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Business Should Be Encouraged

Following strong representations from the Yonge Street merchants Richmond Hill Town Council has agreed to make two concessions in the newly created Yonge Street traffic set-up. Council has agreed to lift the ban prohibiting parking Sunday and holidays between 1 and 6 p.m. on the east side and 6 to 12 p.m. on the west side of Yonge between October 15th and May 15th. The members also agreed to eliminate Saturday morning and the evening rush hour ban. Previously signs have read Monday through Saturday. They will be changed to read Monday through Friday.

The police committee (Deputy-reeve T. Broadhurst and Councillors J. MacDiarmid and A. White) under whose jurisdiction the new traffic regulations fall also promised to take traffic and accident counts on the street with a view to removing the Sunday afternoon ban permanently.

Hard hit by the new regulations which were worked out in co-operation with the Department of Highways the Yonge Street merchants were justifiably concerned with an

adverse effect on business conditions. The prime goal of the department seems to be to rush vehicular traffic through Richmond Hill as quickly as possible.

In the present era of high taxation every level of government should adopt positive policies that will encourage the free flow of trade and not hinder it. Business should be given every assistance and our people given every opportunity to shop at home. Our local businessmen support the town not only with their taxes but also with their generous support of many worthwhile community projects. Shopping money spent in Metro in no way benefits our home town. Reduced or depressed local business conditions mean less taxes from the business community and thus more of the burden of municipal services will have to be borne by the residential taxpayer.

Before town council again agrees to any new traffic regulations in a business area as put forward by the province they should first ascertain how they will effect the general economy of the town.

Observe Safety Rules For Accident Free Holiday

Provincial Parks in the Lake Simcoe District continue to show increasing numbers of summer visitors — both picnickers and campers. Including the Dominion Holiday weekend the daily vehicle permits issued show an increase of nearly 5000 as compared with the corresponding period last year. Seasonal vehicle permits are also up approximately 1100 and the increasing interest in camping is evidenced by the nearly 6000 campsite permits issued to date — up 1800 for the same early season period in 1961. Records are based on six Provincial Parks, presently issuing permits — Bass Lake, Devils Glen, Earl Rowe, Sibbald Point, Sixmile Lake and Springwater. Overnight camping is permitted at all these parks with the exception of Springwater which is a day-use area only.

With so many people using the beach areas and swimming opportunities, park officials are again stressing the importance of water safety. Such things as water wings, inner tubes and air mattresses are a very definite hazard and should be left at home. They are particularly dangerous for children for, as so often happens, a slight breeze can take the child out into deep water and into difficulties.

Also, parents should be careful to watch young children at all times. It is very easy, in large crowds, for the tiny tots to get separated and get out in to deep water or dart in front of cars. Remember also the safety rules for swimming and use the designated supervised swimming areas where lifeguards are on duty.

Safety when boating, too, is a MUST for a happy accident free holiday in any of the attractive lakes and waterways in Ontario. Six basic rules of better boating have been very aptly summed up by Mr. Ernest Taylor, director, outdoor recreation division, Ontario Safety League.

1. Make sure your boat, motor and all equipment are in seaworthy condition.
2. Use the right boat for your particular purpose — don't buy a canoe to cross the Atlantic.
3. Match your motor to your

boat — don't overpower or underpower — observe information on recommendation plate for maximum horsepower and load.

4. Know and observe government regulations and "rules of the road". If you are uncertain write to any organization dispensing this information.

5. Be sure your boat is properly equipped — government approved life jackets or cushions for each passenger, paddles or oars, bailing bucket or hand pump, anchor and line, and fire extinguisher.

6. Always operate your boat in a common-sense manner with care and courtesy toward all others on the water.

We might also mention the very excellent little booklet "Safety Afloat" issued by the Department of Transport, Ottawa, for the benefit of small boat owners. This booklet covers many items of interest including the "do's and don'ts", "rules of the road", fire extinguishers, life jackets, and various safety rules.

One other contribution the conservation conscious vacationist can make is safety when travelling along roads and highways. In addition to safe driving habits which most of us well recognize, remember to always use the car ash tray when smoking and be careful not to throw any cigarettes or other smoking materials from the car window. Carelessness, in this way, may well be the cause of a fire and considerable loss in adjoining forest areas. Remember, too, to watch out for wildlife. Many thousands of animals and game birds are destroyed, annually, by fast moving cars. Often we tend to ease our conscience, after striking a raccoon, rabbit or woodchuck, by thinking that it would have been dangerous to put the brakes on. Often driving more slowly especially in those vacation areas where game is plentiful would give just that little bit of extra time necessary to save a life. Quite often road kills are valuable fur bearers. In one week alone, last month, Conservation Officer Fred Bowes counted no less than five mink killed by cars in Matchedash Township.

Rambling Around

YOU MAY HAVE TO GIVE THE BREATH OF LIFE

Mouth-to-mouth breathing . . . the popular name for resuscitation . . . has proved to be the most practical method of reviving victims of drowning, asphyxiation and electrical shock. It can be administered easily by anyone for a long period of time

Mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing is recommended by the Red Cross Society. Become familiar with this new life-saving technique. You can never tell when you may be called on to give "the breath of life."

If you should suddenly find yourself confronted by a situation like this, Don't delay . . . begin right away. Move the victim only if his safety requires it. Place him on his back. Begin artificial respiration as soon as possible and send somebody for medical aid. Every second counts, so don't waste time. Remove all foreign matter from the victim's mouth and throat. This is best done by turning his head to one side. It may be helpful to put your knee under the victim's shoulder. With one hand lift victim's neck and use it to pull chin upwards. This helps to open air passages. Open your mouth wide and place it tightly over the victim's. Use your cheek to block his nostrils. If his mouth is blocked or cannot be opened, breathe through victim's nose, holding his jaw shut. Blow into victim's mouth or nose, depending on the method used. After the first breath, turn your head aside and listen for the victim to exhale. Watch for chest movement. Repeat one breath every five seconds. If air doesn't rush out, the victim's air passage may be blocked. Turn victim on his side and strike sharply between shoulder blades several times to dislodge foreign object. Clear his mouth again.

Another reason for failure to exhale is that the air may be trapped in the stomach, causing it to inflate. To remedy this, press firmly on the upper abdomen. Then immediately try breathing again. Loosen victim's clothing and cover him with a blanket. Continue breathing into the victim's mouth or nose approximately 12 times per minute. Keep up until victim revives or is pronounced dead. If the victim should be a child, place your mouth over both his nose and mouth. Use shallow breaths, about 20 per minute. To dislodge obstructions, hold child upside down or over your arm and slap on back.

FIND FUN IN THE SUN AT CAMP RICHILDA

"Our intent is to provide a worthwhile camping experience to the children of the area and to offer this experience at a reasonable rate," continued Bill Babcock, the director of Camp Richilda.

The four-fold plan that Bill will promote is certainly worth anyone's attention. The Day Camp itself offers a permanent base for learning and teaching the skills of living outdoors. The fees are modest, only eleven dollars per week per camper. Transportation is provided. Each camper brings his lunch daily and the camp provides milk. Insurance is also included. Qualified St. John Ambulance trained personnel are on staff.

Bill says that swimming in their modern pool is always a pleasure. Red Cross instructors are on duty with qualified life guards. Daily swimming instruction is a must for each camper. This year, there will be emphasis on the creative arts and crafts. The creative arts will offer painting, clay modelling and making things from nature.

Leather craft, woodworking and shellcraft, bottle work and photography will be included in a wide range of crafts.

A graded experience of campcraft has been set up to enable the camper to become a skilled outdoors man through his experience at Richilda. Cooking, fire-building, tracking, tent-pitching, canoeing, rowing and water safety are only some of the skills involved. Overnights are held for the 8-11 year group. Campcraft according to Mr. Babcock, should be an essential part of the experience of the child.

Ponies and horses will be available and qualified instructors will teach the principles of riding.

Two playing fields are planned this summer. One new one will have a regulation playing field for football and soccer, with a track around the outside. The other will be an outdoor gymnasium which will be equipped with challenging and interesting apparatus.

Special emphasis will be given to the area of nature lore. The spring-fed stream, the new pond and the bush and fields all tend to be enjoyable, exciting experiences in nature.

The remaining purposes of Richilda will be to offer canoe trips to the campers. The best canoes, paddles, packsacks, foods etc. are available to the campers. Qualified, experienced counsellors will be on hand to instruct the would-be trippers, and to lead them on their trips. The only extra expense will be for the food and transportation involved.

To the parents of the campers, Bill issues a special invitation. Parents may purchase "week-end privilege" tickets which entitles them to the use of the camp on Saturdays and Sundays, during July, August and September. Also, Bill Babcock and family plan to originate "The Richilda Road Runners" a track and field club for all the youngsters of the district who want to take part in this thrilling sport.

Bill reminds, "Camp is in session from 9.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Monday through Friday for eight weeks, July 2 to August 24. Arrangements will be made for each individual camper concerning bus transportation."

And to the parents of campers, don't forget the advantages of the Richilda Week-end Swim and Sports Club. Enjoy the best of two worlds close to home.

"SWEET BUNCH OF DAISIES"

Summer is a busy time. Everywhere there is a hum of life and there is so much to see. Every season seems to have its crop of special flowers. The common white daisy which now inhabits every farmer's field brings back hosts of memories.

So abundant is this flower that any child could make endless daisy chains without diminishing the species at all. Each daisy head has many small flowers. The yellow disc flowers are in the centre of the flower head and the white ray flowers are around the edge of it. How many times, as a child, I have picked away the petals with this old saying, "He loves me . . . He loves me not." The final one told me where I stood, of course, but then it didn't bother me at all. Now my main interest in daisies is to make them the central part of a wild flower garden I'm trying to encourage.

Mrs. M. E. Drew, Elgin Mills Sideroad W.

Dedication

As a tribute to her thirty-two years of devoted teaching in Richmond Hill High School this issue of The Orbit is dedicated to Miss Edna Izzard on her retirement.

In the following article Miss Izzard recalls some of the significant moments, both happy and profound, which have marked her participation in the life of our high school and community.

1930-1962

The great depression, World War II, the post-war boom and the cold war comprise the span 1930-1962. For Richmond Hill High School these years also fall into two equal eras, since 1946 saw the end of the quarter-century Stewart regime, unique in the devotion our principal inspired in staff and students alike.

With the new era came many changes. The creation of the school area and the migration from Toronto, being the chief, brought in their train many others. The increase in school population led to building at the expense of the lovely maples and landscaping that gave this school a very attractive setting. The inadequacy of the addition soon led to the shift system, to the double shift, and finally to another addition.

During this period of adjustment, many of the traditional extra-curricular activities were, of necessity, discontinued. However, there are compensations: the new library with the facilities developed by Mr. Clifton (may his shadow never grow less) and his library club, the home economics and shop departments, the new laboratories and gymnasiums, to name only a few. Of these, none has delighted me more than the extension of scholarships and bursaries.

Equally gratifying is the fact that our students not only continue to win them, but go on to greater achievement in their undergraduate and post-graduate studies. Several of our graduates have recently won fellowships to Harvard, UBC, and Washington State University; Bob and Neil Risebrough and David Tinker.

However, many of the advantages offered students today were instituted in the '30's and '40's. The dominion-provincial scholarships from which RHHS students benefited yearly in the days of the not "affluent society"; the Visites Interprovinciales which gave several of our students a summer in Quebec in the early '40's; the creation of the theatrical arts section of the OEA with its verse-speaking contest in which, among others, the mother of one of today's Grade 13 students was entered.

During the thirties and early forties, the staff had a permanent core, Misses Shoebottom, Jones, Shaw, Smith and Izzard ("Daddy's ladies" as three-year-old Verna Stewart called us, when in return for my efforts at entertainment, she remarked "I like all Daddy's ladies—even you.")

Others came and went. Some entirely to the play. On both

evenings, the current edition of The Tatler was sold; since it was essential for financial reasons that it go on sale at commencement, the winter term might be described as hectic.

The literary society also sponsored the production of programmes at its regular meetings. Dates for programmes were assigned for the various forms. Mock trials, one-act plays, debates and variety shows were favorite features.

The form one-act plays provided a source of actors for the chief event of the school year, the Commencement Play. "The Lit" meeting opened with a short business meeting; the editor read the current edition of The Tatler, and at the close of the meeting one of the staff members commented as critic.

During 1940-1945 "The Lit" sponsored the War Effort Society which sent The Tatler, letters, cards, and parcels to our boys overseas; it sold War Saving Stamps to raise over a thousand dollars a year. It is very fitting that one of the literary society's undertakings was to provide the school with the War Memorial Tablet.

My memories dwell most fondly upon the yearly production of the three-act play and upon our production of a charming three-act opera The Gypsy Rover; in the former one I was director, in the latter one assisted our gifted music teacher, Miss Jean Smith, our girls excelled in track and field. We usually had the North York senior and junior champions, Beatrice Rumble, Isobel Aingie, Ruth Aingie, Lois Armstrong who nobly forsook their class-

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