

Court Bailiff Retires After 22 Years Service

First Rehearsal Sunday At 7.30

Lewis Clement, 75, of Richmond Hill is very down on door-to-door peddling. In his 22 years as bailiff of Third Division Court in this area, he has seen the results of such come-on selling... young people in debt, strife in the home and in some cases, destitution and family court cases.

Mr. Clement, who served his last summonses on August 15, has met and dealt with thousands of people in a job where people were not particularly pleased to see him.

One of the worst ills, he said, in today's age of buying is the "fly by night" salesman who talks Mrs. Housewife into signing on the line for an article and promises to return for a final decision after she has consulted her husband. The signature, according to Mr. Cle-

ment, is as binding as glue as she later discovers and the family is stuck with payments and carrying charges on the item.

According to Mr. Clement, this usually leaves the husband in a rage and might in some cases, result in a family court case.

He also cited the case of merchants who willingly sell articles to couples and then "sell" their accounts to finance companies for collection without their knowledge.

Mr. Clement recalls a personal adventure in door-to-door gimmick selling.

"I was called on the phone and to win \$25, I was asked to answer which city in Canada is the largest?"

"I took my time so he would think he had another fool and finally came up

with the answer of Montreal.

"The party at the other end arranged to meet me at home on Centre Street East. When he arrived, a young fellow with a big briefcase, I asked him where my \$25 was. I said I was in a hurry and couldn't stop to chat. He stammered and stuttered and said I was to look at some papers. As it turned out, of course, it was merely \$25 off something or other.

"I pulled out my identification and he went chalk white. I said if he could make it up to Yonge Street in a minute flat, I wouldn't call the police."

"If I had that boy, I could have made a fortune at the racetrack. He practically flew," Mr. Clement recollected.

Never Threatened

Although his job has put him in

touch with what might be called "desperate" people, Mr. Clement said he has never been threatened or bullied in his 22 years.

"I've worked hard trying to get peoples' debts straightened out before it goes to a court case," he said.

Born in Maple, he lived there on a farm until he took on his bailiff's job under the late J. R. Herrington, clerk of the court, when the town had a population of about 1,600. He said he could accomplish all he had to in two evenings a week. In the meantime, he worked on brick laying, cement and chimney contracts.

Largest in County

His area, the largest in York County, extended south to Sheppard Avenue, north to Oak Ridges, Kennedy Road to

the east and Jane Street in the west. The territory has been cut down slightly in latter years to Steeles Avenue.

Outside interests included soccer and he played for seven years with the Teston Soccer Club and maintains an interest in hockey among other sports. Now he is retired, he expects to be helping familiarize John Farrow, the new bailiff and former Toronto Telegram circulation representative here, with the ins and out of the job. He also expects to do some travelling.

"It has been an interesting career to meet the public in a business-like way but it still hurts me to see innocent people caught by fly-by-nights. I guess I can say I've collected thousands of dollars that might otherwise not have been collected over the years."

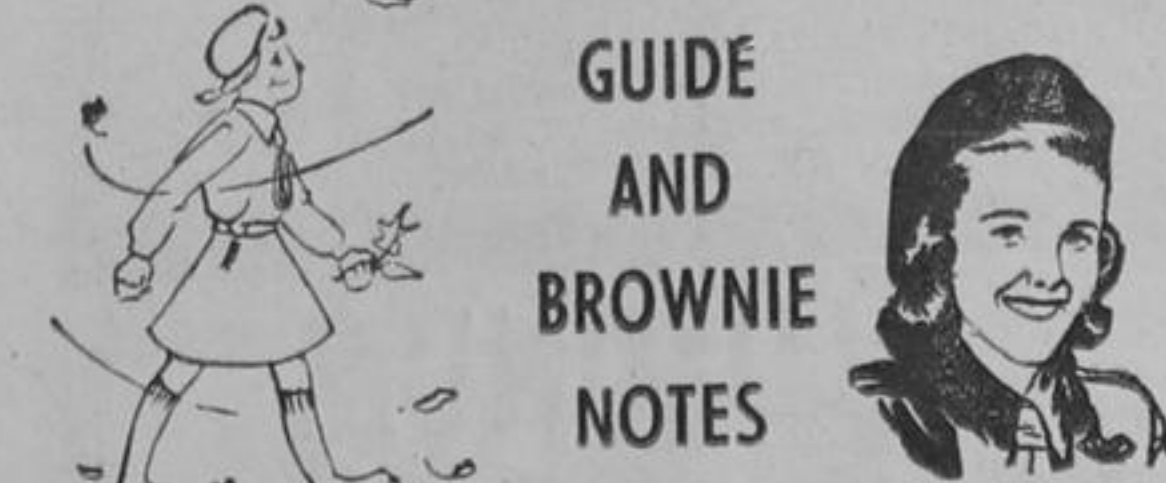
Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra began its third year of activities recently.

A rehearsal was held in the Gordon McLaren Auditorium of Richmond Hill Public Library at 7.30 p.m. All members were cordially invited to attend the opening rehearsal.

New members were welcome.

Anyone interested is asked to call the conductor, Arthur Burgin at TU. 4-4596, the membership secretary, G. Longworth, TU. 4-2130, or the orchestra's secretary, Mrs. S. Harwood, TU. 4-1435.

MARKHAM: Elsie, the world's most famous cow, will be appearing at the Markham Fair in aid of the local Kiwanis Club's contribution to the Arena Fund on October 4 and 5.



GUIDE AND BROWNIE NOTES

Combined Training Classes

"Pre - Warrant Training" classes for prospective Guides will begin at Richmond Hill United Church on Saturday morning, September 28th, at 10 o'clock, is announced by Division Commissioner Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan, York Central Division of Girl Guides.

In former years, these classes were conducted in individual groups but this year, classes will be combined. For further details please contact your local girl guide district commissioner.

New Design Uniforms

"Coulotte" (divided) skirts is the marked change in the design of guide uniforms just announced by the Guide Design Committee.

Innovations and changes in design were created by Jean Miller of King City and Toronto - noted designer of feminine apparel - and by Mrs. Henderson, Toronto.

Uniforms will now be in two sections, and skirts so well cut that they may be worn at church and company events. Colors are in a new shade of blue and brown but will not clash with present type of uniforms.

Brownie skirts will be pleated, and their new tie is white on brown, with allover pattern of gold maple leaves. Guide ties will be white, edged with blue, patterned with red maple leaves, and will be worn knotted in similar fashion as scout ties. The new belt will be narrow, elasticized, with metal buckle on which is mounted the guide trefail.

The Guiders have not been forgotten - for them a new tie has been designed - grosgrain, in different colors, to be worn according to rank.

13th Brownie Pack

"Help Wanted" - is the urgent need of the 13th Brownie Pack of Richmond Hill East.

With a full membership of 24, the leaders of the 13th now face a problem - the addition of 10 new Tweenies plus one transferee - also have a long waiting list to consider.

This pack meets in St. Matthew's every Tuesday afternoon under the leadership of Brown Owl Mrs. Josie Fleming and Tawny Owl Mrs. Vera Smart,

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Mark-Vaun W.I.

Mark-Vaun Women's Institute held its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. N. Hicks on September 5. Seventeen members and six guests answered roll call, which was an apron for the bazaar in November.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Webb, new principal of Thornhaven School for Retarded Children, who spoke on the methods of teaching used. She also showed interesting slides of the children and the school.

Further plans were made for the exhibit in Markham Fair, with Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. M. Holt and Mrs. W. Thompson as convenors.

Final plans for the bus trip to the Adelaide Hoodless home-stead were made for September 10. Members and friends left Langstaff at 9 a.m. and returned very tired about 10.30 p.m. They visited the Mohawk Chapel and Alexander Graham Bell homestead.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Thompson, Saigeon Avenue, on October 3.

Young Women's Institute

The Langstaff Young Women's Institute met at the

Local YW Neighbours Group Favour Building Of Indoor Swim Pool

Seventy mothers of the Beverley Acres-Walter Scott YW Neighbours recently invited Councillor Walter Scudds and Mrs. Lionel Hancey, chairman of the Red Cross water safety program, to discuss the progress being made toward obtaining an adequate swimming pool for Richmond Hill. Appreciation was expressed for the keen interest which Councillor Scudds, Mrs. Hancey and all members of the pool committee, the mayor and all members of Richmond Hill Council have shown toward the need for swimming facilities in Richmond Hill.

Councillor Scudds made a fine presentation of the efforts being made and the factual information which the swimming pool committee had obtained before presenting to council the recommendation that a plebiscite be held at this year's election to ascertain whether the people are in favour of building a pool at an approximate cost of \$150,000.

The debate was active but the verdict strongly in favour of an indoor swimming pool. Many of those present felt that families are presently spending more for short term swim courses elsewhere.

Mrs. Hancey, who was responsible for this year's Red Cross swim program for Richmond Hill children at Thornhill Swimming Pool said that 1,000 children clamoured to register for 300 available memberships. In the first class of 100 children only one child could swim at all. She stressed that the need for facilities where school children can be taught to swim all year round is urgent.

Mrs. P. J. Shubaly, chairman of the local YW swim committee and one of the mothers who assisted the Red Cross swim program, made a strong appeal for an indoor, year-round swimming pool. She reported finding widespread interest among families wanting swim lessons which would make swimming a safer and happier experience for all children and their parents.

NEWMARKET: Three minor changes in the parking by-laws were approved by Town Council. In future all vehicles must be parked within the boundaries of the white lines painted in the parking areas, parking meters will be considered to be in operation Thursday night up to 9 p.m. and all-day parking will be permitted on the extreme east side of the present Loblaw parking lot.

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Markham Twp. Briefs

Markham Township Council accepted a committee recommendation to hold over until 1964 a request by the Board of Transportation Commissioners to widen 14th Avenue at the C.P.R. crossing in connection with installation of automatic signals.

Council deferred for a week action on a committee suggestion to acquire land at a price of \$4,000 from J. E. Willis to secure an outlet to John Street for the proposed new road east from Paul Street. The committee report also noted that approval of the OMB for a by-law designating such land as a highway.

An application will be made to the Ontario Water Resources Commission for installation of chlorinating equipment at the Don Mills pump house to handle a water pollution problem in the township. The pollution has been caused by a recent re-location of a water-main in the Yonge Street-Clark Avenue areas.

Council agreed to recommend that the engineer and chairman of the water and sanitation committee be authorized to attend the Canadian Institute on Pollution Control on October 27-30.

Markham Township Council agreed to a recommendation from committee that proceedings be taken to construct a proposed sidewalk along Henderson Street to the public school from Steeles Avenue to Doncaster Avenue on the west side of Henderson. The sidewalk will be classed as a local improvement on an area basis to be paid by property owners in the Henderson School Area. An application will also be made for a winter works subsidy.

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Night Classes Offer Varied Fare

By MARGARET I. McLEAN

INTERESTED in millinery, conversational French, auto mechanics, oil painting? Just name it and the night school classes provided by the York Central High School Board probably have it. And if they haven't—they'll get it, provided you can round up 14 other interested people.

In the advertisement in last week's "Liberal" were listed the various types of courses being offered. Courses in millinery, commercial work, English, conversational French, oil painting, physical education, sewing, auto mechanics, mechanical drafting, machine shop, electricity, sheet metal, public speaking and various academic subjects were listed for Bayview Secondary School.

At Thornhill Secondary School were listed such things as auto mechanics, drafting, machine shop work, electronics, woodworking, commercial work, sewing, oil painting and merchandising.

These subjects were chosen, advised Superintendent of High Schools Sam Chapman, because it was felt there was a demand for them. He emphasized very strongly, however, that he would be glad to hear from anyone interested in studying any other subject and provided 15 people will sign up for it a class could be formed.

Conversational French, for instance, is listed only at Bayview Secondary School, but if sufficient people in Thornhill are interested in forming a class, it could be taught there, too. Present plans are for Joseph Turko of Thornhill Secondary School to teach this at Bayview, but if a class were to be formed at Thornhill he would teach there and another teacher obtained for the Bayview night classes.

Oil painting instruction is being offered at both Bayview and Thornhill and instructor will be Lloyd Kinnee who taught this at Richmond Hill High School last year. This was a popular course and attendance held up well throughout the year.

The sewing classes at Bayview will be under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Malboef who taught this last year at Richmond Hill and whose classes did outstanding work. At Thornhill, sewing classes will be conducted by home economics specialists from within the York Central system.

The course entitled "auto mechanics for owners", offered at Bayview and Thornhill, is open to both men and women and is intended to instruct car owners in maintenance and minor repairs.

A course in merchandising offered at Thornhill will include such things as the principles of merchandising, budgeting, and etc. This course would be of interest to anyone exploring the possibility of going into business on their own.

One course being offered at Bayview which needs a little explanation is the one called "modern mathematics for parents". This will be a short course of probably only five or six lectures designed to inform parents of the new methods of teaching mathematics in grades 7, 8 and 9. It is expected that this course will be held in October or November.

Other short lecture courses are being planned for the new year. Two topics already suggested are "Canada's political and economical problems" and "principles of investment". The board is wide open to suggestion for such lecture and discussion courses. Would you like to hear a series on law for the layman? Such topics as succession duties, the legal transfer of properties and the like are subjects which lay people might like to know more about. Let the board hear from you.

Although night classes will be in operation two nights at each school, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bayview and Mondays and Wednesdays at Thornhill and Woodbridge, each course will be offered only one night per week. It has been found that it is often difficult for people to keep up a twice weekly schedule. Some courses, however, where there is a good deal of ground to cover, will run for three hours, from 7 to 10 p.m.

All right, mother and dad, get your pencils sharpened up and let's get going. You're going to need more than one night school course to keep ahead of the kids these days. And you're paying for those high schools anyway—you might as well get some use out of them yourself!

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