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Boy Scout Campaign

Forecast that spring is on the way — that Boy Scouts and Cubs will soon be engaged in their favourite occupations of camping and learning outdoor lore.

Back of it all is a reminder that the Scout annual financial campaign is under way — that the boys, their leaders, and the group committee is putting on a special drive this year for funds to erect a badly needed Scout and Cub headquarters in Richmond Hill.

Vaughan Building Permits Triple In Last 24 Months

During the normally quiet month of January building permits issued in Vaughan Township have amounted to \$38,480, states Building Inspector H. C. H. Miller.

Council Knocks County Council System "House Of Nonsense" Says Middleton

The County Council system came in for a thorough "panning" when Richmond Hill Council held its regular meeting last Monday.

"County Council is an unnecessary expenditure," said Councillor Ken Tomlin, stressing the fact that it was time to look into taxation reform.

Deciding to join the Association of Rural Municipalities, councillors gave unanimous endorsement to a resolution adopted by the village of Chesterville which read "That, whereas the cost of underground sewers, disposal plants and waterworks in towns and villages not separated from counties has become an excessive burden to the ratepayers, and whereas the public health is endangered without a satisfactory system, be it resolved that this council petition the Provincial Government, through the Association of Rural Municipalities, to pay a subsidy of thirty-three and one-third per cent on the cost of construction of sewers, disposal plants and waterworks systems."

Neal, Parker, In Race

Former Reeve, New Aspirant Contenders For Reeveship-Election To Be On Friday

Thornhill - Richmond Hill Toll Charges Are Feared Council, BMA, To Study

Fears that the transference of the Thornhill exchange to the Willowdale exchange, announced by the Bell Telephone Company some time ago and expected to take place some time in 1952, may result in an additional charge to users have been expressed by both the Village Council and the Richmond Hill Business Men's Association.

"It would be a distinct hardship to both business men and other residents if we were forced to pay a charge on all calls between the two communities," said Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor, introducing the subject at the last meeting of the council.

"Know Your Neighbour"



Successful farmer, long-term public servant, and now County Commissioner, is JOHN HOSTRAWSER, Reeve of Vaughan Township, pictured above.

Unexpectedly Big Crowd Attends Nomination Night Deputy Reeve Not To Run

"I feel that it would be an injustice to taxpayers for me to run," said Deputy Reeve W. J. (Tom) Taylor at the meeting last Friday night which saw three candidates nominated for the office of Reeve left vacant by the death of Reeve J. A. Greene two weeks ago.

Explaining his decision not to contest the office, the Deputy Reeve pointed out that he had only a few weeks' service on County Council and that he felt he should have broader experience, especially under present conditions, before he attempted to become the municipality's senior representative on that body.

The principal surprise of the meeting, of which Municipal Assessor W. S. Pocknell made a capable chairman through the absence on account of illness of Village Clerk Russell Lynett, was the large attendance, especially considering the fact that many business men were unable to be present on account of its being Friday evening.

upstairs now being used as a schoolroom. It began with a standing tribute in memory of the late Reeve.

Nominated besides Deputy Reeve Taylor were William Neal, Reeve of Richmond Hill in 1944 to 1947 inclusive and member of the village council in 1934, 1935, 1940, 1941 and 1942, and Stuart Parker, barrister and solicitor of 85 Centre Street West, making his first attempt at municipal office. Both qualified.

The necessary election will be held on Friday, February 9, in the Masonic Hall, voting hours being from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mr. Neal was nominated by Frank Schissler and Arthur Eden. Mr. Parker's nominators were W. A. Smith and A. C. Rollinson, while James Pollard and H. Sanderson nominated Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor.

Candidates Explain Platform

William Neal His record as a municipal administrator was the principal theme developed by Mr. Neal. He mentioned a number of improvements which had been made locally while he was either Reeve or a member of council.

"One of the main things that was done while I was a member of council," he said, was to bring in a water system. Garbage collection, he stated, was brought into existence while he was Reeve. That system, he asserted, is not yet perfect and will not be until we have a proper incinerator arrangement. Explaining the difficulties in connection with the present plan, Mr. Neal said it was not always possible to do just what one would like to. It was necessary, he asserted, to find a contractor who had necessary dumping facilities. The former Reeve expressed his objections to the dumping arrangement, saying that it was unsanitary.

Stop lights, said Mr. Neal, had been installed while he was in council and he pointed to the fact that they had been improved until now they were working satisfactorily. Ash collection, he stated, had been brought in while he was a member of council.

One of the principal things which he had been able to accomplish on behalf of the village was the recovery of half of the cost of snow removal from the provincial government.

Giving his reasons for running for office again Mr. Neal said that he was a large taxpayer engaged in business in the village. He pointed out too that his family of five boys were brought up in the village and had attended or were attending local schools. That, he said, was a strong reason why he was interested in the municipality and its progress.

Stuart Parker "I do not wish to decry experience," said Stuart Parker, in presenting his case to the meeting. "There is a place for younger people. The growth of the village is largely due to the influx of younger residents, and much of its progress is due to them."

Those who have built homes in the municipality have a great stake in it, said Mr. Parker. Paying tribute to those who had carried on through the years, he said "However capable those older men are it is time for younger men to share their load."

He had not been able to enter municipal life before, Mr. Parker told his audience, explaining that since his return from overseas he had been busily engaged in regaining his place in civil life.

His experience as a lawyer, said the speaker, had given him broad governmental, municipal and business contacts. They, he thought, would be of great value to the municipality, especially during coming years when population would show still greater growth and when the problems of local government would increase greatly.

"We all know," he said, "that amalgamation of Toronto and number of the municipalities surrounding it is a major subject at the present time." He asserted that if amalgamation went through it would greatly increase the importance and population of Richmond Hill.

"We should be one of the largest municipalities in a new county set-up," said Mr. Parker, saying that he believed that it was of the utmost importance that the corporation should be adequately represented on any new body that came into being, both from financial and other considerations. He again stressed that the value of his legal and administrative experience would be of great value to the village under such considerations.

Coming Events

- FEBRUARY 9 — Friday. Meeting of Doncaster Ratepayers Association at Powell Road School, Thornhill.
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FEBRUARY 10 — Saturday. Baking and apron sale under the auspices of Maple Community and School Club at 3 o'clock in McCowan's Store.
FEBRUARY 12 — Monday. Meeting of Langstaff Ratepayers' Association at Langstaff Card Co. plant on No. 7 Highway.
FEBRUARY 12 — Monday. General meeting and election of officers of Highland Park Ratepayers Association at Powell Road Public School at 8.15 p.m.
FEBRUARY 15 — Thursday. Euchre sponsored by the Canadian Legion in the Public School auditorium at 8.30 p.m. Admission 35c. Good Prizes, refreshments.
FEBRUARY 13 — Tuesday. The Richmond Hill Branch 375 Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. will hold its next regular meeting at the home of Mr. F. Titshall, May Avenue, Stop 24A Yonge St. Richmond Hill. Veterans and members please note.

- FEBRUARY 14 — Wednesday. Maple Lions Club invites you to its Valentine Dance again featuring Chas. Hannigan and his Mountaineers. Modern and old-time dancing. Admission 75c. Refreshment booth.
FEBRUARY 16 — Wednesday. The W.A. of Maple United Church will meet at the home of Mrs. E. Hempill at 2.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.
FEBRUARY 16 — Friday. Valentine's party, 8 p.m., in Headford United Church. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or cookies for lunch. You are also asked to bring one valentine. Crokinole will be played for one hour. Silver collection.
FEBRUARY 16 — Friday. Have you enjoyed a game of euchre lately or is bridge your game? Then join the Patterson Community Club at the Masonic Hall, Maple, on the above date, at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and there will be prizes. Admission 40c per person. Proceeds to purchase recreational equipment for Patterson Public School. Tickets available at the door.
FEBRUARY 23 — Friday. Dance, old time and modern, Kit Carson's Trail Blazers and a gala stage show, sponsored by the Canadian Legion Branch 375 at the Richmond Hill Public School auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission 75c per person.

Handle Variety of Subjects

A wide range of subjects was dealt with at the meeting at which Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor occupied the chair. Councillor Ken Tomlin was re-appointed as the village's representative on York County Health Unit. Councillor Floyd Perkins was named to Don Valley Conservation Authority.

23 persons had been summoned during January for exceeding the thirty mile speed limit, the report of P. C. Frank Moore indicated. Twenty convictions were secured, with resulting fines totalling \$225. Approximately 50% of that amount reverts to the village.

Discussing the site for a proposed Boy Scout headquarters, councillors expressed themselves

as in favour. Matter of the exact location was held over for consideration as to which would be the most suitable.

Ploughing of sidewalks after snowfalls was considered at length, with criticism directed against citizens who failed to comply with the covering by-law. It was agreed to try clearing sidewalks with a small tractor if it could be arranged.

Asking to be advised if a location was available, a commercial institution indicated its desire for a building with 60,000 square feet of floor space. None being available no action was taken.

128 properties in the village had changed hands during the last year, Village Clerk Russell Lynett reported.

Hockey Play-offs Results To Be Decided Fri. Night

Playing Port Perry in the big scoring game of the season, Richmond Hill's Business Men's Association juvenile team beat Port Perry last Friday night, at Port Perry, with an 8 to 7 score.

The situation was reversed on local ice on Tuesday when Unionville licked the locals 6 to 3. However, the game does not affect league standing as Unionville is Class A.

Confusion which existed last week with regard to play-offs and standings has been cleared up, Richmond Hill plays Stouffville in the local arena on Friday, 11, the

Hill wins then the team plays Sunderland on Saturday night, at Sunderland in the first of the play-off games. But if Stouffville wins both teams are tied for second place. Likely clarification of the situation, officials say, is that a twenty minute special period will be played following the regular game.

If Richmond Hill defeats Stouffville and so enters the playoffs the Sunderland tilt, will be played on Richmond Hill ice next Tuesday, with Sunderland again in opposition.

Organizing Recreational Activities For Vaughan Tp. Committee Plan Meetings

"Helping others to help themselves", is, according to Chairman Tom Jackson of Thornhill, leader of Vaughan Township's Recreational Committee, the basic formula on which the committee's operations will be extended throughout the township.

Appointed by Vaughan Township Council under the Department of Education Act, the committee consists of Mr. Jackson, Charles F. Sowdon of Thornhill, Douglas McCowan of Maple, Jackson Taylor of Richvale, Fred Morris of Langstaff. Councillors William Agar and Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township are also members.

Programming of recreational activities throughout the township is the committee's chief concern. Included under that word "recreation" come many varied activities. Sports and games form one section. Included in that section are outdoor enterprises such as soccer, swimming, lawn bowling, track and field activities, to name only a few.

In another section come social activities such as glee clubs, Hallows' programs, public speaking, discussion groups, public speaking groups.

Arts And Crafts Too Still another section embraces arts and crafts such as wood carving, designing, photography, rug making, folk dancing. Leadership training is included in this section which, with the others, embraces practically every field of human entertainment.

Council Grants Approval To "Racket-Busting" Plan

Richmond Hill council will take up with its solicitor the matter of preparing an adequate by-law under which itinerant salesmen will be required to obtain a permit from the police before being allowed to sell in the municipality.

The decision followed a presentation from a Business Men's Association delegation which pointed out that a number of projects of questionable worth had been submitted to local businesses in recent months. The legitimate undertaking, it was pointed out, would have nothing to fear. "Racketeers" would be deterred by the necessity of having a license and, in cases where it was necessary to make an investigation, would not be likely to stay around while this was being carried out.

\$4,000 Damage Caused In L. Wilcox Fire

The shock of finding her Lake Wilcox home in flames after returning from a brief trip outside her combined store and living quarters on the South Road, caused Mrs. Reuben Long to collapse after she phoned the alarm to the Aurora fire department.

Chief cause of distress to Mrs. Long was the fact that she had placed the receipts from the previous days sales in her purse on a shelf in the blazing bedroom.

Firemen recovered the purse which was burned to a crisp but with the wallet and money intact. The interior of the building was gutted and most of the stock damaged beyond salvage. Mrs. Long was taken to the home of a neighbour where she was placed under the care of a doctor.

Richmond Hill fire brigade responded to the call for precautionary reasons when it was realized that the high wind might whip the flames out of control, endangering the many frame cottages in the immediate vicinity. Damage to building and contents was estimated at approximately \$4,000.

Want a good attendance at that concert or bazaar or whatever it may be? Then try an insertion in the "Coming Events" column of The Liberal. It does the job for you at low cost. Telephone Richmond Hill 9.

Traffic Problem Studied

Off-street parking, plus education of car owners, were said by Inspector A. Witts of the Ontario Provincial Police to be a large part of the solution of traffic problems when he addressed members of the Richmond Hill Village Council, representatives of the Business Men's Association and Chairman James Pollard of the Public School Board at a special council meeting called for the purpose of examining the local traffic situation.

"No. 11 is now an international heavy all-year volume of traffic, highway," said the inspector, recognized expert on traffic problems, after his introduction by Constable Frank Moore. Referring to the

Off Street Parking, Education Of Drivers, Stressed As Expert Meets Council, Business Men, School Head

the treasury must be safeguarded. Transient traffic, he stated, could be handled by by-passing it but "Where are you going to get the funds?" he asked.

Education Needed Stressing the vital part played by education of car owners through adequate publicity, Inspector Witts said "If we can educate our people to park off the streets we have done something." He emphasized, however, that before this could be done there must be a place for them to park.

Smaller towns as well as large municipalities were being drawn

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