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Bayview A Disgrace

On May 1 of this year the county assumed for maintenance purposes responsibility that part of Bayview Avenue extending from Markham Road to the Markham — Whitchurch Townline. At the same time they also accepted responsibility for Bathurst Street in Vaughan Township from the Langstaff Sideroad to the Maple Sideroad, the Egypt Sideroad in Georgina Township, and an extension of the Don Mills Road in North Gwillimbury Township.

County council only budgeted a total of \$36,000 to cover the cost of maintaining these four roads. This figure was totally inadequate to support a proper maintenance program. In the last year Richmond Hill alone was responsible for the mile and a quarter extending from the Markham Road to the Elgin Mills Sideroad the town spent close to \$15,000 on maintenance costs.

To-day Bayview is in a deplorable state. It has become just one

long series of potholes, bumps, and ruts. Drivers and cars alike are subject to a bone jarring ordeal every time they travel along it. Fortunately it has been a dry fall or in addition to the many holes traffic would also have been wallowing in a sea of mud.

Bayview is a heavily travelled road serving not only the residents in the eastern subdivisions but also two shopping plazas, separate and secondary schools and two churches shortly to become three. If the county is unwilling to maintain the road properly until such time as it is finally paved then town council should consider assisting in the work. In the meantime Richmond Hill's two representatives on county council should continue to press for the eventual paving of Bayview which is the only real solution to the problem.

One thing is certain, Bayview is disgraceful and the county has failed badly in its responsibility for this important roadway.

Praise For Public Servants

Criticism of public servants is a part of our everyday life. They are criticized for not doing a good job, for doing their job too well, for officiousness and for delay.

Praise of these servants of the public is so rare as to make good news copy. Last week "The Liberal" was happy to record the thanks and praise of a citizen for the volunteer firemen in Richmond Hill. Mr. Charles Sare of Skopit Road, whose home was badly damaged by fire, thanked the firemen for their prompt response to the alarm and also for their careful treatment of his home. Visions of the rubber-coated men

charging into the house with axes swinging and proceeding to chop up furniture and hurl breakables through windows, were quickly extinguished by these courteous volunteers. Mr. Sare said "They treated our home as if it was their own."

Praise of the police force was also heard, when it was reported that they were on the scene of an automobile accident within two minutes after the call for help was placed. Our informant also stated that they handled the situation efficiently and expeditiously and in a most courteous manner at all times.

Let The People Decide

In a plebiscite held last year the voters of King Township approved a two-year term for their township council. Nominations for the first two-year term council will be held at Schomberg Hall on November 26. The council elected in December will hold office for 1964-65.

When the township council was preparing the implementing by-law, trustees in the three police villages in the municipality were asked to consider the merits of the two-year term for their jurisdictions. The trustees in King City and Schomberg decided to implement the extended term. However the Nobleton trustees ruled that the voters in that police village should first have an opportunity to express an opinion on the proposal.

The trustees in both King City and Schomberg decided to introduce

the two-year term without the benefit of a decision by their people. As one King City ratepayer told "The Liberal", it is just one more case where power is being lifted from the individual where it properly belongs. In King City the only public opposition to the suggested change came from a former village trustee. Both King City and Schomberg would have been well advised to have followed the example of Nobleton and first referred the matter to their respective ratepayers for an expression of an opinion.

Whether they realize it or not the trustees are appearing to act in an arbitrary and undemocratic fashion. The people's rights must be protected and any changes in the terms of office of an elected official should only be made after a clear expression of opinion by the citizens concerned.

Canvassers Needed

If you want to see a swimming pool in Richmond Hill, if you or your children or grandchildren or your neighbour's children will make use of an indoor pool in Richmond Hill, your help is needed by the pool committee.

"D" day has been set for November 18 for a blitz canvass of Richmond Hill to start the campaign for funds off with a bang. But only if enough volunteer canvassers can be obtained to cover the entire community house by house.

Committee members have lots of enthusiasm and confidence that an indoor junior olympic size pool can and

will be built here, and your co-operation in canvassing will help them achieve this objective. This is a golden opportunity for all citizens to cooperate and show the world that Richmond Hill can accomplish the task which has been undertaken, and in the near future have our youngsters swimming in their own pool. It will be a reality only if we are willing to work for it.

If you can spare a few hours on November 18 for canvassing, you are asked to phone Peter Sale at TU, 4-4765 or Mrs. John Vernon at TU, 4-7366. Mr. Sale is chairman of the canvassing committee and Mrs. Vernon is secretary of the committee.

Have You Read These

(BY RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD)

Improvisation In Music by Gertrude P. Wollner (Double-day). A seasoned music teacher shares her experiences and methods in teaching improvisations and other aspects of music to children. Although this book would appeal to other teachers of music, it will also help any amateur musician. Mrs. Wollner writes as an active, enthusiastic participant with a realistic approach and a different one for each pupil who comes to her. She is obviously a teacher who is on her toes and full of ideas for getting The Oxford Book of Garden Flowers by E.B. Anderson and Gertrude P. Wollner (Doubleday). Here is a little worthwhile addition to the literature of horticulture, a book to be treasured by gardeners, called for by users of lib-

cruel treatment at the hands of the Inquisitors. It is a carefully written, absorbing, and fully worked. It is particularly noteworthy for its characterization and vivid pictures of life during these times.

The Layman's Role Today, by Frederick K. Wontz (Doubleday). This volume is a collection of the author's articles which have appeared in The Lutheran, and other Protestant publications. His main concern is for people and the conditions that surround them, and it is this in which the author emphasizes the Christian's role.

The lay ministry is compared by turns to servant, soldier, and salt. Instances of disobedience are found in these 12 chapters and particularly his

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson
 Films Should Show Artistic Integrity
 And Imaginative Insight Into
 Human Problems . . . N. Roy Clifton

N. Roy Clifton, the librarian of Richmond Hill High School lives at 105 Wood Lane with his wife Helen and daughter Janey. Janey who is seventeen years old attends Richmond Hill High School. Nine years ago, Mr. Clifton came to Richmond Hill High School as a history and geography teacher. He spent one year teaching these subjects and then became the librarian, a post which he has held up to the present time. He produces the high school plays at the school. He is a former square dance caller and at the moment is giving a stagecraft course and has an active interest in the folk songs of other countries.

Mr. Clifton is perhaps best known outside of the school for his work with films. Films Of Note presented by the library club is a series of four programmes a year intended to introduce students to films of artistic worth, but is attended by as many adults as students and fulfills the function of a film society in Richmond Hill. Mr. Clifton is also chairman and one of the founders of Richmond Hill films for children.

Roy Clifton believes that the film, when as occasionally happens, is made from motives other than profit or propaganda only, deserves to be treated as an art. Like music or painting, if the spectator knows something about the principles on which films are made, his enjoyment will be more discriminating and he will cease spending his money on third-rate pot boilers, and to this extent discourage them.

"Films," said Mr. Clifton, "are the art most widely patronized today, and must contribute to forming the attitudes of those who see them more than the other arts, and it is important that this influence be a constructive one. Films which deepen our imagination or insight are often individual efforts or foreign films without the backing of large corporations, or they may be older films half-forgotten by their distributor, so it behooves those with a concern to discover and show films made by those with artistic integrity and imaginative insight into human problems."

Mr. Clifton first became interested in films after seeing twice through a silent film made by a then unknown director, Alfred Hitchcock, called "The Ring." This was in 1928 while he was attending the University of New Zealand. He is not however a Hitchcock fan today. Later as educational director of the Consumer's Co-operative Society Limited in Timmins in the thirties, he added a course on film appreciation to those offered to the study groups conducted by the society. Some of these groups formed the Timmins society, which presented monthly programmes of films, until the war made it impossible to plan programmes.

In the forties Mr. Clifton wrote film criticism for E.T.C., the Journal of Semantics. He was active in the Toronto branch of the National Film Society of Canada before the war, and vice-president when it was re-established about 18 years ago as the Toronto Film Society.

Five years ago, some of the library club members who had gone to the showings of the Toronto Film Society with Mr. Clifton, among them Paul Brent and Jeffrey Leman, suggested what came to be known as Films of Note. "Three times a year, one in each term, the library club presented a film of artistic merit on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Richmond Theatre, through the kindness of Mr. E. C. Hill, who said that as a businessman, he couldn't afford to be a crusader, but if we wanted to do it, we could use the theatre. This year there will be four showings, all at the Richmond Hill High School. They will be on Friday nights which are better for students," said Mr. Clifton.

Both because of his being a teacher, and because of his connection with the Toronto Film Society, Mr. Clifton was invited to be a member of the organizing committee of The Canadian Centre of Films in Toronto, four years ago, when Miss Mary Field, director of the International Centre of Films for children in Brussels toured Canada. He was one of two on the committee who undertook to arrange demonstrations locally of entertainment film made by the Children's Film Foundation (a non-profit corporation) specially for ages 7 to 12.

The leading characters in these films are believable children doing what children often wish to do, but cannot, and into the structure of the story sound values in family relationships, fair play, international understanding, and so on are built. The children speak naturally without slang. And they are exciting. The other demonstration never took place, and Richmond Hill remains one of the few centres in Canada presenting regular showings of films made especially for children (as against commercial films made to catch both adult and child audiences, and often losing the latter.)

The first showing was held in the Richmond Theatre in January 1960, and was so successful that it was succeeded by regular monthly showings until June, with Mr. Hill showing the C.F.F. films of the morning programme to his Saturday afternoon audience too.

"The success has been due to several factors," said Mr. Clifton. "The library club provides the labor for bundling tickets and information sheets sent out to the public and separate school students, and ushering and taking tickets at the showings. The attendance has been due to the energetic support of a number of home and school members who by speaking at the meetings of their associations, and by telephoning have brought the attendance up to 225 last year. A number of parents who had been discouraging attendance at the regular commercial showing found that they had been looking for. This year, partly to gain a larger auditorium, the programmes have been removed reluctantly from the auditorium of the public library, which was kindly placed at the committee's disposal by the library board, to the high school.

According to Mr. Clifton, the children's programmes were made the subject of a short talk on CBC, and 25 inquiries were received from Vancouver on the West to Quebec in the East and Fort Smith in the North West Territory, asking for help in setting up similar programmes.

Halloween

If you are out on Halloween,
 And little sheeted ghosts are seen,
 When goblins, elfs, are everywhere,
 And tricks and treats are in the air,
 Don't be too frightened when you meet
 A white-clad figure on the street,
 Remember, as you take your cue,
 The little ghost is frightened too!
 Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts . . .

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

This year we are even getting Halloween weather — depending upon your water needs, it is either a trick or a treat.

The Scottish ancestors of Lord Home (now known as just plain Sir Alec Douglas-Home) are said to have changed the pronunciation to "Hume" after a dismal day of battle when their followers interpreted the rallying-cry of "Home, Home, Home" as an order — and went home.

History could almost repeat itself in the next British election if the Conservative rallying cry "Hume, Hume, Hume" sends HIS followers home.

With Education Minister Wm. Davis telling a King City meeting that the one-room schoolhouse is through, it was interesting to note that a proposed luxury school in North York will have a "modern outdoor classroom" . . . That's progress! Now the classrooms are outside and the privies are inside.

A Policeman's Lot, etc.
 New York — Marshal Tito's bodyguards complained yesterday that police were not giving the Marshal the "protection he deserved" . . .

New York — Angry Yugoslav refugees who had been arrested yesterday while demonstrating against Marshal Tito complained that police were not giving the Marshal the "protection he deserved" . . .

And the little town of Dunn, N. C., made the news when an ex-policeman killed himself and his wife after taking two shotgun shots at the police chief and missing both times. The chief said that the man had been dismissed two weeks earlier for "conduct unbecoming a police officer" . . . And besides, he was a lousy shot.

The York Trust Co., is opening miniature branch offices beside the checkout counters in Loblaw markets. They should be useful if sugar prices keep rising and we need a quick mortgage to cover 10 pounds of granulated.

Metro Chairman Wm. Allen has discovered that there are over 100 unused beds in Sunnybrook Hospital and is seeking "some arrangement" to make them available to patients waiting on the doorsteps of non-military hospitals. . . . How about sending around a recruiting sergeant?

Toronto's centennial plans for a Canadian court of trees has brought up the surprising fact that 85 species of Canadian trees will not thrive in the Toronto area. . . . Or 86 if we count the Quebec form of our Canadian his-tree.

Markham Township's water commissioner says the water from some sections of the township's water system may look and smell like sewage but it tests "Grade A" . . . But it will never be popular — even as the water "that dares to be known by good taste alone".

YOUR M.P. REPORTS

Continuing drought conditions dry leaf litter and dead vegetation have created very inflammable conditions in the woods, tree plantations, marshes and other areas in the Lake Simcoe District.

The condition is general and Department of Lands and Forests fire protection staff warn that fire danger will continue high and extreme until a general rain occurs.

Special precautions should be taken at all times to avoid any carelessness with fire. Until such time as the hazard is reduced, burning authority has been cancelled in the fire district section of the Lake Simcoe District and likewise camp fires, smoking and other similar fire risks should be avoided as fully as possible in wooded areas.

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Recently, the government minister responsible for our centennial, the Honourable Maurice Lamontagne, announced the appointment of 60 Canadians from all walks of life, from all provinces, to the National Centennial Conference.

Applications for centennial projects will be made to the federal government by the provinces. The National Centennial Administration is the agency responsible for the administration of the grants programme.

The federal government will pay, under the agreement with the provinces, one-third (1/3) of the cost of approved local centennial projects provided that the provinces make a contribution towards the cost of such projects.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

Paving Replaced Macadam
 In 1913 Yonge Street through Richmond Hill, which had been known as "a bad place in the road" since pioneer days, received its first hard surface, when a macadam road was laid.

In 1927 the macadam was torn up and a permanent cement paved roadway was built. The radial tracks which had run up the east side of the road were moved to the centre of Yonge, where they remained until torn up after the electric street cars were taken off in the winter of 1948.

A meeting of ratepayers in October, 1927, approved the building of a 40-foot roadway from the existing curb on the west side of the street as far as the east side as possible without interfering with trees.

A petition was circulated to implement this request, and Yonge Street was paved to an approximate 40-foot width with curbs and gutters from Baldock's Garage to the north limits of the village.

The contract was let to the Warren Paving Company. A petition was also accepted for the construction of a storm sewer on the east side of the roadway from the north limits to Dufferin Street. This was built, as were the curbs and gutters, on a local improvement basis. Width of paving south and north of the village was only 20 feet.

In October, 1927, peony roots were planted in front of the war memorial on Yonge Street. The roots were the gift of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales who visited Canada that summer. To commemorate his visit for posterity, "the most popular personage in the world" donated peony roots to every incorporated town and village in the country.

Buttonville Community Hall was destroyed by fire on October 20. Richmond Hill fire brigade which fought the flames was led by Fire Chief H. J. Mills in full dress attire. He was attending a meeting of Richmond Lodge when the alarm sounded. Everything in the hall was burned and loss was estimated at \$3,000. Cause of the fire was unknown.

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