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'Cool, Clear Water'

The mixture of melodies coming from Richvale last week was finally identified as "Cool, Clear Water," being sung by Jackson Taylor, former chairman of the Richvale Public School Board and now a member of the No. 1 School Area Board. Interwoven with it were snatches from "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Reason for the trustee's jubilation was the striking of water by International Water Supply Company in sufficient volume to ensure an adequate supply for the local school. Using a four inch casing, the drillers hit water at 69 feet, with a supply of thirty gallons per minute resulting. Good water is being secured and it is expected that the flow will be considerably increased.

Rev. C. Brethen Plans To Retire

Rev. C. B. Brethen, who will have been at Richmond Hill United Church for ten years at the end of June, has advised church officials that he is retiring from the ministry at that time on account of ill health. Mr. Brethen is confined to bed at the present time and has advised his officials in order to give them plenty of time to deal with the question of his replacement. He will announce his own plans later.

Warrant Issued For Nomination

Nominations for the election of a new reeve will be held on Friday, February 2, Village Clerk Russell Lynett announced on Wednesday.

Acting on a warrant issued by Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor, in compliance with the terms of the Municipal Act, Mr. Lynett has stated that the nomination meeting will be held at the Municipal Hall at 7.30 p.m. on that date.

In the event that more than one nomination is made and an election is required, it will take place on Friday, February 9.

On Job To The Finish

Long And Useful Career Of Reeve Ends Many Pay Last Tribute To J. A. Greene

Paying an outstanding tribute through one of the largest funerals ever seen in Richmond Hill, residents said their farewell to Reeve J. A. Greene when he was borne to his last resting place after a service in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church to which many were unable to obtain entry.

With every shade of society represented, men and women all the way from members of Dominion and Provincial parliaments to the lowly, humble individual whom "Johnnie" had helped when need arose came to pay their last respects to the first head of the municipality to die while holding office. Old friends who had cracked many a joke with him, newer residents who in their short time in the community had learned to respect Reeve Greene's vital interest in their town, their welfare, gathered on the foggy morning of last Saturday, in an atmosphere that fitted the gloom of the town, to say "goodbye."

Waiting reverently through the long and impressive solemn high Mass, many of them accompanied the funeral car as it bore the reeve to St. Luke's Cemetery, at Thornhill, where he lies beside his soldier son.

The celebrant at St. Mary's Church was Rev. W. H. Murray of St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill. Deacon was Rev. S. Cirvello of Thornhill and Sub-Deacon Rev. T. J. McGuire, of St. Basil's Novitiate.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. J. P. Wilson, J. E. Smith, M.P., Mel. Maltby, Art. White, Major Lex MacKenzie, M.C., M.P., William Neal, Col. F. J. Pickering. Active pallbearers were Councilors Wes. Middleton, Floyd Perkins, Ken Tomlin, Tom Taylor and Village Clerk and Treasurer Russell Lynett, with Gunnar Soderberg.

Many From Other Points
Reeves Win. Timbers of Markham and John Hostrawser of Vau-

Trustees Reach Decision

Expropriation Proceedings Begun By Board Cover New School Site At Northern Limits

Strike At Thornhill

Robberies, Crash, Search Keep Vaughan Police Busy

Showing distinct evidence of being the work of the same gang which robbed two homes in Aurora and six in Newmarket last Saturday night, thieves struck at Thornhill on Tuesday.

Choosing homes in which the owners were away, they broke into the residences of A. G. Crawford and A. F. Webster, Arnold Avenue, and that of Charles Smith on Yonge Street. Homes were thoroughly ransacked in each case.

A diamond ring and two gold watches were stolen from the Crawford home, where entry was made through a front window. \$25 was taken from the Webster residence but a \$100 bond, which the thieves had evidently found, was left. The residence of Charles Smith, who is absent in Florida, was entered by jimmying the front door but nothing was taken, the robbers evidently preferring cash only.

Members of Vaughan Township police force had a hectic two days. On the night preceding the Thornhill robberies Constables Adams and Bone had spent the night out of bed searching for an Oak Ave. resident for whom they held a warrant on a charge of assault and causing bodily harm. They kept up the hunt until noon. The wanted man surrendered to Constable Adams later in the day. Trying to get a few hours sleep, they were called out again to investigate the Thornhill break-ins and with Chief Constable Skidmore spent more sleepless hours. Constable Adams then had to proceed to Toronto with the assault case prisoner, while Constable Bone investigated a truck crash on Dufferin Street, where thirty cans of milk flowed down the ditch.

Involved in the accident was a truck driven by W. H. Hiltz of King, which was passing a truck owned by R. H. McDonald of Con-

cord and driven by Kjild Christiamand. The latter is said to have made a left turn and in the resulting crash the milk truck went head-on into a tree, causing damage estimated at \$1,000 and losing its load of milk. Damage to the other vehicles was estimated at \$100.

Juveniles Win Initial Victory At Stouffville

Netting a goal a period, Richmond Hill's new OMHA Juvenile team returned from its trip to Stouffville on Monday night with its first win, leaving the home team scoreless.

In a game which showed both teams suffering from lack of practice Morty Charles with Jack Blake getting an assist, scored the Hill's first goal. White, unassisted, put in the second tally in the middle period and Blake, also unassisted, made the third counter in the last period.

Goalkeeper Johnnie Atkinson, playing a steady game, deserved his shut-out. Greatest improvement of the local boys was evidenced by Don Campbell.

The game was a "scramble" one said Manager Grant Nighswander. Elated over the initial victory of his team, he still felt that there was room for improvement in the local boys. Lacking of scoring finish, he said, was evident.



The first head of the municipality to die while holding office, Reeve J. A. GREENE passed away on Wednesday, January 17. Paying tribute to his long and faithful service, leaders in various fields have issued statements which will be found on the Editorial Page of this issue.

"Parents' Night" Planned For Local Rink On Friday

Friday night, January 26, is to be "Parents' Night" at Richmond Hill Arena — that is, weather permitting. The Richmond Hill Hockey Club is extending an invitation to all parents to be present on that evening and watch their boys — or the neighbours' lads — play three games in the "All Star" bantam league which the club is running.

Officials of the club point out that they are trying to do a job in not only teaching the lads to play hockey but also to be "good sports." Their work, they feel will be made easier and the lads will be "bucked up" if parents will get out and show their interest too.

Because a game in the OMHA Juvenile League, with Richmond Hill and Port Perry participating, is scheduled to take place at 9 p.m. the first bantam game will start at 6 p.m. Second game will be at 7, and the last at 8.

Members of the Public School Board demonstrated their interest in what the boys are doing and what is being done for them last Tuesday, when they attended the Arena 100%. Several members of the village council were also on hand. Councillor Floyd Perkins, chairman of the Arena and Parks committee, dropped the puck for the first game, with School Trustee Mrs. Langstaff starting the

Coming Events

JANUARY 26 — Friday. A family nite party marking the 38th anniversary of the Edgeley Women's Institute will be held in the Edgeley Community Hall at 8.15 p.m. A very special evening of fun and entertainment is being arranged. Come and have a good time. Admission 50c. Proceeds for community betterment. c2w29

JANUARY 28 — Sunday. Miss Jean Rowe, Toronto, soloist, will sing five sacred solos, the choir assisting with anthems. Come everybody. Do not miss this wonderful singing in the United Church. *1w30

FEBRUARY 2 — Friday. Euchre and social evening at 8 p.m. Thornlea School, auspices of Home and School Association. Admission 50c. c1w30

Growing Pupil Potential Forces Upward Revision Of Accommodation Plan

Long drawn out negotiations and surveys in connection with a site for the proposed new public school for Richmond Hill reached a climax at a special meeting of the board last Thursday night, when a resolution authorizing the board's solicitor to proceed with expropriation proceedings covering eight acres on the northern edge of the village was unanimously adopted by the members present, who included Chairman James Pollard, Trustees Langstaff, Armstrong, Barber and Butlin.

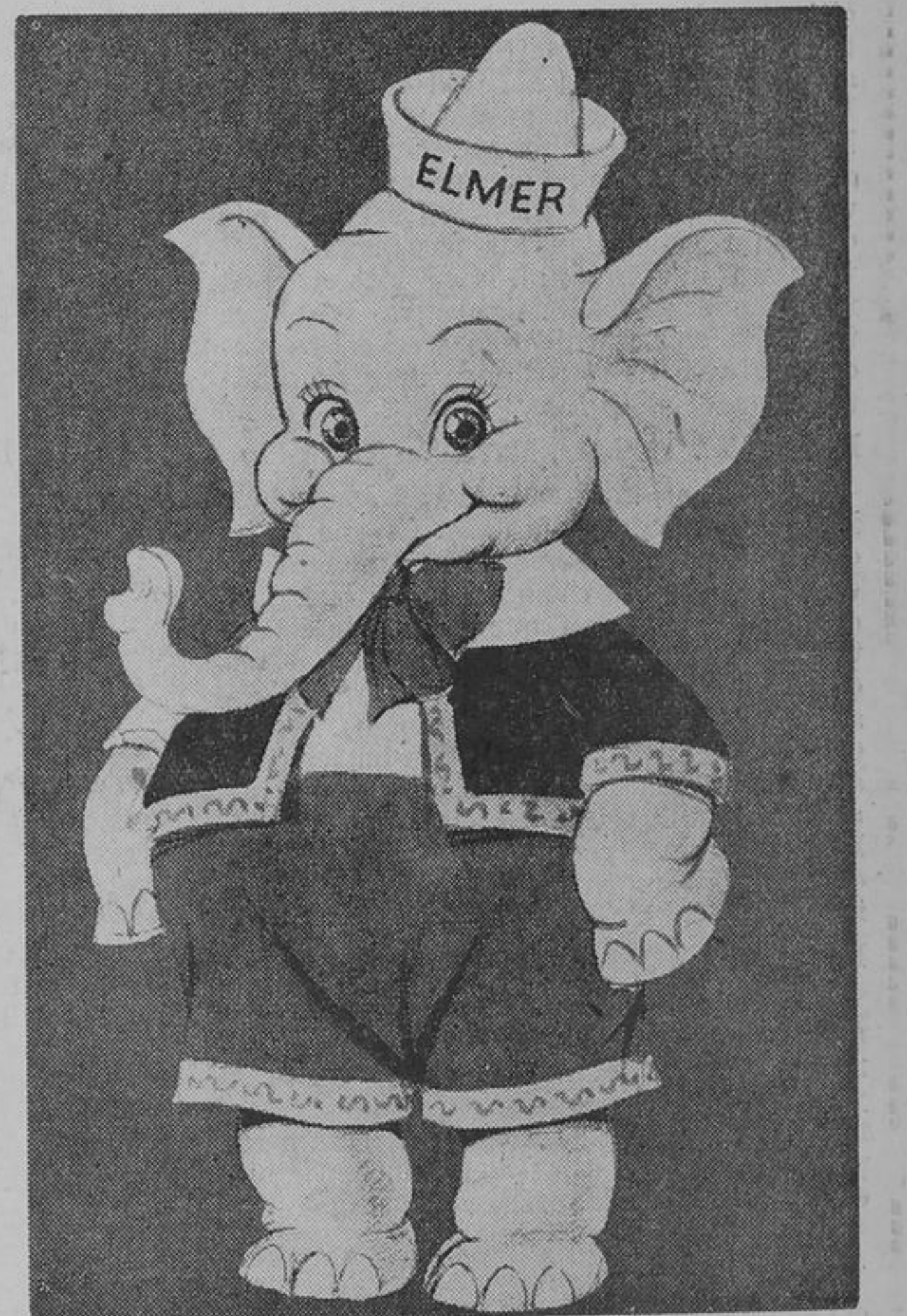
The decision finalized long in Richmond Hill itself and in the months of study during which the area outside the municipality which is served by the Richmond Hill school, caused a revision of opinion on the accommodation needed. In addition, trustees agreed unanimously, it would be cheaper to build an eight room school all at one time rather than to erect a six-room school first and be forced to add two rooms in a comparatively short time. It was stated that the cost of the new school would approximate \$176,000.

Need Fifteen Rooms
At least fifteen rooms would be needed in the fall, trustees considered when studying potential school population figures. 530 pupils are now attending classes held in the present public school and in two auxiliary rooms in the Municipal Hall, in addition to 69 kindergarten pupils. Attendance would be decreased by forty children leaving senior grade in the fall but would be more than offset by children coming into school age.

Reference was made to the anticipated large increase of township pupils and to the increased assessment which was being created by the construction of industrial establishments to the south of Richmond Hill, which are in the local school district.

Plan Larger School
At the same meeting trustees decided to ask the provincial Department of Education to approve the building of a larger school than was originally planned. Earlier estimates had led to the belief that a six room school would serve the village's needs but the increase of population in recent months, both

Elmer Is Coming



"Elmer, The Safety Elephant," is coming to Richmond Hill. His sponsors are members of the Lions Club, now engaged in a safety campaign designed to lessen the toll of death and accident which accompanies the ever-growing flood of traffic. The club has received full co-operation and encouragement from the trustees of both Public and Separate Schools in arranging for Elmer's visit.

His visit it is hoped, will be a long one. Whether it is or not depends very largely on the children of Richmond Hill and, with them, the motorists of the community.

Elmer will be accompanied by an imposing array of those interested in public safety when he

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Skid, Car Wreck, Cut Head Feature Elgin Mills Crash

Driving north on No. 11 Highway last Friday night Jack McCarnan of 26 Joseph Street, Newmarket received cuts on his head when his car skidded and hit a hydro pole on the east side of the road just north of Elgin Mills. Alice Greenhead of May Avenue, Richmond Hill riding with him had her face bruised. The car was badly wrecked.