

Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Smith Have Golden Wedding Anniversary

On Tuesday, January 4, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Smith of Markham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Smith was the former Sarah Hoover, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian L. Hoover of Markham Township. Mr. Smith will be remembered as an active member of Markham Township Council. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been active members of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Unionville for many years. A reception was held for them on Tuesday evening at the home of their son, Nelson D. Smith, 7th line Markham, when about 30 relatives and friends met to congratulate the bride and groom of fifty years. A toast was given by Mr. Reuben Meyer of Markham, a nephew of Mrs. Smith. A three-storey wedding cake was cut by the bride.

Clarence Smith of Red Deer, Alta., were unable to be present.

Many lovely flowers, gifts, cards and phone calls were received from their many kind friends.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Miss Lucy Yerex, bride-elect, was honored at the January meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. K. Blanchard. Miss Yerex was presented with a candlewick glass sandwich plate on behalf of the members by Miss Mabel Mackay, who voiced the organization's appreciation of Lucy's services as pianist. The program featured a reading of Van Dyke's "Story of the Other Wise Man" by Miss Mary Dawson. Plans were discussed for serving dinner at the annual congregational meeting to be held Monday, January 17. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. K. Svanefelt with Mrs. Svanefelt and Mrs. H. Bourne in charge of the programme.

Province Frowns On Pet License Numbers

Car owners buying License Plates for 1949 from Bill Neal at Richmond Hill, will draw a number from between 57V1 to 83V99. Over one hundred licenses have already been issued. Although several license holders attempt to repeat the number held in the preceding year, for reasons either of sentiment or poor memory, Mr. Neal is not able to oblige them, as the Ontario Government purposely changes the series allocated to Motor License Agents from year to year.

Commercial cars in Richmond Hill and vicinity will be issued numbers between 28601C and 28750C.

Registration fees are scaled as follows:

4 cylinders, \$2.00; 6 cylinders, up to and including 28 horsepower, \$7.00; 6 cylinders, over 28 horsepower, \$10; 8 cylinders, up to and including 35 horsepower \$10; 8 cylinders over 35 horsepower \$15; 12 cylinders \$25; 16 cylinders \$35.00.

Richmond Hill Minor Bantams

This year's league has got under way again with no changes as of last year, except that one more team has been added from Maple. This team will be in our League but the sweaters and equipment are being looked after by Maple. Mr. Mike Miller is in charge of it and it will give more interest now with the five teams. The name of the Maple team will be Boston and they will be playing all their games here in Richmond Hill. The coaches of these five teams are requesting that anything donated towards equipment, etc., will be most gratefully received. Donations may be left with any of the following, Harold Mills, Derrick Mills, Elgin Barrow or Tim Saul. If you are in "Stan's" you can leave it with him also.

This year the schedule drawn up consists of 22 games, all double headers starting at 6 o'clock in the arena, every Tuesday and Friday. These are your future hockey players and citizens of the village, if you want to take the interest you should at least drop in for one game and show those who are undertaking this job of looking after these boys that you are behind them. Lots of your own boys are playing so take a little while out of something else and come on down. It won't cost you anything to get in and you will certainly get a kick out of it.

There will be three cups this year. The Champion Cup donated by Mrs. H. J. Mills Sr., and the Best Player Award donated by Mrs. Audrey Mills, as well as a Cup for the Best Net Minder in the League.

The following are the teams and their schedule: Maple Leafs, Elgin Barrow; Canadians, Tim Saul; Detroit Dick Mills; Boston (Maple), Mike Miller; Chicago, Wick Mills.

Schedule

- January 14 — Chicago vs. Leafs, 6 p.m.
 - Canadians vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
 - January 18 — Chicago vs. Leafs, 6 p.m.
 - Detroit vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
 - January 21 — Chicago vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Detroit vs. Leafs, 7 p.m.
 - January 25 — Detroit vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Chicago vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
 - January 28 — Chicago vs. Detroit, 6 p.m.
 - Boston vs. Canadians, 7 p.m.
 - February 1 — Leafs vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Chicago vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
 - February 4 — Detroit vs. Chicago, 6 p.m.
 - Boston vs. Leafs, 7 p.m.
 - February 8 — Leafs vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Boston vs. Detroit, 7 p.m.
 - February 11 — Chicago vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Detroit vs. Leafs, 7 p.m.
 - February 15 — Chicago vs. Canadians, 6 p.m.
 - Detroit vs. Leafs, 7 p.m.
- Any games which cannot take place throughout the schedule will be played after February 15.
- Two points will be awarded for each win, 1 pt. for tie (10 minutes overtime), and nothing for loss.

VILALGE CLERK, TREASURER OF CITIZENS' FUND

Russell Lynett, village clerk, has been named treasurer of a citizens committee aiding those who suffered from the tragic day-after-Christmas fire in Richmond Hill. Any donations to this fund may be left with him, at the municipal office.

Founder Of Lionism Visits Richmond Hill Lions Club

MORE THAN 300 LIONS FROM THE DISTRICT ATTEND MELVIN JONES NIGHT



Sec. Gen. Melvin Jones
Lions International

(By Lion Bill Wagner)

History in Lionism was made last Thursday night when Richmond Hill Lions Club sponsored Melvin Jones Night and Mid Winter Rally of Zone 18 Lions. This great event, the greatest in the history of the local Lions Club was held in the new Public School auditorium with 21 Lions Clubs represented and an audience of slightly over 300 Lions.

The outstanding highlight of this meeting was the presence of Melvin Jones of Chicago, founder of Lionism, a man from whose countenance shone sincerity and friendship, a man who has given over thirty years of faithful service and time in the organization and building of this great international service organization, the largest of its kind in the world today with over 7000 clubs and about 450,000 members in some 25 countries. It is the obligation of every member of this great service organization to create and foster throughout the world a spirit of generous consideration among all peoples, to promote good government, good citizenship, to take an active interest in civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community, and to unite all Lions in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To the many ladies who prepared an excellent dinner under difficult catering circumstances goes a sincere thank you from everyone present. After partaking of this sumptuous meal the meeting was called to order by Lion President Dick Edmunds who extended an address of welcome to all present. Following his address Lion District Secretary Bruce Malcolm introduced and gave a brief biography of those at the head table who were as follows: Dr. P. B. Rynard, Member Board of Lions Inter. Relations, A. M. Logan, Dist. Dep. Governor, S. Darling, District Governor, Walter Fisher, 1st. Vice Pres. Lions Inter., Melvin Jones, Secretary General Lions Inter., Dick Edmunds, Pres. Richmond Hill Lions Club, Jack Smith, M. P., Past Pres. Richmond Hill Lions Club, Bruce Malcolm, Dist. Sec., Gordon Belyea, Dist. Treasurer, R. D. Little, Past Dist. Dep. Governor, Dr. Geo. Miller, Dist. Dep. Gov. (Zone 10), Ken Tomlin, Sec. Richmond Hill Lions Club.

Lion Bruce then extended a welcome on behalf of Zone 18 to all visiting clubs. This was followed by a brief address of welcome on behalf of the Richmond Hill Lions Club to all visiting Lions by Lion Tamer Bill Wagner.

Greetings were then extended by Lion Dist. Dep. Governor A. M. Logan, Zone 18 and Lion Dist. Dep. Governor Dr. Geo. Miller, Bowmanville, Zone 10. A civic welcome was extended by Reeve Lion Percy Hill, Past President of Richmond Hill Lions Club.

At this point 1st Vice President of Lions International, Walter C. Fisher introduced the Honored Guest of the evening in his usual sincere, friendly and interesting way, giving a word picture of this most outstanding gentleman, Melvin Jones, who back in 1914-17 dreamed a dream of a great world wide service organization, a dream that indeed through his untiring efforts has come true. When this noble and grand man of Lionism rose to speak, the auditorium rang with round after round of cheers and applause and then he was given full Lions honors lead by Lion Tamer Bill Wagner.

During his address which was packed with interest and sincerity to the fullest, a pin could have been



Walter C. Fisher, 1st Vice-Pres.
Lions International

heard to drop in the crowded hall, such was the attention and interest in his remarks. He gave a review on Lionism from its beginning up to now, stressing its objects and sincerity of purpose to all the people of the world. World Peace and Service he said were uppermost in the objects of Lions International. Human beings, he said, have rights and Lions world wide are striving to see that they get these rights. Lions he said would be called on in the future to promote and bring about World Peace to all peoples. Lions can do so much to avoid depressions as they are statesmen not only on the home front but also on the international front. Every Lion, he said, should look ahead as the population of the world has tripled in the last 50 years and will in all probability double in the next 70 years, meaning that there will be some four billions of people to feed, educate, understand and to get along with. Good fellowship, he said, is so essential today as nations are so close to one another with all modern developments. Lions are mediums in accomplishing all this so let's be statesmen both on the home and international fronts and set as our goal for this great future, World Peace, Love and Freedom for all peoples.

A motion of appreciation was presented to Melvin Jones by Lion District Governor Stan Darling followed by an address and presentation by Lion Jack Smith M.P. on behalf of all Lions in Zone 18. Lion Melvin accepted the motion and presentation in a most gracious manner and remarked that the fond memory of this meeting and the gift would be with him evermore in the future.

Another highlight of the evening now took place when over 30 new members of the various Lions Clubs in Zone 18, were introduced by District Deputy Governor A. M. Logan. Each new member passed before Melvin Jones, was greeted with a warm handshake and presented with a Lions lapel button and presented with Lions credentials by District Governor Stan Darling, all of which was a most impressive ceremony. Those so inducted into Richmond Hill Lions Club were: Bert Barber, Lloyd Bell, Al Colwill, Geo. Fenwick, Gord Lewis, Archie McKinnon, Rand Phipps and Lloyd Reid.

There was just one highlight after another, the next being an announcement by Lion Pres. Dick Edmunds that he had in his hand a Lions lapel button that Melvin Jones had presented in person 30 years ago at Hyde Park Lions Club, Chicago, to our own good member, Mel Maltby, 2nd vice-president of our club. Melvin Jones was visibly impressed with this announcement, kept the button as a souvenir of this meeting and warmly grasped the hand of Lion Mel.

At this point Melvin Jones made a presentation to Lion Dr. P. B. Rynard of a Lions International Senior Gold Master Key emblem for having brought into Lionism 25 new members.

District Treasurer Gordon Belyea now took over and in a most impressive address and ceremony presented to Lion Bob Little a gold lapel button for ten years perfect attendance and to the following gold lapel buttons for five years perfect attendance, Lions Norm Chatterly, Lawson Chesley, John Greene, Morley Hall, Albert Hill, Russell Lynett, Mel Maltby, Ted Mansbridge, Alf McLatchy and Ralph Paris. Congratulations to all of you for this outstanding achievement.

Program Chairman Lion Ed Butlin

Increase In School Population Problem For High School Board

DR. F. S. HOGG, RICHMOND HILL, HEADS NEWLY FORMED DISTRICT BOARD

On Thursday evening, January 6th, the Library of the High School, the Richmond Hill High School District Board met for the first time as representatives of the larger High School area. The new area embraces the Villages of Richmond Hill and Woodbridge, the whole of the Township of Vaughan and a portion of the Township of Markham in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th concessions.

James M. McDonald, Clerk of the Township of Vaughan acted as temporary Chairman to open the meeting, introducing the members and presenting Rev. W. F. Wrixon, who held a brief devotional period after the Board Members had taken an oath of office.

All members were in attendance together with Miss Lola Jones, who carries the double position of Secretary to the School Board, and Secretary to the High School.

Dr. Frank Hogg, representing the Richmond Hill Council was elected Chairman of the Board, which consented to accept all assets and liabilities of the new school districts incorporated into the larger area. Miss Jones was re-appointed Secretary to the Board.

The following committees were then nominated:

Property Committee: Chairman, Dr. Walter Mason, assisted by Wilfred Dean, and Paul Fox.

Management Committee: Chairman Harry Charles, assisted by Morley Kinnee, Maple, and Robert Watson Vaughan Township.

Transportation Committee: Chairman Harvey Collard, Victoria Square assisted by James Maw, Nashville and Wm. French, Woodbridge.

J. W. Jennings, Inspector of High Schools explained transportation of pupils from one school district to another. In cases where it was more expedient and convenient for pupils to attend a school other than that in their own area, transportation was paid by local School Board, and fees paid to the school attended. It was agreed that pupils now attending Weston High School, Earl Haig High School and other high schools now, be not compelled to change over to Richmond Hill High School unless they wished to do so.

In the Woodbridge school district it has been the practise for the bus companies to send their bill to the Board one month after the pupil's fares had been computed, in order that truants would not be paid for. William French questioned whether the new Board would assume the charge for December. It was explained by Dr. Hogg that this was a matter of book-keeping only, and that the adjustment would be made at the end of the year.

In place of a Finance Committee, upon the suggestion of Harvey Collard, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a treasurer to the Management Committee in order to avoid



DR. FRANK S. HOGG

Recently elected chairman of the Richmond Hill High School District Board.

duplication of duties. Cheques would be valid when signed by the Chairman, Dr. Hogg, and Miss Jones.

The grant allowed the Board each year is based upon the expenditures of the previous year. Although a larger sum could be expected from the wider assessment area, a greater demand will be made on school funds. Dr. Mason explained that the school was built in 1922, and that very little by way of repair had been done until the last year, when the roof had been re-shingled, and all the doors re-hung. A large part of these expenses would eventually be repaid by the Province. Morley Kinnee asked for a statement from the secretary on the assets and liabilities, and it was found that the balance of \$3600 would not be sufficient to carry expenditures without a bank loan to ensure current expenses.

William French advised that whenever possible each municipality provide figures for their total assessment and the budget allowed transportation of pupils, in order that a picture of their future assets may be arrived at.

Principal A. Stanley Elson, and Wilfred Dean both expressed concern over the increase in population and the prospect of future overcrowding in the school room if provision could not be taken now. Mr. Elson said that last Fall 90 new pupils had started to Richmond Hill High School, and that there were actually 9 classes being held in 8 class-rooms. Mr. Dean described the increase in the Public School at Thornhill. The Board there anticipates the necessity of adding one new classroom per year to look after the additional pupils.

It was agreed to hold future meetings the first Thursday of every month, at 8:15 p.m. and to invite Mr. G. L. Duffin, Executive Assistant of Secondary Schools to be present at the next meeting in order to assist with financial planning.

Local Citizen Expresses Views On The Operation Of The Arena

An Open Letter To The Editor, "The Liberal" Richmond Hill, Ont.

Dear Sir and Fellow Citizens:

On nomination night a few weeks

ago a large gathering heard a platform speech of a newly nominated person for council to the effect that he Arena Skating Rink should be given more freely to the youngsters if this town and immediate vicinity. The old council vigorously defended their position and thanked the opposition for having brought this to their attention. They would be fair and serve all to the best of their ability out above all, of course: "The Rink had to make money" but they would be fair.

Governments and councils are not chosen for the purpose of making money. That is the free right of every taxpayer not the Government. As I understand it, the Skating Arena was originally provided through funds supplied by taxpayers in this vicinity and Richmond Hill. These taxpayers obviously approved of a recreational centre for their youngsters. It was not a privately owned corporation that built the Arena, who might exclusively have built it with the idea of making money.

It would seem as if the present council has misinterpreted its function and in more particular, that they have misinterpreted the desires of those taxpayers who originally built the arena, and the majority of the

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