

## Thieves Abandon Safe In Field

All clues and records in connection with the early Sunday morning robbery at Simpson's Order Office, Richmond Hill, were turned over by Constable Frank Moore to the Criminal Investigation Branch, Toronto, to be placed on file.

The theft was discovered first early Monday morning by Mr. Wilcott, caretaker of the building, who found the door jimmied and the small safe missing. The safe was reported shortly afterwards in the grounds of the Patterson School at Bathurst and Vaughan, by Mr. Banks, the Janitor, in a lot behind

the school. It was in a badly damaged condition and the tools left beside it were identified as C.N.R. tools stolen from the Maple Station. The sum of around \$100.00 ready cash had been removed and other contents, records, vouchers, etc., were scattered about.

Mr. M. P. Maltby, living in an upper apartment a short distance away declared that he had heard a sharp splintering sound between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning. It would seem that the thieves chose a time between the hourly Yonge St. bus for their break-in.

## Business Sessions Vaughan Township Council Deal With Many Topics Of Local Interest

### RECREATION COMMITTEE TO TAKE IN ALL TWP. — MUNICIPAL BOARD HAS NOT GIVEN APPROVAL FOR RACE TRACK AT THORNHILL — COUNTY LEVY UP

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan met at the Council Chambers in Maple Thursday the 24th day of February, 1949, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Messrs. Thomas Jackson, R. H. Neil, George Nuttall, W. A. Cameron and John MacNeill, members of the Township Recreational Committee (Thornhill) attended the meeting.

Mr. G. H. Miller, representative of the Recreational and Physical Fitness Programmes (Department of Education) also attended.

Mr. Thomas Jackson outlined the progress of the work contemplated by the Committee in the construction and erection of a swimming tank at Thornhill. Matters relating to location, drainage, type of structure and contract were outlined to the Council. To qualify for grant under the Community Centre Programme (Department of Agriculture) it was suggested that the land be deeded to the Township.

Mr. Miller of the Department of Education outlined the grants payable for the operation and maintenance of recreational and physical fitness programme. The Council were advised that the By-law previously passed would be considered by the Department of Education for approval. It was suggested that the Committee should not have its activities confined to the Thornhill district alone, but rather that the Committee should assume responsibility for all areas in the Township. It was further recommended that the Committee be appointed by the form of resolution of Council rather than By-law. The Council considered the regulations and in view of the representation being made from other areas directed that no definite policy be established until these groups are heard and the matter further considered by Council.

Mr. McCrow, Kleinburg, attended the Council and requested that the Council consider the erection of a bridge across the Humber River in the property now being sub-divided in part of lot 25, concession 8. Mr. McCrow intimated that property owners in the subdivision would assume the cost of the same in the form of taxation, debentures or some means of deferred payment. Council advised that they would meet with Mr. McCrow on the property to consider the matter further.

**Morgan Boyle Agreement** — An agreement placing restrictions on the property being sub-divided by Morgan Boyle, being the east part of lot 26, concession 1, was presented to the Council. This agreement provided restrictions for land uses, the construction of the roads, alterations, etc. Council directed the Reeve and the Clerk to sign the same.

**Building Permit, Maple Concert Hall** — It was brought to the attention of the Council that renovation of the Maple Concert Hall, damaged by fire, was proceeding without first obtaining a building permit. Council directed that this matter should be referred for legal and engineering advice and the building inspector instructed to take such action as may be deemed advisable.

**Temporary Assistance, Township Office** — The clerk outlined the applications received for the position of assistant help in the Township Office. Council approved of the employment of Mrs. Wells of Teston.

**Woodbridge Annexation** — A letter from Melville Grant, Township Solicitor, was presented to the Council, briefly outlining procedure of annexation. Mr. Grant suggested that representation be made to the Village of Woodbridge, requesting that annexation be not pressed hurriedly in order that time may be given by the Township of Vaughan to consider the same.

The following resolution was passed: Moved by M. McMurchy, seconded by Jas. H. Robson: That the Reeve and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and submit to the Minister of Public Highways for the Province of Ontario, the Petition of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan showing that since the date of the contract there has been expended upon the sidewalk at Thornhill \$2,650.00 and do request that the statutory grant on the said amount. Passed.

The Council met at the Council Chambers in Maple Saturday, February 19, 1949 at 1 o'clock p.m. The following persons appeared before the Council:

**Hugh Duff** — Chairman of Vellore School Trustees — requested the Township to provide by way of deed or right-of-way, access from the property upon which the school is situated to the property recently acquired from the Department of Highways. Council considered this matter and directed that a right-of-way for a period of 5 years be prepared.

**Ernest Bone** — Submitted the following resolutions: At a meeting held in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Markham at Unionville, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 15th, 1949, which was attended by representatives of the following Regulated Game Preservation Areas — Markham, Bathurst, Vaughan, Whitchurch and Whitley, the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Sid Pugh, seconded by E. Bone: Be it resolved that we request the Minister of Lands and Forests to make provision under Section 43 of the Game and Fisheries Act to make it illegal to carry any

air gun, rifle or other fire-arm unless it is encased or dismantled between one-half hour after sunset on Saturday and one-half hour before sunrise on Monday next following, in Regulated Township areas. Carried.

Moved by Dr. F. H. VanNostrand, seconded by E. Byer: Whereas under the Game and Fisheries Act 1948, Section 10 (1) and (1A) hunting and the carrying of firearms and air guns is permitted under the authority of a Provincial Gun License, and

Whereas this renders the control of illegal hunting in regulated areas difficult

Be it resolved that representation be made to the Minister of Lands and Forests to amend the said section of the Game and Fisheries Act to prohibit the carrying of firearms and air guns and the hunting of birds and animals in regulated township areas except under the authority of a Township license, subject to the provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Carried.

Moved by Albert H. Rutherford, seconded by M. McMurchy: That the Council of the Township of Vaughan approve of the Resolutions passed by representatives of Local Regulated Game Preserve Areas at a meeting held in Unionville on February 15th, 1949, respecting hunting on Sunday and hunting only on Township licenses. Passed.

**Ernest Bone** — Council were advised that hunting licenses expired February 28, 1949. Council requested Mr. Bone to continue in his capacity as Township Constable on Saturdays and Sundays to regulate and control hunters in the Township for a period of at least two weeks after the close of the hunting season. Council agreed to consider this matter further at a later date.

**Mr. Lathers and Mr. Mendelsohn** — Council were advised that approval by the Ontario Municipal Board of By-law 1620, amending By-law 1626, to permit the operation of a harness track on Township Lot 27, Concession 1, would not be approved. Council were advised that consideration was being given to the establishment of the harness racing track on the easterly parts of Township Lots 1, 2, and 3, Concession 2. Council directed that a meeting of the Vaughan Township Planning Board with the Council be held on Monday, February 21st, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to consider this matter further.

**H. C. H. Miller, Licensing Public Halls** — It was pointed out that the Act requiring the licensing of public halls, passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1946, requires the licensing of all premises offered for or used as a public hall. Suggested by-laws by the Ontario Fire Marshal regulating the type of building and reasonable fire precautionary measures was given to each member of the Council. Council agreed to consider this matter further at a later date.

The following matters were considered by the Council:

**Alroy Butler** — Requesting permission to cut down trees on the south side of Garden Avenue near Street. Council advised that consideration would be given to this matter after they had an opportunity to inspect the same.

**Surety Bonds** — A bond from the United National Indemnity Company for the following amounts was presented to the Council: Watson, Marion D., \$5,000; McDonald, James M., \$20,000; Kerr, Nelson, \$5,000; Kyle, Edward G., \$500.00; MacNaughton, R. D., \$500.00.

**North Yonge Radial** — Advising that the operating profit for 1948 was \$198,911 as compared with an operating profit of \$26,654.60 for 1947. The letter further pointed out that the diesel buses operating in December 1948 showed a profit of \$1,149.37 as compared with an operating loss of \$28.27 for street cars in December 1947.

**County Levy** — Council were advised that the County Levy for 1949 was \$39,832.92 and would require a rate of 7.7 mills as compared with 3.5 mills in 1948. The increases are as follows:

	1948	1949
General Purposes	11075.03	11180.51
Debentures	2661.80	3326.74
Road Work	7434.55	9289.91
Secondary Educ.	8279.49	11570.38
Vocat. Education	2904.90	3899.36
Hospital Grants		1616.02
	\$32355.77	\$39832.92

**Humber Valley Conservation** — Carl Shaw, Vaughan Township Representative to the Association advised that at a recent meeting directed by the Minister of Lands and Forests for the conservation of the Humber Valley. An estimator budget was considered and referred to the constituent municipalities.

The Council met at the Council Chambers in Maple on Monday the 14th day of February, 1949 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. The following persons appeared before the Council:

**Mr. Lathers and Mr. Mendelsohn** — Supporting a letter from Mungoan and Mungovan. An annual contribution of \$5,333.33 was offered to the municipality for maintaining and improving Bathurst Street from Steele's Avenue to No. 7 Highway.

Moved by Carl Shaw, Jas. H. Robson, seconded by Albert Rutherford, M. McMurchy: Whereas Mungovan and Mungoan, solicitors for parties proposing to operate a Harness Track in Thornhill have offered to contribute

## Couple Celebrate 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary, February 28th, quietly at their home in Maple, surrounded by their family and relatives.

Mrs. Manning was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper Teston, Ont. She was married at the home of her parents in 1894 to Mr. Joshua Manning. Mr. Manning was born in Aurora, and left with his parents at the age of two years to live in Vaughan Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning have lived near Maple ever since. They farmed all their lives and retired 25 years ago when they moved to Maple. They are both active and enjoy life. They attribute their long life to hard work and contentment.

They have three sons and one daughter: Wilfred of Hamilton, George and Mary (Mrs. Roy Vierheller) of Aurora, and Howard of Guelph. They have 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

## Centenarian Dies In Vaughan Twp.

John Black of Nashville, who celebrated his 101st birthday last New Year's Day, died last week after an illness of several months.

He came to Canada with his family at the age of three from Argyleshire, Scotland, and settled in Vaughan Township. At 30 he bought his own farm, and did not retire until the age of 77.

His 100th birthday was a red letter day for the centenarian, when he received congratulations from both King George VI and former Prime Minister Mackenzie King, a man whom Mr. Black admired greatly. He was a staunch Liberal. "Be happy and enjoy life," was the recipe he offered for longevity. He observed, however, that he had never drank nor smoked.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. J. Wesley Stong and Mrs. W. E. Hutchinson, both of Weston; Mrs. L. W. Lindsay, Bolton; Mrs. A. E. Johnston, Nashville; Miss Margaret Black, Richmond Hill; Mrs. J. J. Humphrey, Woodbridge; one son, Norman Black, Nashville; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. C. Rutherford of Woodbridge, died in 1948 of food poisoning contracted at the Royal Winter Fair.

## R. H. Minor Bantams (By Wick Mills)

Tuesday Night

The second game of the playoffs got off to a good start on fast ice, Tuesday night. The Canadians, who have won only one game all season met the Leafs who were in second place in the schedule. The Canadian team really pushed hard and the score stood at 2-2 at the end of the game. In ten minutes of overtime the Leafs scored the first on an off-side play and the Canadians came right back to tie it up again. In the last of the ten minutes the Canadians scored to put the Leafs out of the playoffs. Atkinson, Brillinger, Mihorean, played good hockey for Canadians with Hart and Grainger playing good hockey for Leafs.

The second game between Chicago and Detroit was rather rough at first but a good game with Detroit having the edge in the first period with the score of 2-0 for Detroit. In the second period the Hawks got under way and evened it up to 2-2 at the end of the second period. In the third period Youngberg for Detroit really put on an exhibition of hockey and scored five goals in the last period holding the Hawks to no score. The final score was Detroit 7, Chicago 2. Youngberg was outstanding for Detroit and Van Dyke played a good game but his three penalties didn't help his team much.

The final playoffs will be between Detroit and Canadians which will be the best out of three. The first game will be on Friday night (tomorrow) so if you want to see a real game come on down. There will be a small charge for to-morrow night's game but believe me it will be worth every cent you pay.

## Horticultural Highlights

The forty-third Annual Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association will be held this week, March 3rd and 4th, in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, and the local Society would like to see all members in attendance. A varied program has been arranged to interest everyone from the Case of the African Violet to Life in the Western Marshes and even in the Blooming Desert.

Tickets for the Banquet on March 3, called for 6.45 p.m., can be obtained at the registration desk. A good dinner, plus excellent entertainment, is in store for those who so desire. Floral arrangements in varied design from the different Societies will be on display, including the "Valentine" from Richmond Hill.

On Thursday, March 10th, in the Presbyterian Sunday School room, a very good evening has been planned for all members and friends of the Richmond Hill Society. Mr. Carl James, well known in this district, will delight with pictures of local gardens etc., along with a program of important interest to all gardeners.

How does your garden grow? or does it? Attend this meeting and find out why.

## Richmond Hill Public Library Officially Opened Last Friday

### NEW ROOM DREAM OF FORTY YEARS — PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS

The new Library room in the Municipal Hall of Richmond Hill was officially opened by Mr. Angus Mowat, Director of Libraries for Ontario, on Friday, February 25th. The room was open for inspection between 8 and 10 p.m., and visitors were delighted with its tasteful appointments. Modern equipment and comfortable furnishings work together to create an atmosphere for relaxation. The gay prints at the windows form a cheerful contrast to the apple green walls and grey green tiled doors. An outstanding feature is the large picture window on the south wall, which will assure an excellent reading light for the browsers. But best of all are the contents of the shelves. A quantity of new books, fiction and non-fiction have been added to the selection, as well as a great many new editions of old favourites. There is also a long list of complete new titles for the children's enjoyment. The old collection had been gone over with care by the Board and many discarded.

In the informal opening ceremony, Mr. Mowat was introduced by Reeve C. Hill, who acknowledged the generous donations of the Town Council and the Women's Institute, without which the room would not have been possible. He described the first library at Richmond Hill, when it was situated behind the Masonic Hall, and had to be entered through a shed.

In outlining his work as Director of Libraries throughout the Province, Mr. Mowat remarked that it had been his experience that few towns or villages would be able to boast a library, had the Women's Institute not made it possible. The service rendered their communities in this regard could not be emphasized enough. In many cases, however, it was a game to try to find the library, which was housed in various odd places in the rural districts. But Richmond Hill, he considered would be most justified in erecting signs throughout the village

to indicate the whereabouts of this splendid new room. Regardless of its situation, he continued, the library played a spiritual role in the life of the community. Learning at school, is merely being taught the art of using tools. Adult education, continued after graduation through books and libraries, is the heart and spirit of education. Books are of value not as recreation or escape only, but as printed work they record the experience of the human race. One of the freedoms of the western world, libraries, as the core of education, express the democratic way of life.

All this, he said, had been realized by the members of the Library Board, the Women's Institute, the Building Contractor, Mr. Herb Sanderson, and all others who had in united effort worked to make the Library possible.

Mrs. Wm. Sayers, President of the Women's Institute, presented Mr. Mowat with a copy of "Fifty Years of Achievement," a record of the Society, for use in the Library. Mrs. R. D. Little, Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Library Board, thanked all who helped through work and donation. The donation of \$1,752 given by the Women's Institute represented the effort of years of work. The fund started before the first Great War and although its growth was halted at the outbreak of World War I and 2, the Institute guarded it jealously, and allowed it in no way to be dissipated. The original plan was for a library, but later a Community Hall as a memorial to the Institute was considered. When the urgency of a new library became apparent, it was decided to use the fund in the manner originally conceived by the founders. Mrs. O. L. Wright, one of the small group whose dream initiated the fund has been working with the Library Board step by step, and was present to witness the fruits of many years of effort.

## From The Hilltop A COLUMN OF VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS (By F. J. Picking)

What does a "service club" mean to a community?

Is it just an excuse for a few business men to get together every so often in an atmosphere of informality, enjoy a meal, listen to a speaker, sing some songs, and then go their several ways until the next meeting?

Or does the word "service" really mean something? Especially does it mean something to the community in which the members live rather than to the members themselves?

Richmond Hill's one and only service club — and I use the phrase in the generally accepted sense, not forgetting all those other organizations which contribute so much to the life of the municipality — provides a striking and effective answer to those questions.

The seventy-three business and professional men who constitute the Lions Club of Richmond Hill can look back over the eleven years of existence of their organization with a feeling of pride that their town and its citizens are better off, both materially and spiritually, because of the club's existence.

It would be easy to make this article a catalogue of good works — a list of those who have been honoured by election to office — a statement of funds raised. But, in my opinion, that wouldn't cover the situation. It goes deeper than that.

One Lion with whom I talked got down to bed rock. "When I was asked to join when the Lions Club was first formed in Richmond Hill," he said, "I wondered why we needed still another organization. There seem to be plenty already."

"But," he said, "I've found the answer. I've met people I never knew because our paths never crossed. The getting together of our members has made for wider friendship in the community."

"Especially has it taught tolerance to the other fellow's views and opinions," he added. "When you get men of all races and religions working together, trying to relate ideas and actions, you find it a lot easier to live in the same town with them and respect them."

What Are Ideals? What are these ideals to which all lions, whatever their varying political or religious or other beliefs may be, universally subscribe?

They are summed up by the five letters which compose their title — I-O-N-S.

LIBERTY — INTELLIGENCE

OUR NATION'S SAFETY

High Ideals! Ideals which, if they were the be-all and end-all of Lionism, would justify the existence of the organization. But unless those ideals are translated into actual practice just a few more high-flown words to add to the torrents of such stuff which flood this continent today.

It is in the transference of these ideals into practical workaday living, that our Lions Club has made such a success and has added so much to the welfare of our district.

While, as I said before, this article isn't intended to be a recital of good deeds yet it is necessary to examine the practical results to discover how and why the Hill has benefited by the existence of its Lions Club. Perhaps the best way to do that is

to look over some of its major committees — the groups within the club which are responsible for the carrying out of the ideals and policies of the club. There is, for instance, the Boys and Girls Work committee. Noteworthy among its projects is the foundation and maintenance of the skating rink for the younger generation — a more worthwhile job in a town where the opportunities for amusement of our younger citizens were sadly lacking. The annual Santa Claus parade, with the children in the big orphanage to the north not forgotten, and similar activities provide a solid demonstration of practical measures to offset the so-called "juvenile delinquency" of today.

Beating "Isms" Then we have that important group in charge of Education and Citizenship, doing its part to inculcate ideas of good citizenship in the minds of Canadians during the formative years of school. By an annual scholarship awarded to a High School student, by many comparable methods, the Lions are doing much to bar the gate to destructive "isms."

Not much need be said about the work of the Civic Projects committee, for in this case the actions certainly speak louder than words. Thanks to the Lions Richmond Hill is at least on the way to the establishment of a sorely needed amenity — the Community Hall. That it will not be long delayed is the hope of the many citizens who realize how badly such a project is needed in this fast-growing district. More than one citizen, harassed by defeats in the battle of life, has cause to be grateful to the Lions who, through their Welfare committee, have stepped into the breach to give aid when needed. With cases thoroughly but speedily investigated the Lions have, in emergency, helped to "light fires in many cold rooms" and brought help not only to the bodies but also to the hearts of those for whom the paths were rough. To those great humanitarian causes the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Lions have lent their aid. To those who stood alone in the British Isles while civilization slowly rallied to their aid, who stood firm defying tyranny while the bombs fell around them, the Lions stretched out a helping hand.

The list of good works could go on indefinitely. The story of the activities which, through the years, have raised some \$25,000, could stretch for pages. Much could be said about the provision of milk and vitamin tablets for school children, the supplying of a school nurse, the annual check-up of youngsters for physical defects, the organization of street and skating carnivals and dances, of theatre nights and similar activities. The many other projects which the Lions have undertaken, not for themselves alone, but for the betterment of their community and their fellow men.

But surely enough has been said to show that our Lions Club is a little more than a group of men meeting for lunch once or twice a month — that it is indeed an organization of which the Hill and its environs may well be proud — that the Lions are men to whom the inner meaning of that overworked word "service" means much. Long may they roar!

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