

Finds Planning 'Big Thing' On Overseas Tour

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"I was enormously impressed with the attention paid to planning and control by local authorities over new developments and redevelopments," said Richmond Hill Reeve Floyd Perkins on his return from Europe this week.

Mr. Perkins was one of 67 elected representatives and officials from Ontario that between them toured a dozen British cities and towns and visited Denmark, Holland, Germany and Sweden.

Also on the tour, organized by the Ontario Municipal Association to study municipal government in foreign countries, were Reeve A. Rutherford and Clerk J. McDonald of Vaughan Township and Markham Township Clerk H. Crisp.

Estimating they are at least 25 years ahead of us in planning, Mr. Perkins said that more attention is paid to planning in England than anywhere else he visited.

Each council must pro-

duce an overall local development plan for the federal government and before any development can start it must first be approved by the minister in charge of the planning authority.

Restrictions are rigid and building closely controlled in Holland and Denmark also, the reeve said.

In Holland the municipality is the only subdivider. They buy the land, provide services like roads, water mains and sewers, then call

for tenders from private developers.

The successful bidder builds shops, factories and houses to strict specifications laid down by the municipality. Usually a development project is leased to the developer for a period of 99 years.

Mr. Perkins said in England great stress has been placed on redistribution of population; redevelopment of slum areas; adapting the downtown areas to meet to-

day's traffic requirements; conservation of farm lands, mining areas and parks.

He cited the fact that 16 new cities, eight of them within a 35-mile radius of London, have been started since the end of World War II.

One city, Basildon, started a 15-year redevelopment plan in 1949 and there are now 106,000 people living in what Mr. Perkins described as a "model city" of 20 houses per acre.

Residential and industry is kept to an even balance in most areas of England, Mr. Perkins explained. In Basildon a one million three hundred thousand square-foot plant is now being built by the Ford Company for building tractors.

About 50 per cent of the English people live in council owned houses at a very low monthly rental. The housing authority has over 200,000 dwellings with some rented for as low as \$6 a

month and the tenant pays the taxes.

The reeve said he would not like to see this adopted in Canada and predicted it would not work here.

Over seven million dollars is spent annually in London alone for upkeep of parks and children's playgrounds. Another \$750,000 is used for new park development and at the present time there are 155 public parks in and around London.

"Their park setup is sec-

ond to none," Mr. Perkins said. "People may bowl, play tennis, cricket or listen to a concert without charge."

Another thing that impressed the Richmond Hill reeve was the competence of paid officials who carry out the day-by-day administration. They are extremely well-trained in all phases of municipal government, he said.

Besides three days studying London council, Mr. Per-

kins spent one day in the borough of Lambeth on the outskirts of London and three days in Stafford, an industrial city of 50,000, 135 miles from London.

All areas he visited seemed to be booming with virtually no unemployment, the reeve said.

In Amsterdam, Holland, municipal authorities are now clearing 50,000 old buildings in a gigantic slum clearance project.

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Members Have Busy Two Days

Markham Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary were as busy as bees Friday and Saturday manning their exhibit at the Markham Fair. The ladies sold \$125.45 worth of cookies in aid of the new hospital. Mrs. J. C. MacMicking, Mrs. Arthur Jacobs, Mrs. H. A. Bradley and Mrs. J. Fry were kept hopping to handle the large crowds that visited the display.

Starts New Well Oct. 14

Supply At Danger Point

Ask Residents "Go Easy"

Several days of pelting rain last week did not come to the rescue of King City's dwindling water supply.

This week village trustees urged residents to adopt stringent household measures so that the last foot of water in the well would not entirely disappear.

Monday evening, uniformed volunteers of King City fire brigade headed by Fire Chief David Glass, called at 5404 Homes in the village with bulletins advising water conservation.

"Bathe once a week instead of daily, flush your toilet only when absolutely necessary, wash clothes as seldom as possible, and then, with as little water as you can use," trustees urged.

They explained commercial use of water has been stopped,

water shortage on the low water table and insufficient rain all summer.

"Five days rain last week did not soak deeply enough to affect the wells," he told "The Liberal".

He doubted the schools would be forced to close. "People are aware of the situation and are exceptionally co-operative in doing all they can to save water," he stated.

An emergency meeting was called Monday evening at the village office, attended by trustees and representatives of International Water Supply Company and Proctor and Redfern Consulting Engineers.

As a result, trustees authorized International Water to start

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TO APPEAL CONVICTION AGAINST NOISE BYLAW

"Conformity Not Good" Says YCDHS Official

Absolute conformity in textbooks would not be a desirable thing, Superintendent Sam Chapman of York Central District High School Board told "The Liberal" last week.

Mr. Chapman was commenting on the recent controversy over high school texts which has been stirred up in the Toronto area.

He suggested that different teachers and classes often need varied approaches to the same subject in a textbook.

"It is only in recent years

the Department of Education authored a sweeping change which saw more than one text per subject authorized for our school system," Mr. Chapman recalls.

"Now a campaign has been apparently started which would have us go back to the old system."

There is a good deal of variance in textbooks used at the board's four schools - Bayview, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Woodbridge.

Mr. Chapman stressed there is a continuing effort on the part of schools to keep the number of textbooks for each grade and subject to an absolute minimum.

Average cost of textbooks is only about \$17 per student, Mr. Chapman estimated.

It should be noted that the estimate of \$17 is based on cost of new textbooks. Many students are able to obtain most of their texts second-hand, at a greatly reduced price.

Mr. Chapman noted that most newly-introduced textbooks have become necessary because of recent changes in high school courses.

In York Central, between five and six dollars per Grade 9 and 10 pupil is spent purchasing texts which are loaned to students free of charge.

Dr. & Mrs. Wilson Hold Party On Golden Wedding

Dr. and Mrs. John P. Wilson, who were married in 1912, celebrated their anniversary at a private dinner party Tuesday which was attended by at least two of their wedding guests, Mrs. Wilson is the former Mary Guest of Mono Mills.

Until his retirement last year, Dr. Wilson was medical adviser to the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home, a position he held from the time it opened in the 1920s. He practiced in Swastika and Kirkland Lake until coming to Richmond Hill 42 years ago. Dr. Wilson is a past president of the Richmond Hill Lion's Club and also an active vice-president in the local senior citizen's club.

Mrs. Wilson is a past president of Richmond Hill United Church Women's Missionary Society and also of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Among the guests Tuesday was Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Charles MacLeod of Richmond Hill, who was a member of the bridal party of 50 years ago, and also R. Calvin Wilson of Ottawa, Dr. Wilson's brother. Other guests were L. Ezra Ewart of Newmarket, Dr. Wilson's cousin, and the couple's children, Dr. John Wilson Jr. of Toronto; Mrs. Norman Park, New Liskeard; Fred Wilson, Richmond Hill. Another son, Eric, died in action in 1942 with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Blame Weather For Poor Crowd At Safety Check

Heavy rain prevented a safety check sponsored by the Aristocrats and Marquis Rod and Custom Clubs in the Richmond Heights Centre, Tuesday to Friday of last week, from attracting expected crowds.

According to Recording Secretary Howard Foster of the Aristocrats, only about 300 cars were checked by officials of the Department of Transport and club members.

Officials predicted a turnout of 250 cars per day in good weather. Rain frequently forcing the safety checkers to head for cover, Saturday's checking program was washed out completely by rain.



Honored On Retirement

Mr. Lewis Long on behalf of fellow staff members makes presentation to Mr. Morley Beynon, popular local citizen who has retired after over twenty-one years with Colgate Palmolive Ltd.

Morley Beynon, a long time and highly esteemed citizen of Richmond Hill was honoured this week on the occasion of his retirement after more than twenty-one years with the Colgate Palmolive Co. Ltd.

Mr. Beynon was guest at a farewell dinner at the Granite Club when tribute to his many years of faithful and devoted service was paid by company President J. H. Carpenter, R. L. Jones vice-president in charge of manufacturing, George Gourley vice-president in charge of finance, R. P. MacDonald vice-president in charge of public relations, Dean Fockler, plant superintendent and others. The tributes were graciously acknowledged by Mr. Beynon who spoke in glowing terms of his high regard for the company, the officials and his fellow staff members. Noticeably moved by the severance of his active association with the company Mr. Beynon said he spoke from his heart in expressing appreciation for many happy and rewarding years with the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

Friday, September 14, was the date of a very pleasant gathering at the Savarin Club, when associates in his department presented Mr. Beynon with a beautiful gold wrist watch, suit-

Connor Transport officials are apparently trying to break Vaughan Township's anti-noise bylaw, Vaughan Township Councillor Ruth McConkey told a group of Sherwood Ratepayers Monday night.

The ratepayers group appeared before council to ask what was being done about the noise created at the firm's garage on Keele Street.

Mrs. McConkey explained that Mr. Connor, owner of the firm, had already been fined \$25 for breaking the bylaw but that he was apparently going to appeal the conviction to a higher court.

She suggested that the firm's lawyer would try to prove the noise created was necessary. The anti-noise bylaw prohibits unnecessary noise.

Gilbert Keffer, spokesman for the ratepayers, told council the firm had been working all night long five days a week for the last two months.

He stated that police had been called several times but the noise had continued.

Mr. Keffer claimed the firm seemed to be deliberately making as much noise as possible since Mr. Connor was fined. "He's usually quiet about 11. He waits until we're all asleep at two o'clock in the morning, then wakes us up with his noise," he alleged.

"He (Mr. Connor) is an unreasonable man," commented Reeve Albert Rutherford. "He doesn't seem to care for anybody."

Mr. Rutherford added that the province doesn't allow the township to put enough teeth in its anti-noise bylaw.

Sherwood residents could launch a civil action against Mr. Connor, charging him with creating a public nuisance, Mrs. McConkey suggested.

She predicted that an injunction could be granted by the courts, preventing Connor Transport from working at night. Failure to comply with an injunction is contempt of court, a serious charge, she said.

"We are sympathetic to your problem," Deputy-reeve Jesse

Here Five Years, Bank Head Takes Oakville Position

The Bank of Nova Scotia in Richmond Hill has announced the transfer of Manager Roy Chandler to the main Oakville branch.

Mr. Chandler came to Richmond Hill in October 1957.

A past president of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club, Mr. Chandler is married and has two children, John, in Grade 8 at Richmond Hill High School, and Susan in Grade 8 at McCaughey Public School.

He is director of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, past secretary of the VON board, a recent chairman of membership in the Richmond Hill Curling Club and treasurer of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce.

His wife, Ruth, is a director of the Richmond Hill Curling Club, ladies' division, vice-president of the Inner Wheel of Rotary and a member of the board of VON.

The transfer is effective October 15.

C. R. Smith, who is presently manager of the Upper Ottawa and Fennel Branch, Hamilton, will replace Mr. Chandler.

Mr. E. N. (Nick) Hallman Dies Suddenly Sunday

A well known and highly respected citizen of Richmond Hill, Mr. Elmer Noah (Nick) Hallman, 53, passed away suddenly Sunday afternoon following a heart attack. Although Mr. Hallman had suffered from a heart condition for sometime his sudden passing came as a real shock to his many friends in the community.

A resident of Richmond Hill for the past eight years, Mr. Hallman made his home at 146 Markham Road. Born at Port Elgin Mr. Hallman had been associated with the Toronto office of Ontario Hydro for the past 13 years. He attended Richmond Hill United Church.

Active in community affairs Mr. Hallman was President of the Canadian Legion Ontario Hydro Branch, third vice-president of the local Lions Club, and a director of both the curling club and the lawn bowling club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Irene Subject, and two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Scheels of Kitchener and Mrs. O. D. Wilson of Buffalo.

The funeral service was held from the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon,



E. N. HALLMAN

From Beverley To Crosby

Eleven Parents Refuse To Transfer Students

A total of 22 of the 33 children who had been asked to transfer from the kindergarten at Beverley Acres School to Crosby Heights School had done so by Wednesday morning, according to Mrs. D. Street, secretary of the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

The board went into a committee of the whole following their meeting Thursday night and drew up a letter asking parents who had not transferred their children to do so at once.

A delegation of about a dozen parents attended the board meeting. The board had agreed to re-open the question of transfers following their meeting with parents last Tuesday night.

Parents were excluded from the committee meeting. In the letter, the board

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erley Acres would be found.

A problem had arisen when 139 kindergarten pupils had registered at Beverley Acres and only 76 at Crosby.

Since there is provision for four classes at each school, Beverley Acres would have 35 pupils per class and Crosby 19. An enrolment of 25 is considered ideal in kindergarten.