

News From Next Door

ORILLIA: As a means of making possible better patrolling of the town, Mayor Wibur M. Cramp has suggested that members of the police department be equipped with walkie-talkies.

BARRIE: Over 5,000 telephones are now in use here, an increase of 156 during the year. An average of 23,800 local calls were placed each day during 1950. Long distance was used more. A total of 2,030 messages per diem were handled as compared with the average of 1,830 in 1949.

ORILLIA: Except for the business district mail delivery here will be limited to once a day. Instructions from Ottawa were received with the explanation that it was an economy measure.

BARRIE: Patrol Leader Buster Walton of the Second Barrie Troop of Boy Scouts was made a King's Scout, the aim of all scouts, at an investiture in St. Andrew's Church last week.

ORILLIA: The biggest annual circulation in the history of the library is shown by its annual report. 75,825 books were borrowed during the past year by 6,870 members — an average of 11 books borrowed by adults and 10 by children.

DURHAM: Teachers employed by the Durham County District High School Board were granted a \$500 "across-the-board" salary increase. They will receive as well an annual \$200, increment until maximum salaries are reached.

AURORA: The only Rotary Club on No. 11 highway between Toronto and Barrie has been formed here. President is C. W. Stollery.

NEWMARKET: The public School Board is petitioning council for a union school section with parts of Whitchurch and East Gwillimbury.

AURORA: Don Glass has been elected chairman of the Recreation Commission.

BOWMANVILLE: Town employees have been given an overall \$200 salary increase. The Recreational Director's salary was increased by \$300.

AURORA: Council has passed a Highways Improvement By-Law permitting a possible expenditure of \$18,000 during the coming year.

NEWMARKET: Newmarket and Aurora have appointed civil defence co-ordinators who will work with the county organization.

MARKHAM: The Fair Board is considering the buying of land from Mr. Jack Torrance for \$1,000 an acre.

Bank Changes



As announced in last week's Liberal changes are being made in connection with banking arrangements at King and Maple. Formerly operated under one manager, with three days a week being devoted to each community, the two branches will now be separated and each will remain open on all business days.

At the top is seen veteran banker H. (Barney) Bryan, formerly in charge of both branches, who will take over Maple. Below is M. H. Bell, who has come from the bank's head office in Toronto to take over the King branch. The change is effective on March 1.

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51 Or 52 Mill Tax Rate Forecast

Cost Of Education, Greater County Levy Factors In Likely Seven Mills Tax Jump

Larger Assessment Unable To Counterbalance Extra Costs Of Running Village

Rising costs of education, which in turn are largely attributable to greatly increased school population, are likely to be severely felt by Richmond Hill taxpayers this year. Consideration of estimates by the village council on Monday night indicate that the rate is likely to be either 51 or 52 mills, in spite of assessments which have increased from \$1,404,385 in 1950 to \$1,549,430 for 1951 tax purposes. Last year's rate was 44 mills.

Increase in Public School and High School requirements is responsible for raising the rate approximately 5 1/2 mills. The additional \$1,800 demanded by York County — for which Richmond Hill receives nothing — amounts to a little over one mill. A general increase in operating costs is also reflected in the rate but the main impact is caused by the factors mentioned.

"We're suffering because our education bill is so high," said Councillor Ken Tomlin, gaining agreement from other members of council. "We have tried to keep taxes down but in view of increasing school population it is impossible to do so." Objection to Richmond Hill having to pay 71% of the cost of the public school was registered by members of council, as 50 per cent of the pupils there-in come from the townships.

"We're over-legislated," said Councillor Floyd Perkins when the county rate was discussed. Every member of the local council had something to say on the subject, with County Council taking a "panning." Scathing reference to the amount of money spent on the new county building came from Councillor Perkins. A suggestion that Richmond Hill should secede from the county set-up was voiced by Councillor Tomlin.

Reeve Neal, Deputy Reeve Taylor and Councillor Middleton also had something to say about the load imposed on the municipality by the County Council levy of \$6,970 for 1951 — an amount equal to approximately 4 1/2 mills on the tax rate. "It's a shame that our money has to be taken to fight amalgamation," said the Deputy Reeve, referring to a recent action of the county body in allotting funds to oppose amalgamation proceedings, amounting to \$33,000 in

Richmond Hill Wing Of RCAF Association To Be At Convention

The Richmond Hill Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association will be represented when the second annual convention of the Ontario Group is held at the RCAF Station, 1107 Avenue Road Toronto, on Saturday, March 3. The sessions will be presided over by Air Vice Marshal G. E. Brookes, C.B., O.B.E., president of the Group and a member of the National Executive of the RCAF Association.

The convention will consider reports and resolutions from Wings in the province and these will be considered, voted on and if necessary passed to the National Convention to be held in Ottawa in May. President Harry Sayers of the Richmond Hill Wing will report on the activities of local Wing and also present this Wing's resolutions on changing the name of Dominion Executive Council to National Executive Council; increasing the Women's Division representation and use of rank within the association.



Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier of Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill, holds triplet lambs born last week. They are the first of the 1951 crop from Don Head's noted Southdown flock. Triplet lambs are unusual but not rare.

Whitchurch Township To Levy Against Farms For Federation

Whitchurch Township will this year levy one-fifth of a mill on all farm lands consisting of five acres or more, in support of the Federation of Agriculture. Council agreed to this step at its regular meeting on Friday evening, and instructed the clerk to prepare a by-law to cover the appropriation.

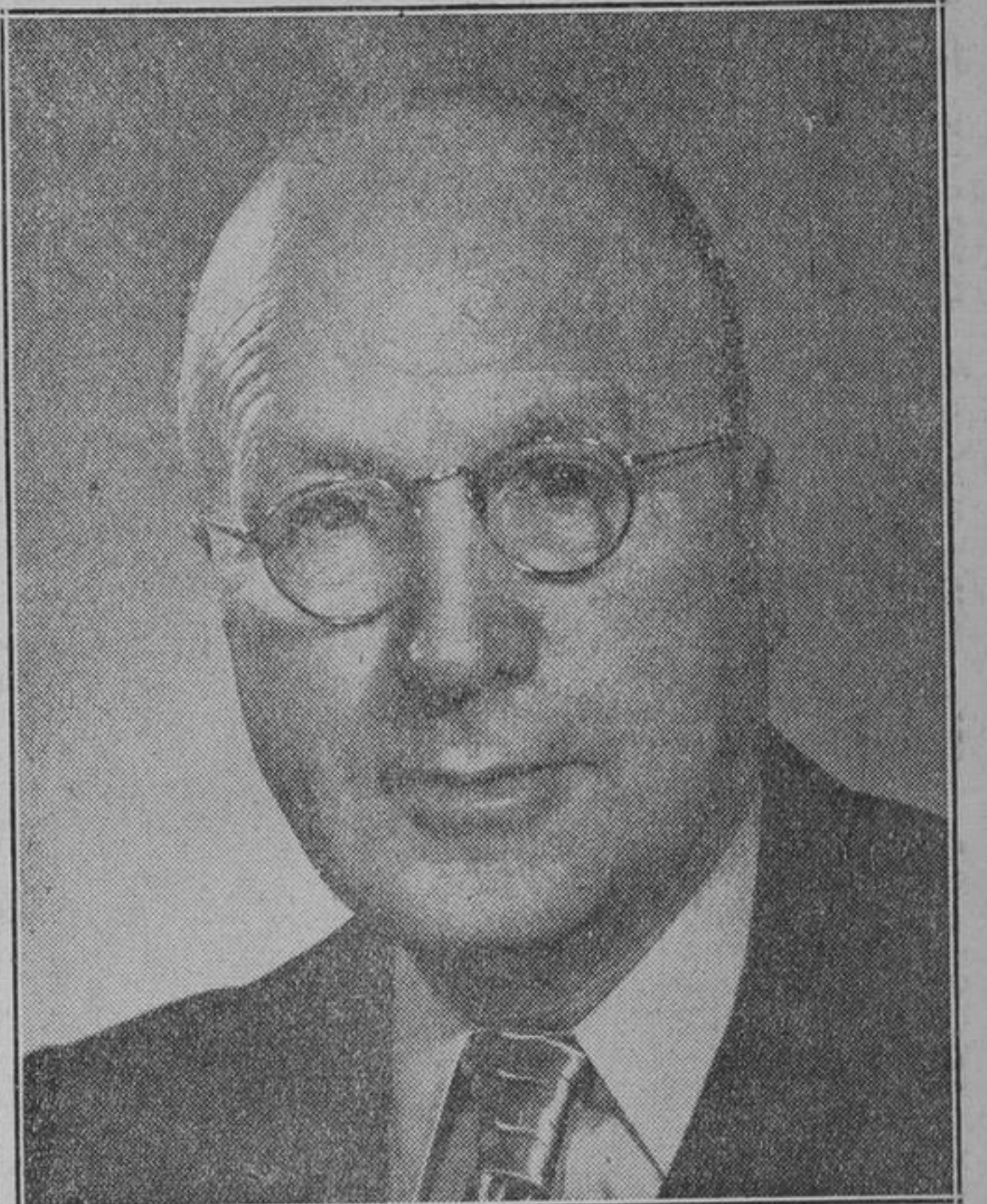
This direct tax levy system is being instituted in lieu of an annual grant which the municipality has been making to the Federation and follows a request from local members of the farmers' federation for the change. At the present time Vaughan Township has a similar levy of one fifth of a mill, and Markham Township contributes one-sixth.

There was considerable discussion concerning the change before the decision was finally reached, and for a time Reeve McLaughlin maintained that he still favored giving the grant rather than the levy system, particularly in view of the fact the township office facilities were badly upset during building operations.

"I'd be favorable to it if all the municipalities had to adopt this system," stated the Reeve. "We're doing it of our own free will," returned Councillor McCarron. "I believe," stated Deputy-Reeve Timbers, "that the mill rate is the fairest way, it'll come sooner or later and will gradually work into all corners of the County. I'm inclined to favor the mill rate."

"If some of these municipalities get behind the move, the others will have to come into it," commented Councillor McCarron. "I don't think we should be taxing the urban sections for a farmers' organization, and that's what we're doing when we give a grant," stated Councillor Baycroft. "I'm favorable to the mill rate if the office staff can handle it," he concluded.

"Know Your Neighbour"



Yonge Street from the days when there were no sub-divisions to the time when part of his own farm is becoming one is encompassed in the career of one of the district's best-known residents, BOB SCOTT, councillor and reeve of Vaughan Township for many years. The story of the man who has seen many changes in his life is told under "Know Your Neighbour" on the Editorial Page of this issue. The picture of Mr. Scott, like others in the "Know Your Neighbour" series, was taken by Edmund Soame, The Studio, 1720 Avenue Road.

More Houses?

Plans which are under way at the present time may lead to a large increase of population on Richmond Hill's borders. On the market for some considerable time, the St. Michael's College property on the east side of Yonge Street at the northern village limits has been sold, with the price said to be in the neighborhood of \$500 per acre. The deal is being handled by the Ernest Ridout Real Estate Company.

While details have not been released it is understood that the purchaser is planning a sub-division which will contain over four hundred houses.

Will Improve Roads And Local Sidewalks Is Councillors Decision

Improvement of Richmond Hill's roads and sidewalks will be a "must" in their 1951 program, village councillors decided at their meeting on February 26 when estimates for the year were considered.

A decision to buy five hundred bags of cement for use in rebuilding sidewalks was reached.

Discussing local roads, councillors agreed unanimously that they were in bad condition. "We must make an effort to do something about them," said Reeve Neal in the course of the debate. It was worthless putting gravel in holes at the present time, said Councillor Wes. Middleton, claiming that traffic only scattered it within a short period. It was agreed that an attempt to improve roads would be made after discussion with village employees.

Off To Flying Start

34 Membership Applications Received By New Thornhill Business Men's Assn.

Thirty one business men and women of the Thornhill area, including Langstaff, Doncaster and Steele's Corners and Thornlea met at the United Church Hall Monday evening, February 26th in order to decide on recommendations prepared by a special committee re the forming of a Business Men's Association for Thornhill Area.

The meeting followed a special invitation to 110 business people residing in the area. In his invitation secretary Adam Reiter stressed the importance of better service to the public by the business people. It is said in part that "the Thornhill District has lately seen very rapid changes, these changes affect every one of us, who, to a large extent depend on this district for a livelihood. The influx of new home owners demanding goods and services on a par with those to which they were accustomed in the city, creates a challenge to all of us. In order to meet this challenge it is important that each and everyone of the local business people should become members of a Business Men's Association, working for the welfare of the district as a whole."

Both in attendance and interest shown it was by far the most successful meeting for business people in the Thornhill area. Thirty-four applications for membership were turned in during the course of the

evening. Additional members were appointed to the committee: Fred Morris of Langstaff, Ron Fenn from Steele's Corners, George Jackson from Doncaster, making an executive of nine members, including Vern Griffin, Bruce Robinson, Adam Reiter, Hamar Jennings, George Roswell, Bart. Edwards.

Wilfred Dean, who had been previously elected withdrew from the executive stating that inasmuch as he was a village trustee, it would not be in the best interests of the Business Men's Association for

Richmond Hill Accident Brings Fine, Suspension

Following an accident which took place at Richmond Hill stop light some weeks ago Lawrence Wood, Toronto, was fined \$50 and costs and his license suspended for three months by Magistrate O. S. Hollingsworth in Newmarket Police Court last week. Charges of dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident were withdrawn.

Wood hit two trucks parked on Yonge Street and then struck a car being towed north by William Hanna of Oak Ridges.

Few men know the sleeve length of their shirts.

him to hold an executive post in the organization, and suggested appointment of someone to take his place from an outlying area. Chairman Vern Griffin thanked Mr. Dean for his many constructive ideas during the organization period. Mr. Dean will of course retain his regular membership in the organization.

A ten dollar annual fee was unanimously decided upon. The next meeting is to be held early in March. Dinner will be served, and a special speaker will address the meeting.

Jacks Avenue News

The Liberal is glad to announce the appointment of Mrs. M. Bell, 17 Jacks Avenue, as local correspondent for that area. Her first news column appears in this issue.

Mrs. Bell's telephone number is Thornhill 294R3 and both she and The Liberal will appreciate the co-operation of readers in telephoning local items to her at that number.

Accident Forces Action

Control Of Dogs To Be 12-Month Affair Village Councillors Decide Unanimously

United on the fact that something would have to be done to curb the nuisance created by dogs running at large in the village, but somewhat dubious as to their ability to enforce action, Richmond Hill councillors nevertheless voted unanimously at Monday's meeting to amend the present by-law, which calls for dogs to be under control during spring and summer months, so that it will restrict animals during the whole twelve-month.

Sparking the decision was a letter from Mrs. Mary Hamilton, Centre Street West, in which she complained of the fact that council had taken no decisive action to control dogs. As a result, she asserted, her ten-year-old daughter had been seriously hurt because of being knocked down by a dog. Criticizing the council for insisting on certain standards being maintained in connection with buildings, she pointed out the inconsistency of planning along these lines while at the same time permitting garbage to be scattered

around by uncontrolled animals. "You will be a laughing stock if you pass this by-law, and don't enforce it," pointed out Reeve William Neal in the course of a discussion in which all councillors agreed that the time had come when some action must be taken. "It's not fair to the fellow who keeps a dog and looks after it," said Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor, "to let the other fellow go."

"We can pass a by-law, but enforcement is another thing," said Councillor Ken Tomlin, strongly supporting immediate action.

On motion of Councillors Tomlin and Perkins all councillors voted for an amendment to the by-law which will make it mandatory for owners to keep their dogs under control at all times. Acting on a suggestion by Reeve Neal, Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor and Councillor Middleton introduced another motion, which also received unanimous endorsement, seeking the co-operation of Vaughan and Markham Townships and the Town of Aurora in the setting up of a system under which a dog-catcher and the necessary equipment might be maintained.

Coming Events

MARCH 5 — Monday. Meeting of the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers' Association at Oak Ridges School at 8 p.m. clw35

MARCH 5 — Monday. Regular meeting of Markham Twp. Council at Unionville at 1.30 p.m. clw35

MARCH 5 — Monday. Thornhill Ratepayers and Village Trustees meeting, Victoria Hall, Thornhill 8 p.m. clw35

MARCH 5 — Monday. Richmond Hill Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold its annual euchre and bridge in the Public School Auditorium at 8.15 p.m. Admission 50c. Prizes galore. clw33

MARCH 7 — Wednesday. Meeting of Doncaster Ratepayers Association at Powell Road School at 8 p.m. clw35

MARCH 7 — Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. in the auditorium, Richmond

Hill Public School, regular meeting of Elmwood Park Ratepayers Association. All property owners and residents of our area please attend. Several important topics for discussion. clw35

"REMEMBER THIS DATE!" — March 8, Thursday. York County Farm Forum is holding its annual Forum Rally at Newmarket Agricultural Office. Programme commences at 8 p.m. Ladies please provide. clw35

MARCH 9 — Friday. Euchre in Masonic Hall, Thornhill, at 8.15 p.m. Sponsored by W.I. Refreshments. Admission 50c. clw35

MARCH 14 — Wednesday. At Teston United Church, a St. Patrick's Supper will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. followed by films in technician shown by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler of Toronto, of their visit in Wales, Admission adults 50c, children 20c clw35