services.

Mr. Jamieson says that the Canadian banking system is a product of evolution and is still liable to change. Day to day improvements conforming to the needs and whimsies of customers and the every ten year revision of charters, keep the banks moving in tune with the development of business and culture in Canada.

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In the dim and distant past, When life's tempo wasn't fast, Grandma used to rock and knit, Crochet, tat, and baby sit; When the kids were in a jamb, They could always count on Gram; In an age of gracious living Grandma was the gal for giving.

Grandma now is at the gym Exercising to keep slim; She's off touring with the "bunch"; Taking clients out to lunch; Driving north to ski or curl All her days are in a whirl; Nothing seems to stop or block her Now that Grandma's off her rocker. — Robert D. Little

Have You Read These?

(Book reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library)

The Pilgrim Daughters, by Hesketh Pearson (Helmemann, 1961). Stories of American women and the Europeans they married make an entertainingly informative book. "HP" begins with Betsy Patterson of Baltimore who married Jerome Bonaparte in 1803, and ends with the Wallis Warfield Duke of Windsor romance of the 1930's. Between the affairs of these two Baltimoreans are some twenty sketches of internationally famous romances — or alliances — skillfully written by a writer who has given credit to "private information" and "personal knowledge" in many places. The Pilgrim Fathers invaded America in the seventeenth century, in search of freedom. The Pilgrim daughters began to invade England early in the nineteenth century, prepared to "honour" their husbands. This book has been published in the United States with the title: **The Marrying Americans**.

The Backward Society, by Raymond Frost (St. Martin's Press, 1961). Although the title of this book is somewhat misleading in that the book really deals with the problem of economic development in a backward society, Frost makes a convincing appeal for a serious study of this most urgent problem. The volume is divided into five parts, each of which deals with a specific area of economic development in backward societies; the descriptions are graphic, concise and penetrating. The author has an understanding of and insight into many features of backward societies; and has dealt with economics without political implications and complications.

My Life In Court, by Louis Nizer (Doubleday, 1961). This well-known New York lawyer has selected several fascinating cases from his professional experience. Included are: the Peher-Reynolds libel case; an action concerning a plagiarized popular song; the litigation which resolved the marital dilemmas of Billy Rose; and a dramatic uncovering of negligence on the part of an obstetrician. Mr. Nizer as trial counsel in each case is in possession of innumerable insights not to be found in second-hand accounts of court struggles. In the course of the book we come by many original observations of human behaviour under stress, which make the book of value.

John F. Kennedy: a sense of purpose, by Charles Lam Markmann and Mark Sherwin (St. Martin's Press, 1961). Against the background of Franklin D. Roosevelt's and Eisenhower's first months in office, the authors describe the accomplishments and failures of President Kennedy during a similar administration. They discuss in detail actions in both domestic and foreign fields and relations with Congress. This is a frank and thorough summary of the events of this period.

The Orion Book of Volcanoes, by Haroun Tazieff (Orion Press, 1961). An eminent geologist looks at volcanoes from their effect on history, and as a mysterious phenomenon. This book is illustrated with many fine photos and prints.

Birds of the Caribbean, by Robert Porter Allen (Viking, 1961). This book is a large pictorial work on the colourful birds from in the Caribbean area.

The Carthaginian Rose, by Ilka Chase (Doubleday, 1961). An around the world tour with this actress, columnist and author of fiction.

STOUFFVILLE: A house built one hundred years ago by the late Samuel Lehman at Almira in Markham Township, was destroyed by fire, and two families including six children were made homeless.

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Proving that yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Ontario's illegal meat operation is apparently all cleaned up — except for one small detail: Nobody seems to have been selling it.

Liberal Leader John Wintermeyer charges that the government is trying to bribe the public with its own money in the ridings where there is a (you should excuse it) "buy-election".

York Township's new reeve says he'll set up a one-man complaint bureau. He may regret it if he turns out to be the one man the complaints are about.

The plan of a Toronto man to swap his wife for a friend's car fell through when the friend changed his mind . . . She may have had his head in the clouds but he couldn't stand to also have his feet on the ground.

A company called survival films has been formed to market movies for use in fallout shelters. This will lead to the ultimate in hardship if you forget the popcorn.

During a recent storm, the Ontario Motor League advised 3000 callers to stay off the roads — and it got almost 3000 calls for emergency service . . . So next time they'll tell them to stay on the roads.

"When police rushed to a reported holdup in Toronto they found only a bewildered TV crew shooting a crime story," says a Star reporter — and his use of the word "bewildered" confirms certain suspicions we've had.

One of our hi-steric radio stations has a new feature To Make You Think! . . . It should be a novel experience for a lot of their listeners.


Golf courses in Japan are offering a wedding outfit and a \$250 retirement bonus to get girl caddies. Girls are preferred "because of their outstanding spirit of service" . . . Like, they don't mind a few extra strokes?

Roy Thomson, multi-millionaire "Blob" of the publishing world, says it's unfair that a rich man should have trouble entering heaven . . . And if he's been examining those books we all may have to pay to join him. (. . . and if we lose The Liberal before this is published, we're only kidding, Mr. Thomson, sir.)

Gwyneth Reed Featured Local Hydro Showtime

Gwyneth Reed, Ontario Hydro home service consultant, will demonstrate electrical appliances ranging from an electric can-opener to a refrigerator-freezer on Hydro Showtime in Richmond Hill on Tuesday evening, January 23 at 8:00 p.m. She is the featured performer in Hydro Showtime which will be presented in the auditorium of St. Gabriel Anglican Church, corner Crosby and Bayview Avenues, Richmond Hill. The show is being presented by Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission and sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Gabriel Church. As a member of the Hydro homemakers' service, Miss Reed answers requests for information on electrical appliances, menus and recipes. She conducts a school concerning electrical living and demonstrates at up-to-date with the latest developments in the field, she frequently visits electrical manufacturers.

DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK
Epileptic Seizures
 Anyone present when an epileptic has a seizure, should help the patient to lie flat; if he thrashes around, he need not be restrained, providing he is not in danger of injury. A pencil or other object wrapped in a clean tissue may be placed between his teeth to prevent biting of the tongue. No stimulants should be given.
 Carl E. Hill, M.D., M.O.H.



Gwyneth Reed

Improve Inspection Of Slaughterhouses

The statement by M.O.H. Dr. Robert King that to the best of his knowledge none of the tons of tainted meat reported sold in the Toronto area had reached York County is good news to our people. In his statement Dr. King said although there is no cause for alarm at the retail level as the county health unit maintains an inspection service there is no such similar control over slaughtering conditions. Dr. King said that a programme along the lines of meat grading by marketing standards would further protect the consumer. A meat inspection programme for the 18 slaughterhouses in the county would cost between \$20 and \$30 thousands annually.

A decision on a county inspection programme will have to wait until the province and Ottawa clarify their positions on the matter of improved inspection services. The federal government has indicated it will shortly call a meeting of the provincial Ministers of Health to discuss the sale of tainted meat. In announcing that Ontario will be represented at this conference Health Minister Dr. Dymond said the province is not concerned with the inspection of meat but only in keeping watch on premises on which it is sold. He said this is done through local health departments who check on cleanliness of persons and surroundings, water, sewage disposal and other aspects.

If the two senior levels of government are not prepared to extend and step up their inspection programmes then the municipalities may be forced to assume this additional responsibility. The recent arrests and charges laid by the R.C.M.P. should be ample warning to both Queen's Park and Ottawa that there are serious loopholes in their present inspection system. There is nothing more important than the health of our people. Only a stepped up inspection programme will protect the great many honest reliable producers and the consumer against the few unscrupulous operators.

"They Don't Know Me"

A suggestion was recently made to a well-regarded industrialist whose company employs a considerable number of local people that, when the proposed Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, now under formation, swings into action, he should take an active part therein.

His answer provides one of the strongest possible reasons for the existence of the chamber. "The people of Richmond Hill don't know me," he said.

The case is not a rare one. The reason is easily understandable. Eleven years ago the population of Richmond Hill was a little over 2,100. Today it is crowding 17,000. In other words, population has multiplied over eight times in a decade — most of that increase coming within the last half of that period. No wonder that people don't know each other.

It is somewhat inevitable that because of such conditions, a certain amount of sectionalism has crept into the local picture. The number of cases where a man doing business in one part of the town knows nothing of the people in another part — and indeed nothing of the actual character of the part of town itself — is considerable.

There is no reason why such conditions, inescapable as they have been in the past, should continue. A strong Chamber of Commerce can do much to correct them. While such a chamber is logically concerned with business and related developments it can, at the same time, serve a useful purpose as a unifying factor for the community in the broader field. Certainly it can play a major part in clearing up a regrettable situation where a man whose firm is an important part in the economy of local homes, whose company contributes a considerable amount towards taxes which help to keep the whole town in operation, has to say, "The people of Richmond Hill don't know me."

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