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LEGAL COSTS STILL HEADACHE FOR RICHMOND HILL COUNCIL

The legacy of unsettled law-suits inherited by the Richmond Hill 1940 municipal council continues to take a great deal of attention and a discussion relative to costs in the Sheardown case occupied a considerable period of the Monday night meeting of the Town Fathers. Mr. Sheardown was present in support of his request for some \$1083 costs in addition to those already paid to him. Reeve Trench and members of council while anxious to avoid further court actions made it very clear that they did not intend to pay any such amount after which Mr. Sheardown threatened to go ahead with the law-suit. Reeve Trench said the village was willing to pay what the court ordered but so far as he was concerned the taxpayers of Richmond Hill were not going to pay every out-of-pocket item submitted to council.

Mr. Sheardown stated that he had spent over \$125 cost out of his own pocket in order to try and straighten the matter out. He pointed out that he started action in the county court and the village solicitor took the case to a higher court. So, said, Mr. Sheardown, you have your solicitor to blame for the higher cost, and not me. Mr. Sheardown stated that he had taken his last bill to the taxing officer to be taxed. Councillor W. Middleton asked why the bill was taken to taxing officer. Mr. Sheardown replied that he wanted council to know it was a fair bill. Reeve Trench read the judgment of the court which stated no costs allowed, the Reeve claiming case was settled by court ruling. Mr. Sheardown claimed that he had been trying for eight years to have this mess cleaned up and that the municipality had only themselves to blame for the position they were in. Councillor Neal asked if sewage was still giving trouble and Mr. Sheardown said it certainly was, but said council will never go on his property without his consent. Mr. Sheardown said that his bill covered entire court cost, including recent contempt of court action. Councillor Middleton claimed that Mr. Sheardown said in January that there was no hurry about fixing the drain until the ground was fit. Mr. Sheardown admitted this, but said he felt now was the time to fix it up.

Mr. Sheardown asked: "What about the contempt of court action. Who's going to pay that?" Reeve Trench replied that the village was not paying any more than they had to. Mr. Sheardown said someone had to pay and it was not going to be him.

Reeve—You would not let us put a trench through there to clean it up.

Mr. Sheardown—Would you like your back lawn all dug up?

Mr. Sheardown stated that the job done was far from satisfactory and he'd put a tractor and plough in there and tear the whole works up. He said he could see it was no use talking to council and he would commence action against the village in the morning. Mr. Sheardown then withdrew from the council meeting.

The council then engaged in considerable discussion concerning the village solicitor. Councillor Neal said he could not see paying legal fees to two lawyers, the village solicitor having to engage another lawyer when they went to court. It was then moved by Councillor W. Neal and seconded by Councillor Middleton that the services of the village solicitor be dispensed with. Reeve Trench said he didn't like the idea and felt perhaps there was other ways that this matter could be settled. Councillor Neal replied that if you haven't confidence in a man that he could do a job why keep him? Councillor Middleton insisted on the motion being put and stated that he was willing to stand on his own feet in this issue. After some considerable discussion Reeve Trench put the motion, but only councillors Neal and Middleton voted in favor, while councillors Little and Wilson were against, Reeve Trench breaking the deadlock by voting against the motion. Councillor Dr. Wilson then moved that the village clerk write to Mr. Jordan, the village solicitor, for file on the entire Sheardown case, to be

handed over to council for disposition. This was seconded by Councillor Little with Reeve Trench in favor and Middleton and Neal against.

A special committee was then named to deal with the arranging of defence should the action go through.

Complaints Re Snow Shovelling
Councillor Little drew the attention of council to a number of complaints received regarding citizens not shovelling their snow, with the result that very often the walks were left in a dangerous and unpleasant condition. Coun. Middleton stated that it wasn't fair when we have a by-law, that some should do their best to live up to the letter of the law and others just didn't seem to care, and nothing was ever done about it. Council decided to instruct the village constable to enforce all by-laws without fear or favor.

Councillor Dr. Wilson moved, seconded by Councillor Neal that the village adopt Daylight Saving in accordance with the City of Toronto. Carried.

Dr. Wilson then drew the attention of council to the practice of a number of citizens when there was a fire of rushing to the telephone to find out just where it might be. I wonder, said Dr. Wilson, if these people realize just how they are plugging up the wires. Supposing there's a serious accident and a doctor or ambulance is needed, all telephone lines would be busy. Dr. Wilson thought if this was brought to the attention of the people through the local paper this possibility might be avoided. In this all members of council concurred.

The accounts for meals for transients caused some discussion and it was felt by some members of council that there were too many repeaters. Why, said Councillor Wes. Middleton, I've known of cases where transients have come into town, received meal tickets that night, hung around all the next day bothering residents of the village near the park, and then the next night come back for another meal ticket. It was decided to instruct the constable to see that these men left town the next morning.

Mrs. P. C. Hill and Mrs. Dr. Langstaff, representing the local branch of the Red Cross, sought permission of the council, to hold a Tag Day on May 24th. Reeve Trench commended the worthy cause and council members readily granted permission for the tag day on the 24th.

Tenders were received for the removal of garbage, the contract being awarded to A. Chapman, who submitted the lowest tender.

Mr. Cyril Baker appeared before the council in connection with houses he is building on Roseview Avenue. Mr. Baker stated that he is building four houses under the government scheme to provide cheaper homes for working men. He asked for special consideration in connection with the installing of water and sought an arrangement whereby he paid only for actual digging from street line in, rather than pay from centre of road as per custom. Reeve Trench said this would not be fair to residents on the other side of the street who had already paid their share. Councillor W. Neal said to grant any such privilege would be to establish a dangerous precedent to which the other members of council agreed.

Councillor Little submitted report of the Hydro survey, which recommended that sectional switches be placed at strategic points in the village to save inconvenience to other sections of the town when repair work is being done. This was left in the hands of the Electric Light Committee.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James Rumble wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Beatrice Cowie to Mr. Harry Corner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Corner, Richmond Hill, the wedding to take place on April 17.

BIRTH

BEATTY—On Tuesday, April 2nd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beatty a daughter (stillborn).

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— ALSO —
"BEWARE OF SPOOKS"
With JOE E. BROWN - MARY CARLISLE
PARAMOUNT NEWS

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWSY NOTES

In spite of the snow there was a goodly number out on Sunday to hear the new minister, 81 being present.

Miss Vera Nichols entertained a number of her friends last Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

We are glad to report a fair representation of the surrounding countryside exercised their limbs in climbing snow to reach Mr. Martin's sale on Saturday. Some articles as usual went below their value and others made up for it, so that altogether Mr. Martin was well pleased with the day. The family left Saturday evening for their new home in Newmarket. Our wish is a happy retired life. We are also glad to welcome the Heise Bros. and hope that their friendship and ours will roll along as smoothly as neighbours should. Health, wealth and happiness is our wish to these two young chaps.

Don't forget the concert at the hall this Friday, April 5th. The proceeds are to go to the church and the talent is a group of professionals from Toronto. This will likely be your last social evening before the seeding, so come one and all and have a good laugh before the stiff work starts.

We are glad to welcome the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McCausland into our community. Mr. McCausland is a retired Baptist minister from Ottawa district who has taken up residence on the property formerly owned by Mr. G. Lecuyer.

We understand Mr. Orla Heise has purchased the property now known as Mr. Bennett's farm. This property a generation ago used to be known as the Henry Heise property. That makes Mr. Heise 1 1/4 mile of farm on the Victoria Square side road which will be quite handy to work.

Robins have returned from the south so surely spring is just around the corner and not such a long corner either.

The men of the 5th concession are busy digging snow these days in order for the roads to be passable for a team of horses to travel upon. They are sorry to report that their usual boss, Mr. Buchanan, is sick in bed with a very bad throat.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. J. Snider who recently lost a kind and loving father, a quiet man who was always at home, and will be greatly missed by the family.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. held on March 20th was greatly enjoyed by all who

were fortunate enough to get there. Owing to conditions of the roads the attendance was small. Slides were shown on Moving Millions which were very fine. Seven ladies were present from Brown's Corners Society. Mrs. McDonald conducted the meeting. Lunch was served at the close and an enjoyable time spent. The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Ross Klinck on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th at 2 o'clock.

*** ANOTHER LAWSUIT FOR RICHMOND HILL ***
* Mr. John Sheardown informed *
* The Liberal this morning that *
* he had commenced another court *
* action against the Municipality *
* of Richmond Hill for alleged *
* failure to satisfactorily clear up *
* the nuisance of a drain through *
* his property as directed in a *
* former action. "I have given *
* the new council three months *
* and they've done nothing, so I *
* have no alternative but to enter *
* the action," said Mr. Sheardown. *

VETERANS MET
The regular meeting of Vaughan and Richmond Hill branch of the York County Veterans Association was held in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday evening last with President James Butler in the chair. Rev. W. F. Wrixon, chaplain of the branch, addressed the gathering. The meeting extended congratulations to their County President, Col. W. P. Mullock, on his re-election as member for North York. Arrangements were made for the Vimy Church parade to be held at Maple on Sunday, April 14th.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES
A public meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday evening, April 10th, at 8 o'clock, in the Municipal Hall. A film on flower arrangement will be shown followed by a talk on Dahlias by Mr. Teal. Mr. Teal has enjoyed great success in growing Dahlias and will be able to give valuable information about this flower. The film is sponsored by Coca Cola Co. and should prove to be full of interesting information. The society expect a very enjoyable and profitable evening and ask all interested to advertise this meeting as much as possible so that there may be a good attendance.

Vaughan Relief Costs Show A Big Decrease

Report of treasurer J. M. McDonald at the regular April meeting of Vaughan township council held at Vellore last Monday showed relief expenditure for March to be the lowest for several years. The report showed 200 personal receiving municipal assistance during the month and the total cost was \$1,345.72. A comparative statement showing the declining relief costs in the township showed expenditure for the month of March each year since 1936 to be as follows:

March 1940	\$1,345.72
March 1939	1,976.57
March 1938	2,342.46
March 1937	2,843.42
March 1936	3,454.08

During the day the list of those still on municipal relief was carefully scrutinized and in the near future all able bodied men will be removed from the list.

Road accounts for the month totalled \$2,037.78 much of which was for operating costs of snow plows and opening snowbound roads. Reeve R. W. Scott and members of council expressed general satisfaction with the splendid work done by the snow plow purchased by the municipality early this winter. Admittedly it is a far superior outfit to any in the district and the big storm of last week gave the outfit an opportunity to prove its worth. Working night and day it cleared a way through the highest snow banks and when snow fighting in other municipalities failed the giant Vaughan plow kept working away and by 6 a.m. Saturday morning all roads in the township were open to traffic. This made Vaughan snow-fighting record much ahead of other municipalities in the county not so well equipped.

The necessity for curtailing expenditure in war time will be reflected in Vaughan's 1940 road program. The council has been advised by the Ontario Department of Highways to cut its road appropriation from \$25,000 last year to \$21,000 in 1940.

A communication was read from the Richvale Ratepayers Association asking that steps be taken this year to repair streets in the Richvale district.

A review of tax arrears revealed that at present there are some 81 properties liable for sale for taxes and plans were made for holding the annual tax sale.

A by-law to regulate erection of buildings in the township has been given its first reading and the Reeve intimated a special meeting would be held shortly when the by-law will be given its second and third readings.

SOFTBALL EUCHRE

A Euchre under the auspices of the Richmond Hill Softball Club will be held in the Orange Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, south entrance, next Thursday evening, April 11th at 8 p.m. Any citizen wishing to help the boys along can secure tickets now on sale from any member of the club. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

OBITUARY

LATE JOSH. HORNER

The community was saddened by the passing last Saturday, March 30th of Joshua Horner, a life-long and highly respected citizen of the district. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Horner he is the last surviving member of the family, two brothers and two sisters having predeceased him. Born in Markham Township he farmed on the homestead practically all his life, and from 1880 until 1918 was a very familiar figure in Richmond Hill as he supplied milk to residents here during that long period. Genial and affable he was widely known and delighted to talk and chat with his friends by whom he will be greatly missed.

Deeply religious he was a devoted member of the old order of the German Church and he gave freely of his time and talent in religious work. A keen student of affairs he was widely read and well informed on a wide range of subjects. The funeral service on Tuesday was very largely attended and was conducted by Mr. Winger at the home and by Mr. Stover of Indiana at the Heise Hill Church. Interment followed in the Heise Hill cemetery, the pallbearers being David Patton, Frank Dolan, Charles Clark, Phillip Wiggins, Fred Clark, F. E. Sims. He is survived by his niece Miss Clara Teal, one grand-niece, Mrs. Sam Winger and five grand-nephews.

A DISTINGUISHED CLERIC

Rev. Maxwell Dawe, M.A., B.D., Superintendent of Missions, and Secretary of Christian Education for the United Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, is in Toronto attending the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions, and will spend the week-end in town the guest of Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Follett. Mr. Dawe is also a fellow townsman of Mr. John Martin of our local bank, and both are old friends. The Rev. gentleman will occupy the pulpit of the Richmond Hill United Church on Sunday morning.

WON ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Y.P.S. of the local Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Miss Eleanor Barker, president, journeyed to Oakwood Church, Toronto, Monday evening to compete in the Public Speaking Contest, held under the auspices of the Toronto District Y.P. Presbytery. The local group returned home highly pleased as Bill Pollard of the Richmond Hill group emerged as the winner of the semi-finals, his subject being "Personal Evangelism." Bill Pollard now goes to the finals with the best wishes of all Y.P. groups in the district.

VELLORE

The monthly meeting of Vellore Junior Farmers and Junior Women's Institute will be held on April 9th at 8.30 p.m. The girls' program will be in charge of Marion Phillips. The topic, Fashion Trend. The speaker for the boys' program will be Mr. Vanderburg. Mr. Howard Patterson will be present at the joint meeting to supply musical numbers. Everyone welcome.