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J. A. GREENE TO BE CANDIDATE FOR SEVENTH TERM AS REEVE

Councillor Little Mentioned As Possible Opponent—Village Has Had But Eleven Reeves in Sixty-Five Years Since Incorporation—Many Citizens Had Record Of Long Years Of Public Service On Council—A Glimpse Backward At Richmond Hill Municipal History

With the approach of Christmas and nomination day only two weeks distant the municipal pot is coming to a boil and speculation is rife concerning election possibilities this year. In Richmond Hill Village the situation largely hinges on the final decision of councillor Alex Little who is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the 1939 Reeve's chair. Mr. Little has been a valued member of the municipal council for the past six years and when in an election always polled a good vote. While it is known that he has been for some time considering standing for Reeve in 1939 it is a fact that if he followed only his own wishes he might retire entirely from municipal politics owing to the demands of his own business. However his many friends are urging him to remain with the argument that he should round off his years of municipal service with one or two years in the chair of the chief magistrate. If he does not choose to run for Reeve this year he is being urged to stay in council for 1939 and announce his candidature now for the 1940 Reeveship.

9, 1890-1-3-4-5; William Pogue, 1875-6-7; John Brown, 1874; Denis O'Brien, 1875; Isaac Crosby, six terms from 1874; James Langstaff, 1878; Benjamin Redditt, 8 terms; Francis McConaghy, four years; Christopher Duncomb, three years; Alexander Moodie, 1884; Henry F. Hopper, 1883, 1884 and 1898; Robert E. Law, 1884; William Sanderson, 1888-91; William J. Wilson, 1888-91; John Palmer, 1892-97 and 1910-13; John Brydon, 1892; Jeremiah Mortson, 1892-96; William Innes, 1897-1905; William A. Wright, 1897-8; David Hill, 1898-1902, 1919-23 and 1932; R. W. Glass, 1900; William Furey, 1901-02; James Paulin, 1903-4; John P. Glass, 1903-4-5; H. A. Nicholls, 1906-7; David Sloan, 1908; Edward Barker, 1907-8; Herbert H. Hopper, 1909; George S. Sims, 1910-16; John Tyndall, 1911-16; John Hickson, 1914-16; J. A. Monkman, 1917-23 and 1931-32; George A. McDonald, 1917-18; Norman Batty, 1921-23; James McLean, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1931-33; J. R. Herrington, 1926-27; Robert Endean, 1924; G. H. Sloan, 1926-28; W. G. Baldock, 1926-27; Albert Chapman, 1928, 1930; Henry Davis, 1929-30; F. J. Mansbridge, 1929; Wes. Middleton, 1929, 1933-35; F. E. Sims, 1929.

Reeve J. A. Greene is definitely in the field. He will soon complete six consecutive years as Reeve, being elected first in 1933. Previous to his election to the reeveship he served as a member of council for seven years, in the years 1919, 1920, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1931, and 1932. The figure seven seems to have a marked association with the Richmond Hill reeveship. If Mr. Greene should be elected for another term he will be the fourth of Richmond Hill's eleven Reeves to be elected for seven years. Other Reeves who served for seven terms were William Trench, from 1875 to 79 inclusive and in 1881 and 82, his son Thomas Trench who was reeve from 1919 to 1925 inclusive, and Jacob Lunau who held the position 1926 to 1932 inclusive.

Of the present council Harold J. Mills is the senior member, having served continuously since he was first elected in 1931. Owing to heavy demands of his own business Mr. Mills has never aspired to the reeveship and he has stated he will not be a candidate this year. Councillor Little is the second senior member being first elected in 1933. Councillor P. C. Hill is completing his third term on the municipal council, C. Nelson, two years, and it is not expected either one will step up this year but both will be candidates for re-election to council.

Richmond Hill's disposition to long terms of reeveship is probably outstanding in the municipal history of Canada. In the sixty-five years since the village was incorporated there have been but eleven Reeves, which we believe constitutes something of a record. Abraham Law, the first Reeve, served but for one term in 1873, as did his successor, William Harrison in 1874. James Langstaff was Reeve in 1880 and Isaac Crosby served a single term in 1906. John Brown was Reeve for two years, 1883 and 1884. Peter G. Savage was reeve for ten consecutive years from 1896 to 1905 and William Pugsley held the long distance record having served as head of the council for twenty-four years. In addition for eleven years from 1896 to 1906 he represented this district in the county council, a time when county council representatives were elected for specified districts of the county and the regularly elected Reeves of the municipalities had no county duties.

If councillor Alex Little postpones his reeveship aspirations until next year and yields to the pressure of his friends and stays in the council an acclamation for the entire 1938 council is well within the realm of possibility. This opinion is based on the fact that there have been no candidates outside of the council definitely announce themselves in the field. However the nomination is still a couple of weeks ahead and frequently the prospective candidates like to wait until nomination night before announcing their candidature. Political rumor mentions a number of new candidates should there be an election. Although definitely in the rumor stage those mentioned are ex-councillor W. Neal, James Butler, Frank Schisler and Duncan Kerr.

The local inclination for long term reeveships had had the natural counterpart in the fact that many men have served long terms on council without ever reaching the reeve's chair, which is the natural goal of most who enter municipal affairs. John H. Sanderson was a member of council for sixteen years but never was reeve. Peter G. Savage was councillor sixteen years before he became reeve, and T. H. Trench served in like manner for four years before he was elected as reeve. Jacob Lunau served an apprenticeship of eight years in council.

In six years as Reeve, the present reeve has had two acclamations. He was first elected in a three cornered contest with J. Lunau and David Hill in 1933. In 1934 he was opposed by J. A. Monkman and won by a vote of 271 to 180. In 1935 he had an acclamation and for 1936 he was opposed by William Neal and was the victor by a large majority. The vote was Greene 345, Neal 164. For 1937 he was opposed by James McLean and last year he received an acclamation.

In eight years in council Harold Mills has won five elections and had three acclamations. Councillor Little was first elected by acclamation in 1933 and in the election of 1934 he headed the poll for council with a vote of 299. He got an acclamation in 1935 and in 1936 was re-elected. The 1936 council vote was Mills 346, Hill 298, McLean 293, Little 288. Councillor C. Nelson entered with council by acclamation in 1937 after having been an unsuccessful contestant the previous year, and all members received an acclamation for 1938.

The sympathy of the whole community is extended to the bereaved parents. We regret very much that Rev. Mr. Haig is still very sick. But the community wishes for him a very speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caseley, Mr. Alvin Caseley and two daughters and Miss Mabel Caseley took tea on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton.

ST. MARY'S ANNIVERSARY SERVICES WELL ATTENDED
St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, was filled to capacity at both services on Sunday last. Inspiring sermons were preached by Dr. McElheran and Dr. Cosgrave. Miss Doreen Johnson's solos, "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," were appreciated by all.

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NEWS

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 20

MY BILL

With KAY FRANCIS, JOHN LITEL, ANITA LOUISE

— Also —

I'M FROM THE CITY

With JOE PENNER - KAY SUTTON

MARCH OF TIME No. 11

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 - 22

ALWAYS GOOD-BYE

With BARBARA STANWYCK - H. MARSHALL

— ALSO —

STRANGE FACES

With D. KENT - F. JENKS - A. DIVINE

Novelty — DONALD'S BETTER SELF

VICTORIA SQUARE

The recent slight fall of snow certainly has contributed to the Christmas season. Christmas is not Christmas without snow.

S.S. No. 6, Victoria Square School, are celebrating on the twenty-first of December, beginning at eight o'clock sharp. The teacher and pupils are preparing a splendid programme consisting of recitations, choruses, dialogues and a play entitled "The Victoria Square Uplift Society". Everybody welcome, Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 8 o'clock.

Saturday night, December 3rd about seventy-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Smith gathered at the home of Miss Bessie Valliere to do them honour and to present them with a gift, a beautiful studio couch. Mr. Smith thanked them very much in an appropriate speech, inviting them to call on him and his bride in Bond Head where he has bought a farm. After lunch, topped off with ice cream, the friends left wishing them the best the world has to offer. Mr. Ernie Jackson spent Wednesday in Toronto and took tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sanderson on the fifth line.

Mr. Wilfred Anderson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Nichols. We regret very much to learn that Mrs. Frank Nichols is very poorly. Miss Annie Avison is in attendance at present.

Again has the community been stirred to the depths when Master Leonard Frisby, only four years old in November, passed away last Friday afternoon. He had been sick for about six weeks prior to going to the hospital a week ago. Up until then he was thought to be recovering but shortly after entering the hospital it was seen there was no hope. For two days and nights they remained at the hospital awaiting his passing and then they brought him home but he passed away that same afternoon with "acute nephritis". A very large funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frisby. Mr. MacDonald was in charge of the service and the pallbearers were George and Jack Rumney, Lawrence and Jim Boynton, Bobby Haydon and Isaac Williamson.

The many beautiful wreaths and sprays were carried by Marion, Grace and Helen Boynton, Bonnie Robertson, Stella Szeliga, Connie Rumney, Cora Perkins and June Collard. Left to mourn his passing are his parents and one little brother, Graham.

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RICHVALE SOCIAL CLUB

Euchre and Dance held every Wednesday evening in Richvale School. Euchre starts at 8.30 sharp. Dancing to 1 a.m. Good prizes. Royal Arcadian Orchestra. Billy Hole, manager.

Don't forget the Poultry Euchre on Wednesday, December 21st, when there will be 6 geese for prizes.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D., Pastor
Sunday, December 18th

Special Musical Festival by the choir at the evening service under direction of Mr. A. Melecci. Music lovers invited. Service at seven.

At the morning worship the pastor will take for his subject, "How Jesus Banished Fear."
Sunday School at 2.45 p.m.

You and your friends are cordially invited to all our services.
N.B.—Saturday at 3 Primary Department's Christmas program.
Wednesday evening at 8 the Sunday School Entertainment.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Cunningham, B.D., Minister
Sunday, December 18th

11 a.m.—White Christmas Gift Service. All Sunday School children join with us for this service.
7 p.m.—A service of Christmas song and story.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican)

RICHMOND HILL
Rector: Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th.
Sunday, Dec. 18th 4th Advent

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Young people particularly welcome. Choir practice at the home of the Rector, Friday at 8 p.m.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH Unionville

Pastor—Rev. A. E. Owen
10 a.m.—Church School.
11 a.m.—"Open Gates at Christmas Time."

7 p.m.—The Story of "The Other Wise Man." Christmas fireside service.

EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

1.30 p.m.—Church School.
2.30 p.m.—"Open Gates at Christmas Time."

Mrs. Stanley Boynton. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Lizzie Boynton and Mrs. Grace Boynton took dinner on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton and daughter Vera and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson and Whitney took tea on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Nichols.

ACCLAMATION LIKELY IN VAUGHAN AND POSSIBLE IN MARKHAM TWP.

Reduced Taxes In Both Townships Likely To Discourage Any Opposition To Present Councils — Nomination Day, Monday, December 26th

Reeve Robert W. Scott and the members of the 1938 Vaughan council appear very likely to receive an acclamation when the annual nomination meeting is held at Vellore on Monday, December 26th. Reports from all sections of the municipality indicate that there is a very notable absence of any opposition and an election for any of the positions will come as a distinct surprise.

The road work of the year which they claim has been very successful and satisfaction has been expressed with the improved condition of the township roads. Reeve Rennie and deputy-reeve Hooper will seek re-election and if any of the council members are anticipating stepping up they have not made their intentions known so far.

A marked reduction in the tax rate this year and general satisfaction with the record of the year are contributing factors to the general demand everywhere evident for an acclamation. The council has worked harmoniously and everything about the municipal machinery looks to be functioning smoothly and efficiently. There would appear to be no possible election issue on the horizon and the Reeve and council will have a very satisfactory financial report to present to the ratepayers nomination day.

Reeve Rennie is completing his second year as Reeve and Charlie Hooper has been deputy for the same time. W. L. Clark has had a long experience in council and is a former deputy-reeve, Harry Barber has been a councillor for two years and Albert Resor has been in the council since 1935.

Reeve Scott is completing his third year as Reeve and previous to taking on the duties of reeveship he served in 1935 as deputy-reeve and five years as councillor. He is a popular member of county council and next year is aspiring to one of the county commissionerships. Deputy-reeve Boynton Weldrick has been Vaughan's second representative in County Council since 1936 when he was promoted by the ratepayers after 4 years as a councillor.

Nominations in both Markham and Vaughan will be held Monday, December 26th and elections if necessary will be held Monday, January 2nd.

Vaughan council members are John Hostrawser, James A. Robson and J. Albert Dick. Mr. Hostrawser is completing his third year in council. Mr. Robson has had a long municipal experience having served two years as reeve of the municipality, and councillor Dick has been four years in the council.

VOLLEY BALL CLUB NOTES

The team captained by Mr. Bennett visited on invitation St. Clair (Toronto) Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening and held an enjoyable match with a group representative of Toronto Rotary.

The pre Christmas schedule of competitive play as between four teams, carried on for the past five week nights for meeting was concluded this week. All participants agree that it was the most enjoyable period yet held. Play will be resumed on Tuesday, January 10th after plans have been arranged by the Club Executive for a mid winter programme.

A. Y. P. A. NOTES

The meeting of St. Mary's A.Y.P.A. was held on Tuesday evening with the members of the Presbyterian and United Young People present. The meeting opened with Carol singing and the entertainment of the evening was given by Mr. E. Balfour, a magician, who gave some very interesting and puzzling experiments. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held in the New Year, January 3rd.

CAN YOU HELP?

A committee is now working in preparation for the distribution of Christmas baskets. Their aim is that every needy family will have a well filled hamper Christmas eve, and their aim will only be realized if you lend your financial support. The Village council has made a donation, the Lions Club has given the fund its first boost, and now your donation is asked for. Over one hundred dollars is needed for the community basket fund. Send your donation now to A. J. Hume, clerk and treasurer of the village.