

## Assessment Highest Ever As Richmond Hill Shows Healthy Growth During The Past Year

POPULATION AND ASSESSMENT FIGURES AT NEW  
HIGH AS VILALGE ENJOYS RECORD BUILDING BOOM

The efficient service of W. S. Pocknell, village assessor was highly commended by Reeve P. C. Hill and members of council when he presented his annual report at Monday night's meeting. "The assessor occupies one of the most responsible positions in our municipal administration" said Reeve Hill, "and we are fortunate to have the services of Mr. Pocknell who is doing a splendid job."

The assessor's report showed a total assessment of \$1,630,044, an increase of \$208,882, over 1947, and a population of 1751, an increase of 71. The village, the report states, is enjoying a record building boom with 45 new buildings being assessed to date this year.

Mr. Pocknell's report to council was as follows:

"Once again it is my yearly duty as your Assessor to present the Assessment Roll together with the required affidavit comprising the recapitulation of the Assessment Roll for the year 1948 all of which have been duly completed in accordance with the Assessment Act. Total Assessment for Land \$ 320,979 Total Assessment Bldgs. 1,286,840 Assessment Business Tax 22,225

Making a total of ..... \$1,630,044 Less total exemptions ..... 345,275

Total assessable prop. .... \$1,284,769 These figures represent an increase of assessment on assessable property of \$126,617. The gross increase was \$208,882 over 1947.

The total population as of today is 1751 an increase of 74 over that of 1947 and this increasing weekly.

As a point of interest there have been 70 transfers by way of sales to date in the Village and up to date 45 new buildings have been subject to assessment for taxation. There are still a few properties in process of construction, which, if completed by the end of the year will be duly assessed and will add considerable to the net increase. These will be added to the Roll as an amendment as provided by the Assessment Act.

There is hardly a discussion these days, that either directly or indirectly the high cost of living is not referred to, yet when anything is said about assessment being low and should be increased to be on a parity with present day values, or at least values of even 1940, then what a wail goes up against the poor assessor — human beings are funny things.

I do however, wish to thank the Council for their support in the task you have set me to do, and appreciate your willingness to grant good assessing tools to enable me to improve the effectiveness of the Assessment Department thereby adding prestige to that position.

We hear much about the words "Public relations" and they apply to the Assessment Department as well as any other office dealing with the people of our community, and it should be your attempt as well as mine to acquaint and inform the taxpayers as to what the assessor means to local government and how he carries out the responsibilities of his office. Each one of us should feel a personal responsibility to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself publicize its organization, so that we can truly be assessment conscious.

The Village as a whole is experiencing the largest boom in its history, and the Assessment Department has a busy job, keeping up and especially to make assessments under Section 57a of the Act, which is a "Must" for all Municipalities to do and if not

done, then the community would have no equity and uniformity in assessment and taxation. It is my sincere effort to carry out the terms of the Assessment Act to the best of my knowledge and experience."

## Special Service To Mark Village 75th Anniversary

Son of 1873 Council Member To Be  
Guest Speaker

Richmond Hill municipal council has arranged to observe the seventy-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the village with a special community church service Sunday evening, October 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

The service will be held in the United Church with members of the local clergy taking part and with Rev. H. S. Warren, B. A. of Aurora, as the special speaker. Rev. Warren was born in Richmond Hill and is a son of William Warren, a member of the first Richmond Hill council in 1873, the year of incorporation.

Many Richmond Hill old boys and girls are expected to return for the special service and among the invited guests for the occasion are His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Lawson, J. E. Smith M. P. and Mrs. Smith, Major A. A. McKenzie, M.P.P., K. L. Thompson, Warden of York County and Mrs. Thompson, G. H. Mitchell, Reeve of North York Twp. and Mrs. Mitchell, Boynton Weldrick, Reeve of Vaughan and Mrs. Weldrick, Vernon Griffin, Reeve of Markham and Mrs. Griffin, Lorne B. Goodfellow, Reeve of King and Mrs. Goodfellow, Lorne Evans, Reeve of Whitechurch and Mrs. Evans. These guests will occupy special pews with the Reeve, members of council, former Reeves and their wives. It will be an historic occasion in the life of the village and community and a capacity attendance is anticipated. Arrangements have been made to transmit by loud speakers the service to an overflow gathering in the Sunday School room.

## OBITUARY

LATE THOMAS W. NESS

The death occurred on October 1st of Thomas W. Ness at Newton Highlands, Mass., U.S.A. The late Mr. Ness was born in King Twp. near Eversley on May 2nd, 1860, and spent his early life in this district. At an early age he moved to Patterton with his parents and he attended High School at Richmond Hill. As a young man he taught school for some years and then went into the electrical business in Montreal and later in Boston, Mass., where he was manager of the Holtzer-Cadet Co.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow who was formerly Miss Ambrosine Lever of Victoria Square, two sons, three daughters and one sister, Helen B. (Mrs. J. F. Atkinson) Richmond Hill. The late Mr. Ness throughout his lifetime was a sincere Christian and was a member of the Congregational Church in Newton Highlands.

SWELL JOB

A former salesman became tired of his job and joined the police force. Later, when asked how he liked his new job, he replied:

"Swell: the pay is good, the hours O.K. and the customer is always wrong."

## Radial Revenue Increases Over The Year 1947

Car Line Profit For August  
Operation \$2,933.52

The North Yonge Radials showed an operating profit of \$2,933.52 for the month of August according to the latest report from the T.T.C. Passenger revenue for the month was \$19,114.39 an increase more than three and a half per cent over the same month in 1947. Passenger revenue for the first eight months of the year increased almost \$7,000 or nearly five per cent more than in the same period last year.

If the proposed suspension of radial service is carried out and a bus service substituted it is expected the service will operate at a loss rather than a profit.

## May Have Vote On Sewers This Year

The International Water Supply Co. has started development of the new well at the eastern limits of the village and the village will issue debentures of \$23,000 to cover the cost of the well and certain necessary main extensions. The clerk was instructed to proceed with the issuing of debentures just as soon as he had the approval of the engineer, W. B. Redfern.

The question of some action on the proposed construction of sewers was introduced by councillor Tom Taylor. "This is October" said councillor Taylor and if we're going to do anything it's time we were at it. We were to have an engineer's report by now." Reeve Hill: "Do you think we should go ahead with the vote this year?"

Councillor Taylor: "Certainly, let's get on with it. Get the report, give the facts to the people and let them vote on it."

The clerk was instructed to communicate with the engineer and ask for a report for the next meeting.

## Scouts Parade At Thornhill

On Sunday, October 17th, 1948, the public will have the opportunity to witness a Boy Scout spectacle that will be very gratifying to Scout parents and other serious minded citizens; to let them know that all is not mundane with our boys and young men.

Cubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Brownies and other Scout personnel will attend the Drum Head Service of the York Central District Boy Scouts. These services are called "Scouts Own."

Two or more Scout Bands will be present and lead the parade to Thornhill Park along highway No. 11. The Service will be conducted by District Scout Master, John Snow. The executives of the York Central District Boy Scouts Association, Mr. Clarke E. Locke, District Commissioner, Mr. Richard Edmunds, Assistant District Commissioner will be present along with other dignitaries of the Scout movement.

Troops expected to be present are: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Willowdale; Agincourt; King; Lansing; Maple; York Mills, 1st and 2nd; Milliken; Newmarket; Newtonbrook; Oak Ridges; Richmond Hill; Stouffville; Thornhill.

Where there more of this our wayward clement might, at the right age, be drawn into the "Scout" fold, where their undoubted energy could be directed to a more healthy, useful channel.

A MESSAGE FROM LAMBETH  
TO ALL ANGLICANS

On Sunday morning next, a Message from the Bishops assembled at Lambeth Conference, will be read in all Anglican churches throughout the world. This message, which is signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, will be read in many languages in many parts of the world. It is a message of inspiration and hope, and should be heard and heeded by all who profess and call themselves Anglicans. Locally the message will be read in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, by the Rector of that Church, and all local members and others interested are invited to be present.

## Richmond Hill Council Is Opposed To Suspension Of The Yonge Street Radial Service

The action of the North Yonge Radial Commission in suspending radial service as a hydro saving move was sharply criticized by all members of Richmond Hill council at the regular meeting Monday night. At a meeting last week the commission agreed to a suspension of the radial service and the substitution of a bus service to save power the change-over to become effective next Sunday.

"It looks to me we're being asked to give up our car service to help save power for North York Twp. I think the car line is among the last things we should shut off" said councillor Middleton.

"The radials are making a profit and we are asked to take them off and put on buses which will lose money" said councillor Cecil Mabley. "I think it's a shame."

"I think we've been paying the piper for North York all along and now we're being forced to give up the line to please the whims of North York again" said councillor Tomlin.

"I suggest we go on record definitely as being against any cutting off of the radial service" protested councillor Tom Taylor.

Reeve Hill said that a meeting of the members of all the municipal councils concerned was called for Thursday night when the whole matter could be reviewed. "I agreed with the other Reeves to the temporary suspension of the service on the strength of representations made by responsible officials" said the Reeve. "I have information since which does not agree with the information given at that meeting and we are going to find out exactly what is the true situation and we will act accordingly."

At the commission meeting it was stated that due to the serious hydro shortage all municipalities likely would be subjected to fifteen minute cut-offs every hour, and that when this switch pulling took place in North York Township, power for operation of the radials would have to be cut off. Authoritative information received after the meeting would indicate that there would be no difficulty in having uninterrupted power for the car line when cut-off had to be made to North York Township consumers. This information has changed the picture as it is understood the Reeves agreed to the suspension of service largely on the strength of the argument that hourly power breaks of fifteen minutes for the radial line were inevitable.

If the radial service suspension order is to be retained there still are many contentious matters to discuss at the Thursday night meeting of the councils. One is the matter of financial loss to the municipalities. Radials now operate with a substantial profit while it is anticipated buses will operate at a substantial loss. Who is going to re-imburse the taxpayers? Hydro officials have said they will not pay the loss.

The saving in hydro power amounting to between 7000 and 10,000 Kilowatt hour daily will save power for North York Township, but not any other of the municipalities concerned.

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## Markham Assessment Appeals Will Be Heard By The Council

SYSTEM OF OUTSIDE MEMBERS FOR REVISION COURT  
ADOPTED LAST YEAR NOW CHANGED

At the regular meeting of Markham Twp. Council held this week by a majority of one the council reversed last year's decision to have a Court of Revision composed of ratepayers other than members of council and the motion to adopt this practice brought forth the first recorded vote of the year. Reeve Griffin and councillor Barber and Wicks supported the motion and deputy-reeve Rummy and councillor Timbers voted for last year's method.

Reeve Griffin explained that ratepayers who are complaining about increases in their tax bills should bear in mind that the only increase this year over which the council has control is an increase of two mills in the township rate. This he contended was a reasonable increase in view of increased costs and the ex-

ed. Many are asking if North York Township is to be saved a daily blackout by the saving made in power supplied the car line, while other municipalities suffer black-outs plus the loss of their transportation system. Members of the Richmond Hill council instructed the clerk to consult with the solicitor regarding details of all radial agreements and the possible effect on the radial franchise of even a temporary emergency suspension of the service.

## Blackout Notes

Richmond Hill experienced the most serious power cuts Tuesday of any centre in the district. Power was off for an hour morning and afternoon. This was ordered by Richmond Hill council on motion of councillor Ken Tomlin, chairman of the Electric Light Committee, who said he was not satisfied with the voluntary savings made so far. "At least 75 per cent. of the people do not realize there is a power shortage," he said "and to learn this all you have to do is drive around the village and see lights going full blast."

Wednesday the power cut was reduced to a half hour morning and afternoon and this will continue all week, with further cuts then being made if necessary.

Richmond Hill's quota is 6275 kwh, daily. Sunday it was down to 6800, a reduction of 400 from the previous Sunday and this was encouraging. Monday it was up to 8000, and Tuesday even with power cuts it was down only a little more than 400kwh.

In the rural areas cuts will start October 7th, fifteen minutes morning and afternoon at time announced on notices which will be posted in the district. The rural area is over quota in consumption and substantial reductions must be made.

## Local Prize Winners At Simcoe Fair

Among the winners of the horse show awards at the Norfolk County Fair held at Simcoe, Tuesday, was Mrs. C. T. McMullen, Elgin Mills. Alfred Bagg and sons of Edgely, long-time Jersey breeders, captured the premier breeder and premier exhibitor shields, top awards at the Western Ontario Jersey championship show.

Don Head Farms of Richmond Hill took both the grand champion female award and the trophy given by Harry Collins, president of the Ontario Jersey Club, with Don Head Basil's Helen.

## LANGSTAFF

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## Reeve Casts Deciding Vote As Council Asks Provincial Police For Richmond Hill

FULL TIME OFFICER WILL BE STATIONED HERE UNDER  
AGREEMENT WITH PROVINCIAL POLICE

Richmond Hill village will have the services of a full time provincial police officer after January 1st, 1949. This was decided at Monday night's council after a deadlock which was broken by the Reeve's vote. Councillors Taylor and Tomlin sponsored the motion to enter into an agreement with the provincial police and Councillors Middleton and Mabley presented an amendment that the village advertise for the services of a full time police officer.

The matter of policing the municipality has been under consideration by council for many months. At present the council engages a part time constable and while there was general agreement that the village now needed more police service there was a marked division on council as to the best solution to the problem.

At a recent meeting a representative of the provincial police sat in with council and explained the details of the system now adopted by several Ontario municipalities whereby the policing is placed in the hands of the provincial organization. A provincial officer will be assigned to duty here and the municipality has agreed to pay \$1800 per annum plus a mileage of six cents per mile for use of his car and provide him with office space, telephone and typewriter.

Advocating the engaging of provincial police councillor Taylor pointed out that the village would have the services of a trained officer at a reasonable expenditure and he thought the time had arrived to take action. He strongly opposed a suggestion that the matter be again laid over for a month. "We've been thinking it over for three months now and it's time to take action" he said.

"I've thought it over since last meeting and I am of the same opinion now as I was then" said Councillor Middleton. "I still think we should engage our own constable so that he would carry out his duties under the jurisdiction of the council. We should have the say over our own police. I'm afraid if we get one provincial they'll soon say we need two. And then there is the cost, office, car mileage and whatnot. I said on the start it would cost us \$2700 and I

## United Church Men's Club To Meet Oct. 18

The United Church Men's Club is resuming activities for the coming fall and winter months by having an outstanding speaker for the first meeting on Monday, October 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Col. the Rev. W. Franklin Bannister, O.B.E., B.D., B. Th., minister of Simpson Ave. United Church and padre to the 1st Corps Signals (Reserve) served overseas as Senior Protestant Chaplain to the 2nd Canadian Corps from 1941 to 1945. He will use as his subject "Now Is The Hour", a most interesting discourse on the contributions made by the British people down through the centuries to this world of ours.

Col. Bannister is well qualified to discuss this contribution because besides being educated at Victoria College, Toronto, Southern College, Louisiana, and at Oxford, England, he has held several pastoral charges in Ontario, lived his early life in Western Canada, has had extensive overseas experience and since then has had active command of his charge at Simpson Ave. United Church.

Mr. Wm. Ferguson, an esteemed member of the church and club, will also assist in the programme with vocal numbers. There will be a hearty sing-song as well.

The ladies of the church have kindly consented through their president Mrs. Jas. Pollard to continue to supply the grand meals we have enjoyed so much in the past.

The executive are already planning varied and entertaining supper meetings for the future enjoyment of the men of the church, so it is expected that a large turnout of newcomers to this district and members will indicate your confidence and support. Remember the club aim is friendship and service.

don't think I was very far out," he said.

Councillor Tomlin strongly favored the provincial police. He pointed out that he took this stand because he felt under the proposed new system there would be impartial enforcement of laws and by-laws. "There is a saying that laws are made to be broken but that's not correct" he said, "Laws are made to be kept and it's our duty to see that there is impartial enforcement." He said not only would we have a trained police officer but he would have the co-operation of all provincial officers.

Councillor Cecil Mabley contended that the matter of co-operation was something we should have all the time no matter who was our police officer. "The provincial police should co-operate with local police any time. What do we pay them for, he asked. Surely he said we don't have to hire a provincial man to get the co-operation of the provincial police."

"I know we have complaints, but after all they are for petty things, not major crimes" said councillor Middleton. "We have dogs running when they shouldn't, some sidewalks not shovelled, children riding bicycles on the sidewalk, but after all these things aren't so very serious."

"I think the people of Richmond Hill are pretty good" said councillor Mabley. "I certainly don't think we them."

"It's no use locking the stable after the horse is stolen," said councillor Taylor.

After a lengthy discussion Reeve P. C. Hill cast the deciding vote against the amendment and in favor of the main motion. "The lack of enforcement of our by-laws has given me concern for a long time," he said, "and if we are to have a full time police officer I don't know where we could get a better man at any less money than we will pay the provincial officer."

"We've beaten again," said councillor Middleton as he asked for a recorded vote on the motion. "That's alright with me, by all means," said councillor Tomlin, "I'm certainly always ready to have my vote on any question recorded." "That goes for me too," said councillor Taylor.

## R.H.S.S. Sport Slants

By Keith Teetzel

Last Wednesday the annual Field Day was held at the high school. It was a perfect day, not too warm and lots of bright sunshine.

The boys' champions and runners-up were as follows: Senior Champ, John Atkinson, Runner-up, Murray Stevenson; Junior Champ, George Hooper, Runner-up, Scott Latimer; Juvenile Champ, Ted Little, Runner-up, Barry Dowdall.

The girls' champions were: Senior Champ, Lois Bourne, Runner-up, Jean Cooper; Junior Champ, Isabel Mashinter, Runner-up, Joyce Wilde; Juvenile Champ, Joan Stevenson; Runner-up Sylvia Easton.

Many new records were set up and here are those responsible.

Juvenile: Ted Little, Standing Broad and 75 yds.; Tom Ewart, Pole Vault.

Junior: George Hooper, Standing Broad, 100 yds., 220 yds.; Scott Latimer, High Jump, Hop, Step and Jump.

Senior: John Wynn, High Jump, Running Broad, 220 yds.; John Atkinson, Shot Put, 100 yds.; Murray Stevenson, Mile, Pole Vault; Pete Tobias, Discus.

All these athletes and many more will compete at the North York Richmond Hill High School placed second in the North York High Schools Field Day at Aurora on Wednesday. Aurora won first place and Newmarket third. Richmond Hill had two championship winners, Scott Latimer and John Atkinson.

## BOWLING NOTES

Morley Hall, Art Eden and Gar Yerex won the Davis Trophy and 2 nice chickens each, the premier honors in the trebles tournament at Newmarket Wednesday.

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