

John Bayes

# Join's Hydro's 40 Year Club



MARKHAM — A well-known, highly regarded senior staff member of Markham area office, has joined Ontario Hydro's exclusive Forty Year Club. He is John Alexander Bayes, 59, assistant manager of Markham Area.

When John Bayes joined Ontario Hydro's staff in October, 1927, he started in line construction in the former Bond Lake Rural Power District with headquarters at Richmond Hill. He worked for superintendent Dunc Channey, who later became personnel officer for Central Region, serving for many years until his recent retirement.

John progressed steadily toward his present position as assistant area manager at Markham. He has seen a great many changes take place in line construction work since 1927. The principal change is in improved transportation and roads. He points out that crews today have much better vehicles, which are able to get around faster because of improved roads. This enables crews to get work done in almost half the time that it required in the late 1920's and early 30's.

After working for a winter in Bond Lake Rural Power District, John Bayes was transferred to the newly formed Markham R.P.D. in 1928 serving under Supt. J. C. Burns and doing line construction work. During the years 1930-35, John Bayes did general office work and meter reading also helping with outside line construction and main-

tenance work. For a nine-year period, starting in 1935, he was driving a service truck and doing general line maintenance work. In 1944 he was promoted to foreman and three years later was made an assistant to the area manager. Then in 1958 he was promoted to his present position as assistant area manager.

Over the years that he was employed on outside work, the only mishap that John Bayes experienced was two unfortunate encounters with dogs. He was bitten twice on the calf of the leg during the time he was a meter reader.

Mr. Bayes recalls the early winter of 1943 when a devastating ice storm crippled the power service in the Williamsburg sector below Winchester in Eastern Region. He was among the Hydro line members who were rushed from various parts of the province to repair the storm damage. The task took almost a month to complete.

Following World War II rural line construction work was accelerated greatly. Much of the time John Bayes was helping to instruct new linemen because the line crews were increased to cope with the expanding line construction work. Nevertheless it was quite a remarkable period, because even with the large number of 'new men' on the staff the crews were able to work safely without mishaps or injuries.

One condition, John Bayes points out, is quite different today compared

with 40 years ago when he joined the Commission. This is the close contact with the customers. In those early days, the Hydro workers knew most of their customers, by name and the customers usually knew the Area staff members.

If he were able to start over again, John Bayes maintains he would be glad to do Area line construction work because he was very happy in this field. It was never a monotonous type of work. John maintains there is plenty of diversification in the tasks that Area linemen and other outside workers are required to do.

Throughout the years John has enjoyed a warm friendship with the Area staff members, both the inside and outside groups and there has been an excellent esprit de corps.

Mr. Bayes is married and he and his wife have three sons and a daughter. One of the sons is an Ontario Hydro employee working at the N.P.D. plant near Rolphoton. John and his wife are now grandparents and have five grandchildren.

John Bayes hopes to complete 45 years of service before retiring and is proud to be a member of the Hydro 40 Year Club still in active service.

## Propose

### Anti-noise Law

GOODWOOD—The Uxbridge Township Ratepayers' Association, originated by a small group of municipally-minded residents, is growing in interest and in numbers.

An overflow attendance was recorded at a meeting held in the Goodwood School, Nov. 1.

Heading the evening's agenda was the preparation of an Anti-Noise By-law that the members feel should be on the books and enforced in Uxbridge.

## Charlie Boss

### Loves Kids

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selves and others who were around the house.

#### Boy Runs Away

One lad, who was nine when he arrived, grew up and stayed until he was 16, then ran away. Charlie Boss felt that he was just "growing up" and that far off pastures looked greener.

"Sure, they sometimes run away and you're worried sick, but you search your heart and somehow things turn out alright and they come back," Charlie said.

In the case of the 16 year old, the Burlington police found him and turned this lad over to Charlie. But he left again and when found he was transferred to a new home. After two weeks the boy was pleading to go back to the Boss home and finally Charlie and Nell had him back once more.

This young man now is 18. He is tall, handsome and very proud to be able to call Charlie Boss his "Dad."

At present, Charlie and Nell Boss have a tiny Italian girl who was badly undernourished and considerably mistreated before she arrived at their home. She knew no English at all. By striving to communicate mainly through their own little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Boss have now been able to get through to this young girl. She now understands what they want her to do and is adjusting very well.

Charlie Boss and his wife have four of their own children and two from the Children's Aid Society. Those neighbors and friends who know what Charlie Boss and his wife are doing have many fine things to say about the way they are helping young children in great need. Indeed, friends are proud of this Dutch-Canadian couple who have done so much important service work in their adopted country. Possibly it all has happened because Charlie "loves kids" and stoutly maintains "There aren't really any bad kids."

## Speaker Urges Curb On Property Prices

YORK COUNTY — A last minute switch in speakers at "Civic Night," sponsored by the York County and District Real Estate Board, Nov. 1, saw Liberal Leader, Robert Nixon replaced by Donald C. MacDonald of the N.D.P.

Mr. Nixon had originally been asked to speak but had to cancel the engagement since he had planned a vacation following the recent Provincial election. "We are fortunate that Mr. MacDonald couldn't afford to go to Florida," said committee chairman, Harry Sadler.

Head table guests included John Addison, M.P., William Hodgson and Donald Deacon, M.P.P., York County Warden, Floyd Perkins; Thomas N. Shea, F.R.I., 1st vice president, Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards; William N. Hobson, F.R.I., President York County and District Real Estate Board; and Robert Telford, F.R.I., President Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards.

The banquet was held at the Aurora Highlands Golf and Country Club.

Mr. MacDonald assured his listeners that he was pleased to pinch-hit for

Mr. Nixon. He said that rather than go South, he had to be satisfied with a two-week holiday at his summer cottage.

### COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Mr. MacDonald pointed to current land values in York County and suggested that the only feasible control was through community ownership. He said that the Federal Government will shortly present a proposal, recommending that municipalities purchase vast areas of land with the aim of cutting down on speculation. He observed, however, that such a move would not curb inflationary land prices in built-up areas. He suggested that the government should acquire properties in both urban and rural districts and sell them at as close to the original cost price as possible. He accused the Province of buying lots in Brantalea for \$6,800 and selling them for over \$9,000.

He urged real estate firms to do their part to halt land price inflation.

Mr. MacDonald was thanked by Thomas Shea of Markham.

## Cleanup Time Is Here

Remove the tops of any diseased plants from the flower beds, this fall, state horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. This helps to control a number of fungi that cause disease of garden flowers.

If powdery mildew has been a problem on perennial phlox, delphinium, zinnias and other plants, cut off and remove the tops. This will help reduce the number of mildew spores that will survive the winter.

Peonies may be treated the same way to reduce Botrytis fungus. Cut the tops just above the ground and bury them before

frost. Clumps of iris should have all dead leaves removed and if other leaves show spots caused by iris leaf spot fungus, clip back foliage and remove the diseased tips.

Cut hollyhock tips as soon as bloom is finished, then spray overwintering plants thoroughly with a zinc fungicide if any leaves are infected with rust. Remember, this treatment will not give complete control as spores may be blown from neighboring gardens. Also, destroying the tops provides no control for soil-borne organisms that cause other diseases.

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