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The Movies**

A synopsis of pictures to be shown locally in the near future, for the information of movie-goers.

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Know Your Neighbour



In every municipality there's usually one man to whom everybody can turn when problems of civic "house-keeping" arise — and in the case of Richmond Hill it's LES BAKER, pictured above.

Les knows his district well. Born at Carrville, he has spent all his life in the area, with the exception of the time he was working for his community in another capacity — that of a member of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps overseas in the first Great War.

Since his early days — and he started to work immediately he left public school — Les has been engaged with machinery and construction activities of one kind and another — and that makes him a "natural" for his present important job — that of superintendent of Richmond Hill's waterworks system and of the Works Department.

He has lived in Richmond Hill for twenty-seven years. The first twenty he was looking after maintenance for the Bedford Park Floral Company and the last seven he has spent in the village's service.

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Clement, Armstrong & Barber Are Elected To School Board

Garnering the largest vote ever polled for a Public School trustee, Trustee Len Clement headed the list of successful candidates when voters selected three trustees at the annual elections on December 5.

Up for re-election, Mr. Clement had 545 votes. Second on the list was Trustee Andrew Armstrong, also seeking re-election, with the large count of 461. In the third place was Albert Barber, new member of the board, who had 394 votes. These were the three elected.

Two candidates making their first try for public office were John Williamson, who had 238 votes and Marwood Cunningham with 280.

Thornhill Horticulturists Finish Season With Social

The Thornhill Horticultural Society completed the year's program with a social evening on November 29.

Misses Barbara Allen, Alice and Rita Milnean, Judith Ann Nichols and Master Maurice Carnival, all pupils of the Mary Green School of Dancing, entertained with a Gypsy dance and a tap dance — "Winter Wonderland." They and their accompanist were presented with bouquets by Mary Harrison and Audrey Thompson on behalf of the society.

The well-known and popular lecturer, Mr. John Clarke, illustrated his talk with pictures of beautiful gardens. Mrs. Clarke accompanied her husband and was presented with a cup and saucer as a slight token of appreciation of what Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have done for horticulture locally.

Prizes were presented to Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Pherrill, Mrs. Healey, Miss Clubine, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Suter, Miss Dean, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Hamilton.

The T. Eaton trophy was presented by Mr. P. Bone to Mrs.

Woodbridge Voters Record Approval Of Sewer System

Voters of Woodbridge, like their compatriots in Richmond Hill, decided at the municipal elections on December 5 a sewerage system was a necessity.

Voting on a suggested \$230,000 proposition, they recorded 109 for and 98 against.

"Where prices meet purses" — in the classified ad. section. Telephone yours to Richmond Hill 9.

Change Leaders

Many Upsets Feature Elections Sewerage Installation Approved

Reeve-Elect Win. Timbers Now Solitary Survivor Of 1949 Markham Council

A complete turnover of Markham Township Council resulted from the voting on December 5. In consequence the present Deputy Reeve, Winfred Timbers, will be the only member of the 1950 council who served on the 1949 body when he takes his seat as reeve for the coming year. Wrestling the seat from the present incumbent, Reeve Vern. W. Griffin, Mr. Timbers scored an 831 majority. He secured a big majority in the eastern part of the township.

All three of the 1949 councillors, Harry Barber, Robert Rae, and Fred Wicks, who were aiming at the deputy reeveship, were considerably outdistanced by Dalton Rumney, who polled 1126 votes against a combined total for the other three of 1038. W. L. Clark pulled the second biggest vote of the day, gaining 1445. The other three striving for council membership, Charles H. Hooper, Alfred E. James and Nelson Findlay, ran a neck and neck race with Findlay, the loser, only 23 votes behind the next highest man, James, who in turn was only 28 votes behind Charles H. Hooper.

Firemen Handle Sixty-one Calls

Sixty-one calls were answered by the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade during the past year, it was disclosed when members of the brigade held their annual meeting on December 6. Seventeen of the calls were in the municipality and forty-four outside.

A. Rutherford Tops Vaughan Council Slate

Unlike its two sister municipalities, Vaughan Township had a very quiet and sedate election day on December 5.

With no particular points at issue, and with the reeve and deputy returned by acclamation, the voters had the job of choosing three councillors. They returned Albert Rutherford at the top of the poll with 816 votes and sent that old war-horse of Municipal affairs, James Robson, back with 656 votes.

To fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Carl Shaw they put in William J. Agar, giving him 628 votes.

Unsuccessful candidates were Cyril G. Baker, in fourth place with 505 votes, Russell Rowntree secured 436 and Herbert Phelps chalked up a score of 203.

Sees Removal Of Radial Line He Helped Lay 56 Years Ago

The memory of at least one man in the Richmond Hill area goes back a long way as he sees the old radial track which he helped lay being removed by methods undreamed of when he worked on its installation.

He is the well-known Albert Jones of Elgin Mills who, as a young man, started work at Newmarket in 1893 — four years before he was married — on the old Metropolitan line and followed it through for a good many miles as it was built towards Newmarket and Lake Simcoe points.

In the removal of the old tracks from Yonge Street citizens of Richmond Hill are getting a first-hand demonstration of a modern innovation which has come into being as municipality after municipality has decided to scrap its cars and turn to other forms of transportation.

Some years ago removal of car tracks meant complete tearing up of a street and the relaying of a new road surface. Time and cost were both major factors in the old method of track removal. Business and traffic were hampered. Minimum interference.

But, with today's system, disruption is reduced to a minimum. The Niagara Peninsula firm, Kerrio's Welding Works, which is doing the job in the Hill, has reduced it to a science.

Kerrios, incidentally, are sub-contractors who are working for the firm which bought the tracks, A. A. Merrilees and Co., of Toronto. The firm which is laying the asphalt in the place of the old tracks is also a sub-contracting concern. All this work is costing the village nothing — the job is part of the contract under which the Merrilees concern bought the old tracks.

The removal procedure is comparatively simple. First a small trench is excavated on the outside of each rail. Rubble is removed. Then a machine designed by Kerrios goes into operation and cuts the head from each rail simultaneously. The oxy-acetylene torches which do the job are mounted on a two-wheel chassis which travels along the rails. Preceding the cutter are a truck and trailer which carry the cylinders which feed the machine, a generating plant which produces the electricity required and a dozen and one other pieces of equipment incidental to the operation.

The base of the track is left in the ground and is covered by the asphalt laying crew which follows the cutters.

Rail is being removed at the rate of approximately six hundred feet a day. The contractors say that they can run up as high as a thousand feet a day in warmer weather.

The firm which is doing the work, Kerrio's Welding Works, has been operating for thirty

BACK AGAIN



Pictured above is Richmond Hill's reeve for 1950 — JOHN A. GREENE, who will return to civic duties with which he is thoroughly familiar. He enters on a third session as the village's reeve when he takes office in January. A resident of Richmond Hill since 1912, Mr. Greene has served for many years on council and was reeve in 1933 to 1939 inclusive and again in 1943.

Vaughan Council Decide To Seek Further Facts About Health Unit

Settlement of assets and liabilities covering the portion of Vaughan Township annexed to the village of Woodbridge is to be arranged at an early meeting between the councils of the two corporations, it was agreed at a recent meeting of the Vaughan Township council.

Discussing the agreement between the municipalities of Vaughan, Markham, North York, Richmond Hill and the T. T. C. relative to the operation of the North Yonge buses, councillors took exception to the limiting of the franchise to the Gray Coach Lines only in the event that the present buses ceased to operate for any reason. (This matter was taken under consideration at a later meeting of the reeves of municipalities and T. T. C. officials. EDITOR.)

Advised that the villages of Woodbridge and Richmond Hill had entered the nine-municipality arrangement providing for the setting up of a joint health unit, the council gave instructions that further particulars of the unit should be secured.

Complaints of odours from a drain through Maple were considered by the council. No action was taken pending a meeting with owners of the property where the drain was located.

H. C. H. Miller, building inspector of the township, outlined steps taken with regard to persons living in temporary accommodation to which council gave its approval.

Close Contest In Fight For Hill Council Seats Heavy Vote Recorded

If the number of times Richmond Hill telephone operators had to say "Number Nine is still busy" is any indication then interest in local municipal elections reached a very high point.

From a few minutes after seven o'clock, when the first returns were received from King Township, until long past one o'clock on the morning of December 6 The Liberal's office telephone knew never an idle second.

Further indication of the mounting interest in civic affairs is conveyed by the size of the vote cast. 596 voters expressed their opinion on the installation of a sewerage system in Richmond Hill out of a possible 825, representing a 69% vote.

835 voters out of a possible 1297 went to the polls to vote for 1950's reeve — a percentage of 64.3. At last year's election 61.2 per cent of those entitled to vote exercised their franchise.

A decisive majority marked X on the "Yes" section of the ballot which asked whether they were in favour of the council giving consideration to the installation of a sewerage system in Richmond Hill. Final vote was 334 for and 261 against — a majority of 73.

One of the major surprises of the election in Richmond Hill was the defeat of Councillor Ken Tomlin, who was nosed out by a scant twelve votes by Councillor Tom Taylor and newcomer Floyd Perkins. Running for a third term, Reeve Percy C. Hill met defeat at the hands of John A. Greene who, after a considerable number of years as reeve in the past, staged a decisive come-back.

Topping the poll for councillors, Wes Middleton rolled up the sizeable vote of 594, with Councillor Cec. Mabley running a close second, eleven votes behind.

Full figures of all votes appear on another page of this issue.

Don Head Animals Meet, Beat, Continent's Best Command Highest Price

Top honours in the world of cattle and sheep came to Richmond Hill when Don Head Farms exhibits scored successes at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago.

At the big show, at which the continent's best animals compete, Don Head, with Barbara Bandler of Don Head, captured second prize for Senior Calf in the Aberdeen Angus section.

The animal was later sold for \$11,000, top price paid for any beast at the show's Angus sale. Buyer was Orchard Hill Farms of Enid, Oklahoma.

Before being sold it captured another award for Don Head Farms when, with a full sister, Blackbird of Don Head 21st, the two animals won second prize for the best pair of calves.

A considerable number of other awards were captured by Don Head, every animal being entered winning a prize.

Top prize money was also won by Don Head sheep, one animal winning the award for Champion Ram in the Southdown class, while the reserve championship for ewes was also won by a Southdown belonging to the same farm.

First prize for a pen of lambs was another honour added to Don Head's impressive list.

Prizes worth over \$300. were won by Mrs. Frank Barnett, who is now living south of the village, on radio program "Fun Parade" recently. The question, which had been running for five weeks without being answered properly, was in general terms — "What is full of holes — you see it and yet you don't?" The answer given correctly by Mrs. Barnett was — "A movie film."

Clothes, gloves, an electric fan and many other items made up the list of prizes won by Mrs. Barnett.

Coming Events

- DECEMBER 9 — Friday, December 9, St. Mary's Anglican Sunday School Christmas Concert and Tree in the Public School Auditorium, Richmond Hill. 4w20
- DECEMBER 9 — Friday, a euchre will be held in St. Mary's Catholic parish hall, starting at 8.30 p.m. Convenors are Mrs. S. Moriarty and Mrs. Derek Andrews. clw23
- DECEMBER 10 — Combination bridge, euchre, cribbage and bingo contest in aid of completion of Richvale Community Hall, at the Richvale School. 1w21
- DECEMBER 11 — The Richmond Hill High School Music Club, under the direction of Miss Lolla Jones, will be in charge of the music next Sunday evening, December 11, in the Richmond Hill United Church. clw23
- DECEMBER 12 — The fortnightly euchre of the Buttonville Women's Institute will be held in the hall on Monday, December 12, at 8.30 p.m. Admission 35c. Lunch provided. *1w23
- DECEMBER 15 — The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Association of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H.H. MacKay, 5 Arnold Street. A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies of the congregation. clw23
- DECEMBER 16 — Presentation and dance, Friday, December 16, Laskay Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glass. Ladies provide. Everyone welcome. clw23
- DECEMBER 16 — In the Municipal Hall at 8 p.m., the regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Wing RCAF Association. Guest speaker: Gregory Clark, noted writer, speaker, broadcaster, sportsman and veteran of two World Wars. Ex-Air Force personnel and members of RCAF Regular invited to attend and join the Wing. Members having application forms are asked to bring them, filled out, to this meeting, so we can send in a good membership with our application for the Charter. clw23
- DECEMBER 31 — Aurora Badminton Club New Years Eve dance at Aurora High School. Denny Berri and his orchestra. \$4. per couple. Everyone welcome. c3w23



Here's DINAH SHORE, who will be seen in "Fun and Fancy Free" at the Richmond Theatre.