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## Gets Two Months For Relief Fraud Markham Council Inaugural Meeting

Charles Holmes of Garden Avenue, Vaughan Township has been sentenced to two months in jail after being found guilty of charges arising out of relief fraud. Mrs. Rose Bugg, charged jointly with Holmes, was remanded for sentence. The couple have been in receipt of relief for some time, and charges arose out of the discovery of a regular income received by Mrs. Bugg not accounted for in sworn statements made by Holmes to relief officials of the township. All those in receipt of municipal relief are now required by regulations to make a sworn statement of their income covering a considerable period. These statements are carefully checked by investigators and as was evidenced by this case those making false statements will be severely dealt with.

Reeve James Rennie and members of Markham Council, re-elected by acclamation at the recent municipal elections took the oath of office at the inaugural meeting held at the township hall, Unionville Monday morning. Rev. Newham of Markham was present and officiated at the inaugural ceremonies. The meeting was quiet and uneventful and notable for the absence of deputations usually present in considerable numbers at opening meetings.

Dr. C. R. Mackay was re-appointed as Medical Officer of Health and W. F. Kincaid was re-appointed member of the Board of Health for the coming year. Constable Ben Gaymen was named as Sanitary Inspector. Robert Stiver was re-appointed weed inspector for the west half of the municipality at a salary of \$165 and J. M. Warriner for the east half at a salary of \$100. James Gibson was re-appointed as School Attendance Officer.

Demands for relief show a satisfactory downward trend and expenditure for the month of December amounted to \$594.51 compared with approximately \$1100 in the corresponding month in 1938. The usual borrowing by-law was passed giving the Reeve and Treasurer authority to borrow from time to time to meet current expenditures.

Road expenditure for the coming year was estimated at \$28,000, including \$3000 for construction, \$1500 for bridges and \$21,000 for maintenance. General accounts passed totalled \$314.58, road foremen's accounts, R. J. Cunningham \$7.20, D. Brown \$4.80, W. J. Stonehouse \$4.80, E. A. Buchanan \$7.90, and general road accounts as follows: Clarke \$17.00; W. Young, \$5.00; Hoover & Roberts, snow plowing, \$40.50; F. Bridgeon, \$1.25; W. J. Payne, \$44.25; Hoover & Roberts, \$100.00; Unionville Post Office, \$3.

\* REEVE TRENCH ASSUMES OFFICE ON HIS BIRTHDAY  
\* A unique feature of Monday's inaugural meeting of Richmond Hill council was the fact that the Reeve, Thomas H. Trench, was sworn in as the Village Chief Magistrate on his birthday. To mark the occasion his fellow members of council presented him with a pen and pencil set. The presentation was made by councillor Dr. J. P. Wilson who extended congratulations to Reeve Trench on his election and the best wishes of his fellow councillors in his conduct of the office of Reeve. The Reeve, taken completely by surprise fittingly replied voicing his appreciation for this unexpected expression of good will from his fellow councillors.

## REEVE'S INAUGURAL SOUNDS A KEYNOTE OF APPEASEMENT

Two Legal Actions Directed Adjourned Pending a Settlement By New Council — Start Immediately on Waterworks Extension as Relief Project

In his inaugural address at the first meeting of the Richmond Hill Municipal council Monday morning Reeve Thomas H. Trench sounded the keynote of the new council policy regarding the contentious matters which have caused such turmoil in local municipal quarters during the past year. "We face difficult problems," said Reeve Trench, "such as few new councils have been called upon to face immediately on taking office but we hope to be able to settle both the drainage problem and the wrecking by-law case in a friendly and amicable manner." The Reeve's keynote speech was supported by action later in the day when the council unanimously agreed to issue instructions for the postponement of two cases now in court pending settlement. Both cases were slated for hearing this week but council action will postpone them until the members have an opportunity of reaching a satisfactory agreement with the parties concerned.

Already the amicable settlement predicted by the Reeve is taking definite form in the Car Wrecking By-Law case. In conference with Mr. Parisi an agreement was reached whereby the council unanimously agreed to cancel the prohibitory by-law and substitute one licensing car wrecking place of business on condition Mr. Parisi paid all expenses in the case to date. This Mr. Parisi agreed to do and it is hoped "finis" will soon be written to this famous case.

A committee of council too has conferred at some length with Mr. J. Sheardown and his solicitor and the general feeling seemed to be that Mr. Sheardown was very reasonable in the matter and the Reeve and all members are hopeful that an amicable settlement without further court costs can be agreed upon. The general tone of the discussion indicated the members of council were anxious to be fair to Mr. Sheardown, carefully guard the interests of the municipality and avoid any unnecessary expensive court actions.

Further in his inaugural address Reeve Trench expressed his thanks to the electors for their expression of confidence in electing him Reeve for the coming year, and extended congratulations to all members of council on their election. "I know," he said, "we all appreciate the responsibility of our positions and our first thought is a desire to serve the best interests of Richmond Hill and keep it the best place in York County in which to live."

The new council proceeded cautiously in all matters of municipal business. While they may contemplate some changes here and there they appear to be taking their time and making a careful and thorough survey of all branches of the service. For that reason the first meeting was devoid of any startling happenings. The usual appointments by-law held no surprises. Allan W. Walker was re-appointed as auditor at the same salary of \$110.00 per annum. A. E. Glass was re-appointed assessor at the same salary of \$180 per year. James Stewart was re-appointed to the Public Library Board and C. P. Wiley was returned as a member of the Board of Health.

The first division of council took place in the matter of the appointment of a solicitor. Councillor Wes Middleton moved that no village solicitor be appointed and this was seconded by Councillor Bill Neal. Reeve Trench, Councillors Dr. J. P. Wilson and R. D. Little thought the time inopportune to make such a change and B. B. Jordan was re-appointed. In making the motion councillor Middleton contended the council should not appoint a solicitor with the annual retainer fee of \$100 but that legal services should be obtained when needed.

Caretaker R. Casement was named as Weed Inspector and Councillor Middleton re-appointed as Building

Inspector without remuneration. Council Committees were named as follows:

FINANCE: REEVE T. H. TRENCH, chairman, Councillors Dr. J. P. Wilson and R. D. Little.

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE: DR. J. P. WILSON, chairman, Councillors Middleton and Little.

ROADS AND SIDEWALKS: WILLIAM NEAL, chairman, councillors Dr. J. P. Wilson, Wes Middleton, R. D. Little.

PARKS AND BUILDINGS: WES MIDDLETON, chairman, Councillors Neal and Little.

The Reeve is a member of all committees by virtue of his office.

The new council gave considerable consideration to the matter of unemployment. All expressed themselves in favor of giving work and a careful survey of the unemployment situation will be made immediately in consultation with the Ontario Department of Welfare inspectors. It was decided on motion of Dr. J. P. Wilson, chairman of the waterworks committee and councillor Middleton to proceed at once with a water main extension on Hunt Avenue as a relief project.

James Skeele was re-appointed as a member of the High School Board. There is still one vacancy on the board due to the resignation of Mr. Trench who was a County appointment. There was some discussion of the advisability of increasing the board membership from four to six. This is possible now due to enabling provincial legislation which provides the County may on the request of the Board appoint three members instead of one. Reeve Trench speaking as a former member of the High School Board said it was felt advisable to have a board of six rather than four members. At present the Board members are James Skeele, Frank Schisler and C. H. Sanderson. It is likely three County appointments will be added to make a Board of six members. Councillor R. D. Little speaking as a former chairman of the Public School Board spoke in favor of six members for the High School Board.

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will be on the afternoon of Saturday, January 13th (this week), at 3 o'clock in the Municipal Hall. A program of work for 1940 will be discussed. Officers for the year will be elected and delegates to the Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association which will be held February 29th and March 1st, will be appointed.

You who have gardens and are lovers of flowers come to this first meeting of the year and be interested in the work of the Society throughout the year.

### ST. MARY'S W.A. ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of officers of St. Mary's Anglican W.A. took place at the home of Mrs. W. F. Carter, Church Street. All departments of the work showed a decided increase over the former year. The cent-a-meal scheme is working with great success and all social activities have been dispensed with for the duration of the war. The officers elected for 1940 are as follows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. Wrixon, Miss Elizabeth Brown; Pres., Mrs. W. Frisby; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. N. Chatterley; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. F. Carter; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. McGibbon; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Pochnell; Treas., Mrs. H. A. Nicholls; Junior Supt., Mrs. R. D. Little; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Dexter; Apron Convenor, Mrs. R. S. Mason; Pianist, Mrs. W. C. Savage; Rector's Nominees, Mrs. R. Carter and Mrs. R. S. Mason.

### HOCKEY FRIDAY NIGHT

Sutton come to Richmond Hill Friday night, January 12th for the opening junior C schedule game.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 16

"WHEN TO-MORROW COMES"

With IRENE DUNNE, CHARLES BOYER

— ALSO —

"HERO FOR A DAY"

With CHARLES GRAPEWIN, ANITA LOUISE

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 18

"EX-CHAMP"

With VICTOR McLAGLEN, TOM BROWN

— ALSO —

"WARE CASE"

With CLYDE BROOKS, JAMES BAXTER

NOVELTY — THE ART GALLERY

## VAUGHAN TAXPAYERS ESTABLISH BEST PAYMENT RECORD SINCE 1930

Encouraging Statement of Tax Payments and Decreased Relief Expenditures Feature Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of Vaughan Township council was held at Vellore Monday and opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Bowman of Maple Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bowman spoke of the responsibility of those charged with directing public affairs and asked the Divine blessing on the council activities for the coming year.

The opening meeting was uneventful and there was a notable lack of deputations and even the machinery salesmen who generally make an appearance at inaugural meetings were conspicuous by their absence this year. Routine business was transacted and adjournment made at an early hour.

The treasurer, J. M. McDonald, gave the council a very encouraging report of tax collection for 1939. The total levy for the past year was \$37,715.72 and of this by December 31st \$72,325.85 was paid. This represented the highest percentage of tax payments in any year since 1930. By the end of the year 83.6 per cent of Vaughan taxes were paid to the treasurer compared with 81 per cent at the end of 1938, 78.5 per cent at the end of 1937, 76.5 per cent in 1936, 73.8 per cent in 1935, 75.7 per cent in 1934 and 71.7 per cent in 1933. The improvement of twelve per cent in tax payments as compared with the low in 1933 was considered very satisfactory. The statement of unpaid taxes showed the largest percentage in the first concession of the municipality. In some sub-division plans less than half of the 1939 tax levy was paid by the end of the year.

The statement of the treasurer on relief expenditure also showed a substantial improvement in conditions which was very gratifying. Taking the month of December a comparative statement showed the relief last month to be the lowest for many years. Relief expenditure in the month of December 1934 hit the high record of \$3,518.57 while in December 1939 total relief expenditure was \$937.11. In December 1935 there were 385 persons receiving relief in Vaughan Township as compared with 143 in December 1939. The drop even from 1938 is encouraging, the figures being De-

ember 1938 cost \$1811, December 1939 \$937.11.

Road Superintendent W. O. McDonald reported that the Ontario Department of Highways had instituted several new regulations in regards to the keeping of road accounts. It was pointed out that in future all road accounts to be considered by the council at the monthly council meetings must be received by the road superintendent at least three days before the meeting.

Dr. G. D. McLean was re-appointed as Medical Officer of Health, Thomas M. Baker re-appointed as member of the Board of Health, and other appointments made as follows: Fence Viewers, Warren Reaman, Wesley Clarkson, Roy Barker, Geo. Wray, Frank Teasdale, Peter Mitchell, Carson E. Smith, Geo. Brownlee.

Pound Keepers: Lewis Hicks, Elmer Orr, Fletcher Bros., Stewart Hawman, William Windas.

Stock Valuers: George Taggart and A. L. McNeil.

Deputy-Game Wardens: Peter Craib, Woodbridge R.R. 2; Harry Dooks, Woodbridge R.R. 2; Floyd Farr, Woodbridge R.R. 2; Alf. Allan, Nashville; Ernest Hemphill, Kleinburg; Norman Sloan, Kleinburg; William Lawrie, Woodbridge R.R. 3; Cameron McClure, Woodbridge R.R. 3; Hubert Weatherill, Woodbridge R.R. 3; Arthur Whitmore, Edgeley; Edward Mellon, Maple R.R. 2; John Boynton, Maple R.R. 2; William Clapham, Concord; Ernest Bone, Maple R.R. 2; John Anderson, Maple R.R. 2; George DeFerrari, Elgin Mills; Sam Ireland, Kleinburg; George Taylor, Kleinburg.

### ORANGE EUCHRE

There were 16 tables at the Orange Euchre held on Thursday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. James Stephenson, Miss D. Hart, Mrs. John Cook; gentlemen, Herbert Yakeley, John McCann, J. Hicks.

The next Euchre in the series will be held in the Lodge Rooms, Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, January 18th. Good prizes. Everybody welcome.

### The Quality Tea

# "SALADA" TEA

## Red Cross Party

RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL  
Friday, January 12th  
Commencing at 8.15 p.m.

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