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Parking Restrictions

Richmond Hill Town Council has delayed making a final decision on a recommendation by the bylaw committee headed by Councillor Lois Hancey that whole or parts of 18 town streets be declared no parking areas.

This latest recommendation marks the second attempt by Mrs. Hancey's committee to secure approval for restrictive parking regulations. Last December council refused a similar request. At that time Mayor Thomas Broadhurst suggested council proceed with caution and first obtain some public reaction to the proposed changes. He felt it would be wiser to hear any complaints now rather than to have council come under fire from irate citizens after the regulations went into force.

Mayor Broadhurst and Reeve Donald Plaxton still feel the restrictions are too restrictive and would simply substitute a parking problem for a traffic one. They were willing to accept some of the recommendations but frowned on implementing the report in its entirety.

No one will disagree that safety on our streets is of paramount importance. However it must be remembered that we already have parking restrictions on most of our main arteries as well as adjacent to our schools and churches. Any regulations which prohibit all parking 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

are final and allow no compromise. Such far-reaching regulations should only apply where an extremely dangerous traffic condition exists. They shouldn't be the rule. Most parking regulations are relaxed during the evenings when a citizen might want to park his car on the street or have a visitor park there.

This newspaper still feels that one of the worst aspects of the new regulations would be that residents would be unable to park in front of their own homes. One can envisage the dismay of the host if friends visiting for the evening should discover parking tags on their cars when they are ready to depart. Now that the list of streets to be affected is available every citizen should study the proposal and then advise their ward representative of their feelings on the matter.

Today our lives are becoming more and more restricted with government rules and regulations. In many cases our streets are already a sea of signs. Before any governing body adds to the already heavy burden of regulations that we as citizens must bear, they should first make certain such restrictions are absolutely necessary. If in the final analysis we are to have new highly restrictive parking regulations, then these changes should be well publicized before there is any rigid enforcement by the police.

A Lasting Centennial Project

We don't know just who originated the idea, but certainly the unique Centennial project carried out in the Village of Thornhill is worthy of praise — and emulation.

Through the co-operation of about a dozen people, 35 century-old homes have each been marked with an engraved plaque, noting the date the house was built, the original owner and his occupation. The houses are located on John Street, Church Lane, Colborne and Centre Streets.

Here is a quiet lesson in history for all who pass that way and one which passersby and school children will enjoy for years to come.

Also unique surely is the ready co-operation the project found among the many diverse sections of the population. A committee of three, architect Napier Simpson Jr., Philip Whitehead and C. P. Snow chose the homes to be marked; a develop-

er, Grant Duff of Costain Homes agreed to retain a lawyer to search titles to the properties to ascertain the desired information; the mother of prominent Lion James Timmins, Mrs. M. F. Folinsbee did the necessary title searching; the village's own historian, Mrs. Doris Fitzgerald gave invaluable assistance; village jeweller John Cole engraved the plaques; costs were paid by the village trustees while the trustees' Chairman Frank Tucker supplied the backing for the signs and John Adkins, proprietor of the local paint store painted them.

Congratulations to all these people and whoever inspired them to do the task. And congratulations also to all the home owners who have lovingly cared for these historic buildings, every one of which is in excellent repair and glistening with new paint.



An experience of a lifetime for this group of Rangers from Richmond Hill and area was this summer's Heritage Camp on two islands in the St. Lawrence. That most of them were enthusiastic photographers is evident in the above picture. Back row (left to right): Eva Toms, Jane Waters, Margaret Harper, Darlene Bulger. Front row (same order): Louise Paul, Kay Batstone, Barbara Dyson (kneeling), Mrs. R. T. Staton, Peggy Dennis.

Local Rangers At Heritage Guide Camp

Nine Rangers from this area were among the 2,000 Girl Guides who, with their leaders, camped on Morrison and Naim Paul islands in the St. Lawrence River at the National Heritage Camp from July 15-25. They were: Jane Waters, Kay Batstone, Barbara Dyson, Louise Paul and Darlene Bulger of Richmond Hill, Margaret Harper of Thornhill and Eva Toms and Peggy Dennis of Markham, of 1st York Central Rangers, with their Captain Mrs. Pat Staton, Hilary Packard, one of their alternates, filled out the quota for the Newmarket group.

Two thousand girls from Great Britain, France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Iceland, Northern Ireland, Israel, Japan, Sweden and the U.S.A., from every Canadian province and the territories and from companies on foreign soil maintained for daughters of Canada's Armed Forces serving in Europe, were present. Varied activities, such as swimming, canoeing, dancing and many heritage crafts, tours of Ottawa and Upper Canada Village and a visit from Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, made this a most interesting and valuable experience for all who participated.

Active in key positions in the operation of the camp were Mrs. Wright Morrow, Mrs. Harry Currie, Mrs. Woodburn Thomson and Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier. In preparation for the National Heritage Camp of 1967, the major Centennial project of the Girl Guides of Canada, similar camps have been held in most provinces for the last three summers.

Having seen many swimming pools in my travel across Canada I have always felt that none was better kept, supervised and operated than our own pool. We have sent our children every year to take part in swimming classes and special programmes that are being conducted by the pool's very capable staff with complete confidence in their ability to look after our children while in the water or the pool area.

I am at the Centennial Pool as often as I can find time available and I speak therefore of my personal experience of the staff ability and their enforcement of safety rules.

The fact that the accidental drowning did occur can certainly be reason to say that the pool is inadequately supervised. The young people that work there are perhaps more capable, enthused and dedicated to their jobs than an OLDER person could ever hope to be.

Nor could it be said that the pool is unsafe. I would suggest to take a look at the swimming facilities of some of the Metro Conservation Areas where one cannot see the bottom when the water's more than five inches deep.

I would consider it an outrage if the pool would be closed because of unfounded statements made by so called experts that don't even use the wonderful Centennial Pool to deprive us of the nicest recreation we have in this community. After reading news reports of the proceedings at the inquest one cannot help but feel that Dr. B. W. Granton's remarks were unfounded and unrealistic. PETER PFENNING, 72 Laverock Ave., Richmond Hill.

Progress, as Toronto and population nearby grows, is bound to cause changes in our suburban towns and villages. Old homes will give way to expanding commercial centres, but we should plan these changes in an overall community planning sense, not just based on the cost of a road.

mean" high tide. Owners may protect these rights, without posting or obstructing beaches, merely by filing a statement with the county clerk. The State Highway Department will be charged with maintaining rights of public access to dry-sand areas habitually used by the public. The inland limit of the public beach will extend generally to the log-drift line, at about 16-foot elevation. On low-lying beaches, as at river mouths, a 300-foot lateral measurement inland will be substituted for the 16-foot elevation line. The highway department will be responsible for zoning the dry sands to control erection of any structures or signs and also for patrol of the beach and for keeping it free of litter.

Whistling In The Wind (Stouffville Tribune) A delegation of five or six ratepayers has been beating a path to the Whitchurch Township Public School Board room during the past few months, raising protests and filing complaints over the operation of the township's education program. Criticisms have been directed against one particular teacher at Pine Orchard School; Area Inspector Douglas Adams; Board Chairman Dr. Morris Smith; Board Secretary Jack Wylie; one trustee, Melvin Baker and now, Minister of Education William Davis.

Rambling Around

YOUTH WORK GETS PRIORITY WITH DONCASTER BIBLE CHAPEL

For some years now, Doncaster Bible Chapel has been sending its youth to Camp Medeba situated on beautiful Grass Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. Camp Medeba is the realized brain child of Stuart Wilson, West Guilford, who recently bought a home in Thornhill. His vision had to do with a place where children and young people could come and learn to be physically fit, mentally strong and spiritually wise. The dream came true. Camp Medeba is serving those very aims throughout the year. The camp not only attracts the youth of the chapel but those of other churches and organizations.

Camp Medeba is owned and operated by Medeba Bible Camp. Howard Hunt of Thornhill is secretary of its very active camp committee. Mr. Hunt is also the superintendent of the chapel Sunday school. Stuart Wilson is the director and chaplain; Chris Ireland of Downsview is senior camp counsellor and program director. Local counsellors from the Thornhill area are Linda Evans, Dianne Surridge and Betty Bierma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson provide a year round family like atmosphere for all campers. Medeba is open all summer and during the fall and winter on the weekends. High schoolers ski and toboggan at Medeba during the winter months. The chapel's first youth camp begins June 17 for a two week period. They are followed by boys of public school age and then the girls have their turn. Family camp ends August 12. A group of retarded children sponsored by the Christian Association for Exceptional Children come to the camp for two weeks, followed by the handicapped who are (Continued on Page 12)

Checking the Whitchurch election results back in December 1965, it is interesting to note that it was Chairman Smith who headed the polls with Mr. Baker running a close second. It is also interesting to observe that only 25 percent of the eligible voters even bothered to cast a ballot. If a change in trustee personnel is needed in Whitchurch, and we're not convinced that this is the answer, then the time to do it is in December 1967. Continual harassment of members will bring about no improvement at all. As far as we're concerned, many of the problems we've heard are both petty and personal and could possibly have been ironed out in private.

George Mayes On — The Flip Side

Columnist George Mayes is on vacation. His weekly contribution takes on a different form this issue as he humorously tells about cottage life on a rainy day.

What a kind of a day was it? It was a stinkin' day. It was the kind of a day when you look out over the lake at the wind squalls whipping their rows of rain into a pounding parade onto your porch and you realize there's nothing you can do. So you say, "Well, there's nothing we can do." And, after you've turned on the radio for a weather report that tells you nothing you don't already know and discovered that the coffee pot's empty, you decide to have an early drink with the hour waiting for the sun to get over the yardarm if there's no sun to get over anything. From time to time you cock an ear to the drumming of the rain on the roof and the steady drip . . . drip from the eaves and you grimly mutter: "This can't go on for ever." Then you go out on the porch and stand there with the spray in your face, scanning the sky for a break, and realizing that maybe it can. So you go back inside and wait for the sun to get over the yardarm if there's no sun to get over anything.

Gordon McIntyres Visit Russia

"We came back more confused than when we left, with much more information and knowledge of the countries we visited, but also much more confusion". Superintendent Gordon McIntyre of Richmond Hill Public Schools told "The Liberal" about a recent trip behind the Iron Curtain. He was accompanied by Mrs. McIntyre, his brother, who is principal of Collingwood Collegiate Institute, and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre.

The McIntyres flew to London and then travelled by boat and train to join a conducted bus tour in Holland. The tour itinerary took them through West Germany, through Checkpoint Charlie into East Germany, Poland, Russia, and on the return trip to Czechoslovakia, West Germany and to

London. Their efficient courier was a Pole.

Mr. McIntyre described East Germany as a poor place to visit or to live, but was greatly impressed by the Poles, who probably suffered more than any other people during World War II. In Poland the finest crops in the whole tour were seen, raised on small farms of 15 acres by one man with one horse "and three good women" using a scythe and a flail. "Their spirit is tremendous," he reports.

In Russia their confusion grew as they observed the complete contrast of the most modern and the most antiquated. As an illustration Mr. McIntyre reports seeing 20 helicopters in one field alongside a highway, directly across the highway a woman was threshing grain with a flail. Again, in the vicinity of Kiev in the Ukraine farming was carried out with huge machines, but the Canadians noted that the crops were not nearly as good as those produced in Poland.

The crowning excitement of the whole trip was the visit to Moscow, where the McIntyres joined the crowds in Red Square at 11 pm and went to see Lenin's Tomb. There they began to sense the reason why the 480-odd churches in the city before the revolution have been reduced to 32, as the church and the Tsars had become synonymous to the Russian people, many churches having been built to commemorate victories.

In Prague, Czechoslovakia, during a street car ride, a man asked the Canadians how they (Continued on Page 12)

Ontario And Oregon Have Same Beach Problem

Ontario and the State of Oregon in the United States are both faced with a similar problem. The question of public and private beaches and the ownership of the shoreline along the waterfront is an explosive issue facing legislators in both jurisdictions.

In this feature story published in the recent issue of The Christian Science Monitor, Staff Writer Malcolm Bauer tells how Oregon is facing up to the issue. Premier John Roberts of Ontario has said his government is attempting to formulate a policy for this province. — Editor

The state's 320 miles of Pacific coastline, much of it in sandy beaches, is one of its greatest assets. But suddenly this spring there was reason to believe the public would be cut off from some desirable beach areas. The resulting sandstorm has pre-occupied legislators for weeks.

Oregon has long boasted that its beaches are saved for posterity because of a 1913 law declaring them to be public highways. Only recently did the public generally become aware that the law referred only to the area between low and high tides — the wetlands area. When a Cannon Beach motel owner fenced off a portion of the dry-sand beach normally used by the public in that resort, the issue exploded.

Almost every day for a week or more, legislators

came up with an entirely new bill intended "to protect the public interest" in the beaches. Thousands of letters poured into the statehouse from beach-front property owners, concerned over a threat to property rights, and from other Oregonians, concerned they would be denied access to favorite beaches. Governor Tom McCall personally led an expedition of state officials, oceanographers and engineers along the coast for a firsthand look at the subject in question. PROVISIONS LISTED Late in May the storm subsided with general agreement on a plan designed to protect both public and private rights. Its principal points are these: Private-property rights will be recognized as set forth in deeds, most of which read to "ordinary" or

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