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The East Vaughan Ratepayers Association held their first meeting of the new year in the school basement last Thursday evening. Plans were discussed regarding the year's activities and it was agreed a concentrated effort would be made to complete the community hall before next winter. The building committee intimated they were already in the market for material so that it will be on hand in order to get an early start before next spring.

The entertainment committee announced the first of this year's activities. It is to be a euchre to be held in the school basement, Thursday evening, January 20th, at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come one, come all.

The third reading was made of a motion to extend the boundaries of the association in an easterly direction so that the residents in Markham township in the Yonge St. vicinity may become members.

May we remind the district that the monthly meeting on the first Thursday in March will be the nomination and election of the 1949 executive of the Ratepayers' Association. Much was accomplished in the past year, however this year even more must be done — there must be no halt to the progress being made — be present at that meeting and make sure your choice is nominated for a chance to run in this year's executive elections.

The many friends of Mrs. G. Allison, the mother of Mr. Geo. Allison of Oak avenue were very much saddened to learn of her demise last week. Mrs. Allison as one of the earlier residents of the Richvale community was well known to many and it is with a deep sense of loss to know that an era of grace and courtesy has claimed one of its own. Mrs. Allison is resting in Richmond Hill cemetery.

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**13 Rue Madeleine Is  
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When Twentieth Century-Fox's exciting, action-packed adventure story "13 Rue Madeleine," which stars James Cagney, comes to the screen of the Richmond Theatre, Richmond Hill, next Monday and Tuesday, local moviegoers will be treated to a double helping of the revolutionary and excitingly realistic screen technique first introduced in the same studio's sensational "House on 92nd Street." Producer Louis de Rochemont and Director Henry Hathaway, who were responsible for the latter film, are said to have invested "13 Rue Madeleine" with even greater thrills and action-packed entertainment.

With Annabella, Richard Conte and Frank Latimore in featured roles, the picture unfolds one of the most astounding adventures ever screened — a taut and suspenseful story of espionage behind enemy lines, a saga of daring and of exploits against fearful odds unlike anything ever before filmed.

**James Cagney Heads Cast**  
 The picture marks the first time that James Cagney has accepted an outside offer since he and his brother set up their own producing company several years ago. Negotiations for Cagney's services were concluded after he read the exciting screenplay by John Monks, Jr., and Sy Bartlett, and had received an offer to play the top role.

For the principal feminine role, the studio was fortunate in having Annabella on its contract list. The blonde and talented star was ideally suited for the role of the French woman who comes to America when her country is invaded, and attempts to go back as a secret agent. Richard Conte, who scored a smash success in "Somewhere in the Night," is said to have his most ambitious role in this film, while up-and-coming young Frank Latimore plays his first heavy dramatic role.

**158 Settings Filmed On Location**  
 The story's action, laid largely in London and the countryside of France required 158 settings as backgrounds, only four less than "Wilson" which was an all-time high. To achieve the semi-documentary newsreel authenticity that gives the picture its realistic impact de Rochemont and Hathaway decided that it must be made entirely away from the studio and that this country's eastern cities and the towns and villages of French Canada would provide the finished product with a truly on-the-scene flavour. And with that decision, they embarked on one of the most difficult undertakings in movie annals.

Working with a streamlined technical crew and with specially built portable equipment that was easy to move and pack, Director Hathaway and cast went on location in Washington, Boston, Salem, Brookline, Portsmouth, Quebec and adjoining French Canadian towns, and returned with scenes that might well have been shot in London, the French town

of Pont L'Evêque, and other places on the European continent. With the exception of the leading players and a handful of supporting actors, "13 Rue Madeleine" is peopled by non-professionals who were recruited in the cities in which the film was shot.

The insistence upon incorporating so much naturalism and realism into this picture was prompted by the story itself. Some of the real occurrences used in the picture are far more exciting and daring than any fiction conceived by man. The film takes the spectators behind the scenes of the most closely guarded secrets of the Allied intelligence services during the war and shows the fearlessness of the heroes who risked their lives unsung and unheralded.

**LOCAL CITIZEN EXPRESSES VIEWS**

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 present taxpayers, who I am sure, do not want to turn a freely given recreational centre into a municipally owned business.

Something has gone wrong. Our town is practically void of organized recreational activities and training in sports. Our children hang around — nothing to do at the right times, in the right places; they don't even have the freedom to show that they may be just as able to enjoy themselves with the simple activities and sports which we ourselves used to have when we were youngsters.

Have we tried to ask the children what they would like to do. Have we surveyed the local requirements for children; or are we satisfied in Richmond Hill, to just continue to hear this reply from our children when we ask them "What are you doing today? What this evening, what tomorrow?" "Oh nothing — there is nothing to do here."

There is something wrong; and believe me, it is not the children's fault, it is not altogether the present council's fault. It is our fault, us taxpayers. We live in the best town in Ontario; a town which produced the world champion Lacrosse team, and 3 years ago we sent our hockey team to the semi-finals. Men and taxpayers built the arena to first serve the children and sports for Richmond Hill.

Now there is very, very little going on. The opportunity to bring it back is here for all of us to take advantage of. Let's all do it; it is everybody's idea and wish that we do so; but don't let us leave it to one or two citizens to do. Let's do what we can this winter so that it will be better next winter — and still better the winter after.

Richmond Hill, "the healthiest suburb of Toronto," cannot let fresh air do it all. Let's help the children to help themselves to sports activities. Richmond Hill has done it before, and will be very proud to do it again. The children need fair guidance and fair play.

Please speak up, represent your views and ideas. Isn't it disheartening to hear this reply from our youngsters to this friendly talk, "What are you doing today —?" "Oh nothing. There is nothing to do." When the plain fact and truth is that there are hundreds of families in Richmond Hill who frankly speaking are in despair and frustration because they know something can be done to bring recreation and sports activities back to where they were, and should be.

I should like to hear from other taxpayers on the subject, because:

Without prejudice, and due respect to the present councillor in charge of recreational activities, who sincerely tries to be fair; it is obvious that as a community with only one recreational centre for our teenage youngsters and public school children, we have all, by consent and failure to speak up, made the present council feel conscious that it is their duty to sell that one and only recreational centre to outsiders so that they can make money for the taxpayers.

Whether we like to believe it or not, our life is a great entail. It belongs as much to our children and those who come after us as it does to us — and we, the citizens of Richmond Hill have no right to do or neglect to do, anything which involves our children in unnecessary penalties or to deprive them of benefits which are theirs by right.

Respectfully submitted,  
 By a taxpayer and citizen of Richmond Hill, who knows that the majority of taxpayers in Richmond Hill have ideas and thoughts better than any contained in this letter, and would like to take action.

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