

Proctor & Redfern Plans To Be Used If Corners Are Daylighted

If Richmond Hill Council decides to daylight corners, the works committee has recommended that this work be undertaken on the following basis:

(a) Southwest area of the town—these corners be daylighted on the requirements of the design and specifications submitted by Proctor & Redfern.

(b) In other areas of the town, the works commissioner be authorized to secure designed specifications and estimated costs as council directs.

Reeve Donald Plaxton and Councillor Eric Handbury both stated their reasons for asking for daylighting was for the safety of motorists and pedestrians. "If we adopt this basis, to a certain extent we are trying to revive part of the drainage scheme suggested last year," the reeve maintained.

Councillor Walter Scudds stated "if we're going to spend money we might as well do it to specifications. I believe someday the people in the southwest are going to change their minds and ask us to go ahead with this work, although it may be 15 or 20 years."

The reeve urged council to remember the purpose of the motion which was the physical removal of trees and shrubs for safety and Councillor Handbury felt that people should be given a chance to voluntarily remove the shrubs.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins retorted, "We have been trying for years to get this type of work done on a voluntary basis with poor results. You wouldn't get half of them."

Councillor Scudds noted that the Proctor & Redfern plans

show the exact amount of land to be cleared to daylight the corners — which trees, which shrubs will have to be removed. "This information we have," he said, "so we might as well make use of it."

Mayor Broadhurst claimed that the town has a choice of using plans which are available and which have cost the town a considerable amount or spending money for more engineering. He noted there was nothing in the works committee report to state the manner of acquiring the land. He said he felt the only fair way of dealing with the matter from the viewpoint of the town and of the owner was to acquire ownership of the land. "You are actually taking control of the property," he said.

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen reported there was no intention of trying the daylighting in with a drainage program, but daylighting entailed, beside tree and shrub cutting, extension of culverts, reforming of ditches and widening of shoulders. To do anything else would be defeating the purpose of daylighting. "It has nothing whatever to do with future paving or storm sewers," he said.

Further recommendations from the works committee which were approved by council were:

That the Department of Highways be requested to approve the appointment of consulting engineers to complete the design and estimated cost for reconstruction of Yonge Street pavement.

That the works commissioner be instructed to complete all arrangements for the publishing of tenders for the construction of the Crosby Avenue sanitary relief sewer.



MRS. JESSE JAI McNEIL

World Day Of Prayer

The prayer for the World Day of Prayer to be observed on March 5 was distinguished by Mrs. McNeil, a gifted and distinguished American Negro, wife of a Baptist minister in California.

Mrs. McNeil has an A.B. degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C., and an M.A. from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. She took special post-graduate studies in social psychiatry at Duke University, Durham, N.C. and served as instructor in sociology at Meharry School of Nursing, Nashville.

In 1961 she was named "layman of the year" by the Detroit Council of Churches, the first negro to receive this citation and the second woman. In the same year the Michigan House of Representatives named her "Michigan citizen of superior talents and effective effort in behalf of humanity".

In 1963, she was one of 300 women invited by a President John Kennedy to a conference at the White House, the outcome of which was the formation of the Women's Committee on Civil Rights.

In 1961 she led the prayer fellowship in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia in observance of the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

The choice of Mrs. McNeil as author of this year's service was an inspired one. Her selection of the theme, "What Doth the Lord Require of Thee?" is most timely in view of international and inter-racial tensions in the world today.

Richmond Hill community will observe World Day of Prayer in two services March 5.

The afternoon service at 2 p.m. will be in the United Church on Yonge Street and will be followed by a social half hour with a cup of tea. Nursery care will be provided. Speaker will be Mrs. Lily Stonehouse of Uxbridge, World Day of Prayer promoter for the Free Methodist denomination.

The evening service at 8 p.m. will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bayview Avenue. Mrs. A. E. Myers will speak and there will be a combined choir. A social half hour will follow this service as well.

Plan to attend the service most convenient for you.

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman - 884-7129

On February 15 the ladies auxiliary held a supper at the Legion Court attended by members of the branch executive, friends and guests. At the supper the ladies presented a cheque for \$500 to the branch president.

Guest of honour for the occasion was 77 year old John Oliver DCM, MM., who served with the 1st battalion, 14th division CEF in World War I, and held the rank of CSM.

Some months ago, the ladies of the branch who regularly invade the domain of many veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital, bringing gifts and good cheer, found a particular friend. That evening they had finished their mission in the centre wing, fourth floor, and in due course began to visit the private rooms which lie along the corridors, abreast of the wing.

It is normally the practice to refrain from visiting darkened rooms in which sick persons might lie, and did so on this visit, passing one quietly by twice in succession. The second time, a voice from within said, "That's alright, go right on past me". Upon entering the room they found one Johnny Oliver, a legless veteran who had fallen from his bed and broken both wrists. The attention he received then, and has been given since, by our ladies is worthy of note. He was subsequently adopted as their protégé, visited frequently and was given leave of absence from Sunnybrook to appear as guest of honour last Monday evening. As a life patient at the hospital and going into his fifth year of residence he expressed appreciation of his first outing in 18 months, and was presented with a cheque by President Frank Barrot. Johnny immediately matched the sum on the cheque, from his own pocket, and presented it to Poppy Fund Chairman Ernest Benton. After he had been declared "Sweetheart of Branch 375" and given a very large valentine containing many signatures, Johnny was introduced at the branch general meeting where he became a member of the branch. He was later shown around Legion Court and visited the club room. When he was taken back to Sunnybrook he said that this was a day he would never forget.

Hospital Committee Chairman Jack Sanders reports that Comrade Ken Macleod is presently a patient in York Central Hospital. Lady member Edith Watier and our friendly bank manager Comrade Don Smith have recently entered Sunnybrook Hospital. Messages have been sent to each, wishing them a speedy recovery.

Whenever a helping hand is needed at Legion Court Comrade Bill Houting is always to be found helping with two. Last Saturday at the dance, Mr. and Mrs. Houting were congratulated on the occasion of their 35th

wedding anniversary. It was unfortunate that the couple did not receive one of the bouquets of flowers handed out during the evening. But then Comrade Bill had donated them all in the first place.

Recent grandfather Comrade Bob Karsh reports that the Legion bowlers, who were unsuccessful as semi-finalists and therefore did not make the recently televised finals, are nevertheless still active. Competing at Newmarket earlier this month with other representatives of the zone they came out champions and now go to Barrie on March 13 for district competition.

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