

"We Can Read By Bank Lights", Concord Residents

By MARGARET LADE

As York County continues to grow, some residents are finding that progress also brings problems.

People living on Hillside Avenue in Concord report that they are unable to sleep or to enjoy their breezeways and patios because of the brilliant electric signs and interior lighting that has been installed by new businesses on the north side of Highway 7 just east of Keele Street — about 100 yards from the back windows of their houses.

Mrs. Thelma Guest, 64 Hillside Avenue, has her living room at the back of the house overlooking the terraced lawn and gardens that extend back to the highway. She likes to keep her drapes open at night to get the air, but maintains she can read by the light that comes through the window, and the lights shine through her bedroom door all night.

"No one can sleep," she

told "The Liberal" in an interview.

When the Bank of Nova Scotia opened a new branch on Highway 7 in April it put up a large sign in front — white with black lettering, official colors of the bank. The windows reach from floor to ceiling, are wide and brightly illuminated.

She complained to the bank manager, who was very pleasant, she said, but nothing was done about the lights so she went to the Vaughan Township building department.

Vaughan building Bylaw 3128, Section 4, stipulates, "Where lighting facilities for signs and/or illuminated signs are provided, they must be arranged so as to direct and/or reflect the lights away from adjacent residential zones or uses. Electric illumination only is permitted and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario."

"They have a bylaw enforcement officer. Why don't they enforce the bylaws?" she demanded.

Shortly after the bank opened, Gordon Convertibles opened next door. Their building does not have such large windows, but its sign is very similar to the bank's, and to Mrs. Guest equally annoying.

"We have been here for 17 years. We bought up here so that we could have some privacy, but we have no privacy now," she declared. Because of the slope of the land, hedging or fencing would not cut out the glare of the lights.

Her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dempster, 68 Hillside Avenue, have been there for 15 years.

"We are both over 80, and we haven't been driving for a year now," Mr. Dempster explained. "You might say we are pretty well shut-ins. We like to sit in our breezeway at night, or out on the

back lawn, but we can't enjoy it with the lights."

"Their bedroom is at the back of the house, and they have to choose between opening their drapes to get air, or closing them to shut out the light."

"I went to the bank and spoke to the manager," said Mr. Dempster. "They close off the sign at midnight now, but that is too late for us. Gordon Convertibles turn their sign off at 10 o'clock."

"The bank is the worst," Mrs. Guest declared. "Their inside lights are blinding."

She mentioned another bank in the area, a branch of the Royal Bank on Keele Street. "They are a credit to the area. I know a bank needs light for security, but their lights are not bright at all."

Mr. Dempster felt there was no need for such blatant illumination of the signs and buildings. "This is a through highway. Drivers are not looking at signs. They are

watching the traffic light at the corner. Only about one percent of the people driving by live in the area, so there is no publicity value in the signs."

Vaughan Township Building Inspector Kenneth Naylor said the first complaint about the lights had come to him a month ago, just before he went on his holidays. He asked the Vaughan Hydro for a report on the lights, but did not receive the report until he returned from his holidays last week.

He said the hydro suggested the people find the signs and lights hard to live with because they are not used to them. Court action could be brought against the offending companies, he said, but doubts that it would be effective.

Meanwhile Mr. Naylor sympathizes with the problems of the residents. He has written to the bank asking if it could dim the lights.

Taxes Late — School Board Has To Borrow To Meet Operating Costs

York County Board of Education is faced with a sticky problem — how to collect its share of property taxes from the 14 municipalities in the county without arousing the ire of various municipal councils.

At its regular meeting August 18 the board learned that seven municipalities are behind in payment of education taxes. Five are paid up to date, and two have overpaid.

The municipalities are responsible for about \$16 million of the \$30 million education budget in York County, and the province makes up the balance in grants.

Although the municipalities have 'til the end of the year to pay the full amount of the education levy, they were asked to pay the schools' portion of each tax instalment within two weeks following the due date of that instalment.

Some have made payments as requested, reported Business Superintendent George Ford, but when payments are late the board has to borrow from the bank, and the borrowing charges are a cost to the whole county, not just to those municipalities that are in arrears.

Trustee Marvin Hunter of King Township suggested that trustees approach the municipalities they represent asking for co-operation.

It is cheaper for municipalities to borrow than it is for the board because the municipality can collect the penalty money, declared Newmarket Trustee Jack Hadfield. As of August 12 the board had a bank loan of \$3,108,112 outstanding to cover operational costs.

Chairman John MacKay said there had been meetings with all but one of the municipal councils, and all had expressed a willingness to co-operate with the board.

Municipalities that are paid up to date are Stouffville, Sutton, Woodbridge, King Township and the Town of Markham. Some of these had borrowed in order to meet their commitment to the board, said Mr. Ford.

Aurora and Vaughan Township have paid more than the amount due to date. The Township of Georgina, however, had paid nothing toward the instalment due.

The Towns of Newmarket and Richmond Hill and the Townships of Markham, North Gwillimbury and Whitchurch have all paid two-thirds or more of the money to date.

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Wed In Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, was the setting for a very pretty wedding on July 19, when Peggy Ann Hollingworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hollingworth of Langstaff, became the bride of Richard Evans Huckvale, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Huckvale of Thornhill. Bishop Donald Marsh officiated, with Mrs. Estelle Markham at the organ and Terry McGrath as soloist.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride looked lovely in an A-line gown of white silk organza. The short sleeves, collar and long flowing train were appliqued in Guipure lace. A nylon bouffant veil was held in place by a white flower headpiece trimmed with seed pearls and she carried a bouquet of white and pink roses with white streamers.

Attending the bride as matron of honor, Mrs. June Hollingworth wore a peach full-length gown and a flower with bouffant veil was fashioned into her coiffure. The four bridesmaids, Mrs. Mary Lou Hollingworth, Miss Pamela Huckvale, Mrs. Sandra Law and Mrs. Gary

Huckvale were similarly attired in lime green. Each carried a basket of daisies which were trimmed with peach or green ribbons to match their gowns.

The groom was attended by his brother, Gary Huckvale and the ushers were Terry Hollingworth, Patrick Hollingworth, Robert Huckvale and Robert Law.

A reception followed at The Golden Doors, Yorkdale. The guests were received by the bride's mother wearing a pale yellow dress and cape ensemble, white accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. The groom's mother assisted wearing a white and gold dress, gold accessories and a corsage of white gardenias.

Following the buffet supper the guests danced to the music of Kevin Malloy and his orchestra. For her wedding trip to Pennsylvania, the bride wore a blue coat and dress ensemble with white accessories.

On their return the bride and groom took up residence at the Valencia Towers Apartment in Willowdale.

Plaxton Protests, County Approves

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Barber Shoppers Lose Bid For School

York County Board of Education will have to decide soon what it is going to do with one and two room schools which will be closing as newer and larger schools are opened.

At a regular meeting of the board on Monday evening, a delegation of barber shop singers offered to help them solve the problem — for one school at least.

The York North Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Singing in America Incorporated and the Aurora and Richmond District Chapter Sweet Adelines Incorporated want a 99 year lease on the two-room Hartman School in Whitchurch Township.

Speaking for the barber shop singers, Elgin Toole of Newmarket said they are prepared to pay taxes and maintain the property, plus a nominal rental fee.

He said they are a non-profit organization, meeting each Monday night and, when they are preparing for a concert, rehearsing two or three times a week. He suggested the rental might be \$3 for each evening they used the school.

He said they would be willing to rent the building to other community groups when they did not need it for themselves, but they would like "a place of our own". They have been renting accommodation elsewhere, but find it a nuisance to have to take down pictures, etc., and store things away after each meeting or rehearsal.

They would like, also, he said, to have a place where visiting groups from other communities could join them in song.

The group, he said, enters competitions two or three times a year as well as singing for senior citizens and others in the community. Membership said Mr. Toole, is drawn from Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill.

The York North Chapter, he said, has been established for some time, but the Sweet Adelines, a group for women, has just been formed and has no place to meet.

County chairman John MacKay asked if the singers would be willing to use a room in a school that will be continuing to operate as a school. It is board policy, he said, to make school facilities available to community groups.

Mr. MacKay asked the board staff to draw up a policy regarding schools that are no longer needed for teaching.

"Should we hold onto them, or sell them and use the money to buy property we need for new schools?" he asked.

He told the singers that a decision would have to be decided until the board received a staff report. Meanwhile, he said, the board would be glad to co-operate in providing accommodation for the singers in another school.

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CARRVILLE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Happy birthday to Mrs. Myra Barton, August 21 (today) and a belated happy birthday to Nancy Bone, August 19. This latter date was also the occasion of your correspondent's 19th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harrison and Peter have returned from two weeks of camping at Sault Ste. Marie and Manitoulin Island. They enjoyed excellent weather on this first camping trip and recommend this type of holiday. The Harrisons found a two and one-half hour tour of Elliott Lake Uranium Mine most interesting.

Mrs. Isabel Lutz and daughter Carrie from Niagara-on-the-Lake have been visiting the Stan Wood family for a week. Many Carrville residents will remember Isabel as the niece of Stan Wood and the late Annie Clement. She had spent the month of June in the Niagara Hospital after undergoing surgery.

Susan Purves has taken on a rather large family for a little girl. Some unknown person drove down Carrville Road Saturday evening last and dropped a mother cat and five tiny kittens in the ditch. Susan found and took them home

since the little wet balls of fur could never survive in the open. Covered in fleas, the kittens were soon bathed and put in a clean box. On Sunday the mother cat found them and moved in. One of the kittens had been hurt in the toss to the road and Dr. Ripley kindly put it out of its pain. Stray dogs are picked up by Canine Control officers, but this does not apply to cats.

On August 15, your correspondent had the opportunity of viewing Niagara Falls through someone else's eyes. France, our exchange student from Quebec, Wendy Purves and Claus Welner accompanied us on a tour of the Niagara frontier. The weather was hot but ideal for the trip and France enjoyed every minute and drew our attention to many historic sites which we take for granted.

The Board of Stewards of Carrville United Church are busily preparing for the chicken barbecue, to be held September 10 at the church hall.

Richvale Lionettes will hold a euchre party August 26 at the community hall, Spruce Avenue at 8 pm and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

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Baby Bonus Winner

Mrs. Agnes McCullough, 103 Ruggles Avenue, Richmond Hill, cashed a family allowance cheque for \$16 at Richmond Heights Centre in July, but the payoff was \$48.

When she cashed her cheque she filled out the baby bonus bonanza form provided for shoppers at the Centre. Each month the merchants' association triples the amount of the cheque cashed by some lucky shopper.

Above Mrs. McCullough is shown accepting her cheque from Don Williams, assistant manager of the S. S. Kresge Store.