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Post Office Recognizes New Era Wednesday Half-holiday To End On Chamber Of Commerce Plea

It is practically certain that within a short time the Richmond Hill Post Office will remain open on Wednesday afternoons, President F. J. Pickering of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce said this week. Postal authorities had been approached and had indicated their willingness to make the change. Abandonment of the Wednesday afternoon closing will not mean that the office will be closed on Saturday afternoons instead. According to Postmaster T. Willis, the Wednesday afternoon opening will be additional, as an extra service to the public. Mr. Willis said that arrangements would be made as soon as authority is received from Toronto.

The Wednesday afternoon closing has been in effect for many years, following the pattern of the traditional Wednesday half-day holiday, when practically all business houses in the community were closed. With the coming of industry and different shopping hours the closing has become somewhat of a nuisance, especially to newcomers who expect to find their post office open, and to business houses in particular. Postmaster Willis readily agreed that changing conditions required an alteration of the old pattern when approached by the recently-formed Chamber of Commerce.

"The ready co-operation of postal officials is greatly appreciated," says the Chamber of Commerce president. "This indicates the type of minor problem which can be readily adjusted by a Chamber of Commerce, particularly when there is such a willingness to give service."

Yonge Street Group Alters Designation And Names Officers

Changing the name of their organization from the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association to the Yonge Street Association, members elected their 1962 officers last week at a meeting attended by twelve business people from the downtown area.

It was decided that two special committees should be formed, the parking and transportation committee and a group advertising committee. Naming of personnel was left to the executive and not undertaken from the floor.

The financial statement of the association revealed that payments for a parking lot in the downtown area had been short and that association funds had been used to make up the difference. It was decided that the payment of an outstanding account should be taken care of by the immediate collection of 1962 dues.

Named as officers for the coming year were C. W. Taylor, re-elected as president; Alec Clarke, vice-president; Miss Gladys McLatchy was named secretary subject to her decision, due to her absence; Joseph Parisi was re-elected treasurer.

Hill's Closing Store Will Go To Creemore

After being in business in Richmond Hill since March 1947, the Hills - father George and son Al - are disposing of their Richmond Hill hardware business on down-town Yonge Street and will move to Creemore at the end of April. They have purchased a hardware business there.

They are announcing a clearance sale and have placed their building - erected by their father a short time ago - on the market. They are also disposing of their home on Baker.

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The March meeting of the Langstaff Young Women Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Joan Suter, March 14. Roll call for the evening will be suggestions for programmes for next year. Evening's programme will be nominations of officers, with Mrs. Fern Russell as convener.

Several members of Mark-Vaun W.I. headed by Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Hamblin, attended the summary day of the meat course held at Newmarket recently.

Sue Lees, food specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, spoke on the various displays. Comments on the exhibits were also given by representatives from Mark-Vaun, Snowball, Gormley and Vandorf Women's Institutes. Among the exhibits were "The Life Story of a Roast of Beef," by Mark-Vaun W.I., "Cooking - 50 years ago and Today," in which the ladies had models of old and modern stoves and utensils; "Menu for low cost budgeting for a family of five on \$22 a week," by the Gormley W.I.; "Recipe for beef borch" by Vandorf.

A skit was played by Highland Creek ladies, "Mrs. Chops Butcher Shop." A demonstration was conducted by Bogartown.

A panel discussion on the municipal and federal law related to the slaughter of animals and the sale of meat was also held. On the panel were: Mrs. C. Rumble - King, Mrs. O. E. Smith - Belhaven, Mrs. G. Kotyok - Elders Mills, Mrs. K. Thomas - Schombert, Dr. H. R. McCarnan, veterinarian from Newmarket.

Mark-Vaun W.I. held a euchre at the home of Mrs. Wilkins, February 23rd. Winners were:

Ladies: 1st Mrs. K. Stiver; 2nd Mrs. M. Roy; Consolation: Mrs. Hamblin.
Men's: 1st Mr. Wilkins; 2nd Mr. Mizen.
Consolation: Mr. Sinclair.

The March meeting of the Mark-Vaun W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Vanhorn. Sixteen members answered the Roll Call and state the reason why you chose this person."

Report on the recent euchre was given by Mrs. Roy and she announced that another was being planned for March 24 at the home of Mrs. Drew. Mrs. Hamblin reported on the Thornhill anniversary lunch, and also the 65th anniversary lunch of the F.W.I.O., held at the Queen Elizabeth Building recently at which Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Hamblin represented Mark-Vaun W.I.

A letter from the York County Farm Safety Council was read asking the W.I. to consider sponsoring a scrapbook, essay or poster competition in a local school. It was decided to go along with this and the school suggested was Thornlea.

Convenors were reminded about having their reports ready for the next meeting and Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Hardie were noted in a nomination convenors. March 15th is the date of the next executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Hamblin.

Mrs. Maiers, as citizenship and education convenor, was in charge of the evening programme.

Home and School
The next meeting of the Thornlea Home and School will be held March 14 at the school. Guest speaker will be Miss Ketola, principal of the School for Retarded Children. She will show a film regarding the work with these children. Baptist Church

The Men's Fellowship, which meets every third Monday of each month, recently conducted a meeting at the Salvation Army Harbour Light Mission. The meeting was in charge of Mr. Jim Crozier, who is leader of the Junior Ambassador Club. A short message was given by Mr. Eldon Martin. After the service, the party had a conducted tour of the new building.

A family night for one of the church missionaries, Miss Olive Brittain, was held last Wednesday. Miss Brittain showed pictures of her work in Assam, India, with Baptist mid-missions, where she is returning for her second term.


The World Day of Prayer is to be held in Langstaff Baptist Church, March 9, at 2 p.m. The Thornhill Baptist, Anglican, United and Presbyterian Churches will be taking part. The special speaker will be Mrs. Leslie Cochran. The special music will be soloists Mrs. Edwin Mitchell. Socials

Mrs. Howard Charles and Mrs. C. Donnelly were winners of a sunbeam electric knife and scissor sharpener from the programme "Free and Easy," on Channel 9. Mrs. Charles sent in her name and gave Mrs. Donnelly as her grocer in a recent competition. As she enclosed the necessary label in her letter she will also receive a hamper of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Corps and family, Sussex Avenue, move on Saturday to Ottawa where Mr. Corps was recently transferred. Bob Brennan, Morgan Drive, is home again following a recent appendectomy.

Judy Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis, No. 7 Highway, will be one of the participants in the "Ice Revue" on March 10, 1962, being held at the Richmond Hill Arena on March 9th and 10.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE NOTES



1st Richmond Hill Guide Company
Reported by Margaret Hanson
The seventh meeting in 1962 of the 1st Richmond Hill Guide Company came to order on Monday evening at 7.15 p.m. in the gymnasium of the MacKillop School under the leadership of Captain Munsey, Lieutenant Willis, and Patrol Leaders Lorna Sutherland, Judy Todd, June Pyatt, Susan Laughlin, Margaret Pimm and Kathy Pounder.

The evening was spent in rehearsing the various items that the 1st Guide Company are contributing to the combined "Thinking Day" programme on Wednesday night in the Lions Hall. The girls practiced the flag formation and the meeting was closed with a brief Campfire and "Taps."

2nd Richmond Hill Guides
Reported by Shirley Flannigan
The meeting of the 2nd Richmond Hill Guide Company on February 12th opened as usual. Following the taking of attendance and inspection, the girls went into Horseshoe formation and the colour party fell out.

The girls in the colour party are: Shirley Flannigan carrying the Union Jack; Louise Schell carrying the Company Flag; escorts, Sheila Waters, Sharon Gemmill, Janet French and Jeanette Thompson. When the colour party took its place, the following girls were enrolled: Kathy Flynn, Wendy Apperly, Heather Pennock, Diane Barber and Suzanne McCombe.

The parents of the girls were proud to be present to see their daughters taking this step. Following the ceremony, the girls had a small party at which Captain Orme swayed some interesting slides of scenes taken while on her holidays this last summer. After a vote of thanks, the duties of cleaning up were performed, and the meeting closed with "Taps."

The Thinking Day Celebration for west district Guides and Brownies was a happy evening.

Hill Fire Dept. Combats Biggest Outbreak Of '62

Richmond Hill Fire Department had to contend with one of its largest fires of the year last Saturday.

The blaze, fought in near-zero temperatures, caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to the repair shop and garage of Murray Korman, wrecking yard near Headford in Markham Township. The building and equipment, only partially covered by insurance, were a total loss.

No positive proof as to how the fire was started was immediately available.

Included in the loss were two cars, one a stock racing machine, a tow truck, a comp. welding set and a number of valuable tools.

During the three-and-one-half hour battle, water was supplied to the Richmond Hill department by the Markham Township water truck and also one from the Hill.

It was feared that a house and barn which were close to the fire would also be ignited if the wind blew sparks onto them. Said Fire Chief Alfred Stong, "If the wind had changed we would have had a much larger fire on our hands."

The frame building was burning so badly when the fire department arrived that there was little to save.

Vaughan Police Radar Creates Many Charges

Vaughan Township police department had another near-record day in court last Monday, when 91 cases were scheduled to be dealt with. The largest number of cases on a Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court docket since its inception - 154, were also in Vaughan Township's.

Of the 91 cases on the docket, about 81 were speeding offences with the remainder being for failing to stop, and other minor traffic charges.

Most of the speeders were caught by the new Vaughan Township radar which has been in use for about a month and a half, and many of the offenders were stopped in the Thornhill area.

Conservatives Hear Hon. Robt. Macauley

The Richmond Hill Women's Progressive Conservative Association held their annual dinner at the "Summit View" on February 21st.

The Hon. Robert W. Macauley, Minister of Energy Resources and Economics Development, outlined the five year plan now being drafted for Ontario. He stated, "This Government must provide 60,000 jobs yearly, maybe for the next ten years. This is a colossal task, in the face of such problems as immigration and the displacement of workers by automation."

Seated at the head table with the Hon. Mr. Macauley, were President Mrs. Margaret Harrison, Mr. C. A. (Tiny) Cathers, M.P., Mr. "Lex" McKenzie, M.L.A., Mr. A. Capstoto, president Y.P.C.'s, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Savage Jr., and Mr. Donald Findlay, president of the York North Conservative Association.

Temperanceville

We extend congratulations from the community to Mr. William Hare who celebrated his 83rd birthday on Tuesday, W.I.

The W. I. Euchre was held at the Temperanceville School on February 26th. Prizewinners were: Ladies, 1st. Mrs. Charlie Fagan, 2nd Mrs. Dorothy Stuenkel, Consolation, Mrs. Wm. Nichols. Gent's 1st., Charles Henshaw Sr.; 2nd, Harry Hutchinson; consolation, Sandy Sulek.

The next W. I. Euchre will be held in the school on March 13th at 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The regular W. I. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hare on March 14th at 8 p.m. Mrs. F. Gardiner is lunch convener. Mrs. Milton Wells has the home economics and health programme but owing to the February meeting being cancelled on account of bad weather, Mrs. Nelson Thompson will have part of the programme on Historical Research.

Mrs. Ray Jennings and Mrs. F. Gardiner attended the 65th anniversary luncheon of the F.W.I.O. held in the Queen Elizabeth building C.N.E. on February 19th.

York North NDP Follows Douglas

In a statement issued this week the York North N.D.P. Association acknowledged the recent defection of former C.C.F. Leader Hazen Argue and pledged its support to National Leader Tommy Douglas.

"It is with great regret that we acknowledge the resignation of a member of the New Democratic Party and his subsequent identification with the Liberal party. This is of course the right of any individual in a free society.

At this time we reiterate our support for T. C. Douglas and the program and constitution decided upon at the founding convention.

It is our firm conviction that the New Democratic Party will make a great contribution to the social and economic betterment of all Canadians. It is to this objective that we pledge our resources and abilities."

The Federal N.D.P. candidate is Stanley Hall of East Gwillimbury Heights, Newmarket. An employee of Canada Packers in Toronto, Mr. Hall was the York North C.C.F. candidate in the 1959 Provincial election.


Little Real Estate Movement Evidenced

Movement in the real estate field was slow again last week, reports Frank Barrott of Maple Real Estate. "But," said Mr. Barrott, "this is the normal thing for this time of year, the low period for real estate movement."

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sawyer have recently moved into 240 Jacey Anne Boulevard. Mr. Sawyer is employed by C.F.M. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly have taken up residence at 340 Kerswell Drive, although they have been residents in the Hill for some time. Mr. Donnelly is an employee of a local fuel oil company. Mr. and Mrs. Rockway have recently moved into 258 Lennox Ave. Mr. Rockway is a summer cottage builder.

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