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Yesterdays

The end of radials to Richmond Hill

By MARY DAWSON

Transportation on Yonge Street was a bothersome question for residents and politicians of this area as the year 1930 got underway.

Some years before, the City of Toronto had purchased the North Yonge Railway from Mackenzie and Mann and were threatening to cease operating the radial cars on March 15 and substitute buses.

In fact, a rival bus system was introduced in 1929.

Area residents felt that bus service would not be as safe (one had burned) or as satisfactory as the electrically operated cars.

The city proposed to York County Council that the latter either purchase the line or assume responsibility for deficits.

County Council decided to fight the cancellation in the courts on the basis of an existing agreement.

Negotiations were held March 20 in North York Township Hall for the purchase of the line as far north as Richmond Hill with the TTC doing the operating.

Involved in the purchase were North York, Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill with the asking price $150,000.

A vote on this proposal was set for May 3 with only property owners and tenants with exceptionally long leases entitled to vote.

Results of that vote were 1,835 for and 110 against.

In Richmond Hill, 248 ratepayers voted yes and only six voted no. In the Yonge Street area of Markham, the line purchased was approved by a vote of 171 to eight, and in Vaughan, the front favored the proposal 178 to 10.

With that vote becoming known, the municipalities north as far as Newmarket decided to consider purchasing the line from Richmond Hill to Newmarket, at $150,000, but nothing came of that effort.

When the county withdrew its court action, radial service from Toronto to Richmond Hill (as far north as the old bus loop across from Richmond Heights Centre) was resumed July 17 after a four-month hiatus.

The first car carrying TTC and municipal officials left the city limits at 7.30 p.m. on that date and was greeted in Richmond Hill by the Aurora Band and a game of softball.

This revived service was to continue until the autumn of 1948 when radial service was discontinued in an effort to conserve electricity during that winter.

With Toronto's plans to revamp its Yonge Street service by building a subway well underway, providing cars for the North Yonge Railway would not be possible, so the radial died and buses were substituted.

The rails were removed and sold for scrap and the right-of-way turned over to the Ontario Government in exchange for relief from seat tax on the bus service for 10 years.

This was later extended for several additional years.

The right-of-way enabled the provincial government to widen Yonge Street.

Thus ended a 50-year service to the region, the first Metropolitan Railway car having reached Richmond Hill in 1898.

To meet the deadline, the first car was towed into the village by horses since electrification had not been completed this far north.

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Police check

In the first 18 days of a region-wide spot check blitz, York Regional Police have stopped more than 8,000 vehicles.

Spot checks, which were stepped up December 1, will continue until the end of the holiday season.

Increased cruisers are on the roads between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. and on New Year's Eve spot checks will begin at 2 p.m. and continue into New Year's Day.

A total of 8,119 vehicles had been stopped up to 3 a.m. December 19; and of these, 17 motorists were charged with impaired driving.

Seventy-five drivers were checked for suspected liquor offences and 11 liquor charges were laid.

There were 38 other traffic act charges, 19 of these for seat belt violations.

Police issued 2,356 verbal cautions, most for seat belt violations.

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	7:00 - 8:30 P.M. — Public Swim
Friday, December 28	2:00 - 3:30 P.M. — Public Swim
	4:00 - 5:30 P.M. — Public Swim
	7:00 - 9:00 P.M. — Public Swim
Saturday, December 29	Regular Programme (as above)
Sunday, December 30	Regular Programme (as above)
Monday, December 31	Pool Closed
Tuesday, January 1	Pool Closed
Wednesday, January 2	Regular Programme
Thursday, January 3	Regular Programme
Friday, January 4	7:00 - 9:00 P.M. — Public Swim

The Assessment Act

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS

Pursuant to section 46 of The Assessment Act, I hereby extend to the 22nd day of January, 1980, the day upon which the assessment roll for the year 1979 is required to be returned in all municipalities, in the Regional Municipality of York and the Regional Municipality of Halton-Peel, except the Town of East Gwillimbury, and the Town of Milton, where the day upon which the assessment roll is required to be returned is extended to the 15th day of February, 1980.

And further take notice that the time for lodging a complaint with the Assessment Review Court in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment roll that is required to be returned on the 22nd day of January, 1980, is extended to the 12th day of February, 1980, and in respect of any assessment contained in the assessment roll that is required to be returned on the 15th day of February, 1980, is extended to the 7th day of March, 1980.

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In October, 1979, this Commission was advised by Ontario Hydro that the increase in the wholesale cost of power for 1980 would be about 16.4%. Of this overall increase, 7.4% represented the end of the special rebates under the regulations of the Anti-Inflation Board, for excess revenues in 1978, and the remainder is due to increased costs for power generation in 1980. Rate studies were then performed for Vaughan Hydro, and the conclusions drawn were that, aside from the phasing-out of the special discounts which will be complete on December 31st, 1979, an increase in local rates of 10.8% would be necessary. The rate schedule shown below was therefore adopted by the Commission in November, and, subject to the approval of Ontario Hydro, will be applied to energy used after December 31st, 1979. The usual technique of pro-rating energy use on the basis of the ratio of days before year-end to the normal billing period will be used for the initial 1980 billing. Former customers of Woodbridge Hydro should note that the phasing-in discount applied to their bills in 1979 will no longer apply.

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