

# No-light snowmobiles irritate

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## oak ridges

**OAK RIDGES** — Winter is still with us in case you haven't looked out your window lately. Winter sports are also in full swing. They are lots of fun, and the fresh air is good for you. But use them wisely. Of all the winter sports, snowmobiling is very popular in this area. It's a great sport and a lot of fun for all of us if it's treated with respect. I have received telephone calls from irate people. They are complaining about the snowmobilers who drive their machines without headlights at night. Now really! There are very few street lights in Oak Ridges and our streets are very dark indeed. People cannot see you coming on your snowmobile without lights, so use some common sense. The snowmobiler drivers are not the only

ones injured in an accident. It is usually the pedestrian who gets the brunt of it. Now that I have aired my views and warmed up my fingers a bit, I'm ready to carry on. Keep an eye on this column next week for the results of the snowmobile races held Sunday near the arena. **'Y' Mid-Winter** The Family 'Y' in Richmond Hill is introducing several new programs to help chase away those mid-winter blues. Quilting: the basic technique of quilting will be taught. Please bring a needle, thread and scissors to the first class. Classes are held at Aurora Sr. Public School on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting March 1 and going until April 5 with no classes March 22. The fee is \$15 for five weeks. Macrame: You will learn all the basic knots and you will make a wall hanging. All materials are included in the fee. These classes are held at the Y Centre on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Feb. 28 to March 28. They are also held at Aurora Senior Public School on Wednesdays from March 2 to April 6 with no classes March 23. The fee for this course is \$15 for five weeks. Flower Arranging: This is an art that is quickly returning to the popularity it once had. The classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Aurora Sr. Public School. They are

also held at the Y Centre on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee for this course is \$15 for six weeks. These are just a few of the courses open to you for your enjoyment. If you are interested in more information about any of the above mentioned or any other course, call the family 'Y' at 884-4811 or 773-4591. Registrations for all courses mentioned will be taken in person or by mail to the Family 'Y' at 83 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill. No registrations will be taken by phone. Baby sitting will be provided so that all mothers who would like to

Prayer for the area will be held this year at St. Paul's United Church on Sunset Beach Rd. in Oak Ridges. It will be an ecumenical service participated in by Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish, St. John's Anglican Church and the Wesley, Temperanceville and St. Paul's United Congregations. Baby sitting will be provided so that all mothers who would like to attend can do so. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. Loetta Brndjar. Elizabeth Davis and Diane Styrmo will be singing. The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCW will be held March 8 at 8 p.m. at the church. **St. John's** Tonight at 8 p.m. there will be a special service to celebrate the start of Lent. The junior young people will meet at 7:15 on Feb. 25 at St. Mark's Chapel. The service this Sunday will be Holy Communion.

**Seniors** The evening euchre will be on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. and refreshments will be served. Any senior who requires some help with income tax is asked to call Helpmate at 883-2234.

## Richmond Hill council queries social decay

**RICHMOND HILL** — Municipalities within York Region will be asked in the coming weeks to examine their level of "creeping social decay". The request comes from the town of Wallaceburg where vandalism seems to be on the increase. The council there has asked other municipalities within the province to endorse recommendations to impose stiffer penalties and encourage financial restitution for acts of vandalism.

themselves," Chateaufort said. **Not convinced** Councillor Marlo Graham agreed restitution for those suffering damage resulting from vandalism would be a method of dealing with the problem. But she was not convinced encouraging judicial officials to impose stiffer fines penalties was an answer.

Councillor Mike Burnie said he was unable to support the Wallaceburg proposal. He told council of two juveniles, caught in the act of vandalism. "They pleaded guilty before the judge and were advised by the judge they could be sentenced to 14 years in jail," he said. The Wallaceburg proposal will go to council's bylaws and procedures committee for recommendations.

## Civic corner

The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:  
Thursday Feb. 24 — 7:30 p.m., council chambers, parks and recreation committee special meeting.  
Tuesday March 1 — 4 p.m. deputy treasurer's office, finance committee.  
Tuesday March 1 — 7:30 p.m., council chambers, planning committee.  
Wednesday March 2 — 7:30 p.m., committee room "B", bylaws, fire & personnel committee.  
Thursday March 3 — 8:30 a.m., office of committee of works, engineering committee.  
Monday March 7 — 7:45 p.m., council chambers, regular council meeting.

## Civic history

Council meeting of Feb. 25, 1875  
Council received or requested from Captain Myers and 11 members of the Richmond Hill Fire Company that council grant to each member the sum of \$2 for each member after one year's active service.  
Council meeting of Feb. 18, 1903  
Moved by Councillor Wm. Trench that the clerk be and is hereby instructed to write to the reeve of the municipal council of the township of Vaughan and demand a settlement and payment of the proportion of rent on the Yonge St. Toll House, to which the village of Richmond Hill is entitled to. If not paid within one month from this date proceedings will have to take place to recover the amount.  
Council meeting of March 6, 1928  
We have stated that an effort was made to organize a movement in sympathy with the objects of the League of Nations and requesting expression of opinion from council, council expressed approval of the efforts.

## Hill land purchase bothers

**RICHMOND HILL** — Approximately 132 acres of land at Elgin Mills Rd. and Leslie St., which town council bought three years ago for \$760,000, is causing problems. It's also costing money, because so far the town has been unable to use the land for its own purposes, but is paying out some \$78,000 annually to pay for it.

At present, 100 acres is being leased by a corn farmer for \$2,000 a year, with several other acres being taken up by various citizens for gardening and other purposes. When the town bought it, however, it planned to move its works department yard there from Pugsley Ave. A feeling among some members that the land should remain agricultural, was enough to prevent the move from ever being made. In the meantime, council still debates the matter of the land. The purchase by the 1974 council, Mayor David Schiller terms "bad judgment on the town's part".

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