

Police Chief 'Under Gun' At Thornhill Traffic Control 'Nil' Henderson, Proctor

If York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford wasn't previously aware of any traffic problems on Henderson and Proctor Avenues in South Thornhill he certainly is now.

Motorists beware.

Chief Crawford was under the gun, albeit friendly, October 1 at the South Thornhill Ratepayers' Association meeting at Henderson Public School.

The chief was on hand to participate in a public discussion regarding "traffic abuses" on the above-named avenues.

Maurice Sanders, a Proctor Avenue resident, led off proceedings by complaining about speeding cars on Proctor, heavy truck traffic in violation of a bylaw forbidding same.

"This is a very serious problem and the police just don't seem to be able to do anything about it," he said. "Do we have to wait until some child is killed before we get any action?"

Mr. Sanders said that ratepayers had petitioned for a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit on Proctor and "when we got it the police gave us good protection for the first six months. Now we never see them."

He said a similar situation applied to heavy trucks which "the police stopped consistently for awhile but never seem to bother with anymore."

Mr. Sanders illustrated the speeding problem by saying that

"cars go down the street as if they were training for Moscow."

He also blamed the traffic congestion on townhouse residents who park their cars on the street "further aggravating the problem."

Mr. Sanders asserted that "if the police are unable to give us the proper protection council should allow Proctor and Henderson Avenues to go back to their original status as dead-end streets."

This brought an outburst of applause from the audience.

Mr. Sanders also railed about the lack of sidewalks on Proctor (which is not a police responsibility).

"There are a lot of children, small children, walking these roads and it's only a matter of time before someone gets killed."

Mr. Sanders made several suggestions including an increase in unmarked police cars in the area and ask that consideration be given toward turning the two avenues into one-way streets.

"I just don't think the police will be able to control traffic in this area in another year the way it's building up," he said.

Nick Belak of Henderson Avenue had similar complaints regarding the truck travel, congested traffic, and public buses using the roads.

"When I attempt to complain in one department I get shuffled from one place to another. I call up the bus company they tell me to get in touch with the traffic co-ordinator and he tells me to call the police. It just goes on and on and I end up nowhere."

He said that Henderson Avenue was "getting worse and the probability of additional townhousing will mean even more congested traffic."

Chief Crawford told the audience that he was "quite appreciative of your concern in the area and I realize it's a very serious concern and I sympathize with you."

He disagreed with one comment regarding the poorer police protection since it was recognized.

"If anything raises the hackles on my back is for someone to say we're not getting the police protection we had a few years ago."

"Traffic enforcement alone has resulted in a 700 percent increase in traffic violation tickets the last two years."

He said that the department did not have the staff to patrol Henderson and Proctor Avenues all the time "but we do patrol it on select enforcement basis as we do all other streets in the municipality."

Chief Crawford invited any

ratepayers with complaints to first call the local police division at Markham.

"If you don't get satisfactory results there I suggest you call me at Newmarket and I can assure you that you will get your answers there."

"If you have any problems we want to hear about them," he said.

South Thornhill Ratepayers' Association Chairman Jack Galbraith said later that the association "is very appreciative at the way Chief Crawford reacted to our complaints and the attention he gave them. He has contacted several ratepayers personally on the matter to indicate his interest in our problem."

The discussion on traffic abuses was one of a number held at the meeting and which involved high density development, taxes, etc.

Councillors Bob Adams, Gary Kay and Roy Muldrew were on hand via invitations. Invited but absent was Regional Councillor Harry Crisp.

Mr. Galbraith said Mayor Anthony Roman had not been officially invited to attend that meeting but had expressed his interest in the problems facing the ratepayers.

"We will have Mr. Roman at some future meeting," said Mr. Galbraith.

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School News

Richmond Hill and District YWCA co-sponsored by the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee have planned a physical fitness program for children ages 7 to 13 to be held this winter in 16th Avenue Public School. Cost of the 10 week program is \$1.

The boys' program is scheduled for Tuesday evenings: ages 7 to 10 start at seven and end at eight and ages 11 to 13 start at eight and end at nine.

The girls' program will take place every Thursday evening, with the 7-10 year group from 7 to 8 pm and the 11-13 group from 8-9 pm.

The program to be held at the school is designed for fun, relaxation and friendship and offers a wide variety of activities such as group and team games (basketball, volleyball, mat and floor gymnastics and crafts).

For a mere dollar, don't let your children miss this golden opportunity for a bit of enjoyment and physical fitness. Let's see all the boys out Tuesday evenings and the girls Thursday evenings.

"Meet The Teachers Night" Wednesday evening was well attended by interested parents. Those who did not attend missed the opportunity of meeting the new teaching staff who will be guiding our children throughout the year.

by Mrs. Ollie Wolowski are conducted every Tuesday from 7-10 pm. Just walk in.

The Ukrainian School is well underway every Saturday morning from 9:15 to 12:30. It includes instruction in the Ukrainian language, religion and singing. It is not too late to register. The dedicated teachers are Miss Oksana Bachinska, Mrs. Slawka Sheremeta, Mrs. Lubka Zoraska and Mrs. Lesia McLellan.

Ukrainian classes for adults are held every Saturday morning from 10-12. For more information telephone 225-4803.

Boys between the ages of 7 and 10 are encouraged to join Cubs. For information phone Mrs. Helen Chomyn 487-8070 or Mrs. Mary Gregorish at 889-5136.

Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Makohin for donating the paint for the church, to Nicholas Bodnar-chuk who sacrificed two weeks of his holidays and spent most of the time on the rooftop in 95 degree heat, and to Miss Sophie Bodnar-chuk for the artistic painting in the front gable of the church.

Pastor of St. Luke's Catholic Church, now St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church located on Church Street in Thornhill is Rev. Vladimir Shewchuk, OSBM.

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The List should be examined by all persons assessed to ensure that the information and school support is correctly shown.

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Modern Greek School At Bayview Fairways

A modern Greek language school sponsored by the Association of Parents and Guardians of North Metro is opening Monday in Bayview Fairways Public School.

The language school for young people six to 15 will operate each school day from 5 to 7 pm to the end of the school year in June, and the sponsors will welcome all young people in this age group.

For information call Sotere Dimangel 889-6994 evenings, 465-1155 days, or Mrs. Anastasia Agnids, 889-8507.

The school is on John Street east of Bayview Avenue, Thornhill.

Barbershoppers Of Thornhill Will Sing At City Hall

The Thornhill Barbershoppers are sponsoring the Ontario District Convention of their international barber shop singing organization this weekend at the 4 Seasons-Sheraton Hotel in Metro.

The 60-member Thornhill group will be part of a 700-voice choir performing at Toronto City Hall Saturday at 4:30 pm.

The Thornhill group meets Monday nights at 8 pm and welcomes prospective members and guests, says Choir Director Ken Weber of 25 Wildcherry Lane. The present Thornhill group has been active for the past three years providing entertainment and recreation on many local occasions.

Instructions in cross-stitching by Mrs. Aena Holowacz and in candlemaking

RICHVALE RECORD

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Senior Citizens

Belated birthday greetings for October 8 to Dick Ablett of Yongeview.

William Simpson, also of Yongeview, is at present a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The seniors have added five new members to the group this fall and a big welcome is extended to all who wish to join them in their many events. They have already had two general meetings, October 3 and 17, at which they discussed plans for the annual bazaar to be held at the Lions Hall, Spruce Ave., November 17.

Highlight of this season was the September 17 bus trip to Haliburton. The seniors enjoyed a nice dinner at the Maple Sands Motel at Minden. The colors were seen at their best from the two lookouts visited - at Haliburton Highlands and Minden.

Another event was an invitation by the local Lions to their charter night, which some of the seniors gladly accepted.

Entertainment

I certainly endorse all the complimentary remarks of "The Liberal's" drama critic who praised the local Curtain Club's "Butterflies Are Free". Apart from being a most professional piece of acting on the part of all four cast members, it was a flawless performance.

Credit is also due, of course, to those in the background, Director Gerry Crack, Producer Margot Crack (who is just home from hospital) and Joyce Bragg Smith who assisted in the production. I also commend Set Designer Joan Harold for her work, along with co-workers Shirley Stanley, Peggy Gosling, Mary Ellen Barlow and Dick Rayfield, who were responsible for the decor.

Thank you for a most enjoyable evening. Tickets may be secured by phoning Merle George 884-4774.

Some more good entertainment is on the way - the annual travelogue series sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill. These start October 25 when John Strong will present "Jamaica" - Land of Wood and Water. November 22 Howard Pollard will show "Londontown"; January 24 Dennis Cooper's presentation will be "Inside Passage and Aleutian Islands"; February 28 will bring James Forshee and "The European Alps"; March

Church News

The ACW of Emmanuel Anglican, Mackay Drive, had a busy meeting early this month planning and creating some of the lovely gifts for their forthcoming Poinsettia Tea and Bazaar scheduled for November 17 from two to four.

The men's club is holding an Oktoberfest October 26. Please pick up your tickets soon from John Poulet 889-6952. This will be a gay, informal evening for adults.

Over Thanksgiving Week-end the members of the junior choir and young people's group, under the direction of Bob Long, organist and choir-master from Emmanuel, were invited to camp at Willow Springs.

St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic, Dufferin and Yonge Streets, is holding a convert class for adults beginning October 30 at 7:30 pm in the rectory.

Retreat week is drawing to its close. The Jesuit Fathers are conducting a week of spiritual renewal, starting at 7:30 to 8 pm with a short talk, time for reflection, Mass and homily. If you haven't already been there's still time to attend. Tickets are \$7.00. Tickets are now available at the rectory or after the masses for November 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Tickets are limited, so buy now!

The CFM added two new couples to the group which met at Tim and Peg Pateron's, 12 Claridge Drive, October 3. Father Ken Pierce said Mass for the group of 14 present. Any couples wishing to join this local group, please phone 889-6318.

Correction
I have been informed that the information given me last week that the Richvale OMHA teams would be playing in the old arena in Richmond Hill this season is not correct. Bond Lake Arena again will be the home base of these teams.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

The Richvale Lions Major-ette Corps is in its second year of operation. The Lions Club is now organizing a drum corps to march along with them on parades. To help provide some of the funds for this corps the parents of the majorettes are planning a dance to be held November 3 at 8 pm.

It will be in the Lions Community Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue and tickets are available at the hall every Tuesday evening. The tickets are \$7 a couple and can also be obtained by calling Mrs. Jackie Corrick at 889-7900.

There will be music by a husband and wife disc jockey team and a buffet and bar privileges. Wearing a costume is optional, but there will be prizes for the best costumes.

The majorettes will be selling chocolate bars later this month to support their activities, such as trips to parades.

Members of the grade 8 class at Roselawn, who will be taking the trip to Mexico during the winter break, are selling bags of Halloween gum to raise some of the funds for that trip.

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There will be a need for a full-time baby sitter for the two-hour program at \$1.50 per hour. A pickup can be arranged. Phone June Bernie at 889-6739.

Toys, books or games would be greatly appreciated for the amusement of the tiny tots.

Althea Taylor spoke to the