

Minister Honors Cenotaph Symbol

MARKHAM — The Markham Cenotaph Committee, headed by village lawyer, Paul Mingay, was pleased to receive a personal letter of tribute from Honorable Wilfred J. Spooner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing his appreciation of the work of sculptress, Rebecca Sissler and the project that she is preparing for presentation to the Markham Centennial Library.

A fund-raising banquet for this purpose, will be held, Feb. 23 at the Inn on the Park, Toronto. All ticket sales must be recorded and finalized by Feb. 21.

Mr. Spooner's letter reads:

February 2, 1967.

Dear Mr. Mingay:

Markham Village is to be congratulated on choosing, as one of its Centennial projects, a marble cenotaph created by the Canadian sculptress, Miss Rebecca Sissler.

It is fitting that a Canadian artist should be chosen to design a sculpture that will pay tribute to the Canadians who fought to keep our nation free. The beliefs of these Canadians in our democratic way of life are an integral part of the history of our nation.

I am pleased to hear of communities that are looking beyond this Centennial Year, and are planning projects that will have a lasting meaning for their communities. The sculpture by Miss Sissler portrays an important message for all generations. It brings into clear perspective the value of the efforts and knowledge of past, present and future generations. For it is the knowledge and achievements of each generation that form the backbone of our nation and renew faith in achieving peace for all mankind.

During this Centennial Year, Canadians are pausing to look at Canada as a nation and to realize their importance in building a better country in which to live.

As Canadians remember the faith and determination of the men who worked to build Canada, it is hoped that they will gain a stronger sense of identity — a national confidence — not only for Centennial Year, but for the future of our country in its second century.

I send you my sincere wishes for the continued success of this noteworthy Centennial Project.



HON. W. SPOONER

Yours sincerely,
Wilfred J. Spooner.

Lone Lady Taxi Driver 'Protected' By Bylaw

By MOLLIE STEWART MARKHAM — Sections in the new Markham tax bylaw which pertains to female drivers are not discriminatory.

Mrs. Carol Freeman, 4 Sherwood Forest Drive, the village's only lady cab driver feels they contain protective measures.

"The clause which stipulates female drivers cannot operate cabs between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. is obviously designed in favor of women," she said simply. Carol is the wife of William Freeman, owner of Checker Taxi, one of Markham's two cab businesses.

Originally from Scarborough the Freemans came to Markham three years ago. Six months later they were operating a taxi and worked from their own home.

At present there are four Checker cabs in operation with one being kept for Metro service. Besides the husband and wife drivers, four other male cabbies are employed.

LOVES HER WORK
What does it feel like to combine being a mother of two, running a busy household and being on call seven days a week?

"It's hectic but I love it," said Carol, "I have a girl coming in to prepare meals and do ironing. Any other way would be impossible," she said.

Checker Taxi averages twenty-five to thirty calls a day, most of them in the town. Some of the fares are company employees who are taken ill, post-office and drugstore runs and transportation for

When You Can't Sleep

By BETTY ROSS
If you are a sometime, or off-time insomniac, here are some splendid ideas all leading to slumber. I hope you will be lost to Morpheus after the first phase. You may even fall asleep just reading this.

Presumably you find yourself—washed, prayers said, comfortable—in bed but wide awake. After about half an hour of this

you begin to fret. "Oh darn, I've got a heavy day to-morrow, I'll be so tired." Forget it. Doctors say there is little difference between lying in bed RELAXED and awake, and lying in bed asleep.

Perhaps your muscles are taut. Start with your big toes and let go. Convince yourself they are as loose and easy as if you were lying upon a sandy beach with water lapping over them. Let this feeling of fluidity embrace all your toes, your ankles, calves, spine, fingers, your whole person. Just float.

After drifting for some time in a state of bodily repose if consciousness remains, then we must tire your brain. You can write imaginary letters to people who in the daylight you wouldn't think of writing to. . . "Dear Mr. Pearson: I feel you should know of the hardship wrought upon me by the excessive amount of taxes I must pay, income tax, sales tax . . . etc." Unburden yourself.

Poetry buffs might like to recall their favorite verses, likely poems memorized from the old school readers. . . "I wandered lonely as a cloud" . . . "Once upon a midnight dreary" . . .

The effort of trying to remember certain lines and stanzas may act as a soporific, or it may frustrate. If the latter holds true, then you must empty your mind completely, not an easy thing to do. Tell yourself over and over to stop thinking, stop thinking, stop thinking.

Not asleep yet? Yours is a difficult case. Let us try some deep breathing. Place your hands on your diaphragm and slowly inhale through the nose, directing the air into the diaphragm — you will feel it expand. Then slowly exhale in little puffs through the mouth, counting one, two, three . . . strive for at least a hundred puffs.

Well, you're as wakeful, or more wakeful than ever! Get out of bed, make yourself a cup of decaffeinated instant coffee, or hot chocolate, or warm milk, and read a book or magazine while drinking. This will tire your eyes, soothe your tummy, and take your mind off yourself. When you feel you can't hold your eyes open another second, shut them but first go back to bed.

Really, you ought to be sleeping now. I've done my best, and if you've done your best, your nerves must need the steady influence of another wide awake human. Wake up your spouse or anyone handy. But don't irritate or startle your victim by shaking or ringing the alarm clock in his ear; simply let him know YOU'RE awake. If you live alone, switch on your radio. At this point the only comfort I can offer is that you'll likely sleep to-morrow night.

Symes Farm Sold

By KATHLEEN MAY
The sale is reported of the Charlie Symes farm. We also understand that Mr. Donald Watson has purchased a home in Stouffville.

Mr. Alvin Norton now has the cast off his leg, but has to take a series of therapy treatments to remove the stiffness from his injured knee.

Mr. Pat Collins has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital.

Goodwood hall was well filled with friends for the shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kidd Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall Pugh, Dianne and John visited with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pugh and boys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones, Marilyn and Betty attended the Ice Follies at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Alderson had supper recently with their son Clifford and Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. William May received word Tuesday of the death of her nephew, Mr. Bill Gourlie of Willowdale.

February Parent-Teachers meeting of Webb School will be Feb. 14. Mrs. Murray will show slides.

Mr. Dan Norton spent the weekend at home but will return to hospital for further treatment.

Plan to attend the family night crokinole party in the Baptist Sunday School room, Friday, Feb. 10. Bring boards, tables and lunch.

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Markham's lone lady taxi driver, Mrs. Carol Freeman, enjoys her work. —Staff Photo.

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DEAR DORIS

DEAR DORIS — My mother and father are separated, but my mother still loves my father. Now if she could get a divorce she could perhaps become interested in someone else.

She wrote Dad a letter asking about arrangements for one but he didn't answer. Is there anything I could do? I'm 15, so it's not as if I could advise like a grownup could.

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DEAR JORJ — Well, if there is the slightest chance that there is still some love on your father's side, you might help find somebody Mom could talk to, like a counsellor. An understanding social worker can sometimes bring two people who thought it was all over between them, together.

Failing all else, her best friend will be her lawyer. At that point she needs you most to be loyal and friendly.

DEAR DORIS — There is a blind 14-year-old girl in Vancouver who has learned to play the piano by listening to a tape recorder and

every piece. Then she picks it out on the piano. Her teacher says she has perfect pitch. She adores music. What's more, she is serious about this interest and practises long hours. She even won first prize at the Kivwanis Music Festival, where she was the best of 13 contestants in the Bach pianoforte class for children under 15.

Just thought this story might encourage other handicapped children — and even some not-handicapped — to stick with their practising, whether it be piano, voice, dancing or whatever.

Sadie Bending
Editor, CCB Outlook

DEAR SADIE — A fine story, and thank you! Our readers will be delighted to hear about your girl. Personally, I find the tremendous activity of a certain blind editor quite inspiring.

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THE BUYER HAS THE LAST SAY

The United States government recently seized 5,400 jars of instant coffee from a nationally known food manufacturer for misleading the public on the labelling of its products.

Government officials claimed that the company was charging more for its "Giant Economy Size" per ounce than for its regular size — about 16 percent more. The company's advertising on the jar misled the buyer into thinking that the large size paid a bonus in economy when the opposite was true.

What is unusual is that this was a nationally-known brand name product put out by a large and established corporation. In an indirect sense it is an indictment against questionable business practices in general that too often become our accepted method of doing things.

Advertising, for instance, that labels a car "one owner" when that owner was a taxicab company; or "low mileage" when the mileage is only low because it has been set back; "no money down" when the down payment is actually the customer's present car or a second loan is basically dishonest. It may legally skirt the area of indictable fraud but the intention is the same.

Misleading advertising has a way of coming back to haunt its perpetrators. A sale thus gained can mean lost confidence tomorrow and lost sales with it. This is the public's way of getting even and they always end up with the last say.

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If you're looking for a place to start on home improvements, consider these facts about electric wiring.

To most people, home improvements mean a panelled recreation room or a shiny new set of kitchen cupboards. But there's a way to improve the improvements: modernize your home wiring first.

Up-to-date wiring lets you make the most of the new room you're building, or the old one you're re-styling. It lets you place your lighting wherever you like, have as many electrical outlets as you choose, and use as many appliances as you need without popping fuses.

In fact, you'll notice pleasant changes all through your home. Modern wiring can improve the efficiency of your lighting and the performance of your appliances. It puts such comforts as electric heating and air conditioning well within your reach. It can also make a big difference to the safety and re-sale value of your home. Before you reach for your toolbox, reach for your telephone. Call a qualified electrical contractor, or your Hydrex.

Up-to-date wiring costs less than you may think. Yet it could be your most important home improvement of all.

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