

Nights Of Train Whistle Tooting May Have Days Numbered In Hill

Councillor Lois Hancey struck a blow for light sleepers last week when she spearheaded a bylaw to eliminate train whistle blowing in Richmond Hill.

"The whistles go back a long time," said Mrs. Hancey, "to the days when they blew on approaching railway crossings to warn farmers with cattle and other livestock to beware of oncoming trains."

Other reasons included a "toot upon arriving or leaving the station depot, communication between engineers switching tracks, to back up, and just to say 'how are you' on arriving."

Mrs. Hancey said whistles were originated at a time when the town was mainly rural and was a cheap method of warning vehicles of danger.

"The whistles aren't effective anymore," noted Mrs. Hancey, "especially with car radios and the thick-glass windshields."

Other reasons include the installation of electric warning devices, signs, and crossings that are well lighted.

"The Department of Transport," she said, "has already

realized the nuisance value of these things in built-up urban areas and has brought authority out to allow bylaws prohibiting whistle blowing in municipalities."

The bylaw, she said, would only be effective after Department of Transport officials investigated the crossings to assure they were well equipped with safety devices.

"Of course," Councillor Hancey said, "the responsibility of crossing railway tracks is on the individual driver. I think any person is foolish who when driving depends solely on the signals. These are only mechanical and can break down."

"We have signals at all crossings," she said, "and hydro has already put additional lighting in so the blowing of whistles serves no useful purpose." There are three railway crossings in Richmond Hill at Markham Road, Crosby Avenue, and Centre Street.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins wondered if the liability of the town would be affected in any way if someone was struck.

Mrs. Hancey said the liability would not be any greater because the Department of Transport was okaying the changes itself.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst noted there might be still some whistle-tooting problems from Markham Township.

Mrs. Hancey said Markham was passing bylaws to eliminate whistle blowing in a number of areas.

The exception was the Hillsview Drive and Elgin Mills Sideroad on Richmond Hill's border "and if these whistles cause any great deal of trouble in the future we can request Markham to pass a bylaw eliminating them."

Councillor William Lazenby congratulated Councillor Hancey on her efforts noting she'd been trying "to cut the red tape of government for the past two or three years and has finally broken through."

"It's the first step, anyway," said Mrs. Hancey pointing out the bylaw would still have to be sent to the Board of Transport Commissioner for final approval.

Council unanimously gave the bylaw three readings.

Air Conditioning Would Help

Richmond Hill Public School Board is willing to pay the town another \$25 a month for space in the municipal building, but only on one condition — air conditioning (ing).

Last week, in a report of the building committee, the administration office made it known that, while tropic temperatures were nice in the tropics, they weren't that welcome indoors. Board officials reported temperatures through June and July had varied between 84 and 93 degrees.

As a result, the building committee recommended that the town be informed it would be willing to pay an additional \$25 monthly, as covered by the lease, if air conditioning is installed on the top floor for 1967. The board agreed to the motion.

The board's present rent, minus any cooling drafts, is \$250 monthly.

GORMLEY NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown in the death on Friday of their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Deeks of Ancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones of Montreal spent a week's holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dumouchel of Ste. Rose, Quebec, are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dodd.

Mrs. Gillis of Toronto is visiting with her friend, Mrs. Allan Pope. Mr. Pope is very ill at his home.

Miss Heather Christlow of Blind River is critically ill in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. C. Milsted and Charleen had lunch Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christlow. Mrs. Christlow is a Gormley girl, a sister of Mrs. Milsted, and she taught at Victoria Square.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Baker, Billy and Eddy had dinner on Sunday.

Mr. Jos. Jones and his son Mr. Orval Jones of England spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Jones of Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner and family are spending a week's holidays near Minden.

Mrs. Frank Harvey and Joyce

are spending a few days' holidaying at Stayner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger spent Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore and family of Wainfleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Neale Sider and children of Wellandport spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wideman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brillinger and boys are holidaying this week at Pointe-Au-Baril.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fisher of Brampton had supper on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heise.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byer of St. Ann's spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham.

Church News

Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Sider have returned from a three weeks holiday at Golden Lake near Killaloe in Eastern Ontario.

On August 7 Rev. Sider will be speaking at both services at the U.M. Church. His theme Sunday morning is "The Walk that Pleases God." At night he will speak on "An Unwise Apostle, Judas."

The old church seating has been purchased by Warren Reaman for gospel work in the Spry area, south of North Bay.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Church News

The flowers in the church Sunday morning were in loving memory of Mrs. Everett Brown, Graham Scott, BA was in charge of the service on Sunday morning.

Mrs. G. Joyce sang a solo, "Beyond the Sunset," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. S. DeFoe.

On August 7, there will be NO church service. However, on August 14 at 11:30 am Mark McDermott, MA of Trinity College, will be in charge of the service.

Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings to Pat Knight, 11 years, August 5; Wendy Hart, 11 years, August 8.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. R. Perkins and family in the very sudden passing of her sister, Mrs. Everett Brown. Mrs. Brown was laid to rest in the Victoria Square Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

Friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Harry Forrester of Cashel is able to be home from York County Hospital, Newmarket, following his recent serious operation. We hope he continues to improve in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ottoway and family have returned home after spending the past month at a cottage at Parry Sound.

Miss Vera Nichols of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham attended the funeral of Mrs. Alice Empringham at Agincourt on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Heber McCague spent the weekend with Mrs. Margaret McCague in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boynton, Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Calloway, Mount Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Art Calloway, Burlington called on Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton on Sunday evening.

Girls' Softball

The Victoria Square girls' softball team has done it again! On Monday evening of last week, they defeated the Legionettes 21-19.

The team has finished league play and will now enter the playoffs. However, the schedule will not end until August 10, so the playoffs will not begin until then.

Congratulations are extended to every team member and their Coaches Wayne Mortson and Ian Hunt.

NEWMARKET: Town council has approved a bylaw prohibiting "U" turns at the "silent policemen" at the intersection of D'Arcy Street and Water Street during the hours of 6 pm until 8 am and also all day on Sunday.

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman - 884-0045

Legion members received news of the death of Comrade Alfred McLatchy on July 25 with deep regret. "Mac," a Boer War veteran, died at the age of 86 and his presence among his many comrades at Legion Court will be missed for a long time to come.

Mrs. Violet McLatchy has kindly offered the branch her late husband's Union Jack and his Queens and Kings medals for safekeeping. The branch gratefully accepts her offer and the Union Jack and medals will be mounted in a place of honor and remembrance at Legion Court.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Warriors Day at the CNE will be on August 20. Comrade Gord Mills reports that a limited supply of free tickets are available in the club room at Legion Court, and that a bus will leave the Court sharp at 9 am.

The Friday night "free and easy," which graduated recently from the club room into "Tucker's Place" is gathering momentum. Last Friday, even Damon Runyon himself could not have obtained a seat.

Comrade Rick Pilgale said things have been like this ever since Pianist Paul Firman got into the act. Paul was accompanied on stage by Accordionist Charlie Hawkes and Mouth Organist Jerry Ruseffe. Although the music was mainly square dance style, several mini-skirted young ladies managed to accomplish a reasonable facsimile of the twist, and an energetic gray haired lady from Oak Ridge, Edith Wardrope, was great at the Tennessee Waltz.

Brian Sawyer and Al Fogal, both radio engineers, capably waited upon a mixed company which included such notables as Harold Reesor, stove engineer; Bill McDonald, fresh from three weeks in York Central; and Norm, the winemaker. Anne (of Green Gables) was also present, together with Dennis, the menace, and his attractive young fiancée who is also intelligent, (sometimes never the twain can meet).

The only noticeable absence was the sound of the hono drums and violins. Whatever happened to them?

This is the 97th edition of "Your Legion Reports", and sometimes your reporter is led to wonder how it came to last so long. Perhaps, like a coiffeur, only a regular reader knows for sure.

When one becomes happily engaged in pursuing a weekly recital of events and continues to receive bouquets for so doing, it can become a very satisfactory ritual, and everyone seems happy. But then someone comes along to spoil it,

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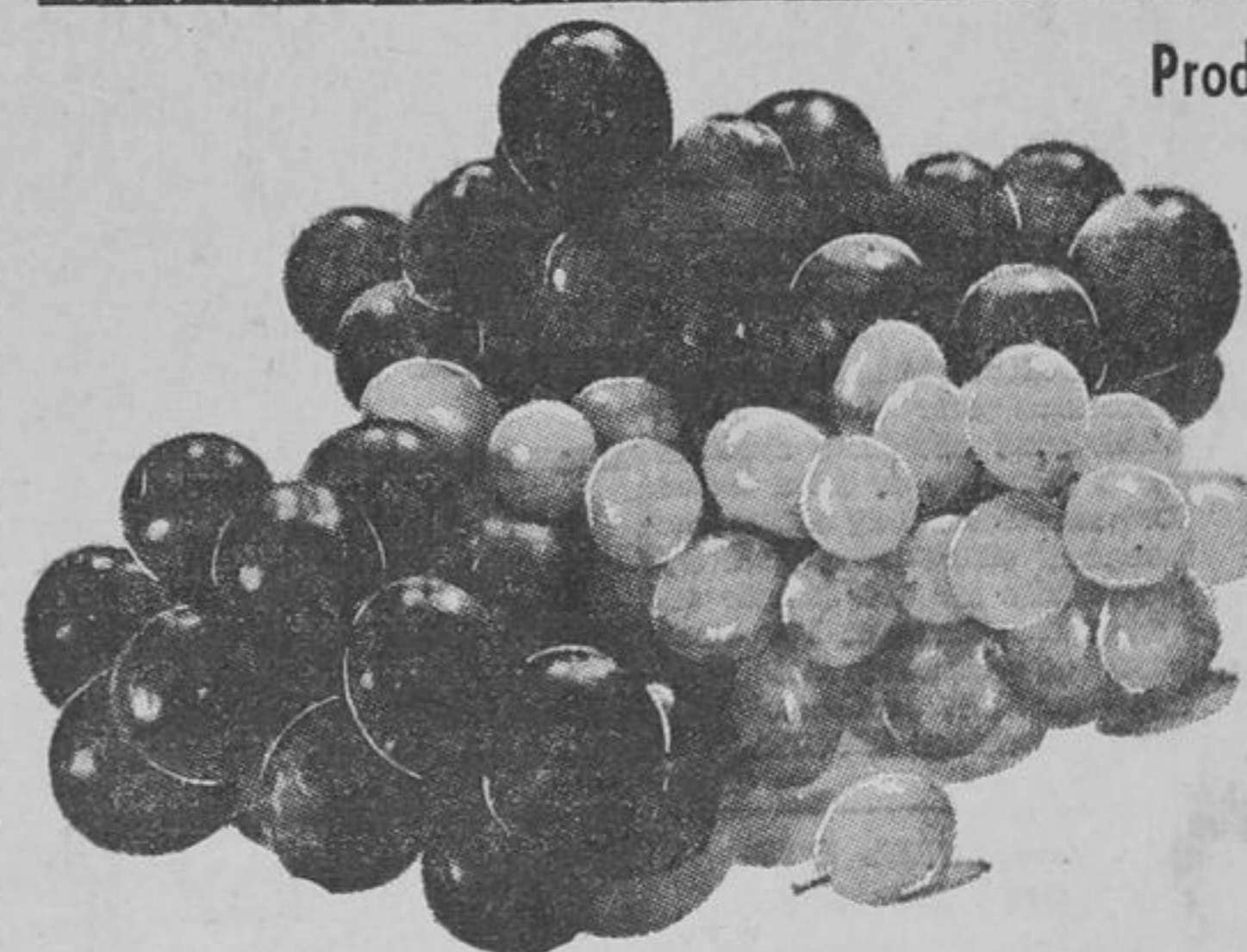
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