

Several Municipal Contests Probable Throughout The County

Spirited Contests Promised In Several Municipalities, While Others Will Likely Give Sitting Members an Acclamation.

In the absence of any political excitement this year in the federal or provincial fields more than ordinary interest is being displayed by the citizens of York County in the municipal campaigns which will be staged in every municipality during the next few weeks. Present indications are that while there will be several acclamations that there will also be spirited contests in many municipalities.

It is now assured that there will be a contest in Richmond Hill. Reeve Lunan has definitely stated that he will seek re-election for a third term and ex-councillor J.A. Greene has announced that he will also be a candidate. Whether or not other candidates will be forthcoming on nomination day cannot now be definitely stated although there are several names prominently mentioned as probable starters. Councillor J.R. Herrington who has served two years in the council will seek re-election. There is a possibility that Councillor Gordon Sloan will retire although his many friends are anxious that he should stay in the municipal field. Councillor W.G. Baldock is also undecided as to his intentions and it is not known what Councillor McLeans intentions are in regards to the coming year. In any event it is likely that some new blood will be on the ballot seeking election to Council on New Years Day.

The present County Council of York consists of fifty seven members which will be increased by one next year by the election of a deputy-reeve from the village of Swansea.

The present Warden of the County, William Graham is seeking re-election in York Township and will be opposed by Deputy-reeve E.C. Westbury who has spent several years in Council. There will probably be spirited contests for all the offices in this township.

In Markham Township, Reeve W.C. Gohn has announced that he will again be a candidate and as far as is known at the present time no other candidate is in the field. Deputy-reeve J.R. Campbell will again contest the office of 1st Deputy-reeve which he has held for the past three years. R. Stiver is second Deputy-reeve and the councillors are Messrs Honey and Cookwell. Providing there is a contest for Council a change in the line-up of the present members might take place.

As pointed out in an article elsewhere in this issue Reeve George Kellam of Vaughan who has served but one year is expected to receive an acclamation as are all present members of the council.

The present council of North York Township who are all seeking re-election will all have opposition with the exception of Deputy-reeve Muirhead. Reeve Anderson will have stern opposition in the candidature of Ex-reeve R.F. Hicks whose administrative record is highly thought of in the municipality. Deputy-reeve R. Phillips, William Scrae and William Carson are contesting the deputy reeve-ship with Dr. Hambly.

King Township with the retirement of Reeve Alex. MacMurchy a former Warden and the present dean of the council will find former Deputy-reeve E.M. Legge, Deputy-reeve Thos. MacMurchy and probably one or two others seeking the honor of succeeding him. Deputy Reeve J. Duggan is aspiring to the 1st Deputy-reeve-ship and those who will probably seek election as second deputy are Cornelius McCabe and Councillors Egan and Armstrong all of who have had municipal experience.

The township of Whitchurch which has been the scene of many a municipal hard fought battle will have the present Reeve Morgan Baker in the field and possibly former Deputy-reeve George Leary who was a close contender for the office last year.

Deputy-reeve Herman Kidd is practically assured of an acclamation while if there is an election for the reeve-ship there will probably be new aspirants to the council.

In the town of Leaside the elections have already been held resulting in the return of Mayor H.H. Horsfall and Reeve James Lea, by acclamation.

The township of Etobicoke will likely have a contest for the Reeve-ship between Reeve J.R. Price who served this year as County Commissioner and ex-deputy-reeve Robert Marshall who suffered defeat last year. The other members of the Etobicoke council may receive an acclamation.

There will probably be little opposition to the present representatives in the County Council from Weston and New Toronto.

Reeve J.A. Harvey of Swansea has announced his retirement and with the election of a new Deputy-reeve a spirited contest is promised in this municipality.

Mayor Edwards of Mimico will have opposition this year in former Reeve Robert Ainsworth and there is a probability of contests all along the line in the Lakeshore town.

Forest Hill village will probably return Reeve L.H. Baldwin if he chooses to stand for re-election but Deputy-reeve Chas. McKay will likely be opposed.

Transportation problems in the Township of East York will probably cause an election this year and there is evidence of strong opposition to the sitting council.

In Scarbora a three cornered fight will be staged for the reeve-ship between the present Reeve George Moore, Ex-reeve Thos. Allen and Deputy Reeve Major George B. Little all of whom announced their candidature. John Linden will probably contest the office of first deputy reeve with J.M. T. Weir, Deputy-reeve Hollis Beck and Councillor Frank Barchard will likely be returned to the other Reeve-ships by acclamation.

East Gwillimbury had an election last fall and may return the same council this year but it is possible that there will be an election.

Councillor Russell Glover in North Gwillimbury is mentioned as a possible opponent for Reeve Chas. Willoughby and there may be other candidates.

The village of Sutton which lost its Reeve of a number of years in the death of the late A.E. Pugsley will probably give Reeve Osborne who has assumed the office an acclamation. The village of Holland Landing will not likely have any change in representation at County Council.

There will be an election for Mayor in Newmarket and Reeve F.A. Lundy on his record should hold his present position. Deputy-reeve Chas. MacCauley is likely to retire which will cause a change in the representation from the Canal Town.

There is evidence of spirited contests in the Town of Aurora for all offices with many probable starters already lined up.

The elections will be held throughout the County this year on New Years Day, which is the first Monday in the year.

HEADFORD

Santa Claus is on the way to Headford and the girls and boys are getting ready for him.

The Christmas Sunday School concert will be held on December 19th. It will be a good one.

Several from this community have attended the special meetings at Carrville and enjoyed them.

Mr. H.W. Barker, a prominent business man of Toronto will give an address next Sunday morning on the work of the United Church of Canada in our land and in other lands.

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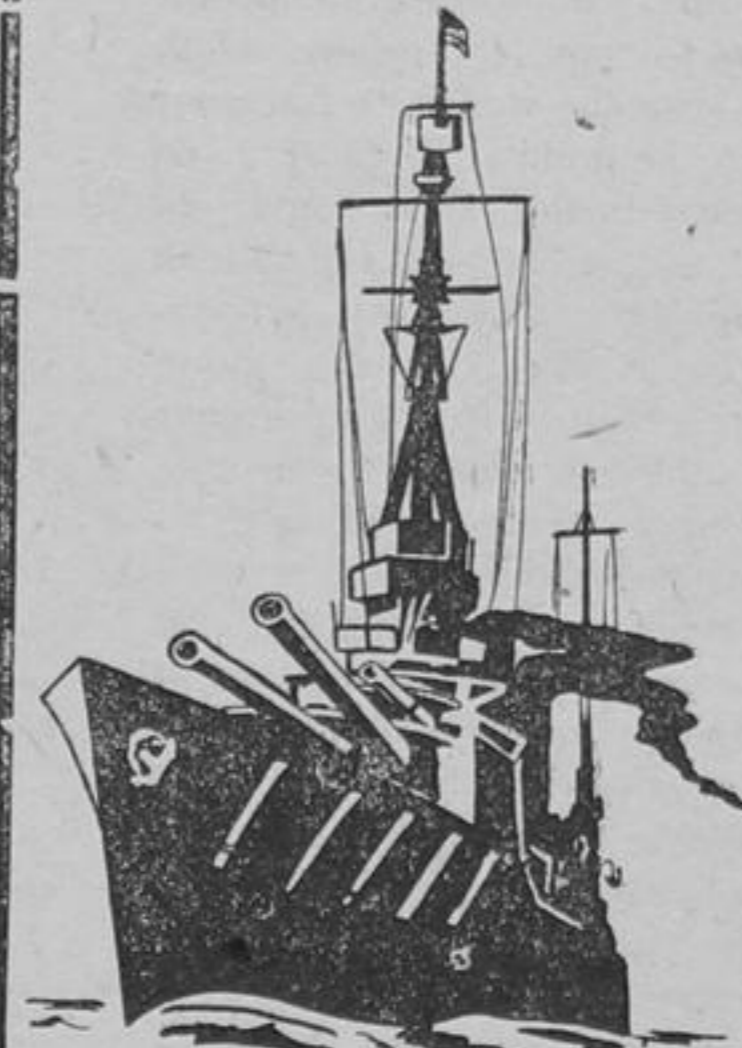
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Cocoa For School Lunches Bought On Sale In Downtown Store

School Children Get Lesson in "Community Spirit" By Seeing City Departmental Store Trucks Delivering Goods To Public School.

The Liberal has always contended that Richmond Hill merchants are entitled to the support and patronage of the people of this district. We believe in patronizing home merchants because we feel their prosperity will naturally result in greater prosperity for the community. Local merchants help materially to support our schools our churches, help to build our good roads and we have always found them ready and anxious to support any good cause for the promotion of the welfare of the community. We believe in boosting Richmond Hill at every possible opportunity and we believe in its potential possibilities and its prospects of progress. Our ideal for Richmond Hill and surrounding districts is a greater larger and a more prosperous community. Richmond Hill cannot go ahead until the citizens generally develop a sufficient spirit of community loyalty which will ensure their support of local enterprises wherever possible.

We have frequently had occasion to point out that we could see no good which could possibly result to this town or district by the people patronizing large departmental stores and mail order houses. We were naturally surprised and in fact very much disappointed to learn that some supplies for the hot lunches provided to the pupils of the public school by the Home and School Club were purchased out of town. Our information has been that during the past weeks the driver of one of the large Toronto stores called at the Public School and delivered cocoa, sugar, and also some tins of some sort or other.

The president of the Home and School Club interviewed by The Liberal on the matter this week stated that he did not know where the supplies were purchased. He said that the Home and School Club did provide hot cocoa for the scholars who brought their lunch and that the milk for same was purchased here but of the other materials he could not say. He intimated however that he presumed that they would be purchased in Richmond Hill.

The secretary of the organization also interviewed by The Liberal stated that she was sure that all sugar was purchased locally but she had learned from the person who looked after the purchasing that the cocoa had been purchased in Toronto, as it had been on sale at one of the large stores. She also informed us that the supplies for

the lunches are paid for by the Home and School Club and not by the Board of Education or out of any public money.

We have always admired the Home and School Club as an organization which was doing an excellent work in the community and possibly there is some explanation for this procedure with which we must take very strong exception. It appears to us that it is not a very good object lesson in community spirit for our school children to see Toronto delivery wagons calling at the public school with groceries and hardware when there are a half dozen or more grocery stores and two hardware stores in the village. True the items may have been small and the business or profits which would have resulted to the local merchant might have been hardly noticeable but in principle we cannot concur in the practice. The smaller the purchase the less reason we see for going out of town for it. Moreover we feel sure that if the purchasing agent for the club had gone to any local merchant in the proper manner it could have been bought just as cheaply as the sale price of the down town store. Possibly there is some explanation of which we are not aware and we will gladly give the officers of the club the free use of our columns to clear up the whole matter and make any explanations they may wish to make.

PATERSON

The annual Christmas Concert and Supper of the Paterson School will be held on the evening of December 22 Supper will commence to be served at 5.30 p.m. Admission 35 cents.

TESTON

A very successful progressive euchar was held last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. John Phillips on the sixth line of Vaughan. The first prizes were won by Mr. William Orr and Mrs. J. Brownlee. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mr. Hugh Hinds and Mrs. A. Cairns. Luncheon was served and a very pleasant social time enjoyed. The club meets next Friday evening at the home of Brownlee Brothers.

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Fourth Annual Banquet Tendered To Local Municipal Representatives Was Very Enjoyable Function

Municipal men from all parts of York County were tendered a complimentary banquet at the Elgin Pavilion Elgin Mills on Monday evening by J. Harry Naughton and Mr. Walter S. Jenkins who act as solicitors for many of the municipalities of York. It was a most enjoyable event featured by a sumptuous dinner, bright and lively entertainment and many thoughtful and deliberative addresses by county council members and others in attendance. This is the fourth time the event has been held and it is acclaimed by all who attend as a most pleasant and unique function.

Mayor Walton, of Aurora ably acted as toastmaster and after a brief welcome and the toast to The King, the toast to The County of York was proposed by ex-Mayor Bassett, of Aurora and responded to by Reeve W.C. Gohn of Markham Township, Reeve Morgan Baker of Whitchurch and Reeve Alex McMurchy of King.

To G.A.M. Davidson, Clerk of Markham Township fell the honor of proposing the toast to The County Council and it was responded to by Reeve Kellam of Vaughan, and Reeve Lunan, of Richmond Hill.

There were several other toasts and all whose names were coupled with them proved themselves to be past masters in the art of oratory. Among those who spoke were: M.L. Andrews Aurora, G.H. Duncan, J.A. Greene, E.T. Stephens, and A.G. Savage, Richmond Hill, Wesley Williams,

Whitchurch, Victor A. Hall, King City, Harold A. Babcock, Toronto and Thos. McMurchy, King.

The evening was brightened by the clever entertaining of Bert Lloyd baritone, Bert Akehurst, pianist and A.M. Ewart, violinist who delighted the gathering with their music, songs and novelties.

A feature of the evening was a number by the Richmond Hill Male Choir which it was pointed made appearances in public only on very exclusive occasions. Their numbers were heartily encored. The personnel of the choir was as follows: Thos. Trench, A.G. Savage, A.E. Glass, N. J. Glass, P. C. Hill, E. T. Stephens, J. R. Herrington, and G. Willis.

The toast to the "Hosts" was ably proposed by W.H. Legge who expressed the sentiments of the gathering when he declared Messrs Naughton and Jenkins to be ideal hosts and "Jolly Good Fellows." He concurred in the tribute which had been paid to the ability of the members of this legal firm who act as solicitors for so many of the municipalities of York County. Both were York County boys he said in proposing the toast coupled with it the name of Mr. J.L. Jenkins, clerk of King Township, the father of Mr. Walter S. Jenkins. Both Mr. Naughton and Mr. Jenkins replied in suitable terms thanking all present for their attendance and expressing their delight with the very happy relationships which they have always enjoyed with the members of the Municipal Councils which they are privileged to serve.

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