

H. Cowie Markham Twp. Road Supt.

Harold Cowie has been appointed Road Superintendent of Markham Township, succeeding W. L. Clark who recently resigned. He has been in the employ of the municipality for the past eight years as engineer and grader operator. His salary will be \$8.00 per month. There were two other applications for the position from Wm. Grove, Ringwood, who has been with Toronto and York Roads Commission for five years, and Mr. Gordon Ogden of Unionville.

R. D. LITTLE HORTICULTURAL VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ONT.

On Friday last members of the Ontario Horticultural Association voted Robert Little, Richmond Hill, their second vice-president for the coming year. Mr. Percy Bone of Thornhill succeeded to the past presidency. Other officers elected were Premier Thomas Kennedy, honorary president, and A. T. Johnson, Stamford Centre, president.

DEDICATION SERVICE

The Choir of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church have been presented by the Board of Management with new vestments. These will be dedicated at the Service of Praise next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Vaughan Taxpayers To Pay Two Years School Bills In '49

TABLETS RECORDING NAMES OF TOWNSHIP MEN READY TO BE PLACED IN MEMORIAL HALL

Due to a change in system Vaughan Township taxpayers may get an unpleasant shock when they receive their 1949 tax bills, it was disclosed at the regular meeting of the Vaughan Township Council held at Mapleton on March 7th.

The increase, however, is only temporary and is caused by the fact that this year two years' educational costs have to be taken care of in one year.

In former years the High School levies were not payable until the end of the year and were included in the following year's taxes. This year, for instance, costs for 1948 High School education will be included in 1949 tax bills but, due to a new system, 1949 High School costs will also be levied during the current year. The effect is that this year Vaughan Township taxpayers will be paying their proportion of High School costs for the two years at one time.

This year Vaughan Township High School levy will be \$18,841. Last year it was \$14,399. The increased amount is due to the inclusion of transportation costs which last year were included in the Public School levy.

Tablets Now Ready

Many routine matters were dealt with at the meeting at which all council members were present, with Reeve John Hrostrawser in the chair.

It was reported that the tablets which carry the names of the over four hundred Vaughan Township men who served in the Second Great War were ready. These are to be placed in the Township Memorial Hall at Vellore and an official dedication ceremony will be arranged at a later date.

The severe infestation of golden bed straw on the Town Line between Vaughan and King was the cause of considerable debate. Arrangements are to be made for the two townships to get together in planning its eradication.

The illegal dumping of garbage at unauthorized spots was discussed and Township Constable Sam Ireland requested to take action to prevent this. Endeavours are being made to secure a site for another dump.

Unpaid Taxes

A return of unpaid taxes was submitted by Clerk and Treasurer J. M. McDonald. Out of a total tax roll amounting to \$149,133, the sum of \$16,726 remained unpaid. It was reported that the amount is about normal. In unpaid taxes over one year \$2,544 is outstanding.

It was reported that the Ontario government will provide young pheasants for distribution again this year if the township will make arrangements for their distribution and care, and this will be done.

The request of the village of Woodbridge for annexation of the Robinson Cottages property to the village is to be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board on Friday of this week. The township of Vaughan will be represented at the hearing.



Rev. Ray McCleary, B.A., M.B.E.

Richmond Hill Lions Club will have as its guest speaker on March 17, St. Patrick's Day that great and honored Irishman, Rev. Ray McCleary. Rev. McCleary was born in the North of Ireland, came with his family to Saskatchewan as a small boy and later went to Edmonton, where he attended High School. He came to Toronto in 1922 as Assistant Boys' Worker of the West End Y.M.C.A.

He entered McMaster University for the Class of 1928 and as an undergraduate was associated with St. Christopher's House as a volunteer. In 1928, 1929 and 1930 he was Director of the Rotary Camp for Boys at Bolton, with the Neighborhood Workers' Association, and did Post Graduate work at Princeton.

He graduated from Victoria Emmanuel College in 1931 and became associate minister of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, and Director of Community Program with its emphasis on unemployed men during 1931 to 1936.

Rev. Mr. McCleary spent six months in the summer of 1935 studying the social conditions of Great Britain, living for a time in the east end of London in Whitechapel and studied at Toynbee Hall. He returned to Woodgreen United Church in 1936, taking up residence in the neighborhood where he now resides at 37 Bolton Ave., just north of Queen Street East.

In 1939 he joined the Canadian Chaplaincy Service and was attached to the Exhibition Barracks, Toronto with the 53rd Battery, R.C.A. In the Spring of 1940 he became regimental chaplain to the 4th Field Regiment, R.C.A. at Pettawawa and proceeded overseas with the 2nd Division Artillery in the early summer of 1940. Mr. McCleary remained as Chaplain to the 4th Field Regiment for 3 1/2 years, and was decorated by His Majesty the King, July 13, 1943, with the Order of the British Empire.

In September 1943, he was appointed Senior Chaplain to the 3rd Canadian Division, and, as such, organized some eighteen Chaplains under command for the Invasion, going to Normandy with the Division on 'D' Day and remaining with them through Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland. He left them in January, 1945 from Nijmegen.

On release from the Army in 1945, he spent three months doing graduate work at Union Theology College, New York, majoring in Community Aspects and Industrial Relationships. Returned to Woodgreen Community in July 1945. During the summers since graduation he has spent considerable time in making surveys and studying down-town Community projects of most of the leading cities of the continent. He is a member of the Ontario Rehabilitation Committees under the Chairmanship of General Bruce Matthews.

It is looked forward with great interest to his visit here on the 17th and extend a very sincere welcome.

Education Costs May Raise Richmond Hill's 1949 Taxes

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS INCREASED REQUISITION FOR FUNDS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

The cost of education will play a major part in settling the fate of this year's tax rate, it was revealed at the regular meeting of Richmond Hill Council, with Reeve P. C. Hill presiding, held on March 7th.

Ordinary expenditures, with provision for a reasonable surplus, will not exceed those of last year. As a matter of fact there is a possibility that the Council may even be able to reduce the proportion of taxes required under this heading by two and a half mills.

The budget submitted to Council by the Public School Board, however, calls for the expenditure of \$43,842, of which approximately \$27,000 would have to be paid directly by taxpayers, the balance being supplied by the provincial government. This sum represents an increase of \$12,000 over the amount required by the Board last year and, if it stands, is likely to cause a sharp upturn in the tax rate.

Included in the amount are items such as \$3,500 for the decoration of the school, and \$1,600 for bus transport for children from outside municipalities, 70% of the latter sum being paid by Richmond Hill.

Members of the Council will attend the School Board meeting on Thursday evening and discuss the estimates in an endeavour to prevent an increased tax rate.

T. T. C. Report

"The sooner we have a vote the better," said Councillor Tomlin, when the T.T.C. report covering the operation of buses was presented. His opinion seemed to be generally held by the Council members. Touching on the discussion on an early vote was the revelation in the T.T.C. report that in January \$1,656 had been spent on a "dead horse," \$168 had been laid out to keep the unused rails of the old trolley line in condition and \$1,488 had been spent to pay salaries and other expenses to maintain the Willowdale sub-station which is of no direct use while buses are operating.

Profits of the bus system in January, 1949, amounted to \$523.18 as compared to \$1,437.94 in January of last year. If the outlay of \$1,656 had been eliminated, councillors figured profits for January this year would have shown a material improvement over the corresponding month in 1948.

Passenger revenues continued to show an improvement, the report indicated although rising costs had played an important part in keeping profits down.

In 1948 passenger revenue, which covered trolleys for approximately

three quarters of the year, amounted to \$229,528 as compared to \$211,841 for the preceding year.

January of 1949 illustrated the upward trend, bringing in \$20,610 in fares as compared to \$18,052 for the same month in 1948.

In spite of increased revenues profits showed a decline, amounting to \$19,859 in 1948 as compared to \$26,057 for 1947. Additional costs such as those illustrated for January, 1948, in maintenance of a dual system, accounted for a considerable part of the decrease.

It was decided by council to take up the matter of a vote with other interested municipalities.

New Traffic Lights

A decision to install new traffic lights at Yonge and Centre Streets as soon as possible, in readiness for the heavy traffic season, was reached. The lights, which are expected to be delivered in about ten weeks, will be of the same type as the new highway lights being installed by the Department of Highways and can be manually operated if desirable.

The report on the policing of the village, presented by Provincial Constable Frank Moore, was well received by Council and indicated that law enforcement was being handled efficiently and in an up-to-date manner.

Discussions of Community Hall

Discussions of Community Hall affairs occupied the attention of council for a considerable time. It was generally felt that the objective should be a community centre rather than one or two meeting rooms and that no steps should be taken until sufficient funds to finish the job properly were in hand. Consideration of the site showed councillors to be generally agreed on the park as a suitable location.

Good Water Flow

It was reported that the flow of water from the new town well was developing at an exceedingly satisfactory rate and had, at times, risen as high as 800 gallons a minute. While the water was not as clear as could be desired it is fully expected that it will improve.

Authorization for the installation of water mains on Ruggles Avenue was given, on application to the Council by R. H. Kane, who stated that a considerable number of lots, meaning the erection of more new homes, would follow the move. Cost of the new main will be taken care of in the forthcoming debenture issue.

The purchase of a filing cabinet for the police office and the expenditure of \$520 for doors for new vaults were also approved.

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Always a Cartoon and News

Dr. J. P. Wilson Again Heads N. York Temperance Federation

Meeting in Wesley United Church at Vandoor, the North York Temperance Federation in a resolution declared the action of Banquet Permits and urged all not to participate in the drinking of toasts with intoxicating liquors at banquets or weddings. Protests were made against so-called "Good-will" advertising, and the use of films, whereby the liquor firms were keeping their names constantly before the public. Through education of the young against the use of alcoholic beverages, and the pledging against the use of the same was urged. A series of Temperance rallies throughout the North York Riding was recommended, as well as the use of temperance films in schools and groups of young people.

Dr. J. P. Wilson, Richmond Hill, was in the chair, addresses being given by Rev. R. A. Whattam, Rev. John A. Linton and Rev. D. C. McLelland.

In the oratorical contest, Miss Betty Thomas, Central United Church, Nashville, was awarded the Dr. J. P. Wilson silver cup; Howard Barker being the only other contestant in this group. Loretta Curry, Victoria Square won the J. M. Walton silver trophy; John Angus, Downsview, and Robert Draper, Keswick, being the other contestants in the group. In the junior group with seven contestants, Michael Murphy, Newmarket, won the Dr. J. S. Boyd silver cup, the others in this group being: Peggy Carr, Keswick; Marilyn Barkey, Gormley; Marion King, Keswick; Dona Watson, Victoria Square; Elsie Crawford, Wesley United Church, and Dennis Finch, Keswick. Rev. W. W. Wallace, Miss N. Martin and Mr. J. Luck were the judges for the contest.

Officers elected were: Dr. S. J. Boyd, Newmarket, Hon. President; Dr. J. P. Wilson, Richmond Hill, president; Harry West, Newmarket, R. R. 2, vice-president; conveners of "children and youth," Rev. Leonard Coupland and Mrs. Elma M. Starr, Newmarket; conveners of Law and Legislation, Rev. E. C. Modde, Aurora; conveners of Education and Publicity, Mrs. W. W. Wallace, Keswick; conveners of Membership and Finance, Rev. Harvey Howey, Aurora; secretary-treasurer, Rev. H. E. Wellwood, Richmond Hill.

Public School Children Hold Ice Carnival At Local Arena

At the Skating Carnival held Tuesday, March 1st, at Richmond Hill Arena, the following prizes were won: Junior Costumes: Jerry Phipps, Indian; Roy Marinoff, Mexican; Joyce Fleming, Pirate.

Senior Costumes — Mary Lee Latimer, Chinaman; Carol Ried and Primrose Craigie, Maggie and Jiggs; Michael Butt, and George Stefan, Cowboy and Negro.

Girls' Junior Couples — Doris Jefferson and Carol Mansbridge; Bonnie Cottrill and Mary Lou Mason; Barbara Corner and Janis Butler.

Junior Girls Singles — Doris Jefferson; Anne Keith; Janis Butlin.

Senior Girls Couples — Joan Marinoff and Helen Miller; Jacqueline Mabley and Margaret Horwood; Primrose Craigie and Carol Reid.

Senior Girls Singles — Margaret Horwood; Joan Marinoff; Jacqueline Mabley.

Girls Races

8 and under — Mary Lou Mason; Bonnie Cottrill; Nancy Dean.
9 and 10 years — Jocelyn Lewis; Joan Hull; Alverna Montgomery.
11 and 12 years — Anne Stevenson; Joan Marinoff; Janet Tomlinson.
13 and over — Beverly Lee; Joyce Cooper; Carol Reid.

Dog Sled Race

1st: Leader, Myrna Risebrough, driver Barbara Elson, sleigh Margaret Lynett, Laurie Weaver, dogs Catherine Evans, Shirley Hudson, Denise Stapley, Dorothy Harding.

Boys Races

8 and under — Winn Butlin, Louis Stong, Wayne Koning.
9 and 10 years — Neil Risebrough, James Pollard, Peter Hart.
11 and 12 years — David Hart, Paul Atkinson, Orlin Horwood.
13 and over — Fred Mihorean, Lloyd Grainger, Ronnie Miller.

Puck Carrying Contest

9 and 10 years — Jimmie Neal, Watson Cottrill, Neil Risebrough.
11-12 years — Robert Keith, Richard Soderberg, Orlin Horwood.

13 and over — Bob Moore, Fred Mihorean, Ronnie Miller.

The children enjoyed carnival skating from 3 to 4 and a hockey game with Langstaff Seniors from 4 to 5. The score was a tie.

Mr. Ard was the announcer and in charge of the music department.

THIEVES ROB EATON HALL ESTATE OF HEIRLOOMS

Thieves entered the Lady Eaton estate at King recently and stole antique furniture, family heirlooms and jewelry valued at "several thousand dollars." It is reported that some of the articles stolen had been in the Eaton family for at least three generations.

The mansion was unoccupied at the time of the robbery, which was discovered by a caretaker sometime during the same day. Police say the thieves used a truck for the robbery and stolen among other things were our Oriental rugs valued at \$700 each, antique chair, jewels and a washing machine. Chief Constable George Stuart and Detective William Myres, York County police are investigating. Lady Eaton is at present vacationing in the United States.

THIEVES ENTER NEW LUNCH ROOM

At about 5:15 a.m. Friday morning, thieves entered the new Summit View Lunch building just north of Richmond Hill and stole about \$85.00 worth of cigarettes, a Ronson Lighter and \$15 in small change. Hearing a noise in the dining room, Mr. Pollitt, owner of Summit View Lunch made his way upstairs and frightened the robbers who made their exit out the front door which they had jimmied in order to get possession of the merchandise. Mr. Pollitt reports the thieves used a garbage can which was nearby as a container for their loot. An attempt was also made to steal a small radio which was on the counter but was left when the two men made their getaway. Mr. Pollitt was unable to get a distinct description of the men but judged them to be youths of about 20 years old.

From The Hilltop

A COLUMN OF VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS
(By F. J. Picking)

Did you ever see a set of automobile license plates — real honest-to-god ones that once identified some now long-forgotten vehicle — made out of soft rubber?

Actually there is such a set in Richmond Hill, in the possession of the Hill family. They differ from today's blue and white metal affairs just as much as today's shiny delivery truck differs from the vehicle in which the first member of that family arrived in the village. But, today, they remain a valued link with the past — a symbol of the progress which has been made, a reminder of the part which the Hill family has played in the rapid evolution of modern transportation.

It was back in 1892, when the vision of Sunday night's Yonge Street torrent of traffic would have seemed like an Orson Welles nightmare, that twenty-nine year old David Hill arrived in Richmond Hill, there to operate a bakery which he had bought. He came from Hillsdale and his worldly possessions were carried by one horse and wagon.

That bakery, which served a wide district around Richmond Hill, was operated by him until 1918 and prospered. Its motive power increased from the solitary horse and wagon of the early days to ten horses, three wagons and a couple of sleighs.

It would almost seem that a growing business of that kind would be enough to keep a man occupied. But not so with Irish David Hill, whose family came to Canada from Ireland in 1771. Gradually, during those years when his bakery business was increasing, he was laying the foundation of today's prosperous wholesale concern of David Hill and Company, Ltd., one of Richmond Hill's leading businesses. Even that wasn't enough for his ambitious energy and, in 1916, he took a hand in the rapidly expanding automotive industry. From then until 1945 he and his sons whom he taught to work as hard as he did were continually active in the business.

Ever hear of a "Petrolia" truck? That was one of the earlier lines handled by David Hill and was the first commercial vehicle in this district. Those rubber plates may have adorned it once on a time.

Many Interests

Somewhere or other he found time, beside running his bakery business, selling cars and trucks, and operating his wholesale concern, to build a car of his own and, as well, to handle a grocery business for a couple of years.

Perhaps up to this point the story sounds like that of a man whose only interest in life was chasing the "almighty dollar." But the story of David Hill, one of the men who played a major part in bringing this community to its present position, is also the tale of a man who gave to his district in the way of public service a full return for the opportunities which it gave to him.

From 1898 to 1902, again from 1910 to 1923, and twice again, in 1928 and 1932, he served on the Richmond Hill council. He served also on the Board of Education and was chairman of the building committee when the present public school was built. Active in fraternal affairs, he had the distinction of seeing his four sons initiated in the I.O.O.F., an organization in which he held most important executive positions, both local and provincial. Those sons, too, came to hold important positions, three of them becoming masters of the lodge of which their father was a member. In an event which is probably unparalleled in lodge functions a "Hill Night" once saw father and sons filling all the key chairs in their lodge.

Passing Tradition

So goes the story of a successful business man who, before he passed to his reward in 1935, had travelled a long and useful road and, in passing, handed over to his sons more than the prosperous businesses he had built from nothing.

For of him his sons say: — "He taught us the dignity of work." He taught them his conception of public service also, as is evident by their records. David Hill's four sons and one daughter have all contributed something to their community and to the lives and well-being of others.

Two of them — Carl, now Medical Officer of Health for North York, and Lloyd, saw long service overseas in the First Great War. Percy, now president of the David Hill Company, is Richmond Hill's Reeve today. Lloyd served on the School Board at one time and was also a charter member of the Lions Club. Albert, now secretary-treasurer of the company, also served on the School Board. What with their business and the Canadian Tire Corporation, plus their other activities, the brothers seem to keep as busy as their father did.

Possibly the Hill business isn't quite the oldest in Richmond Hill. In any event, it certainly is numbered among the old-timers. It has come a long way since the horse and wagon of fifty-seven years ago, from the days when cars and trucks were classified by rubber plates. The hard work and long hours which have gone into its making have paid off.

Materially, it has been successful. And, fortunately for Richmond Hill, the spirit of true service does not seem to have been dimmed, as happens so often, by good fortune in business affairs.