



WATCHING ARE BOYS DAVID KING, ERIC WILSON OF CHURCH ST.

Days Of Yore Recalled At Fire-Well Location

Richmond Hill's days of yore were mildly revived last week when a work-crew stumbled across a long-buried fire well while digging a sewer ditch along Church Street.

The well, one of a number unearthed during the past few years, served the community nobly — most of the time — when beleaguered firemen used to chase after blazes pulling their fire wagon behind them.

This particular relic of another day was uncovered by employees of Miller Paving Limited of Toronto in front of the home of Reeve Floyd Perkins.

"There were a number of these cisterns scattered throughout the town," noted Richmond Hill fireman Ken Blanchard. "They were in use back before 1917 and were still around in the 1920's before the water works took over."

A typical scene might see the alarm turned in at the local station and shortly after a group of volunteer firemen would be observed hustling to the scene on foot with wagon and pumper.

"We used to hook up the pumps to the well and start pumping," said Mr. Blanchard.

By pumping he meant the kind that requires the manual up-and-down motion of perspiring firemen. No automatic pumps in those days.

"It took about five or six men on the pumps," he recalls from personal experience having been in on some fires during the days of the old wells.

As previously stated, the

wells performed nobly on most occasions. But there would come the time when they would go dry at the height of a fire. The average well contained about 500 gallons.

When this happened area farmers just grabbed their milk-cans and continued fighting the fire by dumping water from their nearby drinking wells. So

everything usually turned out all right anyway.

Whenever a cistern required filling, a water-tank wagon would trundle onto the scene and do the job.

But no such filling would be necessary for the latest well as workmen discovered when they pried open the wooden covering. The 12 to 13-foot deep well was brimfull of slightly

soiled-looking water.

"We've uncovered a number of such wells during the years," commented Roads Superintendent Fred Bovard. "We just keep filling them in."

This turned out to be the fate of the one on Church Street as workmen drained the water and filled the hole in with earth. Exit another fire-well.

Dog's Life Not Beautiful But Maybe Pleasant

Life may not be beautiful for the average dog but it can be more pleasant now that Area Canine Officer Jim Ryan has come up with an idea to give him more freedom without turning him loose.

"The idea evolves around a 'dog running lead' which should be ideal for owners of dogs who can't afford to build a fence around their yard to pen them in and who dislike chaining them to the spot. It is against the law to allow dogs to run loose.

"The dog running lead," Mr. Ryan explained, "consists of two stakes located at opposite ends of one another with a steel cable running from one stake to the other."

The dog, he said, could then be chained to the steel cable and allowed to run from one stake to the other along the cable "for as long a distance as the owner wants him to."

"He would have a five foot lead on either side of the cable and would enjoy an amount of freedom not possible on a chain." His run could range as far as 40 feet depending on the amount of property occupied by his owner. Some people use clothes lines but a dog can get tangled in the line, he said.

"It would cost just around \$20 to build a good one," he said.

Mr. Ryan explained that a dog in this way would be able to exercise as well as enjoy a relative amount of freedom.

CARRVILLE NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winger, married recently received a bountiful shower of gifts and good wishes when friends and neighbours of the happy couple gathered at the Ratcliff Community Centre, on August 22. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Arthur Heise.

Throughout the evening Misses Martha, Mary-Ann and Elizabeth Baker sang and very beautifully too. Mrs. Samuel Winger, the groom's mother, Murray Winger gave the young couple some advice on the standpoint of a big brother. Mr. Walter Kelly standing in for Paul gave a monologue of Paul's life up to his marriage and everyone had a good chuckle. Upon arriving everyone was handed a clothes pin and on this clothespin the men were to write some advice to the bride and the ladies to the groom and Mr. and Mrs. David Winger read this advice just before the opening of the gifts.

Because the bride is from Saskatchewan the Baker sisters read a poem about Saskatchewan and then sang a lovely song, "Twilight on the Prairies."

A lovely lunch was served to bring to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winger met with an abrupt awakening on Friday evening of last week when friends and neighbours of the couple banged upon anything that would make a good noise and gave them a good fashioned shivaree. Mr. and

Mrs. Samuel Winger at whose home the young couple is staying for the present, had been let in on the secret ahead of time and had prepared a lovely lunch which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robert Ivany and family, Rosemary, Lynn and Billie, on the loss of a dear husband and father. Mr. Ivany died suddenly at St. Michael's Hospital on August 22. His death was the result of an accident in which he had been badly burned in a truck fire, ten weeks ago. The funeral was held from R. S. Kane Funeral Home on August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gowans-town, Ontario visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winger and Kevin for a few days last week.

Last Tuesday, August 20, myself along with my husband and boys spent a five hour stopover with my sister, Mrs. Peter Nobygaard and her two little girls, Bonnie Lee and Vebike, which she had while enroute to New York by train.

Those of you who knew Carole Anne would probably be interested in knowing she left for Denmark on August 22, by ship with the possibility of making her home there with her husband's people. Her husband Peter will be joining her from B. C. at Christmas time. I'm sure it will be an experience she won't forget especially with her two little ones.

Church services will begin again on September 1, at 9:45 a.m. in Carrville United Church.

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MacKillop School

Board To Correct Heating

Richmond Hill Public School Board Thursday evening received a report by Mr. Sam Carser on heating problems in MacKillop School. Six rooms in the addition at the west side of the school have suffered from severe overheating while rooms within the original building were underheated. During the sub-zero weather last winter, the board was told, it was impossible to raise the temperature in the latter above 56 degrees, while windows and doors in the addition stood wide open in an effort to keep the temperature down to a bearable limit.

Mr. Carser recommended that remedial work be carried out in two stages. The second stage will be insulation of the rooms in the original school. The first stage which the board decided to implement immediately, calling for tenders,

will be individual thermostats installed in the six new classrooms, with pipe work being necessary to link the four heating units in each room in one system. Estimated cost of phase I is \$2,000.

Pupils living on Centre Street West were exempted from the provisions of the board's regulation that pupils must attend the school in whose area they reside. Because a total of 29 pupils on this street would be affected, 18 at McConeghy and 11 at MacKillop, the board decided to allow the children to continue to attend the school in which they have been registered. Children from families moving into the area will be required to attend the proper school. It is hoped that the situation will solve itself in the matter of a couple of years.

when the board acquired permission to open a foot path to Oxford Street which cut the distance to be walked to 1.3 miles. The Pleasantville School is only 1 1/4 miles by road from Mr. Kaye's area, and the board expressed doubts as to whether the Department of Education would approve transportation grants under these circumstances. However, they promised to investigate the matter more fully.

The resignation of Dr. G. K. Martin as the board's representative on the Richmond Hill Public Library Board was accepted with regret. Dr. Martin, who recently moved to Willowdale has represented the board for the past seven years. His three-year term will expire until December 31, 1965. The board agreed to have the chairman ask Mrs. Margaret Southwell if she would be willing to serve as the board's representative on the library board. Mrs. Southwell has formerly served on the library board as representative of town council.

The name of Chairman Harold Sanderson will be submitted as a nominee for the Board of Governors of the Ontario Curriculum Institute Research Education Group.

Trustee Dave Stephenson was named to attend a conference on school design and construction with Business Administrator K. U. Turton as alternate. The conference, the first in Ontario, will be held in the Royal York Hotel September 4 and 5 under the sponsorship of the Department of Education.

Requests Transportation Mr. G. M. Kaye, who described himself as one of a small number of residents in the Elgin Mills Sideroad-Bathurst area, asked the board to ascertain if grants would be available to transport children from that area which is more than two miles by road from MacKillop School which they are attending. Such transportation was provided until 1960.

Three requests to allow children to attend schools other than the one within whose boundaries they live were denied. A fourth request, was granted to permit a grade 8 student to complete her public school education in the school which she has attended since kindergarten.

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government, you must be 21 on or before September 25, a British subject and a resident of the province for 12 full months before polling day.

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York N. Enumerating Swings Into High Gear

A wave of 414 urban enumerators are fanning across York North Riding this week as counting of eligible voters in the September 25 provincial election rolls into high gear.

On September 3 an additional 53 enumerators will begin door-knocking in the rural areas of the riding.

Returning officer for York North, King City Solicitor Donald Findlay, has emphasized urban and rural residents missed by the enumerators will follow different procedures.

Courts of revision for urban voters missed by reasons of absence or illness will be held in local areas September 13 and 14. Details in regard to these courts will be published later.

At the conclusion of the urban enumerating, voter's lists will be posted in polling divisions and local municipal offices. Persons missing from the list may then resort to the courts of revision.

The situation differs in the rural areas where voter's lists will not be posted or courts of revision held.

Any rural voter, otherwise eligible, who finds his name has been bypassed when he attempts to vote September 25 will be able to qualify via the "voucher" method.

Mr. Findlay explained the voucher system required the would-be voter to state under oath he is eligible to vote in his riding. His statement would have to be witnessed by another voter whose name was already on the voter's list. The municipal list is checked and a vote granted.

Urban voters have a similar last-resort in case they miss the court of revision hearings. They may report to their polling districts September 25 and, if otherwise eligible, be given the permission to cast a vote.

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