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Thornhill And Dissolution

At the May meeting of the Thornhill Village Trustees it was suggested that some thought be given to dissolving the police village. An argument in favour of the move was that roads would receive greater consideration if Thornhill came under the complete control of the Townships of Markham and Vaughan. A proposed road paving program was voted down by village residents last year.

Thornhill became a police village in 1931 and a three-member elective board of trustees has a limited jurisdiction. A police village is dependent on the municipal council(s) of the township(s) in which it lies especially in the matter of capital costs.

As Village Chairman James Timmins said, such a major move as dissolution would need an exhaustive study before any final decision could be reached. The people of Thornhill would certainly have to be consulted and asked to pass judgement on any dissolution proposal. The park, pond, and library are three public facilities now administered by the trustees the future of which would be affected by dissolution.

Before the move is given any serious thought, a real effort should

be made to make the present local administration work as advantageously as possible. Our local democratic institutions represent a priceless heritage and should not be cast aside if there is any hope of saving them. The trustees should continue to pursue their duties with vigor and a high sense of purpose and give the people of Thornhill leadership in municipal affairs. The trustees can perform a useful service by merely keeping their citizens informed of the problems the municipality is facing inside and outside of its borders. A close liaison with the two townships is of paramount importance.

Perhaps the duties and responsibilities of the trustees could be enlarged, thus making the job more challenging. The townships concerned, Markham and Vaughan, should for their part give the trustees their full co-operation and assistance in all matters pertaining to the village and adjacent areas.

Thornhill is seeing many changes situated as it is in the expanding southern areas of Markham and Vaughan. The trustees have a prime responsibility to protect the interests, as far as possible, of the present property owners in the face of these changes.

Honour Senior Citizens

This week has been declared Senior Citizens Week by Richmond Hill Town Council, to honour the very active group of older men and women living in Richmond Hill. Not only local citizens benefit from the activities of the local organization but older folk from as far south as the Thornhill district and as far west as the Maple area enjoy the year-round group programme.

Each day of this special week is being marked by local seniors with varied activities. We feel it is a good time to acquaint our readers as a whole with the work that the group is doing.

Let us take a look at the average senior citizen who lives in this area today. Sure, there will be exceptions to the following, but considering all things, these exceptions are to be envied.

A citizen who is between sixty-five and seventy was born before the turn of the century, this is a simple mathematical fact, but since that time there have been events that in many cases have left our seniors in an unenviable situation.

First, of course, they were born into an age far less luxurious than

we know today, and just as they were reaching maturity they were called off to war. Back in civilian life again they were able to set about the business of establishing themselves only to run into the depression of the thirties. Their most productive years were depression years, when nest eggs were consumed or lost and the struggle to keep alive and clothed left little money to put aside for old age or retirement.

This was followed by another war and by then they were past the prime of life and could not take full advantage of the rising trends.

They have saved and scrimped to put aside hard-earned dollars to provide for their old age only to find that these dollars are comparatively useless. They find the old age pension inadequate and they are forced to turn to their children for support. On the whole they did not have and still are not having it easy.

They have led this country along some pretty rocky roads, they deserve smooth sailing now.

Senior citizens are to be honoured this week — do that — not only this week but every week in the year.

The Emergencies That Do Happen

"In case of emergency - - -" can be a relative term. There are emergencies that strike families, villages or large communities during peacetime that require almost wartime defensive action. Floods, great fires, storms, explosions or epidemic can strike a large area; accidents such as train, plane or traffic smash-up can hit a small community and require the combined reaction of the whole population in its vicinity. These things happen unexpectedly in peacetime — but they do happen.

Where the people have prepared themselves for any emergency, the disastrous effects can be mitigated through the efforts of those people. First aid to the injured and to the apparently drowned is extremely important, since doctors are often not available for several hours after the calamity has happened, if it is not in a well populated area. First aid should be standard instruction to adults and children over ten years.

Accidents happen to most of us. It may be to members of the family, but they involve us; accidents can happen to strangers and we can become involved, voluntarily, if we have the knowledge and skill that can save a life or prevent an injury from becoming worse through need of prompt action.

The trained first aider has both the knowledge and skill. A course in first aid is given by your St. John Ambulance — a course that is short and well planned, with theory and plenty of practice. Included in the

course is the often needed instruction on what to do in case of poisoning or some cases of sudden illness.

Home nursing is an important subject for mothers and any woman who is interested in helping members of her family or a friend or neighbour in case of illness. The care which she is qualified to give through her course in home nursing can aid in the recovery of the patient. This course, too, is easily assimilated. In the event of a disaster, the home nurse would be a valuable member of the community by reason of the skills she acquired in her St. John Ambulance home nursing course.

Additional practical knowledge that could save lives in time of disaster or, if necessary, during the peaceful vacation days is the proper way to take anyone from the water and, related subject, how to give artificial respiration if they have stopped breathing.

To learn more about these subjects, contact your civil defence organization. All these subjects are taught in C.D. classes, under the tutelage of St. John Ambulance.

Other kindred subjects in the field of disaster, offer scope for everyone's interests. Welfare organization of feeding and shelter, supplying emergency clothing, supplying information and instructions, registration, communications, transportation — are just a few of the ways in which the average person could serve — if and when an emergency occurs and becomes a disaster.

Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

LET'S HELP TO WRITE THE HAPPIER STATISTICS

Now that traffic will be increasing on the highways by leaps and bounds, we should be doing some hard thinking about our own driving habits, while on the way to work, the summer cottage or to the provincial parks for a week of camping.

If you drive, don't quarrel. Students of road accidents claim that an upset mind is not good enough for the man or woman in the drivers seat. But try to stop an irate person from jumping into the car, slamming the door and stepping on the gas. Yet there's no law to keep a man off the road because his ability is temporarily impaired by a blinding storm within himself. You can't legislate against family quarrels either. They break loose like the elements and some folks say, they clear the air. Yet they are one of the hidden elements that contribute to road accidents and loss of life and limb among people who drive cars. Laws are enacted, amended, and improved for the safety of people who must be the brains behind the brawn of mindless animated steel. But safety cannot be legislated. It's too human and personal a problem with countless unforeseeable angles.

It ends up in the hands of the individual who holds the wheel with the power of 200 horses throbbing under his feet. He is the custodian of thousands of lives on the highway and his undivided mind belongs in the drivers seat.

If you drive, don't drink. People who insist on going to cocktail parties, bars or beverage rooms should arrange beforehand for a non drinker to do the driving home. (I suggest a taxi). There's no deadlier combination than alcohol on the brain and gasoline in the engine. The two have absolutely no business being on the road together. The mixture is poison.

There are many organizations working long hours to make the travelling public safety conscious. You can depend that they have the statistics at their fingertips and know what causes accidents because they investigate. Listen to the voice of the Canadian Highway Safety Council, the Ontario Motor League, The Ontario Safety League and the Red Cross . . . and let not their warnings fall upon deaf ears. Everyone who drives a car has a responsibility to help lower the traffic fatality statistics.

"THE MEMORY OF 'INTO THY KINGDOM' LINGERS ON" . . . DOREEN KENDRY, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. MATTHEW'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Doreen Kendry of 333 South Taylor Mills Drive in Richmond Hill speaks enthusiastically about the new "Play Group" of St. Matthew's United Church. Mrs. Kendry is the young and charming mother of Greg, 4½ years old, Doug 3 and Bethlin, who is ten months old. Doreen's husband is a choir member of St. Matthew's Church as well as taking an active part in the staging of the plays. Incidentally seven of the members of the play group sing in the choir.

The St. Matthew's Players originated last fall and the first production was a one-act Christmas comedy, directed by Mrs. Linda Davis. "Into Thy Kingdom" a religious drama was produced Easter Sunday in the chancel of the church. The chancel of St. Matthew's has been designed to accommodate religious drama. The former minister, Rev. W. W. Patterson was responsible for this and the group are very grateful to him.

In this play, "Into Thy Kingdom", the story takes place in a room in the house of Caiaphas the high priest in the early hours of Sunday morning. Jesus had been crucified the previous Friday. As the story unfolds, the high priest moves from the enjoyment of an easy victory to a realization that it was Jesus and not he who had entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

Doreen Kendry played the part of Reba who was the daughter of a robber chief and the sweetheart of the thief that Christ spoke to on the Cross. (This thief was Joel, the son of Caiaphas, as portrayed in the play and this fact helped to give the play some of its dramatic significance).

The thief, Joel, had already heard of Christ's saving power for he and Reba had followed Christ to Jerusalem in order to find the eternal answer to all of mankind's problems here on earth. They received the answer when Christ said "This Day Thou Shalt Be With Me In Paradise." They knew then that in accepting Christ's teachings they would find a better way of life.

The play was under the direction of Mrs. Lucille Urquhart. The production of this wonderful play generated so much confidence and security in the players that the group decided to make the production of plays a regular event. Doreen Kendry is the active president of this new dramatic society and Bud Renshaw is the secretary-treasurer. Doreen will be directing the next play which will be produced sometime in the fall, and they hope to take it to the Ontario Hospital at Aurora. They are already selecting the drama so they can begin casting in June. Mrs. Linda Davis will be the producer. There are 20 people who have taken actual part in the group so far in the acting and staging. Ron Joyce looks after all the lighting effects.

Doreen Kendry said that they would like to have a more distinctive name, but just now they were satisfied with their identification with the church. "Our aim," said Doreen, "is to produce religious drama at Christmas and Easter and at least one comedy in the fall of this year."

Mrs. Kendry said that when they produced "Into Thy Kingdom" they had seven weeks from the time they selected their play. With four and half weeks to go until Easter, they started rehearsals with a full cast. They had several rehearsals and Mrs. Urquhart was aided by Mr. Patterson with the religious interpretation. The whole cast was enthusiastic about Lucille Urquhart's ability as a director. "She did a masterly job." Another factor in the play's success was the wonderful costumes provided by the efforts of Mrs. Anna Derry.

"Presenting a religious drama, especially of such scope and beauty as "Into Thy Kingdom" is a real challenge, and arouses a sense of responsibility in each member of the cast to do their utmost. They realize that a play such as this is a form of worship and must give its message with realism and sincerity to those who are watching it.

Mrs. Kendry says that she is very glad to be working with such a wonderful group. "We are anxious to have anyone who wishes to join us," she said. "We meet the first Thursday of the month."

(Further information about the St. Matthew's Players can be obtained from Mrs. Doreen Kendry, Phone TU. 4-7269).

Letters From Our Readers

APPRECIATES WORK OF CANINE CONTROL OFFICER

Dear Mr. Editor: I very recently had occasion to make use of the services of this area's canine control officer and I would like to state my considered opinion that he is a man unusually well qualified for the position that he holds.

His competence and kindness in carrying out his duties impressed both my wife and myself most favorably and he is, we feel, an outstanding example of a well-chosen, conscientious municipal employee.

Sincerely,
James Lewis,
340 Kerrybrook Dr.
Richmond Hill.

OLD DAYS IN THORNHILL

Dear Mr. Editor: Recently, some news clippings reached me from Mrs. Harry Hayes of Thornhill, relating to the imminent demolition of the old Dean homestead on Yonge Street.

I was employed by Mr. Harry Hayes towards the end of 1928 when Mrs. Hayes' brother, Dick, was killed in a road accident. When they moved to the house at "Dean's Switch", I went with them, and lived some of the happiest years of my life in that friendly home with the Hayes family, until 1933.

Later on, Mr. Frank Hyner, a young brother of Mrs. Hayes, came out from England, and I went to work with Mr. Wm.

Pritchard of the Thornhill Golf Club

Frank and Harry, carried on with the plastering business, and Mrs. Hayes "mothered" us all as well as her two young sons, Richard and Basil.

These are just a few of the nostalgic memories which your article by Mrs. M. McLean recalled last January.

I still have some of the photos taken of the Dean homestead and Thornhill Village. Various obstacles have come in my way to prevent me returning to Thornhill, marriage and of course a world war!

But I came very close when I visited New York to attend the wedding of my niece and be reunited with my brother after 31 years, in 1959.

As Mrs. Hayes said in an earlier letter - "there are very few folks left now in Thornhill who would remember me!" But to you good folks in Thornhill and Richmond Hill - "Thanks for the memory!" and I've still got my faith in a another Happy Reunion.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Wm. S. Bell
48 Terrace, Aberdeen,
Scotland.

Graduation

Now at the end of the long last mile,
Look once more on the ivied walls;
Cross the campus in cap and gown,
This is "Goodbye" to the gray old halls.
Turn to the world for an adult place,
The flag of youth a discarded tatter;
Hold in the heart for all the days
A cherished love for an Alma Mater.

Robert D. Little

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

"The Liberal" has been the home paper of the district since 1878 and glancing back through the files which have recorded the history of this community for eighty five years there has many times been mention of the song known as "The Lass of Richmond Hill."

In answer to requests from many readers we reprint again the words of this song which so often have appeared in the columns of this newspaper.

THE LASS OF RICHMOND HILL

On Richmond Hill there lives a lass,
More bright than May day morn,
Whose charms all other maids surpass
A rose without a thorn.
Chorus
This lass so sweet, with smiles so sweet
Has won by right good will,
I'd crown resign to call her mine,
Sweet lass of Richmond Hill,
Sweet lass of Richmond Hill,
Sweet lass of Richmond Hill
I'd crown resign to call her mine,
Sweet lass of Richmond Hill.

Ye Zephyrs gay that fan the air,
And wanton through the grove,
Oh whisper to my charming fair,
I die for her I love.

How happy will the shepherd be,
Who calls this nymph his own,
Oh may her choice be fixed on me,
Mine's fixed on her alone.

Chorus.

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

From last week's "Markham Briefs": At the close of the meeting Reeve Wilfred Dean reported at the end of the meeting that a proposed joint meeting with planning board would be an open meeting . . . And what did they open at THIS meeting?

Second Thawds: A huge apartment project in North York proposes to freeze its garbage until collection day . . . and the garbage men can revive their old occupational joke about getting \$65 a week — and all the garbage they can heat.

That outbreak of "food poisoning" among partying members of Toronto's Italian community MAY have been caused by infected cream puffs, but most Canadians could duplicate the symptoms ANYTIME they mixed whipped cream with home-made vino.

So it was musical chairs time again at CFGM . . . Wonder if the odd-men-out in the switch to saddles left a request for: "Give a man a horse he can ride"?

Just a reminder for Toronto's Anti-Nuclear Committee of 100 who are planning a visit to Cuba next month — on foot: Don't forget your rubbers!

Premier Robarts is expected to ask Ellen Fairclough to run for a Hamilton provincial seat. A wise move! When Quebec secedes, Ontario can use an experienced Minister of Immigration.

The Department of Highways says a 12-lane 401 will cost \$63 million and mean four years of detours — and looking at their plans we can see what they mean. But surely for \$63 million they should last longer than four years!

Ken Soble is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Maple Leaf Ball Club. This will bring the Hamilton TV and radio mogul full-circle: if you recall he STARTED with an amateur show.

Reeve Goodhead of North York claims he could save millions by cutting the municipal staff by 15 per cent . . . From which end?

Well it finally happened for real! A story from Scotland tells of the Scotch fisherman who was pulled into the water by a 19-pound salmon he had hooked and drowned when he refused to let loose of his rod . . . He must have had a wee dock!

The coincidence corner

One day after Prime Minister Pearson announced a 400-million-dollar pool for municipal works, Toronto was threatened with a rash of more-pay strikes which could tie-up the city's 400-million-dollar construction program.

Well, another day another dollar . . . Finance Minister Gordon's estimated \$6.5 billion dollars of governmental spending is said to represent roughly \$1 a day for everyone in Canada . . . Yeah, roughly!

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"Oh, what a beautiful Mornin'"
"Many a new day"
"Surry with the Fringe on top"
"All er nuthin' but a good n' Jud"
"Out of my dreams"
"Kansas City"
"I can't say no"
"The farmer and the cowman"

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