

Ralph Paris Again Heads Polls Council Is Returned In Light Vote

Richmond Hill voters returned the 1945 village council to office for another year last Monday when 495 of a possible 974 ballots were cast. Reeve William Neal was returned by acclamation at the nomination meeting a week previous to the election.

Ralph Paris headed the polls with Wes. Middleton in second position, a close runner-up, followed by Allan Bales and P. C. Hill in a neck to neck race for third and fourth place. Only three ballots separated Mr. Hill from Mr. Bales.

Two new comers, Cecil Mabley and Capt. 'Jim' McLean, polled excellent votes, and observers pointed out that their only drawback was in not being as well known to the electorate generally as the men in office.

The triumph of Ralph Paris was generally applauded. He is one of the best known and most highly regarded business men in the village, and it is said of him that he brings always to his duties as councillor, sound judgment and unbiased point of view.

Much the same is said of Councillor Wes. Middleton. He has served the village long and faithfully as an elected representative in addition to giving his time free of financial emolument as building inspector. Coming within 29 votes of heading the polls, there were those on election night who devoted time to the analysis of his policies. They credited his popularity to the fact that he has never turned a deaf ear to anyone seeking his help and to the point of view he consistently holds and which he disclosed through the Voters' Open Forum of The Liberal, namely, that the one and only way to conduct public business successfully is to look upon it as one would look upon his own personal business.

Although in hospital, and unable, therefore, to carry on a personal election campaign, Allan Bales was re-elected on his excellent record as a public administrator. It is well known that he gives of his time and ability unstintingly to the public business, and that the highly efficient service now furnished every home by the waterworks is largely the result of his painstaking efforts.

P. C. Hill will also serve in the 1946 council. He is regarded as the dynamic power of that body. His convictions are invariably clear cut and sound and when that very human tendency to "let things drag" manifests itself, Mr. Hill is quick to demand action and, when he turns on the power, action is the one certain result. With conditions returning to normalcy and the dropping of war time controls, greater freedom by council will be possible and much will be forthcoming of benefit to the village as a result of Mr. Hill's courage and business judgment.

One of the unfortunate results of the election was that neither Cecil Mabley nor Captain 'Jim' McLean "made the grade". It has been said that nothing is impossible to the electorate, but apparently that view must be modified. Certainly the electorate was unable to put six men into four offices.

"Cec." Mabley has the years before him as a young business man of Richmond Hill. He is a representative of the younger generation and he is deeply interested in municipal affairs. His setback, therefore, is but temporary.

Captain McLean is also a young man with years of useful service ahead of him, but his position is somewhat different from that of Mr. Mabley. He has acquired knowledge during the war as an officer in the discharge depot that would have been invaluable to the village particularly this coming year with respect to soldier re-establishment. His father served the village ably for years, and out of loving remembrance for him, Captain McLean set aside his own abhorrence of the

spotlight of publicity, his diffidence and disinclination to step into the role of community guide, or even assistant community guide, and permitted friends to nominate him.

Hold-Up and Fire Near Hill Sunday

Autoists for miles around the village were attracted by a glow in the sky Sunday evening to a fire at Jefferson which kept Richmond Hill and Aurora fire brigades on their toes for nearly three hours. It was the first call in five months for the Richmond Hill brigade.

Fred Sadler, operator of the farm, said the entire summer crop was lost. Mr. Sadler and his neighbors were able to rescue eight cows and two horses from the barn, but four pigs perished, and the barn was almost razed as was the adjoining grain barn. A car belonging to Cecil Morton, standing between the two barns, was also wrecked.

As he approached the scene of the fire from Richmond Hill, Harold J. Mills, who recently returned from the war, was flagged by a man with a flashlight. He stopped his car and the stranger, who proved to be armed, ordered him to hand over his wallet. With a gun in his ribs, Mills obeyed, but his wallet contained only \$9.00.

The robber, on obtaining it, jumped into a car in which another man was waiting and sped northward. Mills gave chase but lost the other car near Aurora.

OTTAWA MOVE AIDS GROWERS OF POTATOES HERE

W. N. Keenan, chief of the plant protection division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, has asked the Liberal to make note of the fact for potato growers of the Richmond Hill district that small seed from crops from "Foundation" or "Foundation A" fields may be considered as eligible for the production of seed of the Certified class, provided the field in question is planted as a separate field from those planted with "Foundation" or "Foundation A" seed.

"Applications submitted for inspection in 1946 on this basis must clearly show that small seed has been used, and, in the case of purchases, the tags from the containers must be held for examination by the local inspector of the Plant Protection Division," writes Mr. Keenan. "In no case can fields planted with small seed be rated higher than the Certified class.

"Hitherto, the interpretation of the regulations governing the certification of seed potatoes, in which all fields must be planted with either "Foundation" or "Foundation A" seed, has applied only to seed of standard sizes. Small seed of the "Foundation" and "Foundation A" classes was not acceptable, except as applying to the grower who used his own supply and thereby assumed full personal responsibility with reference to the quality of the seed from the standpoint of virus infection.

"Owing to the fact that through bad weather unusually large quantities of small size seed have been produced in certain sections of Canada, the view has been taken that the small seed from crops classed as "Foundation" and "Foundation A" may be satisfactory for production of seed in the Certified class, under certain conditions."

Results By Sub-divisions Of Election

	Total Eligible	Bales	Hill	Mabley	Middleton	McLean	Paris	Voted
No. 1	386	117	115	82	146	88	134	195
No. 2	229	74	83	56	73	55	82	115
No. 3	359	86	76	127	82	91	114	185
Total	974	277	274	265	301	234	330	495

Spoiled Ballots — No. 2—2; No. 3—1.

Vaughan Returns Weldrick As Reeve, Hostrawser, Deputy

Vaughan township voters last Monday returned Boynton Weldrick as reeve by a vote of 708 against 433 for his opponent, James Robson, and they re-elected John Hostrawser as deputy reeve by a vote of 907 against 221 for his opponent, former councillor J. Albert Dick. Vaughan council was elected by acclamation, all new men, at the nomination meeting.

Reeve Weldrick and Deputy Reeve Hostrawser, thanked the electors for their confidence and promised them a progressive, business administration for the year 1946.

Voting in Vaughan was quiet, all candidates agreeing that taxation should be kept as low as possible consistent with road maintenance and necessary improvements.

The contest was between men who have had long municipal experience. Reeve Weldrick has had 14 years, Mr. Robson 10 years, Deputy Reeve Hostrawser eight years and Mr. Dick 12 years.



REEVE BOYNTON A. WELDRICK

KING CHOOSES GOODFELLOW And NORM. McMURCHY

Some 2810 voters of the municipality of King expressed electoral opinion at the 16 polling sub-divisions on December 3rd, in one of the keenest elections held in King township for some years. Voting in the west polls was heaviest and light in the east part of the township.

Lorne B. Goodfellow was elected Reeve with a count of 689, defeating the former reeve, Thos. MacMurphy with 400 votes. E. M. Legge contesting for the reeveship totalled 323 votes.

As Deputy-Reeve, Norman D. MacMurphy polled 894 against W. E. Barker's 504.

Council went in by acclamation, Elton Armstrong, Wm. Kehoe and T. Arthur McCutcheon. Goodfellow and Armstrong are the only members of the former council to be returned to office.

It goes without saying, Thomas MacMurphy, E. Milton, Legge and W. E. Barker carried out responsibilities as representatives of the township with sincerity and efficiency. The incoming body comes into execution with full desire to carry forward the administration in a manner creditable to the long standing honor of King township. The greatest power lies with the co-operation of the residents of the municipality, for any governing body is as strong as its weakest link, and the link is indicated by the integrity and co-operation of the individual, meaning you and me.

New Fire Truck Is Proposed For Village

The people of Richmond Hill can well be proud of its volunteer fire-fighters. This was proven in tests made Wednesday morning by an inspector from the Canadian Fire Underwriters. From the time the first call was put in until the truck and 11 members of the brigade were at the scene was exactly four and one half minutes, which is very quick work on the part of the brigade and proves that they are prepared to do their duty and protect the village at all times.

The inspector inspected equipment of the brigade and all is in excellent condition, but one item which he highly recommended was the purchase of a new fire truck, the present one being purchased in 1924. The Village Council have been considering this item for some time and no doubt it will be one of the main items in this year's budget.

New Owners Take Over Kerr's Bakery

Kerr Bros. who for the past 16 years have supplied the village and district with bread and cakes will this week vacate the business to its new owners, Pearson Bros.

Sgt. Vernon and F.O. Bernard Pearson of Toronto have recently been discharged from the R.C.A.F. after serving several years overseas. They will manage the business until such time as their parents arrive from London, England to assist them.

A. Reesor Elected Markham Deputy

In a spirited contest, Albert Reesor, a member of Markham council for 11 years, was elected Monday last to the post of deputy reeve in succession to Wm. L. Clarke who resigned the post a short time ago to take the position of assistant road superintendent.

Mr. Reesor polled a vote of 360, his opponent, Dalton Rumney, being a close runner-up with a vote of 337. Markham councillors, with their votes, were elected as follows:

Win Timbers 493
L. J. Couperthwaite .. 344
R. L. Stiver 295

Stewart McQuay, in fourth place was defeated by only 50 votes, his total being 245.

Local Boys Have First Hockey Games

The Richmond Hill teams entered in the T.H.L. started their activities on Monday night of this week at the Icelandia Arena. These were only exhibition games and are for the purpose of giving the teams practice.

The first game saw Richmond Hill Minor Bantams playing Chisholm Rangers. This ended in a tie score 1-1. The local goal was scored by Allan Hill.

The Minor Midgets went down to defeat at the hands of Toronto Elevators by the score of 2-1. Bud Watson scored the Hill's only counter. This game was very rough and the referee had his hands full keeping the boys from fighting.

50th Anniversary

On November 27th, 1895 in the little church in Carrville, Ida R. Mellish and James A. Pearson were united in marriage by the Rev. Alfred Bedford. This was the first wedding solemnized in that church and the bride and groom were presented with a beautiful Bible to mark the occasion. The following February they moved to Thornhill to the house where they now reside and have always been keenly interested in community life.

Mrs. Pearson has been an active member of different organizations, both church and non-denominational and for a number of years was president of the Women's Institute. She was a member of the choir of the United Church and on many occasions presided at the organ. As his first enterprise in Thornhill Mr. Pearson operated the retail butcher shop in the brick block where Mr. Jamieson now carries on a hardware business. Later he sold his business to Mr. Frederick Farr, entering the wholesale field and in 1921 bought the property at the corner of Yonge and John Sts. which necessitated adding farming to his other activities. Mr. Pearson was a member of the Thornhill Band and has always been a great lover of hockey and lacrosse, for many years heading up the Thornhill Hockey Club. On Tuesday, Nov. 27th, 1945 they observed their golden wedding anniversary very quietly, enjoying beautiful floral tributes, cards, telegrams and other gifts received from their many friends.

Get McLean Co-operation In Helping Ex-Service Men New Village Council Urged

The Liberal has received the following letter from a well known Richmond Hill veteran:—

Richmond Hill, Dec. 4, 1945.
The Editor of The Liberal,
Richmond Hill.

Dear Sir:—

Defeat of Captain James McLean at the polls this week is a keen disappointment to the veterans of the village and the entire district, not to mention ex-service men with whom Capt. McLean has come in contact in all parts of Military District No. 2. They know him to be a hard working, conscientious soldier and a teacher who has done wonderful things for many of the lads called to service in our six years of war. They know he has their interests at heart and that, if given the chance, he would have every one of us re-established in civilian life without loss of time. That is what we want, not a memorial, not our names on a marble or stone slab, but a job. Richmond Hill, as a village, has not raised one little finger to help any of us so far, and by diligent inquiry I have learned that not one step is planned or to be planned here in the way of community co-operation with the Dominion government towards giving us the "break" we have a right to expect.

Well, so be it! The present village policy won't mean lower taxes. It will mean higher taxes plus the dole as it did during the depression.

Captain McLean may have erred politically in not confining himself in the election to generalities. But he happened to know several important things and he unhesitatingly 'put his cards on the table.' He knew, for example, where to go for and how to obtain several new industries for Richmond Hill. That would have solved one of the most vexing problems of soldier re-establishment, namely, the problem of employment for many of the village veterans through the next few difficult years of industrial re-adjustment. Incidentally, it would have been a most effective move towards keeping down or lowering the tax rate especially over the period when higher taxation looms because of the village's plan to establish a community wide sewage system.

Captain McLean planned also to give of his teaching experience in an effort to enlarge the educational system of the village to community proportions, and thus to give the young people, the veterans and their brothers and sisters and cousins who have left school, the advantages of technical education. The program he proposed has received the highest endorsement of Canadian educationists and the Dominion government who claim for it that it can be put into effect by a community with schools without heavy expenditures, but merely by employing the present "school plant" about 12 hours a day instead of six hours.

Are we going to pass up such plans for industries and education, or has the reeve and council the courage to invite Capt. McLean to

be 'friend of the council' just as the courts invite experts to be 'friend of the court' in cases that call for technical, special or highly accurate knowledge?

A veteran of World War 2 whose father served in World War I.

Why Buy In City? No Reason For It Reporter Learns

The Liberal's "Inquiring Reporter" asked six residents of Richmond Hill this week whether they feel called upon to make a special trip or special trips to Toronto to do their Christmas shopping. Eight women were interrogated and four men. Their answers follow:—

(1) One recent Christmas I went to Toronto and tried to bring eight parcels home on the city street car and radial. They weren't very large parcels, but they were large enough to be a burden. I got home with seven. One of them, and it was one of the most valuable, I left on the city street car. I had to phone the T.T.C. and go back to the city next day for it, and until I had it I naturally suffered a mental upset. Since then I have done all the shopping I possibly can do in the village.

(2) It depends somewhat on what you want to buy. Some things, of course, are not handled by the village stores, but I find I can get good value for my money in Richmond Hill.

(3) Money always counts with me. I read the city ads, and see what I can do here, counting in the fact, of course, that I have to pay radial and street car fare when I go to Toronto. Then when I can get what I want here I buy here.

(4) Not only at Christmas but all the year round I buy in the village. I have a good scheme. If the stores here haven't got what I am looking for, I ask whether they would like to try to get it. I haven't had one of them say 'no' yet, and they usually have the goods for me next day. So I often save even the telephone charge of ordering from a Toronto store.

(5) If I am in Toronto I don't hesitate to buy in the stores there and bring my purchases home. I used to go to the city about once a week to do my buying, but I have cut that out. I found it doesn't save me any money.

(6) Make a special trip to Toronto? Sure I do. My girl is going to get a diamond ring for a Christmas present this year? How am I going to buy that here?

LIONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Lions Club will be held tonight in the Lions Den at 6.30. This will be a business meeting and all members are urged to be present.

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