

AURORA: Mayor Clarence Davis in his inaugural address told council he would strive to better sewage treatment facilities, co-ordinate committees to increase efficiency and provide better water service.

Mill Pond, Detour

Concerned With Citizens' Safety

Safety of Richmond Hill residents, adults, teenagers and children, is causing members of the 1965 council great concern.

Reeve Donald Plaxton reported, at Monday night's council meeting, noticing large numbers of all age groups of citizens, in areas where there are no sidewalks, walking on the road with their backs to traffic.

"Somebody is going to be killed," he forecast. "This is a very dangerous practice, particularly at night, at this time of the year and when pedestrians wear dark clothing. If they are struck by a car, in my opinion

their chances of recovering any damages from the driver are very small."

"It might give some weight of authority if we contacted all elementary and high schools in the municipality and urge the pupils to always walk facing traffic. This enables the driver to see and avoid them and enables them to see and avoid the car," he continued.

Council agreed to send a letter to all elementary and high schools in Richmond Hill requesting the students to walk facing traffic because of the danger.

Councillor Eric Handbury brought up a more immediate problem, dealing with the danger to school children by increased traffic past MacKillop School during storm sewer construction work on Yonge Street.

Councillor Walter Scudds reported that the police and the works department had every available man on duty policing the detour route, but admitted that conditions were somewhat chaotic. Mr. Handbury reported that the school principal had had to direct traffic at the times children were leaving the school on Monday. "I would like to stress its very great importance," he continued. "A child could be killed there tomorrow."

Mr. Scudds reported that conditions would remain bad until Thursday. "It is hoped work on the sewer will be completed by Thursday night," he stated. "If it is not, the contractor has been instructed to fill in the holes so traffic may proceed normally on the weekend. He then would complete the work the beginning of next week."

Reeve Plaxton reported he had seen a small boy fall through the ice on the mill pond about three weeks ago. The pond is used extensively for skating, the reeve noted, after school, and weekends. It is a wonderful asset to the town, he claimed, but the sign "Danger—thin ice—Do not use," erected by the works department is still in place. The sign should mean something, he maintained.

Councillor Scudds reported the sign means what it says, that the ice is too thin for skating. "When the ice is thick enough the sign will be removed," he promised. "But the works department does not believe the ice is yet thick enough for skating. Some parts have thick ice but moving water creates thin spots," the councillor noted. He recalled that tractors had gone through the ice on the pond both last winter and the winter before even after borings had indicated it was safe.

Mayor Tom Broadhurst reported that recently one of the town's policemen had warned adults and children skating on the pond that it was unsafe and had received a very rude reception. The works department was asked to test the pond and found ice conditions unsatisfactory. The policeman returned to the pond with the report and suggested the skaters leave. The adults refused the mayor reported, and set a very poor example to the children.

Councillor Handbury suggested council initiate a voluntary patrol of the pond during the periods it is used and at this time have ladders and poles, which could be used in rescue work on hand.

The matter was referred to the recreation committee to ask them to come up with a workable solution to the problem.



St. John Course Starts Monday

St. John Ambulance Brigade will be starting a senior first aid course in the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. January 18.

This course will be open to any member of the public as well as industrial representatives.

Anyone interested in obtaining this very worthwhile training may phone Jack Williams at 884-3200 for further information.

Mr. H. L. Hammond told "The Liberal" St. John Ambulance has in the past five years given instruction to 1700 people in both senior and junior groups. This is approximately 8 1/2% of the town's population who have had training in life saving and first aid techniques and compares very favorably with a rate of 1/4 of 1% in Metropolitan Toronto. Kapuskasing tops the list with a percentage of 14 and is justly proud of this figure.

Richmond Hill also has a record of which it can be proud, but cannot afford to rest on. Lake Wilcox. However, she was this record. The more people able to instruct his friend in the proper technique and his life was saved.

St. John Ambulance also year, and maybe not by this course graduates themselves, as adults and offers this service to all leaders of Guides an Oak Ridges girl who had and Scouts without cost. All taken a junior St. John Ambulance course was too small to

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JANUARY 14, Thursday — Second Films of Note Showing. Film unavoidably changed to Nobody Waved Goodbye. Canadian-made feature about two teen-agers. Richmond Theatre, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Subscribers present "Tickets No. 20 The Organizer". c1w29

JANUARY 15, Friday — The Fragments Coffee Club. The return of popular blues singer, Joe Mendelson. c1w29

JANUARY 18, MONDAY — 8 p.m. The annual general meeting of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, Fireman's Lounge, Wright Street. c1w29

JANUARY 18, MONDAY — General meeting of the Richmond Hill Women's Progressive Conservative Association at British Mortgage and Trust at 8:30 p.m. Open to all. c1w29

JANUARY 18, MONDAY — A meeting of the York County Medical Wives Association will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Crawford Rose, Wellington Street East, Aurora. The speaker will be Mr. Joseph Dales. c1w29

JANUARY 19, TUESDAY — 8:30 p.m. Bridge and euchre, Masonic Hall, Crosby Avenue. Good prizes. Auspices Richmond Hill Chapter, order of the Eastern Star. Admission \$1.00. *1w29

JANUARY 20, WEDNESDAY, 8:15 p.m. Lions Hall. A bridge, euchre, cribbage, card party, sponsored by Lions Peewee hockey team to finance hockey team entering Quebec tournament. 884-2278 or 884-5682 for tickets. c1w29

JANUARY 22, FRIDAY — Vellore Memorial Hall, Vellore old Boys' 83rd Anniversary Annual Dance and Euchre. Carl Black's Orchestra. Tickets \$1.25. *1w29

JANUARY 28, Tuesday — at 8 p.m. Horticultural Society meeting, Wrixon Hall. Members note change of place. c1w29

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