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## King Makers and White Wash Boys of York County Council Scored By New Toronto Reeve

Admits Laxity on Part of County Council — Special Session of Council Names Warden Toole and Ex-Warden Harris To Replace Commissioners Who Resigned

Reeve Earl Toole of Whitechurch Township, York County's 1942 Warden, and ex-warden Gordon Harris, Mayor of Weston were appointed members of the Toronto and York Roads Commission by York County Council in special session Wednesday. They will replace E. G. Farr and Ray Price, County representatives who resigned following an investigation of Commission affairs by the City of Toronto. Warden Toole will resign as Warden of the County and Reeve of Whitechurch and Mr. Harris will resign as Mayor of Weston.

To date the City of Toronto has not made any appointments. Mayor Conboy is opposed to the setting up of a new commission as he thinks it is unnecessary expenditure in wartime. Controller Saunders who was largely responsible for the success of the investigation favors the appointment of City representatives.

The shake-up of the Toronto and York Roads Commission is the result of an investigation started last year by Reeve F. J. MacRae of York Township. Reeve MacRae's action led to the appointment of a special committee by York County Council to investigate the affairs of the commission. The York County Council investigation got exactly nowhere and after many months of meetings and considerable expense the whole thing was given a generous coat of whitewash with the assurance that it wouldn't happen again. This "whitewash" however didn't suit Controller R. H. Saunders of Toronto who started an investigation on behalf of the City. It resulted in some startling disclosures and the resignation of the entire commission followed.

Wednesday's meeting of County Council was featured by a scathing denunciation of County Council practices by a member of that body, Reeve W. E. McDonald of New Toronto. He scored the "boys who had been busy with the whitewash" and declared "York County Council must abolish king-makers and the practice of meeting under stairways with a bottle when the matter of making appointments is coming up.

"Everybody knows that this has been the case and I can call all of you," he said, indicating the council, "as witnesses to prove it; in fact one-third of the members would readily admit it. For appointments to the House of Refuge committee and the committee of agriculture, which doesn't meet, such action may be all right, but appointments under stairways for such vital committees as the Toronto and York Roads Commission should be on a higher plane.

"This investigation was started by Reeve F. J. MacRae of York township who had a pistol in his hand but didn't know it was loaded. We all know about Farr and his activities. There has been a laxity on the part of the whole council who were responsible for the commission's activities. As a result \$120,000 has poured through the sluice gates of this building. We did not carry out our responsibilities or our duties and therefore must not piously sit here and pass judgment upon the Toronto and York Roads Commission," MacDonald declared.

"We must cut a pathway now for the future. As long as we go on appointing people because they are good fellows who slapped us on the back, we are going to be in trouble. I'm willing to take 70 per cent of the blame for our difficulties, but even with the remaining 30 per cent the rest of you will still be struggling for years to get out of the morass," McDonald said.

"Let's forget all that has gone by," Reeve MacDonald said. "We perhaps hastened the downfall of the two roads commissioners by asking for personal favours for our communities instead of seeing to it that they conducted their affairs in a strictly business manner.

"If you are going to kiss the maid behind the bathroom door, you can't fire her the next day," he declared.

Reeve F. J. MacRae of York Township who started the investigation was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting of County Council.

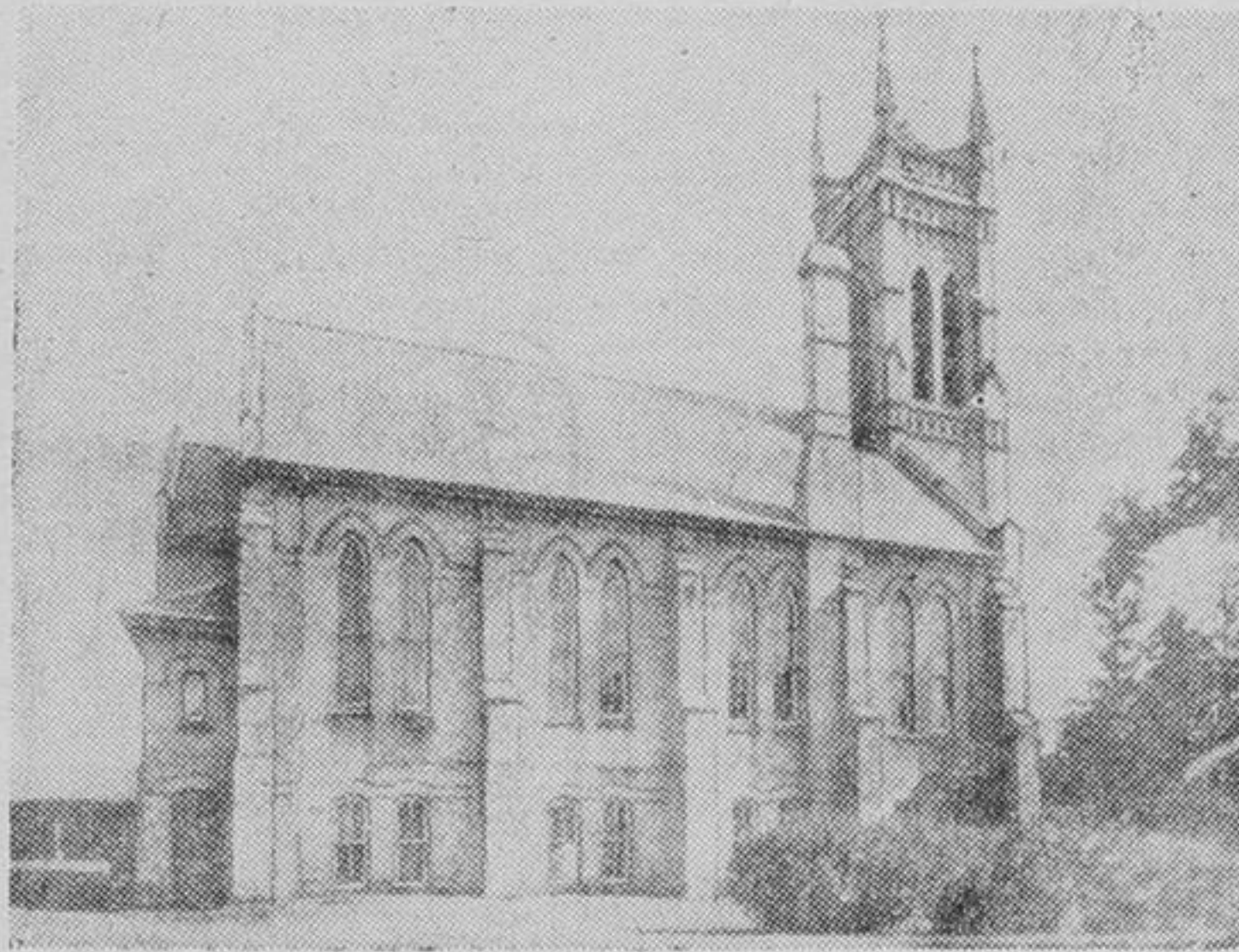
Reeve George Mitchell of North York was the only member to vote against the appointment of Warden Toole and Ex-Warden Harris. He said he wished to refrain from voting "in protest against lobbying, because you are only perpetuating that which you are professing to eliminate." He was told he could not refrain from voting, and his vote was recorded "Nay". A motion by Mr. Mitchell to advertise for applications was lost.

RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS IN GROCERY BUSINESS

One of Richmond Hill's oldest established business places, the grocery of Mr. F. E. Sims, is closing according to announcement elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Sims started in the grocery business here thirty-five years ago. Mr. Sims has sold his business property but will continue to live in the village.

## RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 125th ANNIVERSARY TO BE MARKED SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th

Congregation Was Organized in 1817 With Rev. William Jenkins as the First Minister



The celebration on Sunday and Monday, September 20th and 21st of the 125th anniversary of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church will be an event of more than usual interest. As the history of the early beginnings is closely interwoven with that of the community it is of interest to many besides Presbyterians.

This congregation is the oldest Presbyterian one west of Kingston, outside the Niagara district this event celebrates the beginning of Presbyterianism in Western Ontario. Then too, the Richmond Hill church is the mother church of many congregations covering an extensive district north to Lake Simcoe, and from Woodbridge in the west to Whitby in the east.

This Richmond Hill Church, the first of any denomination here, was organized in 1817 by the Reverend William Jenkins, and for nearly four years worshipped sometimes in the open air and at other times in houses. The first Presbyterian service was conducted and the first sermon preached in a pine grove where the cemetery is now. In 1818 Mr. Jenkins organized St. Andrew's, Scarborough, and twelve years later it was separated from Richmond Hill to form a new charge under its own minister. Rev. William Jenkins was born in 1779 in Forfarshire, Scotland, graduated from Edinburgh University and served for twelve years as a missionary to the Oneida Indians in New York State. From thence he came to Richmond Hill in 1817 where he laboured until his death on Sept. 25th, 1843. Because of the scarcity of currency his stipend was negligible, and in order to make a livelihood took up a homestead south of the present village and in true pioneer style hewed out of the forest for himself and family a home. The story is told that on one occasion he paid for the grinding of his wheat by preaching a sermon. It is a matter of record that when he decided to come to the Richmond Hill district with its many uncertainties and privations he had the offer of an attractive position as a Professor at Princeton University.

In 1883 under Mr. Jenkins' leadership the congregation became a charter member of the first Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church. This was called the Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas, and at the time of his demise he was the Moderator of the Presbytery.

The settlement of this district by a steady influx of pioneers soon made the large Richmond Hill charge unwieldy so that during the ministry of Rev. Mr. James Dick, Thornhill was organized as a separate congregation as were Laskay, East King or Temperanceville, and others.

The present beautiful and commodious church was erected in 1880 under the leadership of the Rev. Isaac Campbell, and in 1915 during the ministry of the Rev. Robert Herbison a Casavant pipe organ was installed. During the 125 years of existence this congregation has had sixteen ministers. They are:

Rev. William Jenkins, 1817-1853  
Rev. Walter Scott, 1845-1847  
Rev. James Dick, 1847-1877  
Rev. Isaac Campbell, 1877-1884  
Rev. J. W. Cameron, 1884-1887  
Rev. W. W. Percival, 1887-1894  
Rev. James Grant, 1894-1909  
Rev. E. C. Currie, 1909-1913  
Rev. Robert Herbison, 1914-1918  
Rev. W. M. Hay, 1919-1923  
Rev. J. W. McIntosh, 1923-1925  
Rev. Malcolm Campbell, D.D., 1925 and 1927  
Rev. Charles A. Mullin, 1928 and 1929  
Rev. David Marshall, 1929-1933  
Rev. J. D. Cunningham, 1934-1940  
Rev. S. W. Hirtle, 1941—

The first Session was composed of Rev. William Jenkins, Moderator, Messrs. Robert Marsh and James Miles, Elders. The present Session consists of Rev. S. W. Hirtle, B.A., Moderator; Mr. Jos. A. Monkman, Clerk; Messrs. Cairns Marsh, J. E. Smith, J. Beresford and Milton Savage Sr., Elders.

Mr. C. Marsh is the sixth generation and a lineal descendant of Robert Marsh, a member of the first Kirk Session.

Other officers of the church today include: Chairman Board of Managers, Frank Schissler; secretary, G. S. Walwin; treasurer, Garfield Yerex. Mrs. Thomas Moore is president of the Women's Association which will mark the historic occasion by serving a hot chicken dinner Monday evening; Mrs. G. S. Walwin is president of the W.M.S.; Mr. William Pollard, Sunday School Supt., and Mr. George Moorley, organist and choir leader.

Special services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday evening after the Chicken Dinner there will be a special service of praise in charge of the Toronto Presbytery.

Sunday morning at 11 a.m. the special preacher will be Rev. Dr. G. Stanley Glen of Glenview Presbyterian Church, Toronto and there will be special music by the Male Choir of Knox Presbyterian Church, Vaughan. In the evening the Minister, Rev. S. W. Hirtle will preach and there will be special numbers by the choir assisted by outside talent. Monday evening at 8.15 the service will be presided over by Rev. A. G. MacPherson, Moderator of the Toronto Presbytery and the address will be given by Dr. J. W. McNamara, Clerk of the General Assembly.

## King and Vaughan Plowing Match To Be Held Oct. 22nd

The annual plowing match of the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association will be held at the farm of Alfred Bagg on Number 7 Highway at Edgeley, Thursday, October 22nd. This was decided at a meeting of the directors held last Friday evening at the home of the president, J. Carl Saigeon at Maple. The meeting was well attended and the enthusiastic reports of the directors augurs well for a successful match this year.

## Bedford

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19  
"TEXAS"  
With WILLIAM HOLDEN, CLAIR TREVOR, GLENN FORD  
AND  
"BEDTIME STORY"  
With FREDRIC MARCH, LORETTA YOUNG

MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 22  
"GENTLEMAN AFTER DARK"  
With MIRIAM HOPKINS, BRIAN DONLEVY  
— ALSO —  
"CONFIRM OR DENY"  
With DON AMECHE, JOAN BENNETT

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 24  
"YANK ON THE BURMA ROAD"  
With LORAIN DAY, BARRY NELSON  
— ALSO —  
"MARRIED THE BOSS' DAUGHTER"  
With BRENDA JOYCE, BRUCE EDWARDS

NOVELTY — WHAT ABOUT DADDY

## County Councils Should Be Abolished Says Reeve of York

Is Costly Fifth Wheel on Administration Wagon—Reeve MacRae Who Started Investigation Of T. & Y. Road Commission Would Do Away With Commission and County Council As Well

Reeve F. J. MacRae of York Township who instigated the investigation of the Toronto and York Roads Commission advocates the abolition of the Commission and of all County Councils. In an interview with "The Liberal" this morning Reeve MacRae said "County Councils are fifth wheels in the wagon of administration and should be abolished." As a first step he suggested the Toronto and York Roads Commission be done away with.

"The amount paid to county councillors, fifty in number, for sitting in York County council three times a year, for ten days at each sitting, came to \$23,043 in 1941. This could be done away with, entirely.

"County council's chief function now is the collection of monies from municipalities in the county and the redistribution for various purposes, this also could be eliminated."

Mr. MacRae said the Provincial Department of Highways could take over the job of the County Roads Commission, as the department's activities have been curtailed for the duration. The county's secondary education grants, he suggested, which amounted to \$237,221 during 1941, could be handled much more efficiently by the Provincial Department of Education.

"Other items on the county administration are merely the payment of salaries to certain employees. These total about \$45,000 annually and are entirely unnecessary," he added.

Terminating the municipal organization of the Province of Ontario "fit for the horse and buggy days," Mr. MacRae urged that Premier Hepburn take under advisement the elimination of roads commissions and ultimately county councils.

"Let us not be slaves to forms of government which have been set in the past at great expense to the overburdened taxpayer," he concluded.

SAYS THANKS FOR HELP OF "COMMANDOS"

Dear Mr. Smith:—  
My son and I wish to express our thanks to you and the other Richmond Hill Farm Commandos who carried out two such successful "raids" on our farm. Your wonderful spirit of co-operation in sacrificing your evenings and your half holidays in order to save the crop has been very much appreciated in this district and should prove an inspiration to us all.

Yours truly,  
Elsie M. Campbell.

## HIGH SCHOOL RE-OPENING

Richmond Hill High School will reopen for the fall term Tuesday, September 22nd, in accordance with instructions from the Department of Education. Prospective students are urged to provide themselves in advance with books and necessary supplies so that school work may proceed throughout the day without further loss of time. See list of books elsewhere in this issue.

JAMES SKEELE,  
Chairman High School Board.

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