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Street Lights For Hospital Road

Councillor Lois Hancey introduced a timely question at last week's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting when she asked about the proposal to provide street lighting from the town limits to York Central Hospital. The hospital grounds are well lighted and Richmond Hill street lighting extends to the town limits at Arnold Crescent, but there is a short space intervening where only darkness prevails. This unlighted stretch of highway constitutes a hazard for the many who use the road, particularly pedestrians and adequate street lights are an urgent necessity in the interests of public safety. A sidewalk for pedestrians is very desirable but this may not be possible until a road improvement program is carried out on the Maple Sideroad. There should be no real difficulties in providing street lights and we

hope the authorities will get some action on the proposal without too much delay. The needed lights will be located in Vaughan Township but early last year Richmond Hill Council with commendable appreciation of the public need offered to share the cost of installation with the neighboring municipality. Both councils have many pressing problems and it would appear likely the matter of these needed lights just was overlooked. We hope now that Councillor Hancey has again drawn attention to the matter that the two councils will get together on an arrangement to provide this much needed improvement. The cost involved is small and it would appear to be only a matter for municipal co-operation. On behalf of the many who must use this stretch of highway we hope the needed action will not be long delayed.

Project For Senior Citizens

"Memories of the Trail Blazers" is a project which Miss Eunice Dyke, a well-known, 82-year-old former public health nurse, has proposed to the Ontario Legislature's Committee on Aging as a means of making our older citizens feel that they are still doing useful work. Miss Dyke has proposed that senior citizens record the achievements of the pioneers. "If we don't get the experiences of the pioneers down on paper or recordings they are going to be lost," Miss Dyke said in an interview. "I think young people need to know just what the trail blazers did for this country. Recounting these experiences will give older people a sense of being appreciated. It's something that won't be done—unless they do it themselves."

he is "very keen" about Miss Doyle's idea and hopes something can be done. For the past few years the Alberta government has been tape recording experiences of that province's pioneers. In Richmond Hill the Women's Institute, which played an important role in this community's life for more than 50 years, did an excellent job of compiling a record of life in Richmond Hill since pioneer days in "Tweedsmuir History" which is now available to anyone interested at Richmond Hill Public Library. However, there must be countless stories of pioneer life passed down in families which have not yet been recorded. If local senior citizens would undertake to record these, they would add depth to the coverage of local history and add greatly to our knowledge of pioneer life.

Provincial Ambulance Service

Pointing up repeated editorials in this newspaper on the need for a provincially supported ambulance service, to ensure that no injured or ill person within the province is without ambulance service when it is needed was an accident on December 24 on 18th Avenue, Markham Township. Three persons, one adult and two children waited at the scene of the serious accident for an estimated half hour and when no ambulance arrived, the doctor commandeered the service of a station wagon and the injured were admitted to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. A similar case was reported from King Township in November and on June 17 a seriously injured Ringwood lad lay at the side of a concession road in Uxbridge Township while officials in charge of a district ambulance service debated the authority of a call from a private citizen. The boy had suffered a broken back and returned home at Christmas time after many months of hospital and convalescent care. Operators of privately owned local ambulance services find that collection of fees is an almost impossible task. Many people believe that the health insurance plans they carry cover ambulance fees, but in many cases this is not so. If the injured

or ill person is the breadwinner of the family, the ambulance operator must wait for his payment. He has several alternatives — he may go out of business and leave his community without this necessary service, he may seek municipal subsidies, he can try to carry on the ambulance service as a sideline to a full or part time job in other lines or he can insist on pre-payment of his fee, which some local ambulances do. Ambulance service is something that is taken for granted by most people without thought of what is required to provide it. When it is not needed we do not think of it but take it for granted that when it is needed it will be available immediately. Operators of local ambulance services are expected to provide such service around the clock, seven days a week—and they do this, at the sacrifice of their own social life. A provincially operated ambulance service would provide ambulance service when it is needed, where it is needed, all over the province with consequent saving in life and a reduction in suffering. Increasing traffic on all roads means that the number of accident victims cannot help but increase. Such a service is needed now.

Trustees Can't Agree On Pay

After a long discussion, the question of payment to trustees for their services was referred back to its finance committee by the Richmond Hill Public School Board at its inaugural meeting held Thursday of last week. The original recommendation brought forward by last year's finance committee was that trustees be paid \$20 per month and \$20 per meeting to a maximum of \$60 per month, with no payment for committee meetings. A mileage allowance would also be given. Trustee Jack Knott felt very strongly that the payment should be a flat \$60 per month. "Other boards have paid this," he said "and it avoids the necessity for attendance records." He stated emphatically that he had

missed very few meetings during the three years he had been on the board. "I'm not certain that everyone is of your high moral calibre", responded Trustee Jim LeMoine. Chairman Walter Hutchinson noted that the high school board had passed a flat monthly payment. "Personally, I feel that successive absence from regular meetings should cost you something," he said. Trustee Knott agreed that a penalty clause should be included. "How about committee meetings?" enquired Trustee David Stephenson. "Could you miss all the committee meetings and still collect?" Trustee Knott's amendment to pay the flat \$60 monthly was carried with



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

York Central Hospital Auxiliary Busy With Plans For The Future

Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier, president of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary is enthusiastic about the work and future plans to be realized in 1965 if all goes well. There will be area projects and auxiliary projects for raising money. For example tickets will be sold for the annual Spring Thaw which will be coming up May 1 at the Royal Alex. A dance will likely be held in the autumn although the location and date has not been determined. Accomplishments of the past year include the gift of \$3,500 to the hospital plus \$1,000 from the memorial fund which is administered by the auxiliary. Already 1500 hours of work per month are being given to the hospital through its various services and this includes the contribution of many local teenagers who are known as "Candy Strippers". There are about 14 areas of service provided by the auxiliary, the most important being the gift shop, the cart that dispenses such sundries to the patients as toothpaste, shaving cream, etc., administration which includes typing and filing; the escort service in which volunteers act as guides to help people find their way about the hospital and take patients to and from treatment and admitting and discharging. Volunteers also look after mail and flowers; emergency; information desk, 2nd surgical (nursing station) and other miscellaneous tasks. In addition much time is spent on the work of the auxiliary itself preparing and following up meetings and this is not counted as hours on the record. Among other things, the auxiliary underwrites the salary of the director of volunteers (Mrs. R. Miller) and stands ready to act on suggestions and requests of the hospital administrator. The recent decoration, sewing and washing up at the staff Christmas party was an example of this. Spreading the story of the hospital and maintaining effective community relations is another important function of the auxiliary. In order to make communications more effective, the auxiliary plans to produce a monthly news sheet for distribution to all paid up members advising of openings in the volunteer staff, coming events, projects and so on. This will strictly be a working news sheet and not an editorial production.

By all accounts Flavia Redelmeier is one of Richmond Hill's busy and useful women. She draws much of her effectiveness and versatility in community and club endeavours from her considerable background of education and experience. She is a graduate of Branksome Hall and Trinity College, U of T. She majored in geography in 1948, and finished her M.A. in anthropology in 1951, a year after her marriage. As an undergraduate she worked with the Department of Lands and Forests, participating in pheasant population surveys in York County and other local Ontario points. She was also group instructor in geology for the Royal Ontario Museum summer club and worked also in the department of zoology. Upon her graduation, she became museum assistant to Professor T. F. McIlwraith, then head of the department of anthropology, U of T, and also the head of the division of ethnology, Royal Ontario Museum of Archeology. This involved all types of work in ethnology and primitive archeology. This included examining and cataloguing material acquired on loan; assisting with articles and lectures; compiling bibliographies, corresponding with scholars and other museums, displaying, sorting, writing labels for museum material. Just prior to her marriage, Mrs. Redelmeier planned and carried out the renovation of the African Gallery. Flavia and husband Ernest live at Don Head Farms and they have two sons, David Hugh 13, in grade 9 at Richmond Hill High School and William Leighton 11, grade 7, at Pleasantville Public School. In addition to her family life Flavia Redelmeier finds diversion in community work and cultural pursuits plus the real love of her life which is Girl Guide work. She is a past executive member of the Rich-

Flavia Redelmeier

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Flashback

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878. On January 14, 1947, Aubrey Davis of Newmarket spoke to King City Women's Institute on the subject of "Whither Canada". A native son of King Township, Mr. Davis dealt with some aspects of the township's history. "The Liberal" of January 23, 1947, reported that he gave a brief outline of the background and the original productivity ground and history of King Township from the year 1800, when it had 20 white settlers. By 1840 the population was 3,000, and from 1871 has steadily advanced. The development of agricultural pursuits and industries, from 1840 to 1871, was due to heavily timbered acreage of 40 percent of the land, abounding with 220 miles of running streams. At that time about 30 industries had set up about these waterways, Dr. Davis told the meeting. A change came and as the timber was gradually cut, this acreage was reduced to four percent. With the forest cover went the water, so now we are down to approximately 30 miles of streams and deterioration of farm lands. On ten percent of King Township land, the speaker claimed, there is virtually no productivity. If all the land incapable of producing crops were refore-



"Now, YOU and I know these little babies are harmless"

News Item: Markham Road. Remembering the disastrous Maple explosion in August, 1962, citizens protested the additional propane tanks in an urban area.

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

L.B.P. dropped in on L.B.J. last week for an overnight visit at his Texas ranch—just long enough to sign the free-trade car agreement... and to tell him what he got for Christmas.

And last week Canada was celebrating Sir John A. MacDonald's 150th birthday with a sort of an apathetic "Who he?" enthusiasm. In his pictures, the great Conservative leader seemed to have quite a receding forehead. By comparison, the present Conservative leader seems to have quite a receding party.

Operators of ski resorts in the Laurentians are asking for financial assistance claiming the 3-year shortage of snow has made them a disaster area. ... That is, financially, too.

The Ontario Temperance Federation has asked Premier Robarts for more liquor restrictions because, it claims, there are 100,000 alcoholics in the province. ... And Premier Robarts would like to ask the O.T.U. how many members of voting age IT has?

And, on this subject, we see where—as a result of Ontario's smaller draught beer glasses—Molson's has acquired an American brewery to get rid of their surplus.

Highway 401 is to be known as the MacDonald-Cartier Freeway. This Scotch-French combination is like the Scotch theme being heard in Montreal these days around the cramped enquiry courtroom of the city's ancient Palais de Justice:—"Just a wee dock an' Dorion."

With all the trouble the Crest theatre has been having lately it's good to see it playing to capacity houses for a change. ... It looks like The Deputy could save it from the sheriff.

The Quebec wing of the Progressive Conservative party has given the party an ultimatum: Choose John Diefenbaker—or Quebec. ... And with that kind of a choice they might also choose a new name for the party. Like, "The Hobson's."

Veteran N.H.L. Linesman George Hayes was suspended last week for refusing to take an eye examination. The league feels that even after nineteen years on the job he may have 20-20 vision... but how about the THIRD period.

Question Of The Week—Where was the wrong-way character who named the town of Ocean Falls, B.C., when the mountain fell on it?

Dear Mr. Editor

CAR CLUBS NEW YEAR'S SERVICE assist their community in many ways as exemplified on New Year's eve. In order that you may have an opportunity to obtain a further insight to "hotrodding", we cordially invite you to attend the annual speed sport show being held in the Queen Elizabeth Building at Exhibition Park on January 29 and 30. There, you will see the skill, craftsmanship and ingenuity of car builders all over the country. Sincerely yours, R. N. BLANCHET, Secretary

Keep Warm The clothing worn in winter by the average person is inadequate, according to a report in Science Digest. The report reviews military experiments to keep men warm outdoors, including a suit that encloses a person in an envelope of filtered, heated air. The report lists six other ways to keep warm: Wear a hat. The head is the biggest heat leak in the body. Keep moving. A person produces four times as much heat walking as sitting. Do not get overheated. Chilling may occur and sweat-choked clothes insulate less. Use the insulation of air trapped between thin layers of clothing. Close openings around ankles, wrists and neck, where wind blows in and warm air escapes. Protect exposed areas.

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