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STOUFFVILLE: Mrs. Wesley Reesor, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gostick celebrated her 91st birthday last week.

KING TWP.: Establishment of a planning board for the township is under the consideration of council.

STOUFFVILLE: The circulation of the library has increased by 1,565 to an all-time high of 10,860. 724 persons were enrolled as library users in 1950.

NEWMARKET: Bert McDonald of Richmond Hill was elected president of the North York Badminton League. Vice-president is Frank Wims, Aurora and secretary is Florence Callaghan, Newmarket.

LINDSAY: Howard J. Williamson, customs officer, has been elected a member of town council by acclamation for the year 1951, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Ald. H. G. Ruffer.

AURORA: Alf Bolsby is the new president of the Legion here.

LINDSAY: Fair Board officials have asked the committee of Finance and Assessment of Victoria County Council to increase its annual contribution from \$800 to \$2,000.

ORILLIA: A site at Victoria Park was suggested at a meeting of the Orillia Historic Society last week for the proposed new museum to house Indian and pioneer relics of this district.

LINDSAY: \$8,000 has been granted by Victoria council to Ross Memorial Hospital to help offset the 1950 loss of \$35,000.

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ORILLIA: In 1950 the town of Orillia sent \$53,000 to Barrie for county purposes.

LINDSAY: Reeve Worsley of the Township of Fenelon has completed eight consecutive years as reeve and served as Warden of the county in 1950.

BOLTON: Herb Elliott has been appointed clerk-treasurer in addition to assuming the superintendency of the Works Department at a salary of \$200. per month.

LINDSAY: Mr. Lewis Gordon has been made chairman of the town Water Board for the third time in his six years on the board.

"Suspicious Characters" Plus Notification, Bring Speedy Police Response

A minor flurry was caused last Tuesday when a concentration of Ontario Provincial Police cruisers descended on Richmond Hill.

Strangers in the village, using a car with a United States license, aroused the suspicions of the staff of a local business house, who informed police. In a matter of minutes constables rounded up the "suspects" — discovered that their intentions were strictly honorable, even if unusual. They were engaged in making a survey for a well-known radio station in the States. Police officers expressed appreciation of the speedy notification which was given them. Such action, while abortive in this particular case could, they said, play a major part in stopping a crime.

Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2 — Friday. A church will be held at St. Mary's (Catholic) Parish Hall at 8 p.m. Come and enjoy our new heater. clw31

FEBRUARY 5 — Monday. Meeting of Markham Township Council at 1 p.m. at the Municipal offices, Unionville. clw31

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FEBRUARY 9 — Friday. World Day of Prayer meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. clw31

FEBRUARY 14 — Wednesday. Maple Lions Club invite you to their Valentine Dance, again featuring Charles Hannigan and his Refreshment booth. clw31

FEBRUARY 16 — Friday. Valentine Dance sponsored by the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club at the Public School auditorium from 9 to 1. clw31



Barrager "My husband and his father before him have been readers of The Liberal," said happy Mrs. Roy Woods, 6259 Bathurst Street, posing for the paper's photographer in the thousand dollar fur coat which she won at the Thornhill Lions Club Ice Frolic last week.

Battle Of Ballots Possible

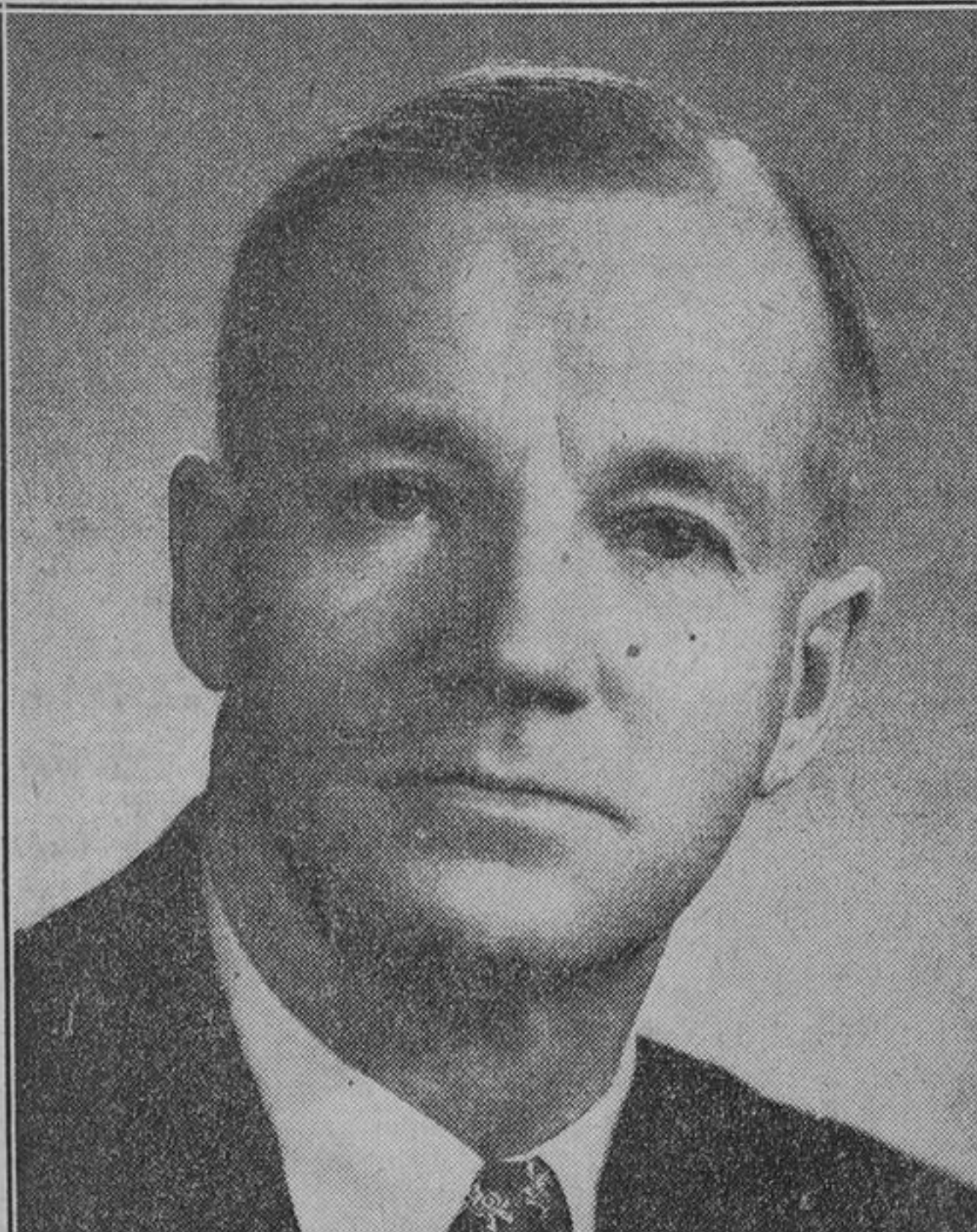
Unexpected Election For Reeve Likely "Dark Horse" Candidate States Intention

Maple Research Station Offered By Province As Hub For Civilian Defence

Possibilities that Maple might become the nerve centre of Toronto's civil defense system became evident on Wednesday when Col. Arthur Welsh, Ontario Provincial Secretary, stated that facilities of the Southern Research Station, Division of Research, in the Department of Lands and Forests, had been offered to the body charged with the planning of the Toronto area's Civil Defence Committee.

The property is on the third concession of Vaughan, a half-mile north of the road between Maple and Richmond Hill. Because of radio hook-ups it would form an excellent centre for control of the Toronto area.

It was not intended to hand over the property, said Col. Welsh, but to make space and services available for those charged with the duty of defending and controlling Toronto's civilian population in case of attack. The offer, he said, had been made by him in his capacity of Civil Defence Co-ordinator and had the full approval of the Minister of Lands and Forests for the province.



Likelihood Of Acclamation For Former Reeve Neal Fades - Others May Run

Possibilities of an election on Friday, February 9, to fill the Richmond Hill reeveship left vacant by the death of Reeve J. A. Greene have been strengthened by the announcement of Stuart Parker, 85 Centre Street West, that he intends to be a candidate.

Former Reeve William Neal has already announced his intention of standing for the office and had, until Mr. Parker's declaration, been generally conceded an acclamation. With the possibility of an election becoming apparent it is rumored that others who had previously stated their intention of not running are reconsidering.

Nominations scheduled for Friday, February 2, and which are to be held at the Municipal Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. may produce some surprises.

Mr. Parker, who has announced his intention of running for reeve, has resided in Richmond Hill for the last four years. He is a barrister and solicitor and served during the last war with the 48th Highlanders in North-east Europe and with the Intelligence Service, returning to civilian life as a captain.

He is a son of the famed Rev. Stuart Parker, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for many years and at one time Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in

Elmwood Water Project O.K'd. By Municipal Board

Official approval for the installation of the long-discussed water service installation in Elmwood Park has been given by the Ontario Municipal Board, Charles Hoover, clerk of Markham Township, has reported, with the amount to be expended tentatively set at \$22,500.

Next step will be the preparation of necessary data by the township's engineer, which will be followed by calling for contractor's tenders on the work.

Say Co-operation Needed

Business Men's Association Planned For Thornhill At Organizational Meet

"The easier you can make it for a customer to come to your door the oftener he will come back," Wilfred R. Dean told a group of Thornhill business men on Monday last when he detailed the plans which the village trustees were formulating for the improvement of road, sidewalk and other conditions in the village.

In addition to hearing Trustee Dean's program the ten men present discussed the revival of the Thornhill Business Men's Association, which has been dormant for some years. They were unanimous in agreeing that some form of co-operation was necessary and decided to discuss the

matter with other interested residents and to hold a further organizational meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. President Archie Murray of the Richmond Hill Business Men's Association and F. J. Picking, director of public relations detailed the steps which Richmond Hill had taken in connection with the formation of its organization a year ago.

Audience Crowds Masonic Hall For Orangemans' Amateur Show

Aurora, Thornhill and Richvale performers topped the list when Victoria Loyal Orange Lodge, Richmond Hill, staged an event which was, locally at least, unique last week.

Fifteen separate numbers were entered in the Lodge's "Amateur Night," some of them consisting of two or more performers, and drew bountiful applause from an audience which literally jammed the Masonic Hall. The judges, Archie Murray, Councilors Ken Tomlin and Floyd Perkins, and Col. F. J. Picking, had a difficult time selecting the numbers which in their opinion had the greatest audience appeal, and had to call back four of the turns before their final decision could be announced.

First place went to an outstanding cornet trio composed of Ross Lee, Don Sanford & Rodney West of Aurora. A charming couple of youngsters from Thornhill with smiles that captured the audience as much as their singing, Marie Jones and Elaine Burkem, took second place. Gary Blackburn of Richvale, possessor of an outstanding voice for a boy, was third prizewinner. Hugh Tyndall of Toronto was a close runner-up for fourth position.

Wide variety marked the offerings of the performers. They ranged all the way from capably performed sleight-of-hand performances such as that given by Michael Butt and Graeme Bales to the tap dancing of Annie Johnston of Richmond Hill, the accordion solo of Clarence Kozak and the guitar playing of Joe Cannon.

The standards of performance were good and the popularity of the show was evidenced by audience demands for more of the same at a later date.

The event was capably handled by William Turner as Master of Ceremonies with Worshipful Master George Fenwick expressing the thanks of the Lodge both to the audience and those who took part. Chairman of the committee

Win Over Sunderland Gives Juvenile Team Chance At Play-Offs

It looked bad for Richmond Hill's Juvenile C group team, sponsored by the Business Men's Association, when the lads met Port Perry on Richmond Hill ice last Friday. Playing what seems to be a standard type of game for the first period, the Hill boys were on the short end of a 3-0 score. Conditions were reversed in the second period when Atkinson scored from Charles and Charles from Watt.

Holding Port Perry scoreless in the third period, Charles plugged in another goal from Wesley to tie the game up, with VanDyke scoring on an assist from Hart to give the local team a 4-3 victory.

Playing Sunderland on Richmond Hill ice on Tuesday night, instead of Port Perry as formerly arranged, the Hill boys reversed the usual procedure by playing fast, hard hockey for the first period. Driving the visiting team — which its coach says is "all slated for Marlboro" — the locals saw Blake score in the first few minutes, with Sunderland tying the score and then Blake making it 2-1 for Richmond Hill.

Two ten minute misconduct penalties chalked up by VanDyke and Hart following a free-for-all robed the home team of its punch in the second period and permitted Sunderland to bang home two goals to Richmond Hill's one, leaving the score 3-2.

Fighting hard in the third period, Richmond Hill boys were unable to overcome the visitors' lead. While the red light over the Sunderland net flashed once the goal was disallowed.

Only two games are left before playoff start. Stouffville will visit Richmond Hill next Tuesday night and the locals will play Port Perry on Friday of this week.

Dalton Rumney Named President Of Agricultural Group For 1951

A healthy state of affairs was revealed when Richmond Hill Agricultural Society held its hundred and first annual meeting last Saturday and President Wes. Middleton gave a report on its activities. Reports of various committees were equally satisfactory.

Receipts of the Society during the year were \$6,869, the balance sheet revealed, including a balance carried forward from the preceding year of \$1,285. Disbursements totalled \$5,537, leaving a balance of \$1,331 to start 1951 operations.

The 1950 fair had been one of the best in the Society's history, said President Middleton.

Electing Dalton Rumney as 1951 president, the meeting also chose George Agar as 1st vice-president and Stewart Rumble as 2nd vice-president. Drs. George Kelley and A. Ripley were elected as honorary veterinarians, with L. Sims as auditor. The president and vice-presidents were named

as delegates to the convention of agricultural societies to be held in Toronto in February. A committee to handle the annual banquet was set up with President Dalton Rumney, Vice-president George Agar and Len. Clement as its members.

Sixteen directors were named as follows: George Rumney, E. Redmeier, P. C. Hill, A. Bagg, S. Rumble, G. Atkinson, M. Savage, L. H. Clement, N. Tyndall, C. Henshaw, L. Beatty, G. Agar, D. Rumney, B. Weldrick, N. Boyle, H. McCague.

Associate directors are H. Butt, B. Hollingsworth, W. Cook, F. Perkins, A. Stong.

Invite Parents To School

There's no need to bring a note if you happen to be late for school on February 5, 6 and 7. You can go in at any time — that is, if you are a parent of a pupil attending Richmond Hill Public School.

Designed to create a closer link between pupils, teacher and parents, and to show the latter just how their youngsters are looked after during school hours, is a plan by which parents can just walk into classrooms without knocking, sit down and watch classes in session. Parents, says Principal Walter Scott, are welcome at any hour and also welcome to watch their children at play in the school yard under the supervision of teachers.

Ill Last Week - Recovered

Taken ill suddenly last Saturday, William Neal, former reeve who has announced that he is running for the seat left vacant by the death of Reeve J. A. Greene, has fully recovered.

Set For The Moment

Lake Wilcox Pupils Continue At Oak Ridges, Boards Agree

A settlement has been reached by the two school boards involved regarding the forty-five children Oak Ridges had asked Lake Wilcox trustees to look after by Mrs. A. L. Chairman of S. S. 13 A. E. Patchell reported that every possibility of finding accommodation had been explored but that no suitable room or building could be found in the vicinity of Lake Wilcox.

Mr. O. M. McKillop, school inspector for the new section, asked the indulgence of the Oak Ridges Board when he said any constructive idea Oak Ridges could initiate would be greatly appreciated.

Bob Woolley, member of Oak Ridges board said though it would work great hardship on Mr. Martin, school principal, and his teaching staff, there was apparently one solution. The fact that grade one had had to be removed to the large entrance hall of the annex while repairs were being made to the ceiling in the basement room had suggested the idea this room, now empty, might be used for classes to take care of the 45 pupils.

Mr. Martin said the suggestion was far from ideal but that he believed he could say for his staff that in view of local conditions the

Oak Ridges school would have to continue to accommodate the children until the end of the school year. It was decided that the board of S. S. 13 would provide a lighted blackboard, to be hung so that it would be removable, bookshelves and desks which will be taken to the new school upon completion.

It was also agreed by Inspectors Howitt and Mr. McKillop that another teacher should be engaged. A second teacher will also be added to the staff to help Mr. Martin, whose task as principal of the overcrowded school make it necessary to relieve him of some teaching responsibility.

Fire Causes Slight Damage

One hundred dollars damage was the result of a fire at W. Osborne's, 161 Yonge Street, North, Richmond Hill on Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock.

Attempting to thaw the water pipes in the kitchen and bathroom caused sparks to fly and fire resulted. The call was answered by Richmond Hill Fire Brigade.

Another New "Liberal" Feature

"What should I do with that Christmas poinsettia?" "What is the best time to plant tulips?" Those questions, and many like them, are consistently being asked by flower-conscious Richmond Hill district residents, especially those who are taking a special pride in the gardens of the many new homes which are springing up.

To assist its readers in finding the answer to those questions The Liberal is starting a new feature in this issue — a feature which will be published each week. This week it will be found on the Editorial Page — page 2 — under the heading of "The Gardener's Column."

It is written by Al. Rice of Rice's Flower Shop, well-known local floriculturist, who is this year president of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, and will contain helpful seasonal information on the growing of green things.

Mr. Rice will be glad to answer any questions which readers may care to ask. They should be addressed to him by letter as follows "The Gardener's Column, The Liberal, Richmond Hill." Answers to questions will be included in the column in the paper so that as many readers as possible may obtain the benefit of whatever advice is given.



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