

Hurrying New Fire Truck Who Wants The Old One?

The Municipal council at its March meeting decided to speed up delivery of the new fire truck, and instructed the clerk to write to the firm from which it has been ordered with respect to its delivery.

Disposition of the present truck was also discussed. "We certainly mustn't think of selling it before we get the new one, pointed out Councillor Middleton.

Whether it would be advisable to retain it permanently as an auxiliary or sell it after the new one arrives was debated.

"Our firemen say they don't want to ride on it any more than they have to," declared Councillor Middleton. "So what would we do with it if we kept it?"

"What could we get for it?" asked Councillor Paris. "Some people might say it is in its old age."

The suggestion was made that it

might be worth \$100, but that was doubtful, and whether it would be worth more than that to the village was also conjectured.

The parking of cars on Wright St. in such a way as to make egress of fire equipment from the firehall difficult received the hearty condemnation of council, and it was decided a sign should be erected pointing out that the firehall is a firehall and that no parking in front of it is permitted.

A letter suggesting a new form of insurance for the firemen was received and will be referred to Fire Chief Bert Cook.

Council also gave effect to new provincial legislation with respect to safety provisions for public halls and other places where people assemble by passing a by-law along the lines approved by the provincial fire marshal.

Mabley Taking The Headache Out Of The Arena Problem

A man in a new job or starting a new business usually attracts considerable attention. He's news, and to most folks news always concerns the man or woman courageous enough to do something different, something they have not been hitherto doing. But if that is true of private endeavor, much more does it apply to the man or woman who finds himself or herself in public office. Instead of interesting a mere handful of people, he or she then commands the attention of the entire community.



CECIL C. MABLEY

All of which leads us to a consideration of Richmond Hill's newest councillor, C. C. Mabley, his point of view and his method of prosecuting the task before him. Mr. Mabley is chairman of the so called Arena committee succeeding in that post, a most capable predecessor, Councillor Ralph Paris. The uninitiated might consider the arena a municipal enterprise that can largely take care of itself. They ought to ask either Mr. Paris or Mr. Mabley about it, and they will undoubtedly have their eyes opened. Questions involving operation of the arena crowd in Mr. Mabley every day in the week and sometimes about every hour in the day, and they all have to be settled. Largely they resolve themselves into one of making the arena pay for its own maintenance without depriving the kids who want to play hockey or the fellows who are interested in other sports of their pleasure.

For he it is known that the youngsters who play hockey are not always able to "draw a gate" that will meet expenses. What is to be done with them? Are they to be denied use of the ice? Councillor Mabley is absolutely opposed to any such solution, and he is now evolving a set of rules or principles that will take the headache out of such problems alike for players, public and council. He gave a hint of what may be expected at the March meeting of council. It has to do with standardized fees and a clear understanding of rights and obligations.

In his conduct of the arena, the new councillor has undoubtedly demonstrated exceptional capacity to cope with difficult situations, but to those who follow the proceedings of council he has shown also ability of high order in other directions. Always his first and most outstanding concern at council meetings is to inform himself fully on any subject on which he may be called on to vote. He does so speedily and with accuracy, and when he has reached a conclusion or decision, it's a safe bet he will be prepared to follow whatever course is in the best interests of the village.

It is well that the vexed problems associated with the conduct of the arena should be in the hands of "Young Mabley," and the community can be congratulated on having him in council.

Following similar action by other Ontario communities, Richmond Hill will submit a request to the Ontario Municipal board for permission to pay the reeve of the village \$200 per year and each of the councillors \$100.

Decision to make the request was reached at the March meeting of council following a discussion of the subject, but the members were of the unanimous opinion that only so-called "token" compensation be indicated rather than amounts based on the services rendered by council.

The move by council puts the village in line with other representative Ontario communities such as Aurora.

Pay For Council Put Up To Board

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Lions And Village Council Get Together On New Hall

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On the motion of Councillor Wes. Middleton, seconded by Councillor Ralph Paris, the village will turn over the \$5,000, already earmarked for such a project, on the condition set forth, namely, that the building be turned over to the village.

"The Lions hope to make the hall something of which every resident of Richmond Hill will have reason to be proud," said Councillor P. C. Hill, "and it will certainly supply a much felt need."

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Lacrosse Likely At Arena Stabilize Fees For Rink

Charges for the use of the Richmond Hill arena will be stabilized, and the question of the rate to be paid for the use of the rink for lacrosse, probably \$15 per game, will be decided at the next meeting of the municipal council.

"We must put the question of charges on a definite footing," said Councillor C. C. Mabley, at the March meeting of the council. "We should know when we rent the rink where the money is coming if we are to keep the undertaking on a business basis.

Councillor Mabley suggested that council go into the entire subject as a committee and prepare a report of its findings so that there may be no confusion when the next hockey season opens.

Council also discussed the subject of financing the public library. "Residents of Markham and Vaughan

use our library, and we are glad they find it available," said Reeve Neel. "We cannot, however, continue to overlook the fact that the councils of these two municipalities pay nothing towards its maintenance. We have had the subject up at various times, but nothing has come of it. We ought now to press it to a conclusion. We are glad to lend the books. We are glad to have them to lend, but I can see no good reason why, if the books are jointly used by township and village residents, the library should not be jointly maintained.

The question will be taken up with the councils of Vaughan and Markham.

Council also decided to purchase the necessary "no ston" signs to go with the traffic signs, and to make a survey of the village with a view to providing street name signs.

Big Orange Demonstration To Be Held Here July 12

Richmond Hill will see one of the best Orange demonstrations ever staged in this district on July 12 next, according to the present plans of local lodge and county heads of the order.

Lodges from various other centres have been invited to attend and an impressive street parade will be one of the features. Use of the park and arena has been requested, and the municipal council at its March meeting left the question of making arrangements with the order for these facilities with Councillor C. C. Mabley, chairman of the parks and arena committee.

"One of our chief concerns," pointed out Reeve Neel, "is that when the park is used it be left in a tidy and orderly condition. A large crowd of people, many of them inclined to have picnics, cannot help but 'mess things up,' but I am quite sure our Orangemen will take care of straightening up the park after the demonstration."

The Orangemen's big day in recent years has been staged in various other towns and villages of the district, but this is definitely to be Richmond Hill's year, and the fact that the Order's orphanage is located here will have the effect, it is expected, of drawing an unusually large crowd. There will be special speakers, and the event promises to be a really enjoyable one.

General Holiday On Nov. 11
Request Of R. H. Legion

Richmond Hill branch of the Canadian Legion went on record this week as favoring legislation that will effect the enforcement of a public holiday every November 11, known after the first great war as Armistice Day.

The question was taken up at the Dominion convention of The Legion at Quebec last year when a motion was passed asking that November 11 be proclaimed a national holiday and be called Remembrance Day "in order that opportunity may be given to all our people to pay proper tribute to our dead."

Councillor Bert Phelps of Vaughan township, president of the Richmond Hill branch of the Legion pointed out to the Liberal that while the government, supported by local proclamations, may declare November 11 a public holiday, there is no penalty provided for non-observance, and that, therefore, nothing can be served by prosecuting those who do not observe the holiday.

"That goes for Christmas, New Year, Easter and all the holidays," declared Mr. Phelps. "Remembrance Day is in exactly the same class as all the other holidays but it is only that day on which there is a division of opinion.

"In the first war 60,000 Canadians died that we might have a Remembrance Day and in the war that ended last year 40,000 Canadians died to save our homes and our businesses from domination by the enemy.

"Is it too much to ask that business give the veterans full opportunity to observe that day without having to report for work as usual?" asked the Legion president. "Was it not those 100,000 Canadians who died and many thousands of other service men and women who fought and sacrificed in order that big business might carry on and do business and should not those large city business places show and remain closed for that day?"

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and the other holidays. Is it too much that the veterans who fought that we might enjoy those holidays should be permitted a day for themselves? Is there any other holiday, except Christmas and Easter, that demands a complete cessation from business more than Remembrance Day?"

Average Price \$316.
At Holstein Sale

One of the good Holstein dispersal sales of the year was that of the Oak Crest herd of Frank D. Hubert, Downsview, which sold on February 26 for an average of \$316 on 38 head, these bringing a total of \$12,030.

Highest price paid was \$765 by Findlay Dairy Farms, Edgely, for a five-year-old cow, Oak Crest Diplomat Pauline. Findlay Dairy also paid \$675 and \$580 for a pair of six and five-months-old calves respectively. Both were sired by the noted Abegweit Iron Duke.

Heifer calves sold exceptionally well, 8 of these averaging \$353, 18 milking females averaged \$338, 6 bred heifers, \$271; 5 open yearlings, \$264; and one bull calf \$160. The big buyer of the day was H. W. Gills, Richmond Va., who purchased 9 head for a total of \$2,720. These included a bred heifer at \$400 and a milking three-year-old at \$425. Stewart Rutherford, Bolton, bought a four-year-old cow for \$450, while Edward T. Bowers, Medina, Ohio, paid \$415 and \$405 for a pair of three-year-olds.

Other good prices included \$390 and \$380 by Hon. George S. Henry, Tompkins, for an open yearling and a heifer calf respectively; \$305 by Thos. Flett, Oshawa, for a seven-month-old heifer calf; \$350 by J. C. Egan, Mono Road Station, for a three-year-old; \$390 by Fred W. Gardhouse, Malton, for a milking two-year-old; and \$395 by W. J. Cleave, Norval, for a three-year-old.

Lillian Warrington Home Tells Of War Experiences

Lillian Warrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Plewman, returned this week to her parents' home from Bromley, Kent, near London, England, after an absence of nine years.

Mrs. Warrington taught at Whitney school, Moore Park, in Toronto, for four years and in 1931 she attended the United Church's Canadian academy. After graduation she took a position teaching in Kobe, Japan. While she was in Japan, she met Eric Warrington, an engineer installing a steam generating electric plant. They were married in Richmond Hill and in 1935 went to England.

"My husband had many pictures of electric plants in Japan," Mrs. Warrington said, "and when war broke out, he gave them all to the air ministry in London. All his work in Japan has been pretty well wiped out by the Allied air forces."

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Extra Saturday Night Radial To Be Operated Leaves City At 1.40 a.m.

All Yonge St. radial traffic is not handled in the day time. Surveys by the T.T.C. show that night travel is growing, and that on Saturday night it is particularly heavy, so much so that the commission notified the village council at its March meeting that a special car would be operated from the city limits to the village, starting at 1.40 a.m. Sunday morning and returning to Toronto at 2.20 a.m.

"We expect this service will be a convenience not only for theatre goers and other residents of the village who may be in the city late Saturday evening, but also for Toronto people visiting in the village and attending dances and meetings," said a T.T.C. official to The Liberal.

"Do many city folks visit in Richmond Hill Saturday evening?" he was asked.

"Yes, indeed," he replied. "You might be surprised also if you knew how many Toronto people attend your young people's dances and other affairs, and how many others make calls on friends all along the line from Lansing and Willowdale northward."

"Will this extra trip be the forerunner of others?" he was asked. "It undoubtedly will if and when there is a demand for such trips. Our one idea is to provide the best service we can provide day and night. Car and other shortages just now make this difficult, but you can be sure that we are doing our best and will in time overcome all obstacles.

Incinerator Plan Well Received

Representatives of Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket met at Aurora this week to consider Reeve William Neel's proposal that the three communities establish a joint incinerator.

The plan was enthusiastically received by the councillors of the other towns, and the question of costs will be gone into with a view to putting a definite proposition before the councils involved.

One suggestion that will also be further considered was the possibility of interesting private capital in the construction of an incinerator, with each of the towns sharing merely in the cost of operation.

Icelandia At Arena Pleases Big Crowd

(By Glad McLatchy)

In spite of heavy snow drifts, crowds jammed the arena to enjoy the Ice Follies sponsored by the Anglican Men's Club.

The Icelandia skating club lived up to its fine reputation as one of the best skating clubs in Canada and the performance of the thirty skaters was worthy of the club they represented.

With the graceful ease of a bird, many difficult movements were superbly executed to the entire amazement and appreciation of the spectators. The thunderous applause that saluted diminutive seven-year-old Margaret Keller was outstanding with shouts of "more, more" as she skated up and down the ice, pirouettes flying as she whirled unflinchingly around and around, a sure champion in the making.

The clever and humorous antics of Fred Rowland had the crowd in stitches and they responded with a great ovation.

The perfect timing and precision skating of the grand march was a grand finale to an excellent performance on the silver blades by all the Icelandia skaters.

The Anglican Men's Club wish to say thanks to Mr. Allen and to the members of Icelandia Club for a grand performance.

Cubs Collect Fat For Soap Making

Thornhill—Are you still saving every drop of waste kitchen fat? The need is still urgent, as evidenced by the lack of soap on grocers' shelves.

First Thornhill Cub Pack is in need of certain equipment, and its able submitter, Mrs. T. Jackson, has decided that by collecting used fat the boys would be doing a good deed as well as raising the necessary cash with which to purchase the equipment.

Just as soon as weather conditions permit, the lads will be at every door in the community to collect used fats, so please start saving immediately. Just strain every spoonful into a clean tin can. It is surprising how quickly these spoonfuls mount up.

THE BETTER WAY

Bumptious little Albania is being hauled before the United Nations Security Council, on British charges, for mining an international channel and causing the death of British sailors, injury to British ships. In the bad old days a British cruiser would have taken the matter in hand long ago, and a well-spoken Albania would have subsided.

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Junior Farmers On Radio Program Is Big Success

If you heard the programme of the week you were tuned to the Jr. Farmer Show over CHML last Saturday night. It was the second York County broadcast this winter.

The program was in charge of the genial farm commentator of that station, Wally Ford, and was opened by several selections from the charming sextette of Velloro "Harmonettes" composed of Orphie Orr, Mary Keffer, Jean, Ruth and Mary McGillivray and Mrs. Charles Grubbe and under the direction of Miss Margaret Watson of Kleinburg. Among their renditions were "Carolina," "Blue Skies," "Pale Moon" and the special request by the station "The Lord's Prayer".

The participants in the discussion were then introduced by Wally as Olive Shadlock, representing Unionville; Barbara Hart, representing Victoria Square; Bruce Snider of the Velloro Club and Gordon McNeern of the Sharon group. An active discussion of club policies and sponsored projects was then carried on by these participants reviewing such subjects as the club adoption of European children, club dramatic plays, church services, weed eradication and membership problems. The programme closed with two final selections from

the "Harmonettes".

Appreciation was expressed to Wally for the co-operation of CHML and his own personal interest, and he in turn extended a cordial invitation to our juniors to visit the studio at any time in the future.

The enthusiasm for such a program was evident in the number of non-partaking members who visited the studio. These included Mason Fletcher, president of the county organization, Les Hart, Gordon and Allan Orr and Jack Devins. All heartily agreed that the evening was most constructively and pleasantly spent.

Oratorical Contest In School Mar. 19

The Richmond Hill Public School Oratorical contest will be held in the High School gymnasium on Wednesday, March 19 at 8 p.m. All parents and interested citizens are invited to attend.

The pupils, under the direction of Mrs. McGillivray, will entertain you with various songs.

Miss Hallowell, the new Public School nurse, will address the parents briefly.

There will also be a presentation of athletic awards and other prizes. A silver collection will be taken at the door. Come and hear the young folk perform.

The Library Shelf

THIEVES IN THE NIGHT by Arthur Koestler, (Masmillans), 356 pages.

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CONGRATS TO CARRVILLE

Congratulations to the pupils of Carrville Public School choir which took third prize in the recent Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto.

SPRING IS HERE

A sure sign that spring has arrived is the blooms now appearing on the crocus in the gardens. This was reported to The Liberal by Mr. T. B. Lamb of Church St., Richmond Hill. His tulips are now up.

Help The Red Cross

An illustrated lecture entitled "Memories of the Motherland" will be presented by Rev. Dr. Archer Wallace under the auspices of Brown's Corners Y.P.U. on Tuesday, March 25, 1947 in Brown's Corners United Church at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your friends.

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