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Our Yonge St. Tunnel

According to a news story carried in a Toronto daily last week, Harold Deeks, Richmond Hill's planning director, has finally come up with a solution to all the town's problems. It's all very simple, just build a tunnel under Yonge Street. Mr. Deeks is even so optimistic as to think the province would pay 90% of the total cost although he admits he has no idea as to just how much such a tunnel would cost or if the province would even faintly consider subsidizing his dream, let alone to the extent of 90%.

In face of the many problems Ontario is facing to-day Premier John Robarts is more interested in investing provincial tax dollars in such things as schools, hospitals or a health plan - certainly not in a hole in the ground.

This is not the first time Mr. Deeks has chosen to ignore his planning board and council and speak in public on important policy matters that should first be considered by these two bodies. The present administration had just nicely taken office last January when Mr. Deeks in a speech before the local Rotary Club covered a wide range of subjects many of which were policy matters falling under the domain of the people's elected representatives.

The news story also makes reference to the high rate of taxation in Richmond Hill comparing it to other municipalities in Metro.

This type of publicity, the same reference appeared in an earlier planning story, does nothing in a positive way to help solve our problems. Stories of this kind in the large Metropolitan press only serve to frighten away every level of taxpayer whether it's residential, commercial or industrial from settling in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Deeks has swamped local planning and development in a sea of red tape and created disappointment and ill feeling among some townspeople which is most unfortunate in a community. Planning Board Chairman Cecil Williams was right when he said the board is badly in need of better public relations and a better public image.

Mr. Deeks has been unable to offer any practical solution to many of the complex problems facing this municipality. Now we have his latest dream of a tunnel under Yonge Street. What Richmond Hill needs is a little more common sense and less controversy.

Mr. Deeks was hired as planning director in November 1961 at a salary of \$8,500. Fortunately council had enough courage to say no to a further raise of \$500 this year. The planning board budget for 1963 is \$18,165. We would suggest it's high time council make a careful reappraisal of the office of planning director in relationship to its value if any, to the municipality.

Holidays And Sick Pay

Two members of different municipal councils fought for the taxpayer last week but both unfortunately were unsuccessful in their efforts to effect some real savings in their respective administrations.

In Richmond Hill Councillor Al White was the only member of town council to favour restricting the granting of three weeks' holidays to those employees who had completed 10 years service with the municipality. Instead council decided to ignore Mr. White's suggestion and grant town employees three weeks' holidays after just six years of service.

In the opinion of this newspaper Councillor White was right. Three weeks' holidays after 10 years service seems not only fair but in keeping with the average holiday period of this town receive in their employment. In fact some taxpayers aren't so fortunate as to receive three weeks' holidays after 10 years employment. The level of fringe benefits a municipality provides should bear some relationship to the earning power of the taxpayers — the people who have to foot the bill.

In Markham Township, Coun-

cillor Al Sumner fought alone in a vain attempt to put a ceiling on the length of time the municipality will pay sick leave to a police officer who is off duty because of an accident or illness. As in the case of Councillor White, Mr. Sumner too was unsuccessful in his efforts to place a fair limit on the municipality's responsibility to its police officers.

During the present era of soaring taxation councils would be well advised not only to preach economy but also to practice it in every-day administration of their affairs. Councils are prone to place the blame for high taxes on another level of government when they could show their sincerity by exercising some old fashioned economy in their own operations.

It's alright to ask the province to increase its grants or accept a greater responsibility in some aspect of government, but at the same time the municipalities should show their good faith by seeing that their people receive full value for every tax dollar collected and spent.

Everybody agrees taxes are too high, so let's start doing something about it by introducing some real economies at the local level.

Let's Go To The Fair

Saturday will be fair day in Richmond Hill. The Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will present their 114th annual spring fair and we hope people of the district in large numbers will attend this historic community event.

The horse show with a full program of saddle and hurdle events as well as competitive classes for light and heavy horses will be the feature attraction. It will attract some of the very finest horses in Ontario and will be well worth seeing. In addition to the horse show there will be a large exhibit of Jersey cattle and other livestock, and a number of attractions which should appeal to young and old.

The midway will be complete with the usual rides and games and

everywhere there will be the atmosphere and charm of the country fair. This is an attraction which in many communities has passed from the scene of living and the fact that our fair has continued for over a century should be a matter of considerable local pride.

President Lloyd Beatty and his fellow officers and directors have worked hard to prepare an attractive program for the 114th annual fair and in their efforts on behalf of an honored Richmond Hill institution they merit the whole-hearted support of all our citizens.

One of the best ways to boost the fair is to attend and bring along members of the family, especially boys and girls. Let's go to the fair Saturday.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

DON'T ABANDON KITTENS

Dear Mr. Editor:
The season has arrived when I lose considerable faith in people - the season when innocent little kittens are dropped from cars passing through the town, or by thoughtless people generally, who are too "kind", or too careless to deal with the matter otherwise.

MYRTLE F. DOLAN

Richmond Hill.

SUFFERS INJURY ON TOWN SIDEWALK

Dear Mr. Editor:
For over two years I have been in touch with the clerk and town council of Richmond

Hill regarding an injury I received on the faulty sidewalk in front of the Mainprize Drugstore. I walked from there as far as the entrance to the municipal hall where I reported my accident to Clerk R. Lynett who was standing with Foreman Fred Bovaird and another gentleman at the street.

I have been in Richmond Hill most of the time since 1937 and my first trip to a doctor here was an X-ray on my foot. Naturally when I hurt it I didn't run to the doctor as I thought it only a sprain.

Since then I have been in the hospital at three different times for operation on this foot.

I have always been a great walker but now I can only walk when I force myself to and I doubt if my foot will ever be right again.

I have asked Richmond Hill council several questions but they will not answer them. Why? Here are the questions. Why didn't the clerk tell me to send my report in writing the day I told him I injured my foot? (This was just after I received the injury).

2 When I phoned regarding same after the first operation on my foot, I was advised that the town had insurance and to send a letter with all particulars. (Continued on Page 15)

Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

THERE'LL BE FUN FOR YOU AT THE RICHMOND HILL FAIR

The annual Richmond Hill Spring Fair will be in full swing, Saturday, May 18, and there's no place like a fair to have a good family outing. Our own Richmond Hill Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society which was founded in 1849. The president of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society is Lloyd Beatty of Markham Township... 1st vice-president is Graeme Bales, R.R.2, Gormley... 2nd vice-president is Art McKeown from Vaughan Township and secretary is Derrick Wallbanks of Richmond Hill. This fair is financed by grants from the province and York County and it is supported by Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan. Some individuals and corporations also donate toward it.

The events will be worth coming to see. The midway rides and the sideshows will provide an atmosphere of color and festivity. The York County Jersey Show is sponsored by the Jersey Cattle Club of York County and the hunter and jumper competition is recognized by the Canadian Horseshow Association. Come and see these fine horses in show. The Dairy Princess Competition is a main event also. If you like pitching horseshoes, come along and try your luck! It's a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon, and at the same time back up the hard-working members of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society.

"IT'S FUN BEING A DAIRY PRINCESS" DIANE FIERHELLER

For the last two years, the tall and very attractive daughter of Eldon and Kathleen Fierheller has had the time of her life. Diane has been Dairy Princess for Central Ontario since 1961. Since then, Diane has become a good public relations woman for the dairy industry. She attended banquets, appeared at the openings of various stores and businesses; attended conventions, and all because she represents the dairy farmer of Ontario, and the processors and distributors of the various dairy products.

"I have been given the rare privilege," declared Diane, "to speak to the public, to meet new people from every walk of life and most important to be able to boast of my heritage and my way of life."

Diane said that as Central Ontario Dairy Princess, she has learned more about the dairy industry. The production of whole milk and milk products is ever changing and improving. The consumer can rest assured that he is getting the best for his money when he buys Ontario dairy products. Diane hopes to be a good influence upon those who know little or nothing about the dairy industry. By doing this, dairy farming and the resulting products may receive some advertising. Diane believes that good advertising is the nucleus of success, and that her job as a dairy princess is to draw attention to the industry for its betterment.

How does a girl get to be a dairy princess? Diane explains: "Ontario," she says, "is divided into five areas. The county dairy princess in each area attaining the highest score in the preliminaries becomes regional princess. A girl who enters the dairy princess competition must be 17 to 26 years old, live on a farm, or be the daughter of a farmer. The York County competition is held at the Richmond Hill Fair. After being chosen as the county dairy princess, she goes to the C.N.E. Forty-five girls enter the competition. In the preliminaries, five girls compete at a time. One girl is chosen from each five. Then she goes on to the semi-finals and competes against three or four other girls. The last step, she competes again and the winner becomes the Dairy Princess of Ontario."

Diane lives at EldonLea Farm, Edgeley, with her parents, brother Douglas and sister Jane. She is a student of Thornhill Secondary School and a member of the Thornhill United Church. Diane has many hobbies. She likes to ride horses, fish and hunt. She enjoys basketball and volleyball at the high school. In the summer, she does some water skiing. She designs clothes and sews (Diane makes most of her clothes). She also enjoys cooking and reading. (Her favorite authors are Hemingway, Hardy and Dumas.) Diane has plenty of ambition too. She plans to attend the Toronto Teachers' College and the Ontario College of Art. (She wants to be an art supervisor.) She would like to be the Ontario Dairy Princess for 1963 and Canadian Dairy Princess in 1964, and last but not least, she wants to travel anywhere and everywhere.

Diane has been deep in 4-H work for some time now. She was a member of the homemaking club for three years. Her leaders were Mrs. Eldon Fierheller and Mrs. Paul Snider. She has been a member of the Woodbridge Calf Club for four years. The leaders of this club are E. Pembleton, Don Head Farms, Harold Clapp, Fraserdale Farms and Carl Boynton. Meetings are held once a month from April to October. Diane's chosen breed is Holstein, and the reason she joined the calf club was to learn how to care for, judge and gain more knowledge of showing Holstein dairy cattle. "My experiences in 4-H have been invaluable to me," said Diane. "It taught me to value the advice and experience of true showmen; to see the value of proper farm management and the value of improving a dairy herd." Diane has also learned the value of the early training of children in the basics of farming and home-making and that farm children are not the "poor kids that can't do anything." The fact is that they are intelligent, mature and highly responsible for their age mainly because they have been given responsibility from an early age in the form of caring for pets and doing household chores. This training is carried on into adolescence and adulthood to form responsible citizens.

Life on the farm has made Diane a true daughter of the land. She realizes that farming is something more than a mere existence. It is a way of life. It is a highly organized, highly mechanical industry and a long way from the pioneer farm. Today, a modern farmer must know about farm management, understand proper breeding programs, proper use of the land for high production and proper feeding of stock for a definite purpose. A farmer must have a shrewd business mind to compete. He must love the land so much that the bad things fade into nothingness as soon as the new crop is harvested or a heifer brings a good price. Above all, he must have unflagging hope and patience when "the going gets rough." Diane thinks that farming is a good life, and Booker T. Washington said: "No race can prosper 'til it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field, as in writing a poem."

The Music Box... By W. Ray Stephens

Thank You Woodbridge Festival

A couple of columns ago we mentioned the fact that the York Music Festival (Woodbridge) had asked Richmond Hill Town Council for a donation. In 1961 the council parted with \$10 but this time, as a cautionary move, it was passed along to the finance committee for 'further thought' hence the 'penny for your thoughts' item in this column.

Now we are pleased to see JANIS NICHOLLS of Richmond Hill, receive an award of \$25 from the Woodbridge festival for winning first place in the piano class under 14 years. This is a scholarship. Whatever we did in council about this great financial problem I've not heard, but it is probably deep in some corner being 'thought' about.

Pleasant Music in Pleasantville

Monday, May 6, was music night in Pleasantville Public School and a very large assortment of patronizing parents assembled to hear an even larger assortment of children entertain them. A play, the junior choir, senior girls' choir, senior choir and piano solos were the fare of the evening. Principle Denis Middleton welcomed one and all and Graham Shantz, music instructor and a member of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, led the classes throughout the evening in the choral singing.

Elizabeth Turton accompanied for most of the numbers and played a very fine solo 'Allegretto' by Haydn. Her work as an accompanist however excelled and she will find herself quite busy in future. A most impressive pianist as well as Loris Adamson of grade 4. At that young age Loris shows great promise. The choral work as a whole was very well done and many were the comments about the excellent way in which the various singing groups performed so capably under the direction of Mr. Shantz.

Schubert Without Schubert The Schubert Music Club of Sherbrook, Que., celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of the great composer with a varied musical programme ranging from Bach to Broadway - but no Schubert!

Orchestra Concludes Second Season

By invitation of the Aurora Centennial Committee, the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra put on its final concert of the season in the auditorium of the G. W. Williams Secondary School on May 6.

As in the past, an almost capacity audience attended proving once again that this type of entertainment has a very large following, and it isn't necessarily as one would anticipate. People who like music and when there's the chance to hear it live, right on the doorstep, they

make sure of going along. The Trinity Choral Society under the skillful guidance of Mrs. Illydd Harris, set a high standard of musical performance throughout the evening. Accompanied by the orchestra for 'Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding' was an outstanding combination. Without the orchestra Mrs. Harris conducted the group in "Three Madrigals of the Tudor period." (Creations

Hymn,' and English traditional tune 'My Pretty Maid' and 'Greensleeves' with one excellent bit of baritone solo work by Ted McClenney in a Cornish sea song, the 'Mermaid'.

ARTHUR BURGIN opened the orchestral portion of the programme by conducting the Frescobaldi 'Tocata' then the strings played well in the Haydn 'Serenade'. (Continued on Page 15)

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That lay within their sphere.
— Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts...

by George Mayes
● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Well, as far as drinking is concerned, it will still be a case of Vaughan for the road.

We don't like to suggest that Planning Director Harold Deeks is in a rut, but the story on his proposal to tunnel Yonge Street traffic under the Hill makes mention of his experience in planning MINING towns.

RCMP officers searched for a bomb on the Prime Minister's plane when it landed from London... but it turned out that Charlotte Whitton was on a separate flight.

Police Chief Robbins says no intimidation is used in asking shopkeepers to withdraw books he disapproves of from their displays... And those army sergeants were always nice about it when they called for volunteers.

On the 60th Day of Decision the Prime Minister said to me — Canada's folk singers are overlooking opportunity again. With a bit of music, the press count-up on our new government could be another "Partridge in a Pear Tree".

We know it's just coincidence but Sir Winston Churchill DID announce his retirement from politics at the same time as Toronto bricklayers announced they expect to get \$3.05 an hour.

And that small-time Toronto bookmaker must have had some second thoughts about coincidences when, after being arrested with \$100 in his wallet he was fined \$100 — by a magistrate who is also chairman of the racing commission.

Canadian voters are said to have set two new records in the recent election... LP records?

Welfare officers in general will have some second thoughts on their social status if they noticed that remark by a Whitby magistrate. After registering a conviction for indecent telephone calls, he added: "... no one, not even a welfare officer, has to put up with that."

Philip Thomson Clark is retiring after 28 years of government service. If the name isn't familiar, he is Ontario's comptroller of revenue and is better known as "Mr. Sales Tax"... amongst other names.

A story on King City's unwanted railroad station says it experienced its final moment of glory when former Prime Minister Diefenbaker made a campaign stop... And you might say the feeling was mutual.

It's an integrate world we live in: In Alabama they fight FOR integration and in Quebec they fight AGAINST it.

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