

Library News

Library staff offers Christmas poem to all readers

The Visitor
By Sheila McLeod

Christmas, the library was closed.

O'er in their corner, the computers all dozed.

The surveillance lights blinked their bright eyes
And swivelled around in utter surprise.

When a jolly old gent, carrying a novel,
Appeared with eight reindeer and an elf with a shovel.

"Ho, ho!", hollered Santa (for that's who it was),
"I've a book to return. My last name is Claus."

But no one replied, 'cause no one was there,
Except for old Santa, his elf and his deer.

"Fine thing," he grumbled, "I

drive all this way,
With an elf and eight reindeer and o'er-loaded sleigh,
To find there's no action in library or town."
He jingled his bells and laid his book down.

The pages whirred open and who should ascend,

From the midst of the story that Dickens had penned,

But Scrooge and Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and the rest,

All joyfully singing in old-fashioned dress.

They set up a table with silver and lace,
With sprigs of bright holly at everyone's place.

They dined on roast goose and savoury stuffing;
Plum pudding and fruit, and when there was nothing

Left on the platters but pips from the grapes,

Santa's eight reindeer cleaned off the plates.

Scrooge hoisted his tankard and said, "We are blessed

For this year's reunion is surely the best.

May the spirit of Christmas live on once again
In the heart of this town - Goodwill to all men!"

"Make that - goodwill to persons", Santa advised,

"These old-fashioned greetings have all been revised."

Then he jingled away with his elf and his deer

And presents galore on the sleigh at the rear.

As the others slipped silently back to their pages,

Back to the yuletide of long ago ages,
A tiny voice whispered, as the steeple clock chimed -

"Merry Christmas to you and all personkind!"

With the best of old and new greetings from the

Whitchurch-Stouffville library staff.

MARKHAM HYDRO ELECTRIC COMMISSION

1994 RATE SCHEDULE

The Markham Hydro Electric Commission has approved a **1.5% DECREASE** in electricity rates which will take effect on January 1, 1994. This is the 12th consecutive year in which Markham Hydro has been able to offer its customers a rate which is not only less than the wholesale cost of power passed on by Ontario Hydro, but less than many other utilities as well. This reduction in rates can be attributed to a number of factors. For the first time in Markham Hydro's history, the cost of wholesale power purchased from Ontario Hydro, will not increase. A warmer than expected summer resulted in increased revenues compared to budget projections. As part of a Markham Hydro Strategic Plan, corporate objectives were established and staff were encouraged to look for value improvement ideas in their day to day work activities. This plan was instrumental in producing many cost saving opportunities. Under Social Contract Legislation, Markham Hydro is required to reduce payroll costs by \$352,800 in each of the next three years. Unpaid vacation days, staff reductions and other cost saving initiatives under the Social Contract have been applied to the 1994 rates and make up 0.3% of the overall rate reduction. If you have any questions regarding the 1994 rates please contact Ed Benvenuto, Consumer Services Manager, at 477-3810.

"Markham Hydro Commission and Staff are very proud to be able to offer our customers a reduction in electricity rates. We are committed to searching for additional ways to minimize rates and serve you better."

BIMONTHLY RESIDENTIAL RATE SCHEDULE

First 500 KWH 11.81¢
Balance 7.09¢
Minimum Bill \$7.35

WATER HEATER RENTAL

40 Gallon \$4.60 per Month
60 Gallon \$5.60 per Month
100 Gallon \$8.25 per Month

ADMINISTRATION CHARGES

Change of Occupancy \$8.80
Late Penalty 5% added
NSF Cheques \$8.55 plus bank charges
Collections \$8.80 Per Trip
Reconnections \$17.60 During workhours
\$27.80 After work hours
Disconnect & Reconnect \$27.80 After work hours

MONTHLY GENERAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

DEMAND CHARGES

0-50 KW No Charge
Next 4950 KW \$5.15 per KW of Demand
Balance \$12.45

Min. Bill Under 50KW \$7.35
Min. Bill Over 50KW Based on the Highest Billing
Demand in Previous 11 Months 60¢ per KW of Demand

ENERGY CHARGES

First 250 KWH 11.81¢ per KWH
Next 12,250 KWH 7.69¢ per KWH
Next 1,748,700 KWH 5.63¢ per KWH
Balance 3.58¢ per KWH

Markham Hydro Electric Commission

8100 Warden Avenue, P.O. Box 4100,
Markham, Ontario. L3R 8H7 Tel. 477-3810

Frank Maguire
Chairman

Alma Walker
Vice-Chairman

Bill Barnett
Commissioner

Don McNabb
Commissioner

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Commissioner



NOKIA 100

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

\$289⁰⁰

475-7101

CELLCOM 24 HRS. SALES & SERVICE

7780 WOODBINE AVE., UNIT 3
MARKHAM

CANTEL Approved Agent

Markham Vacuum Centre

EUREKA BUILT-IN CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Installation
3 Inlets
\$79⁹⁵

Air Driven
Power Head
\$49⁹⁵

Vac
Socks
\$24⁹⁵

Standard Power
Head & Hose
\$149⁹⁵

Deluxe Power
Head & Hose
\$189⁹⁵

30 Ft. Hose &
Tool Set
\$79⁹⁵

Buy 2 Packs of
Portable Vacuum Bags
GET 1 FREE

2 Factory
Trained Full-Time
Installers on
Staff

MODEL 492
5,000 sq. ft.

Central Vacs 1 Yr. Money
Back Guarantee Up To
10 Yr. Warranty

We Service and repair
all makes & models of
portable and central
vacuums

STORE HOURS: MON.-FRI., 9-6 SAT. 9-5

Markham Vacuum Centre
4355 Hwy. #7, Unionville **479-8273**

Closest at Fern

Fern Holly-Days

Great food, XC ski, Hot tub,
Pool, Entertainment
86 Fireplaces
3 Day Packages p.p. dbl
Christmas 1 Child Free! \$310.
Boxing Day 2 kids Free. \$310.
New Years \$335
Belated New Years
Jan. 7-9 \$140. to \$175.

Reservations
1-800-567-3376
(705) 325-2256

RR. 5, Orillia, Ont. L3V 6H5

ADVERTISING CORRECTION

Eaton's Gifts Under appearing in this paper, Wednesday, December 15, 1993.

Due to supplier delivery problems, the following items will not be available. Page 4 Vanity Fair: Satin Sleepshirt and P.J.'s in colours: parfait, ice blue and vanilla. Other colours are available. Page 1-Duc: d'O Truffles 250 g. price higher than advertised. Should read: \$6.99.

Inadvertently, the errors listed appeared in our advertising. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or confusion to our customers.

EATON'S

Giftware & Linen Clearance Outlet

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE - 7 DAYS ONLY!

SAVE UP TO 70% Off

Manufacturers Suggested Prices

- Kosta Boda Crystal & Stemware
- Vases
- Candlesticks, Bowls
- Fitz & Floyd Giftware & Dinnerware
- Dolls
- Kitchen Gadgets
- Brass Giftware
- Silver Serving Pieces
- Plush Toys & Novelties
- Picture Frames - Crystal, Wood,
- Upper Canada Soaps
- Duvets
- Sheets
- Comforters
- Towels
- Plus much, much more.

Featuring ...
Schmid Musicals, Kosta Boda,
Multichef, Leeber Silver /
Fieldcrest, Springmaid,
Texmade, Cannon & more.

4466 Sheppard Ave. E.
West of McCowan near
Lumberguys Factory Outlet

298-2196

BRIMLEY	4466 SHEPPARD AVE. EAST	MCCOWAN
	HWY. 401	
	N ↑	