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Vaughan Ratepayers Will Elect Three Councillors and Decide on Two Year Term in Monday's Voting

Reeve "Bob" Scott and Boynton Weldrick Re-Elected By Acclamation

The surprise package in municipal affairs in this district was the development of an election for council in the township of Vaughan. Reeve Robert W. Scott and Deputy-Reeve Boynton Weldrick have been acclaimed in their respective offices, and the three council seats are being contested by councillors J. A. Dick, John Hostrawser, and James H. Robson, members of the 1930 council, and one new aspirant, Sam McClure. The electors of the township also will be asked to determine with their votes whether or not the two year term for municipal councils will be adopted in the municipality.

Sam McClure, farmer of the 7th concession, often mentioned in other years as a candidate was the first of those nominated to qualify as a candidate. He qualified immediately after the close of nomination proceedings. Councillor James H. Robson qualified shortly afterwards but other members did not sign up until late on Tuesday. After Mr. McClure qualified there was much speculation as to how the other nominees would line up. Reeve Scott and Deputy-Reeve Weldrick had been nominated for Reeve, and Deputy-Reeve Weldrick and councillors Hostrawser and Dick for deputy-reeve. During Tuesday there was uncertainty as to where the contest if any would develop, but the suspense ended about 7 o'clock when Reeve Scott and Deputy-Reeve Weldrick qualified for their former positions and councillors Hostrawser and Dick qualified as candidates for council. Mr. Neil Woods, long mentioned as a possible candidate, withdrew, explaining that he did so in favor of the old council.

Mr. J. G. Whitmore, a former Reeve of the Township acted as chairman for the meeting which followed the formal nominations held Monday afternoon. As is the custom he called on clerk and treasurer J. M. McDonald for a review of the financial statement. Treasurer McDonald gave a clear-cut and informative talk on the financial position of the township and presented some thought inspiring observations on municipal affairs. The annual financial statement showed a surplus for the year of \$2,284.96 and the treasurer pointed out that this year's levy, practically the same as last year was the lowest tax levy on the ratepayers of Vaughan since 1921. The all time high was hit in 1930 when the levy was \$126,885.95. This year total taxes were \$87,978.17. The reduction of one half mill in provincial subsidy had been absorbed without any increase in taxation. Looking to the future Mr. McDonald predicted that we are on the verge of a new era in government, and commended to the ratepayers a careful study of the Sirois report and inter-provincial conference of the next few months. He did not look for any increase in the burden of taxation to be carried by real estate rather he looked for cost of social services and probably a larger share of education costs to be born by provincial and federal taxation.

Reeve Robert W. Scott stated that the County of York had a balanced budget this year for the 8th consecutive time, no new debentures having been issued, and since 1933 the debenture debt has been reduced by some \$550,000. The County he said is definitely on a pay as you go policy. Regarding township affairs the Reeve said the past year had been a very successful one, and

the township finances today are in excellent condition. I am pleased to stand before you as Reeve and tell you that we don't owe the bank a dollar. This is the first time in my experience in municipal life that I have been able to say this to the ratepayers on nomination day.

Deputy-Reeve Boynton Weldrick said that during the year there had been 6000 yards of gravel placed on the roads, and there had been a policy of road maintenance which resulted in greatly improved condition of Township roads. I don't know whether or not there will be an election, I only know that I will not put the municipality to that expense, said Mr. Weldrick who was nominated for Reeve as well as for deputy.

John Hostrawser who has completed five years as a member of council said he thought the purchase of the big snow plow was a good piece of business for the township. In 1939 over \$4000 was spent for snow removal, and the ratepayers didn't get very good service. Last year he said we made a good deal for the purchase of a large snow plow which has proven very satisfactory.

J. A. Dick, completing six years as councillor, said he already had accomplished three ambitions he had when he entered council. They were, machine gravel, systematic maintenance of the roads, and gravel by tender. He felt the adoption of these policies were very beneficial to the township of Vaughan.

James H. Robson, a member of council and a former reeve of the township drew attention to the new problem confronting council of sanding the township roads. In past years only the hills were sanded, this year some sanding was done on the level, and it was possible this service would have to be continued. He asked ratepayers to let the council members have their opinions on this question.

Sam McClure, nominated for council said he hadn't heard any members mention the two year term. "They sit up here praying no one will oppose them, first thing we know they will be senators." The legislation re the two year term provided that people could vote on it, and I think the people should have the say. If they take away the right of voting one year at a time, in a few years we may not have the right to vote at all. The people should rule, and I think they should have a say on whether or not they want the two year term.

Neil Woods of Maple, nominated for council, congratulated the council on acquiring the road maintainer and snow plow. Those of us who use the roads a lot appreciate the addition of this equipment. If there's an election I will be in the field, but I will not cause one, he said.

Nominations were as follows: REEVE: Robert W. Scott by J. E. Hadwen and John Murray; Boynton Weldrick by J. H. Kellam and Roland Keffer. DEPUTY-REEVE: Boynton Weldrick by Edward Seager and Chas. Diceman; J. A. Dick by Harry Dooks and Chas. Kerr; John Hostrawser by Alex Cameron and James Stephenson. COUNCILLORS: J. A. Dick by H. Devins and Alf Allen; Sam McClure by J. J. Humphreys and J. Johnson; John Hostrawser by D. McCallum and R. Boynton; Neil Woods by James Stephenson and Nelson Powes; James H. Robson by J. Kerr and Harry Dooks.

"Are you in favour, as a Wartime measure, under the Government Extension Act, 1940 of the municipal council elected for 1941 holding office for two years?"

YES

NO

X

Richmond Hill Electors Vote Monday on Two Year Term Issue

Reeve and Council, School Trustees Re-elected by Acclamation— Small Attendance at Nomination Meeting

Electors of Richmond Hill Village will go to the polls next Monday to decide whether or not the two year term legislation will be adopted here. There will be no election for council or school board, as Reeve T. H. Trench and all members of the 1940 council, and all public school trustees were re-elected by acclamation at the nomination meeting Monday night.

Monday's nomination meeting was not largely attended, there was a notable absence of any controversial issues, and only members of the 1940 council were nominated. Councillor Dr. J. P. Wilson was nominated for Reeve as well as councillor, and had he consented to stand it is understood Reeve Trench was ready to retire in his favor and take a seat on council for which he was also nominated. However councillor Dr. Wilson chose to remain a member of council for another year. Trustees L. A. Hill, P. E. Angle and Ralph Paris were returned as members of the Public School Board for another term.

In his speech of acceptance of the Reeveship for the coming year, T. H. Trench intimated that probably he would retire at the end of the coming year. He stated that with the exception of a few months he has sat continuously on some public body in Richmond Hill since 1899. He served as councillor from 1899 until 1910, and in the years 1917 and 1918. He was Reeve in 1919 and until 1925, and again was elected to the Reeveship in 1940. In years when he was not on council he was a member of the Board of Education.

Reeve Trench who was the last speaker of the evening complimented the members of council on their able reports on the various departments. Dealing with village affairs he pointed out that much of the money raised by local taxation was for uncontrollable expenditure. When the rate for the year was struck, a careful survey of the estimates resulted in an increase in taxation this year of three mills. This was due to increased requisition for High School maintenance and to make provision for payment of \$1000 overdraft in the bank at the close of last year and \$2500 in notes to private parties. We had no alternative but to make a levy for this money if we were to pay our obligations, and we believe in the policy of meeting our obligations as we go and not letting debt pile up as has been done at other times in this municipality. It has been my policy said Reeve Trench, and it will continue to be my policy as your reeve to keep taxation as low as possible, maintain our utilities in good condition and keep our buildings and equipment in as good repair as possible. He intimated that he favored some expenditure for sidewalk improvement in the coming year. The change this year to a better grade of oil for the roads worked very satisfactory and he was sure citizens appreciated it. Mr. Trench extended to all citizens best wishes for the New Year and pledged his best efforts on behalf of the municipality for the coming year.

Councillor Wes Middleton as chairman of the Parks and Buildings Committee reported that the arena had a very successful year, in fact one of the most satisfactory from a financial standpoint since the rink was built. Mr. Middleton very modestly did not attribute this entirely to his own efforts as chairman, but pointed out that the season was very favorable for ice. The total receipts for the arena were \$1622 and the expenses \$819, leaving a profit on operation of some \$803. A few changes in operating plans have been made this year and favored with good weather he was anticipating another good season. During the year a new roof had been put on the Fire Hall at a cost of \$95.00 and the roof at the waterworks building cost \$147.

Councillor Dr. J. P. Wilson, nominated for the office of Reeve and Councillor, said it was a pleasure to appear before the electors and give an account of his stewardship for the year. As chairman of the waterworks commission he gave a detailed outline of the activities of that department. During the year there were two extensions to the system, one on Hunt Avenue and one on Vaughan Road. The net cost to the village after receiving unemployment grant for labor of the Hunt Avenue extension was \$1320. The Vaughan Road main cost \$1824. Despite these two large capital expenditures account about balanced. The revenue from these extensions should reflect favorably in future annual reports. During the year a change was made in the superintendent of the waterworks, and the Chairman paid tribute to the efficient work being done by the present engineer, Mr. Stirling. Councillor Dr. Wilson referring to arrears for waterworks accounts appealed to the citizens to co-operate with the council in the prompt payment of bills. "It is our patriotic duty to do this," he said, "and in this way we all can contribute to the efficient and economic handling of municipal affairs." The quality of the water during the year has been satisfactory, and the supply adequate. However the speaker warned that the day may not be far distant when the municipality will have to seriously consider new sources of supply. He reported that twenty new water services had been installed during the year.

Ex-Councillor P. C. Hill enquired as to the amount of water arrears. Chairman Dr. Wilson reported this as \$207.00. Mr. Hill had the figure at over \$300 which he said he received from the clerk Monday morning. Dr. Wilson's figures were obtained at 4 p.m. and took into consideration recent payments not credited on the statement given Mr. Hill. Ex-councillor Hill said when he took over the waterworks department the arrears were about \$800 and when he retired last year were only \$100.

Clerk A. J. Hume who endeavoured to straighten out the argument on the question remarked: "I think the point Mr. Hill wants to make is that he is a better collector than Dr. Wilson."

Dr. Wilson—"I am quite ready to

concede that point. I have the reputation of being a very poor collector."

Wilbert Bone asked about the amount outstanding for new water services installed. Dr. Wilson stated that a few years ago a plan was adopted to encourage the installation of new services whereby it was permissible to pay on the instalment plan. Frank Schisler remarked he thought the council took a long chance on collecting for some services put in this year.

Councillor R. D. Little, chairman of the Electric Light Commission, reported that the change made during the year in the electric light system was proving satisfactory and should result in substantial savings. The saving over the previous year for the period since May 1st was \$675. Before the change was made the committee had obtained information from towns of comparable size and it was found Richmond Hill operating costs were very high in comparison. The system is now operated by the Hydro Electric Commission on a cost plus fifteen per cent basis. Our sole thought in making the change was economy consistent with good service. Electric receipts for the year were \$15,511 as compared with \$13,669 in 1939. This is an increase of \$1851 some of which is due to the 8 per cent war tax. Seventeen new services were installed during the year, and there are no electric light accounts over two months in arrears getting service. Councillor Little said he felt a lower tax rate should be the objective of the municipal council. A lower tax rate would be the best possible encouragement for building. During the period of the coming five years some debenture issues would be paid and then there would be a lightening of the burden of the debenture debt. In closing Councillor Little said "I hope the uncertainties that face us as we commence 1941 will disappear by the end of the year."

Councillor Bill Neal, who is the local issuer of motor licenses was unable to attend the nomination meeting and R. Paris his nominator spoke on his behalf and commended his candidature to the electorate.

Clerk and Treasurer A. J. Hume gave a statement of the village finances and commenting on the high cost of education he said that the schools take nearly one-third of the taxes in Richmond Hill. Looking through the old records Mr. Hume said there was a time when the annual levy for Public and High school was \$1300. Now he said they take \$2000 a month. During the past year the debenture debt was reduced by \$12,000. There is still some \$10,000 of the 1940 tax levy unpaid, but during the year some \$6000 was paid in on arrears of other years. Our utilities are in good shape, said the treasurer, the waterworks now having almost 300 consumers. In closing Mr. Hume said: "Richmond Hill is a good place to live, and in these days of world unrest it is the

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 - 4
ANDY HARDY MEETS A DEB
With MICKEY ROONEY - JUDY GARLAND
— AND —
STAGE COACH WAR
With WILLIAM BOYD - RUSSELL HAYDEN
POPEYE MEETS WM. TELL

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 - 7
MAN WHO TALKED TOO MUCH
With G. BRETH - V. BRUCE - B. MARCHELL
— ALSO —
FATHER IS A PRINCE
With GRANT MITCHELL - NANA BRYANT
LETTER FROM CAMP BORDEN

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 - 9
PRIMROSE PATH
With GINGER ROGERS - JOEL McCRAE
— ALSO —
MYSTERIOUS MR. READER
With WILL FIFE
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duty of every man, woman and child to show their loyalty by being the best citizens possible, upholding our own institutions and in every possible way helping to win the war."

* CARRY YOUR REGISTRATION CARD *
* Electors going to the polls on Monday are warned that they may be asked for their registration card before being given a ballot. (Carry your card at all times. *

RICHMOND HILL
VITAL STATISTICS 1940
Births 19
Marriages 25
Deaths 10

MAPLE TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED
Trustees Wilbert Cousins, William J. Johnson and Joshua Manning were returned by acclamation for the Police Village at the annual nominations Monday night.

LATE CLIFFORD CASE, K.C.
Clifford Case, K.C., former Member of the Legislature for North York died in Newmarket Hospital Monday, December 30th at the age of 43. The funeral was held from Aurora United Church on New Year's Day.

MAPLE VOTES ON DAYLIGHT SAVING
Ratepayers of Maple Police Village will vote Monday on the question of adopting Daylight Saving Time for the duration of the war.

BIRTH
WILSON—At Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General hospital, to Dr. and Mrs. John Wilson (nee Marion Rogers), Richmond Hill, on Saturday, December 28, a son (John Rogers).

MARRIED
COMISKY-COMBS — At Kirkland Lake on Saturday, December 7, 1940 at the United Church Manse, by the Rev. E. E. Long, Helen, eldest daughter of Mrs. Helen W. Combs and the late Charles H. Combs, Springfield, U.S.A. to John Joseph Comisky, son of Mrs. Sarah Comisky and the late Charles J. Comisky of Toronto, formerly of Richmond Hill.

* ALL VOTE AGAINST TWO YEAR TERM *
* By a decisive majority of over 29,000 the electors of the City of Toronto voted against the two year term on New Year's Day. Over two to one they decided to retain the right of annual municipal elections. Likewise all suburban municipalities voting on the question voted against extending the term to two years. York Township, East York Township, Long Branch, Scarborough and Swansea joined the ranks of the great majority of Ontario municipalities who have rejected the proposal to abolish annual elections for municipal councils. Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Whitechurch and Aurora electors vote on the question next Monday. Newmarket and North Gwillimbury voted early in December and decisively rejected the proposal. *