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Yonge St. Parking Meters

By a vote of four to three Richmond Hill Town Council has decided to retain the parking meters on Yonge Street until at least the \$1,500 still owing against them has been paid. Only Mayor William Neal, Reeve Floyd Perkins and Councillor Alex Campbell supported their removal. The meters were installed on Yonge Street in 1956 at a time when business conditions for merchants in that area were altogether different to those of today.

There has been a vast change in shopping facilities on Yonge Street during the past seven years. Competition for the retailing dollar has become extremely keen. At a time when almost everyone owns a car, people don't have to shop in an area where they are required to pay for parking space. And what is worse, they run the risk of having to pay a police fine if they over-park.

During the past few years different councils have promised action on Yonge Street. We have had reports like the Potvin report, redevelopment committees, parking authorities, and the latest suggestion by our planning director for a tunnel under Yonge Street. Yet no council

has ever presented a workable solution to the problems affecting this important area.

The Yonge Street business section is an extremely high assessment area and a large source of taxation to our municipality. Council had an opportunity to further protect that investment by removing the parking meters which are a detriment to the merchants. Unfortunately, a majority of council acted in a negative way. In doing so, council saw fit to ignore the petition of 32 Yonge St. merchants asking for their removal.

The deciding factor in council's decision was the \$1,500 still owing on the meters. This \$1,500 is a very small sum in relationship to the steady loss in Yonge Street commercial assessment the town is suffering every day. The latest assessment figures show Richmond Hill has a residential assessment of 79 per cent and only 16 per cent commercial and 5 per cent industrial.

Council would be well advised to protect and encourage what little commercial assessment the town has, rather than preserve such nuisances as parking meters which only serve to discourage business in one of its highest commercial assessment areas.

Relatively By Junior

I think my family are grand,
But sometimes hard to understand.
Most every night when supper's through,
My mother says; "Now, listen, Ted,
It's time that little boys like you
Should shuffle off and go to bed."
But in the morning when it's cold,
And I'm so snug and warm in bed,
She says: "Get up, I hate to scold
A great big boy like you are, Ted."
I sometimes think it is a fright
The way I'm growing overnight.

Robert D. Little

Have You Read These?

BY RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BD.

(Book reviews from the Richmond Hill Public Library)
THE CUPBOARD UNDER THE STAIRS, by George Turner. (Cassell). In his new book, George Turner applies his talents to the difficult field of mental illness. The story begins in an Australian mental home: Harry White, has been a voluntary patient for six years and is on the point of returning to normal life. Gradually, through a developing series of incidents and conversations, the reader is led to an understanding of the stresses in Harry's past life which led to his breakdown, notably his complex relationship with his wife and her sister. One also begins to understand how the devoted work of the director of the institution had been able to bring Harry back to a normality which is immediately threatened by the lack of understanding on the part of the people he meets in the outside world.

A CORNER OF CHICAGO, by Robert Andrews (Little-Brown). A former Chicago Daily News reporter, and creator of "Ma Perkins", "The Romance of Helen Trent" and "Just Plain Bill" reminisces about the Chicago of the 1930's. Sandburg, Father O'Malley of the Paulist Choir, Thornton Wilder, Al Capone and assorted gangsters, men about town and theatrical persons stud Andrews' scene. He has larded his work with anecdotes about them and Chicago landmarks, recalling a roaring era of the Midwest metropolis.

FASTER THAN THE SUN by Peter Twiss (Macdonald). This is an account, by the man who flew it, of the Fairey Delta aircraft and its record-breaking flights in which speeds well

in excess of one thousand miles per hour were achieved. It is to a large extent autobiographical, and the description of the events which culminated in a new world speed record is frequently interspersed with personal reminiscences which provide an insight into the character and make-up of the pilot and to which he is subjected. This is a fascinating story, and includes an account of the technical difficulties in measuring and timing the high speed runs with sufficient accuracy.

50 NORTH, an Atlantic battleground, by Alan Easton (Ryerson). This is the personal record of a Canadian naval commander through the worst years of the struggle against the U-boats in the Atlantic during the second World War. From small pre-war beginnings, the Royal Canadian Navy grew to a major force during the conflict, and this first-hand account is a tribute to the great part Canadians played in guarding Atlantic convoys and meeting the submarine menace.

AMERICA'S RACE FOR THE MOON, the New York Times story of Project Apollo. Edited by Walter Sullivan. (Random). A series of eighteen articles on various aspects of the Apollo programme are collected to provide a well-rounded survey for the layman of the techniques, purposes, and problems of the moon race. The book includes a space glossary and a table of "moon facts".

Library Hours Unchanged during the summer.

WEEK-DAYS 9-9

But

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

SATURDAY 9-6

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

• Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Memo to the Mayor:

Those fellows who get up early on Sunday morning to power-mow their lawn are probably the same ones you see napping around noon — during the sermon.

So a Russian Cosmonette proved that women can also travel in space. . . . But did you notice that her capsule was brought down MANually!

. . . and U.S. spacemen, who settled for 21 circuits around the earth, dismissed the 69-lap feat of their Russian counterpart as an exorbitant orbit.

Faith Healers are in the news again. But we'll stay sceptical about their throw-away-the-cane "cures" until we see what they can do for some poor guy with a wart on his nose.

The double entendre (OR the concurrent sentence) Several picknickers, who were being fined \$10 and costs in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court for having beer in a conservation area, heard a Boyd Conservation Authority Officer state that beer drinking was becoming a serious problem in the park.

It seems like the most publicized decision of the Liberals' 60 Days of Decision was the decision by Judy LaMarsh to give up cigarettes.

The new promoters of the Miss Canada contest admit that it has had "sour" publicity in the past. . . . Sort of a sweet and sour contest, eh?

. . . and all the bad publicity over 14-year-old Prince Charles paying a barmaid 35 cents for a shot of cherry brandy is a good example of what can happen when you don't tip.

The rainiest two years in Oakville's history has resulted in less lawn watering and lowered water bills. To overcome the drop in revenue, Oakville has raised the water rate 10 per cent . . . and residents say it's a damp shame!

York County's Civil Defense Committee doesn't know how its disaster sirens sound "or even if they will sound at all." The county's EMO co-ordinator says the system may eventually be taken over by Ottawa authorities. . . . In an "as is" deal?

As the Optimist International convened in Toronto last week there seemed to be some question of the color-attitude of some of the Southern chapters . . . who probably claimed that — as optimists — they could refuse to look on the dark side of anything — including the human race.

Private Enterprise Note: After jumping low for the reeveship, ex-Deputy-Reeve Thomas Broadhurst is back in the political picture as "Prime Minister" of his own Richmond Hill Parliament. . . . Or will the Toronto papers now call us "Parliament" Hill?



Rambling Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

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SUMMING UP

As the writer and conductor of Rambling Around, I would like to say thank-you to the people of this district who have helped to supply me with interesting material. My thanks also to the chairman and leaders of the various organizations who have helped to supply correct information for the public relations articles and editorials. The comments from readers reveal that they have been glad to be able to share special knowledge with others through the medium of the column. Others are grateful for the insights into the work and character of other people and thus have received inspiration. Some have been amused at certain items found in the column. So what people say is very important. If they can help inform, inspire and amuse, they are performing a very great service for their community newspaper. So I bring back the names of many who have contributed to refresh your memory, before we go on to new stories.

Rev. H. Howden, Rector of Holy Trinity, Thornhill; Dr. Minton Johnston, minister of Thornhill Baptist Church; and the Rev. D. T. Evans (Shut-Ins of Local Churches). The Rev. Hugh Robert MacDonald, former Thornhill United Church minister also contributed to this article, but he is a minister at Port Arthur at this time. W. R. Dean, reeve of Markham Township (personality sketch); Josephine Agg of Richmond Hill for her inspiring material; Mrs. J. Stanley Glen, Thornhill (artist); Mrs. Doris Pollock, Highland Park, (ballet teacher); Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan, Thornhill. (District Commissioner of Girl Guides); Mr. D. M. Jamieson, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Thornhill, (Your Local Banks, Great Public Servants); Bob Haynes, Thornhill, (judo expert); Maureen and Alan Foster, Highland Park, (Scottish country dancing); Ron. Mitchell Duncan, Thornhill (artist-designer); Sandra Selsie, Richmond Hill, (country-style singer); Judy Nicholls, Richmond Hill (music is her life); M. J. Youle-White, Richvale, (teacher, author, lecturer and art critic, now an editor of Collier-Macmillan of Canada); Ernie Kohler, Thornhill, (The Santa Claus of Horticulture); William Hamilton, (now president of the Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross); Dick Edmunds, Richmond Hill, (director of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of music); Harold "Terry" Goodwin, Thornhill, (former trustee on Vaughan Area School Board); Gwen Sands, Thornhill, (ceramic artist); Bill and Jean Babcock, Richmond Hill (Richildaca); Mrs. Loren Guild, Headford, (writer and Headford correspondent to "The Liberal"); Peggy Penneylegion, Thornhill, (Peggy's Bazaar); Carol Macanuel, Richmond Hill, (former president of the Model United Nations); Dave and Dick Barbour, Doncaster, (hockey coaches); Dorothy Henderson, King City, (writer and Esperanto teacher); Elizabeth Barker, Gormley, (Junior Farmer and 4-H); Marian Holmes, Maple, (director of girls' softball league); Mrs. J. Mene, Thornhill, (French teacher); Mary Lee Axelson, Highland Park, (author of children's books); Jane MacLaren, Thornhill Librarian; the Bencic and Pajevic families (they came during world refugee year); Sid of Shirilan, Thornhill (hobbyist); John D. Honsberger, member of York Central District High School Board and writer of law books); Vern Dynes, Richmond Hill, (sports-minded jeweller); Mrs. H. G. Currie, Richmond Hill, (Deputy-Area Commissioner of Girl Guides); Arthur Lennie, Highland Park, (secretary of 69 Baptist churches).

Betty Priestman, Highland Park, (director of the Footlights Club); John Passmore, Richmond Hill, (former water safety chairman of the Richmond Hill and District Branch of the Red Cross); Dorothy Garsides and Ethel Blackburn of Thornhill (on the art of weaving); Miss D. Ketola, (principal of the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children); Ruth Joynt, Thornhill, (Canadian Peace Research Institute); Brian Toogood, Richmond Hill (ballet dancer); Margaret Southwell, Richmond Hill, (former Richmond Hill councillor); Cyril Bell, Richmond Hill, (lecturer on international problems); Don Bailey, Crestwood Avenue, (past grand noble of the I.O.O.F.); Adele Downey, Richmond Hill, (child guidance clinic and Y.W.C.A.); Commodore Reg. P. Sparkes, Thornhill, (winner of Canadian Boating Federation award); David G. Porter, attendance counsellor for York Central District High Schools and Richmond Hill Public Schools; Stanley Tinker, deputy-reeve of Richmond Hill; Earl Cameron, Richmond Hill, (CBC newscaster); Barbara Hannah, Richmond Hill, (president of Richmond Hill Skating Club);

Rowland Pack, Highland Park, (director of the Rowland Pack Chamber Singers); Rev. A. I. Higgins, minister of Thornhill United Church, (Easter message, "The Stone Rolled Away."); Rev. Emil Lange, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Maple, (The Lesson of the Telugu Speaking People); Grace Hyndman Jackson, Richmond Hill, (part-time extension secretary for the national YWCA); Ron Forrest (planning director for Markham Township); Diane Fierheller (York County Dairy Princess); Major McCorquodale, (The Way of the House of Concord); Lorraine Porter, Richmond Hill, (free lance writer); Mrs. Norman Todd, Richmond Hill, (chairman of the March of Dimes); Doreen Kendry, Richmond Hill, (president of St. Matthew's Dramatic Society); S. G. Chapman, superintendent of Secondary Schools; J. W. Kippen, principal of Bayview Secondary School; F. W. Morrow, principal of Richmond Hill High School; A. J. Elson, principal of Thornhill Secondary School; and L. B. Morrison, principal of Woodbridge High School; (New Year's column); Mayor William Neal of Richmond Hill, (all about municipal government); and Raymond Thompson, Maple, (president of the Royal Astronomical Society).

If I have missed anyone who has contributed in the past, the name will be recalled in a later column. In the meantime, have a good summer everyone.

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Commission Appointment

York County has announced it will fill the vacancy on the Toronto and York Roads Commission at a special meeting of county council to be held this Friday. Mr. Fred Lundy of Newmarket a senior member of the commission recently passed on necessitating a new appointment. The other members of the commission are, former provincial member, J. A. Leslie of East York, former warden and Richmond Hill reeve, W. J. Taylor, Earl Bales of North York, and E. M. Miller of Toronto.

Mr. Taylor is a county appointment as was Mr. Lundy. Messrs. Leslie and Bales are appointed by Metro and Mr. Miller was named by the province. The county and Metro

representatives can select the provincial appointment provided they can agree on a name. If they are unable to agree then the province will make the appointment.

Among those mentioned as possible successors are Deputy-reeve Charles Hooper of Markham Township, former Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, former Warden and Reeve Joseph Fry of Markham Village, and former Warden and Reeve William Hodgson of King Township, and former Warden and the present Reeve of Sutton, William Sellers.

If county council selects a present member of a municipal council then that person must resign from council. A person cannot serve on both council and a roads commission.

Canadians Are Cottagers

Thousands of Canadians spend all or part of the summer at a summer home. It can be a palatial affair with running water, electricity and room for the family and mobs of weekend friends. Or it can be a shack or a tent and sleeping bags. Whatever it is, it's "The Cottage", "The Camp", or "Up at the Lake." Whatever its name it is a beloved spot even with all the inconveniences imaginable.

Cottage living has its hazards. Always there's water. If stream or lake is used for drinking purposes, it should be tested by health authorities every year. If this is not feasible, water for the table or cooking should be boiled for about five minutes. If it then has a flat taste, it can be aerated by pouring from one vessel to another.

Another water hazard is the danger of drowning. Where water is the chief attraction, the ability to swim is essential. Knowledge of artificial respiration is also necessary. Life has been brought back to apparently drowned victims who have been in the water for as much as half an hour.

Many drownings take place when people cease to use common-sense in boats. Approved life preservers should be worn whenever small boats are used. Unskilled operators should not be permitted, and horse-play in a small boat should be prohibited.

Poison ivy is another, perhaps lesser but very uncomfortable,

hazard at a summer cottage. A useful little jingle to help you recognize this plant is "Leaflets three, let it be." If there is any suspicion that a member of the family has walked through or touched leaves or stem of poison ivy, quick washing with strong household soap or detergent will help to remove the poisonous oil that causes the trouble.

Rabies is another danger. Dogs are particularly susceptible and if the family dog and cat are sharing the country vacation, they should be inoculated against rabies. The dog whose tendency is to chase everything should be kept under control. Children should be cautioned about touching strange animals, dead or alive.

The cottage garbage should not be left where it can attract raccoons or skunks, both animals being particularly susceptible to rabies.

Prepare for anything in the way of accidents: have a well-stocked first-aid kit, with additional items such as sharp small wirecutters with which the barbs of fish hooks can be snipped off if they have entered the flesh; suntan lotion and sunglasses.

Milk could be the cause of undulant fever, bone tuberculosis, and other ills if it is not pasteurized. Unpasteurized milk can be made safe by heating the milk to simmering point - not boiling - and then cooling quickly. Powdered milk is a boon since it does not require refrigeration and is easily made up as needed.

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