

# Saw Much Growth, 40 Years With Hydro

Forty years to the day when Miss Stella Mackie joined Ontario Hydro's staff in Richmond Hill, in what was then known as the Bond Lake Rural Power District (now Richmond Hill Rural Operating Area) she will be retiring, on April 1, 1965. It was on April 1, 1925, that Miss Mackie became the first female clerk on a staff of Bond Lake RPD which had just been organized about eighteen months previously. She began her career as a junior clerk. When she retires, this year, she will be vacating the

post of area chief clerk, a position she has held since April 1, 1951. "April first, or April fool's day, seems to have figured rather significantly in my hydro career. But it was no fool's act for me to have joined Ontario Hydro's staff. I've enjoyed every day of my work with the commission. It is a great organization. Everyone connected with Ontario Hydro can be proud of the service that it is rendering," Miss Mackie said.

Throughout her long hydro career, Miss Mackie has enjoyed excellent health. She could count on one hand the number of days that she has been absent from work because of illness. Stella Mackie is a firm believer in being on the job despite the fact that she actually has built up a backlog of over a year of sick leave at full salary which she has never taken.

A native of Richmond Hill, Stella Mackie comes from a well known Richmond Hill family. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackie who operated a 118-acre farm on the eastern outskirts of the community. The former farm land now is a residential subdivision in the growing town of Richmond Hill, known as Richmond Acres.

Stella Mackie was educated at Richmond Hill Public School and Richmond Hill High School. Later she took a secretarial course at a business college in Toronto from which she

graduated with a diploma in 1924. For six months after graduation, she worked for the Ingersoll Meat Packing Company in Toronto. Then she applied for the position and became the first female clerk of Ontario Hydro at Richmond Hill.



STELLA MACKIE  
Forty Years' Service

In 1925 when she joined the staff, Stella Mackie's job was to type stock records and general office records also to take in cash from customers paying their electric power bills at the little one-room office that was opened above Davies Dry Goods on Yonge Street South. All rural billing for the province at that time was handled by hydro's head office in Toronto. About two years later, billing operations were transferred to the Richmond Hill office which was one of the first Rural Operating Areas to handle its own billing. Miss Mackie was trained thoroughly in billing techniques by a top level group from the head office. She carried on the office work including the billing for some ten years until a second girl was hired.

When Miss Mackie commenced her service, the staff consisted of one clerk, a foreman and four linemen, with D. M. Chamney, as rural superintendent, serving nearly 900 customers. The rural power district included Schomberg within its boundaries, as well as a large portion of North York Township. It extended to Fairbank on the southwest and to Oriole on the southeast. It

went to Keswick and Sutton on the north, and there were no rural hydro offices at Woodbridge, Sutton or Markham Village. The customers were taken over from the Toronto and York Railway, which had been supplying electric power for the district.

**Much Rural Expansion**  
Building and expansion surged forward. Rural hydro everywhere was being extended along with municipal hydro. This growth meant more staff and facilities were required for the rural power district headquarters at Richmond Hill. It meant that every two or three years another room was taken over above the dry goods store until in 1948, the entire floor was required.

At this time the Ontario Hydro operations were decentralized with the formation of regions. L. J. Roy, P. Eng., was appointed area manager for what was now called an operating area instead of the original title rural power district. Mr. Roy succeeded D. M. Chamney who was appointed Toronto and later central regional personnel officer.

**New Rural Office**  
The Richmond Hill area was operating the Village of Richmond Hill hydro system with 600 customers in addition to its 4,000 rural customers. The "flat" over Davies Dry Goods Store no longer was adequate to accommodate the increase in staff that was necessary, and so in 1953 a new area office was built. A new stores building followed in 1954. By 1955 the number of rural customers had grown to over 7,000 and the village customers to 2,000. The village growth was mushrooming and it was necessary that year to ask the municipality to take over their own system and form a municipal hydro system.

Stella Mackie has witnessed the remarkable rural hydro growth that has taken place in the Richmond Hill area despite splitting of the ROA and formation of three more rural operating areas, Woodbridge, Markham and Sutton, also annexations by municipalities such as North York Township and Richmond Hill. Today the Richmond Hill ROA staff totals some 54 and there are over 10,000 customers.

**Many Hobbies**  
When she retires Stella Mackie will have many hobbies to occupy her time. She is a five-pin bowler also an ardent golfer and belongs to the Uplands Golf and Country Club at Thornhill. She also enjoys gardening. Photography and travel are two other hobbies that blend together and she is keen on seeing new sights. Over the years she has visited such places as the British Isles, Europe, California and Florida, Hawaii and Alaska, and of course she has crossed Canada from coast to coast.

With all these interests, Stella Mackie will have no difficulty in keeping busy. But she wistfully observes that there is one thing she will miss a great deal — the day to day contacts with "the wonderful folks in Hydro". However, as she has been a member of the commission's quarter century club since 1950 and this year qualifies for the distinguished forty year group, she will have regular annual reunions with her many long-time friends through this association and an opportunity to keep in touch through the retired members' organizations.

Miss Mackie on her retirement can look back proudly to forty years of valuable service to Ontario Hydro, a record that puts her in a unique category for distaff members.

**AURORA:** William Trent, in last December's election was appointed to a seat on the town council last week to fill a vacancy created by the death of Reeve Jean Moffatt. Deputy Reeve Stewart Patrick moved up to the reevehip and Councilor Ron Simmons became deputy-reeve.

## Notice to Creditors

AND OTHERS  
In the Estate of FRANKLIN JOSEPH PIERCEY  
All persons having claims against the Estate of Franklin Joseph Piercey, late of the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, Retired, who died on or about the 17th day of February, 1965, are required to send a statement of their claims to the undersigned before the 14th day of April, 1965, after which date the estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Toronto this 10th day of March, 1965.

HUGH W. LIGHTBODY,  
Executor,  
by his solicitors,  
WALSH AND WALSH,  
85 Richmond Street West,  
Toronto 1, Ontario.

# Markham Twp. Plans To Purchase 100 Acres For Centennial Park

Markham Township Council Monday night moved a step closer towards establishing a public park as its centennial project when it revealed it had negotiated for 100 acres of property with an area resident. Council said Stan Defoe of Buttonville had accepted an offer for purchase of the land for park purposes. The proposed price was not disclosed. The land is situated on the north side of 17th Avenue, midway at the 5th concession, or the old Devil's corner. Council agreed to submit an application for a centennial grant for establishment of the park and to enquire as to what other grants might be available. Deadline for centennial grant was March 31.

Council also agreed to make an application for a debenture of \$372,000 for the construction of roads and bridges.

It was pointed out that the application was not committing council to the debenture, but was being submitted in order to qualify for the Department of Highways subsidy.

Prior to this a by-law to provide for the 1965 expenditure on roads in the amount of \$488,000, was passed. Council set over for a week a request from the Stouffville Fire Brigade to revise its fire agreement, until it could get comparable figures from other municipalities.

The new agreement calls for \$100 the first hour, compared with \$68, with \$70 for each additional hour, instead of \$32. It also requested the standby fee be raised from \$300 a year

to \$500. The Stouffville brigade covers the north end of the township.

A tender for \$3,087.52 from Wilson-Niblett Motors Ltd., Richmond Hill, for the police cruiser, was accepted.

**BROUGHAM:** Pickering Township Council last week agreed to consider a by-law prohibiting the establishment of any more swill-fed piggeries in the township, feeling they would possibly be a hardship to adjacent residents.



## FOR SALE BY TENDER

One Sawyer Massey Steam Tractor (1918)

in good condition. This tractor may be viewed at the southern Research Station, near Maple, Ontario, and information re the submission of tenders obtained there. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Closing date for tenders April 15, 1965.

Chief, Research Branch, Ont. Department of Lands and Forests, Maple.

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## ANGLICAN

**ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Richmond Hill  
Rector: Rev. J. F. O'Neill  
Assistant Curate: Rev. Donald Bone  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
PASSION SUNDAY  
8:00 a.m. — Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Parish Communion  
Lenten Series III. THE BETRAYAL  
(Church School and Nursery)  
7 p.m. — Evensong  
Comfortable Pew Series  
IV. Mass Media and the Church  
Address: Mr. John Graham  
Coffee Hour and Dialogue afterwards

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**  
10 a.m. — Holy Communion (Nursery Care)  
8 p.m. — Holy Communion (Study Groups)

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**  
THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL  
Crosby and Bayview Avenues  
Rev. R. E. McLennan  
407 Lynett Crescent  
TU. 4-4236  
Church, TU. 4-7083  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. — Senior Church School, 7 to 13 years  
11 a.m. — Holy Communion "Brotherhood and the Subdivisions"  
Junior Church School, 2 to 6 years and Nursery  
7:30 p.m. — Adult Study Group  
Luke 15: 11—end "The Prodigal Son" — 20th Century wisdom from A.D. 31"

**EMMANUEL ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Mackay Drive - Richvale  
Rev. K. A. Thatcher  
AV. 5-6789  
Richard Leach, A.R.C.T., Organist  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
Passion Sunday  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. — Senior Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
11 a.m. — Junior Sunday School  
7 p.m. — Evensong  
Today's services will be the last to be held in the old church building.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
THORNHILL  
Brooke & Jane Streets  
Rector  
Rev. H. Reginald Howden, B.A., L. Th.  
Rev. Fred C. Jackson, Assistant, Estelle Markham, A.R.C.T., R.M.T. Organist and Choir Director  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
5th Sunday in Lent  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion  
11 a.m. — Holy Communion  
Preacher: The Rector (5) "The way the truth and the life"  
7 p.m. — Evening Prayer  
Preacher: The Rev. F. C. Jackson (5) "Suffering".  
Tuesday  
7 a.m. — Holy Communion  
Wednesday  
10:30 a.m. — Holy Communion  
8 p.m. — The Litany  
Lenten Programme

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Bayview Avenue S., Near Centre St.  
Albert E. Myers, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Pastor  
884-5264  
Ralph Markham, Organist and Choirmaster  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:30 a.m. — School and Adult Bible Study  
11 a.m. — Worship Service  
Nursery provided.  
7 p.m. — Young People  
Wednesday — 8 p.m. Lenten Service

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(2 miles south of Maple)  
Rev. E. Lange, B.A., B.D., M.Th. 832-2073  
Organist: Mrs. J. Keffer  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School and Adult Bible Discussion Class  
11 a.m. — Worship Service  
Nursery provided

**RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. J. N. Hepburn, Minister  
Mrs. Vera Diamond  
Organist and Choir Leader  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School and Bible Class  
11 a.m. — Morning Worship  
The Sacrament of Baptism  
11 a.m. — Nursery Department  
7:15 p.m. — Young People's Society

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Maple, Ont.  
and  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH  
7th Con. Vaughan  
Rev. B. F. Andrew, Minister  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
10 a.m. — St. Andrew's Sunday School and Church  
10:20 a.m. — St. Paul's Sunday School  
11 a.m. — St. Andrew's Bible Class  
11:15 a.m. — St. Paul's Church

**ALL SAINTS**  
Anglican Church  
King City  
Rector: Rev. E. H. Costigan  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
5th Sunday in Lent  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
The Rector  
11:10 a.m. — Sunday School  
4 p.m. — Choral Evensong  
Organist: Howard Jerome ARCCO, ACCM

**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH**  
Maple  
The Anglican Church of Canada  
Rector: Rev. Ramsay Armitage, M.A., D.D.  
8 a.m. — Holy Communion  
11 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion on 2nd Sunday of month at 11

**BAPTIST**  
LANGSTAFF BAPTIST CHURCH  
(Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada)  
26 Church Street Thornhill  
Pastor:  
Rev. Thomas M. Watson  
Benson St., Thornhill  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
11 a.m. — "Looking Unto Jesus"  
7 p.m. — "The Holy Spirit and Christian Living"  
Guest Music:  
Mr. G. Anderson  
Supervised nursery at all Lord's day activities  
MIDWEEK HOUR, WED., 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer, Praise, Bible Study  
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**UNITED**  
RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH  
Rev. C. G. Higginson, B.A., B.D.  
Mr. J. Spinner, Assistant  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Primary, Junior, Intermediate & Senior Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Nursery & Kindergarten Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Morning Service  
"The Blood of the Cross"  
7 p.m. — Evening Service  
"The New Covenant"  
8 p.m. — HI-C Group

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
325 Crosby Avenue  
Rev. F. James Burn, B.A., B.D. TU. 4-5526  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
10:30 a.m. — Worship Service (Baby Care)  
9:05 a.m. — Sunday School  
Primary and Junior  
10:30 a.m. — Nursery Kindergarten  
11:45 a.m. — Senior  
1 p.m. — Intermediate

**THORNHILL UNITED CHURCH**  
Rev. A. I. Higgins, B.A., B.D.  
Rev. Veals, Assistant Minister  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Intermediate and Senior Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Nursery and up to 11 years  
11 a.m. — Morning Worship  
For further information call AV. 5-2131

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
MAPLE CHARGE  
Minister  
Rev. Ralph C. Williams, B.A.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
Hope, 9:45 a.m.  
Maple — 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Primary, Junior, Intermediate  
Worship Service — 11 a.m.  
Junior Congregation  
Kindergarten and Nursery  
A welcome is extended to all

**CARRVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
9:45 a.m. — Worship Service and Sunday School

**Other Denominations**  
RICHMOND HILL FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
Corner of Elmwood and Ruggles  
Rev. A. J. Slater, Minister  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
10 a.m. — Sunday School  
Nursery to Adults  
11:30 a.m. — Worship Service  
7 p.m. — Evening Service  
Wednesday  
8 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
Church of the Light and Life  
Hour CRFH, 5 p.m. Sunday  
884-7097

**CALVARY CHURCH**  
RICHMOND HILL  
96 Hunt Ave., Richmond Hill  
Affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada  
Rev. P. A. 4-4387  
Pastor: Rev. P. A. Sorenson  
SUNDAY  
10 a.m. — Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Worship Service  
7 p.m. — Evangelistic Service  
TUESDAY  
8:15 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
FRIDAY  
8 p.m. — Young Peoples

**BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
Wm. Vanderhert, Pastor  
Tel: Richmond Hill, TU. 4-3155  
Heise Hill (Gormley)  
10 a.m. — Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service  
Wed. 7:45 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
Vaughan (3rd Con., 2 miles north of Concord)  
11:15 a.m. — Worship Service  
Concord at Public School  
Rev. A. W. Heise, Pastor  
Tel: 235-5002  
10 a.m. — Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Worship Service  
Tues., 8 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
Roy High, Pastor  
Tel: Gormley 5544  
Oak Ridges, Aubrey Ave.  
10:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. — Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service  
Tues., 8 p.m. — Prayer Meeting

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS CHURCH**  
E. Neill, Minister  
Meeting every Saturday  
Elgin Mills West  
14 mile west of Yonge Street  
9:15 a.m. — Sabbath School  
11 a.m. — Worship Service

**RICHVALE GOSPEL CHAPEL**  
24 Oak Avenue  
Sunday — Services  
9:30 a.m. — Remembrance Service  
11 a.m. — Bible Hour & Sunday School  
7 p.m. — Gospel Service  
Tuesday 8 p.m. — Prayer meeting and Bible Study.  
Women's and Young Peoples Meetings as Announced.  
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**A CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Concord Ave. and King High Drive  
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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
10 a.m. — Bible School  
Classes for All  
11 a.m. — Ministry of the Word  
7 p.m. — Worship and Communion  
ALL WELCOME  
AV. 5-3364 - AV. 5-5057

**DONCASTER BIBLE CHAPEL**  
(Clarke & Willowdale Sts.)  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Family Service  
John Austing M.A.  
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service  
John Austing M.A.  
8:15 p.m. — Communion Service  
Wednesday — 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service and Bible Study

**GORMLEY UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School  
11 a.m. — Worship  
Home Missionary Service, with Mr. Theodore Warder of Hamilton as speaker.  
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service, with Baptismal Service conducted by the Pastor.  
Wednesday, April 7  
8 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
"THE WORD FOR THE WORLD"  
Rev. L. K. Sider, Pastor

**STOUFFVILLE:** One of the Stouffville High School Board officials who attended the teacher recruiting centre at the Park Plaza Hotel last Saturday termed it a "rat race". The board needs eight teachers to bring their staff up to 28. Contacts were made at the hotel but no contracts were signed.

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