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WOODBRIDGE: Toronto Milk Producers held their banquet at Robinson's auditorium here, last week, with president Roly Keffer of Maple presiding.

MARKHAM: Village clerk and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Graham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday March 4. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have resided in Markham for the past forty years. Mrs. Helen Piper, a daughter, resides in Richmond Hill.

ORILLIA: An interim increase in electric and power rates amounting to five per cent looms for consumers buying from the Orillia municipal system. The increase is due to the new wage scale plus other cost increases.

WOODBRIDGE: Misses Anna Orr Aileen Easton, Margaret Wood, Andy McClure and Carl Boynton from this district attended the four-day area leadership course in folk and square dancing held in Aurora recently.

STOUFFVILLE: The Municipal Council is considering the erection of a cenotaph to commemorate those who died in World Wars I and II.

SCARBORO JCT.: Listed as a victim of a battle accident was Pte. R. C. Robinson. The nature of his injury is not as yet known by his father.

BOWMANVILLE: Sheppard and Gill Lumber Company drivers were entertained by their head office at the Ontario Safety League banquet for safe drivers at the Royal York Hotel. The Bowmanville men had a 100 per cent accident free record for the four trucks for 1950.

LINDSAY: After battling with figures Council arrived at a tax rate of 39.5 mills, 8 mills lower than last year.

STOUFFVILLE: Champion Noble Lady's Mona, a Great Dane, property of Mrs. Malcolm, won the Canadian Championship and needs only six more points to capture the United States Championship at the Blue Ribbon Show, Madison Square Gardens, New York.

LINDSAY: Alexander Wyle of Toronto was named Fire Chief at the recent council meeting.

ORILLIA: About half the work in the erecting of seating accommodation at the new civic arena has been done.

BOWMANVILLE: Ray Deuley, local 19-year-old pianist, is at present giving concerts in Long Beach, California, and has appeared on a television programme.

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Pay Honour To Local Fan

Local talent is going to be given the premier spot when officials and players of the Richmond Hill Hockey Club hold their annual banquet at the United Church at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16.

Instead of importing a speaker the club has asked Jack Hart, manager of the Richmond Hill branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, to address the gathering. The invitation extended to him, club officials say, is in tribute to the great interest which he has taken in local hockey activities.

Thornhill Exchange Control Transferred To Toronto Manager

Supervision of the Bell Telephone Company's office at Thornhill has been transferred from V. H. Storey, acting Bell manager at Newmarket, to E. G. Vernon, north district manager, with headquarters in Toronto. The change was effective March 1.

This transfer has been done in advance of the conversion of the Thornhill office from magneto to dial telephone service, scheduled for 1952, when the Thornhill office will be incorporated in the new Willowdale exchange building now under construction on Finch Avenue East. H. Harley, engineer, on Yonge Street in Thornhill, will continue to act in the capacity of local representative for the company. All enquiries about telephone service, payment of bills, and other matters should be directed to him. The telephone number is Thornhill 130.

Grass Fire Calls Earliest On Record, Firemen Say

Richmond Hill firemen responded to two grass fires last Monday — earliest known date, firemen said, that they can remember receiving such calls. One was at Elgin Mills and the other at Clark Avenue, Doncaster.

Submit New Proposal

Lions Club Asks Council For Site In Park To Erect Community Hall - Suggest Lease

Elmwood Roads Draw Fire From District's Ratepayers

Dissatisfaction with the condition and prospects of Elmwood Avenue were expressed by members of the Elmwood Park Subdivision (West Section) Ratepayers Association at the regular meeting held last week.

They heard reports that, with the exception of ditching, Elmwood Avenue was regarded by Markham Township authorities as finished. This, it was said, was in conflict with statements made last fall that the road required further grading and surfacing which would be done this spring.

Some members termed its present condition as being almost on a par with conditions which existed before the work was started last fall. The road was graded and surfaced then, it was said, and then it was found that certain rises had to be removed, which meant that extra work had to be done. At that time and again last week, members stated, they heard of conflict between the township engineer and the contractor.

They reported flooding at Elmwood and Lawrence Avenue, as well as at the foot of Baker Ave. and Palmer Avenue. It was decided that efforts should be made to obtain definite specifications regarding Elmwood Avenue and also Baker Avenue and that the association should have a definite opportunity of studying them. Question Graveling

It was reported that Baker Ave. is to be widened three feet in the spring. This road was also graded and gravel spread last fall. Members doubted if enough gravel or the right type of it was used for surfacing and pointed to the present mud as proof of these contentions.

A summary of the water agreement between Markham Township and Richmond Hill was presented by Wm. McKie. Members expressed the belief that it was a fair one. It was decided to ask that the laterals on north and south streets should be extended to the street lines of Markham Road and Palmer Avenue, to enable residents on those streets to obtain water more cheaply than under the present plan. Lennox Avenue, it was stated, would be an exception to this as property owners there did not feel such an extension would be necessary.

Members expressed regret over the lack of progress in connection with Palmer Avenue. Doubt was expressed that there was a 33-foot allowance for this road on the Harding Park subdivision plan. It was pointed out that last year members of the association were shown what was said to be the plan of this subdivision showing this allowance. Later information,

Bomb Risk Little States Councillor Others Disagree

With Reeve Neal, Deputy Reeve Taylor and Councillors Tomlin and Perkins urging action in view of the seriousness of the international situation and Councillor Middleton inclined to treat the matter lightly, village council again discussed the appointment of a civil defence co-ordinator at Monday night meeting. Final decision was to make an appointment at the next meeting.

"If they drop a bomb on Toronto we might as well forget it anyway," said Councillor Middleton. "I can't see why they would drop a bomb on Richmond Hill anyway," he added.

"If we don't act and the need arises it will be too bad," said Councillor Tomlin. "I'm all for action," said Deputy Reeve Taylor. "We should certainly act," said Reeve Neal, with Councillor Perkins agreeing.

"Ottawa should do it," was Councillor Middleton's final shot.

Say "No Dice"

Charges Of Gambling In Vaughan Twp. Challenged By Reeve & Chief Of Police

"Both township council and our police force are willing to co-operate with any other police force," said Reeve John Hostrawser of Vaughan Township, replying to statements made by Commissioner W. H. Stringer of the Ontario Provincial Police in a report tabled in the Ontario Legislature on Monday.

The Commissioner reported that money was changing hands in dice-shooting games of several varieties in Etobicoke, North York and Vaughan Townships and that most of the participants were from Toronto.

"Why," asked Reeve Hostrawser of Vaughan Township, when asked for comment by The Liberal, "haven't the Provincial Police moved in and taken action if they knew this was going on?"

"Or," he added, "if they knew of this then why did they not get into touch either with our council or our police force? We would have co-operated with them or with any police force at all." He added that he was surprised to hear the report attributed to Commissioner Stringer and said that he was quite satisfied with the way in which his township's police force was being run.

His statement was backed by Vaughan's Chief of Police, William Skidmore, former member of the Ontario Provincial Police. "We have not had to conduct a gambling raid in the township since May, 1950," said the chief, who asserted that nothing had come to his attention regarding gambling games in the municipality.

"Know Your Neighbour"



From the rough waters of the Great Lakes, on which he first embarked when he was seventeen to the dry land of Oak Ridges where he now lives surrounded by prize-winning horses and riders, has been quite a transition for CAPTAIN E. C. HAWMAN, pictured above, whose story is told on the Editorial Page under the usual "Know Your Neighbour" heading.

The picture of Captain Hawman, like others in the "Know Your Neighbour" series, was taken by Edmund Soame, The Studio, 1720 Avenue Road.

Scout Hall Fund Growing Fast

The financial campaign for the new hall for Richmond Hill Boy Scouts and Cubs is exceeding expectations, members of the Group Committee have reported.

Purpose of the campaign is to provide funds for the acquisition of the Sheardown property on Centre Street West which, as previously reported, has been optioned by the committee.

A general campaign is being conducted at the present time and, in addition, members of the Mothers

Auxiliary are working hard to raise necessary funds. Donations which are deductible for income tax purposes, may also be left at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Richmond Hill.

Scouts and Cubs are planning a paper collection for Saturday, March 24. Growth of the municipality has forced division of the area into two sections. The section west of Yonge Street will be covered on the date mentioned, the eastern section at a later date.

Can Start Work At Once Deputation Tells Council Plan Building Basement

Asking Council to lease the Lions Club a site in the village park on the west side of the Arena a deputation from the club interviewed the village council on Monday night. Included in the group were Lions Paul Angle, Ralph Paris, R. D. Little, A. Armstrong, D. Boyd, T. Lamb and P. C. Hill.

Speaking for the group Mr. Angle said that the Lions had been ready to go ahead with building of a community hall a year ago, at the time when the village council had withdrawn its support of the project. Since that time it had been found impossible to secure a suitable site, he said, expressing the belief that the park was the only logical place for the hall.

The Lions Club, said Mr. Angle, was ready to go ahead with its plans at the present time if the village council would lease the site in the park. It would be possible to build a basement now with the rest of the building being constructed later. The steel shortage, he stated, would not affect the work being planned at the present time.

Asked by Reeve Neal what the position would be with regard to the Agricultural Society, which has the right to use all buildings in the park on May 24, Mr. Angle said that the hall could be used then. In this he was supported by P. C. Hill, member of the delegation, who also suggested that if the hall was put up the club would be ready to back other projects such as artificial ice.

No responsibility would be incurred by the municipality, Mr. Angle told council. Speaking of the proposed hall for Scouts and Cubs, he said that it was felt desirable that all activities of this sort should be, if possible, under one roof.

"If other property were bought and a hall put up," said Doug. Boyd, member of the deputation, "the Lions might ask for a tax rebate." Why not, he asked, use non-revenue producing property for the building of the hall.

Asked about the size of the proposed basement, Mr. Angle said that it would be large enough to accommodate any reasonable group. Considering the request after the deputation had left, Council decided to defer action until the first regular meeting of the council in April.

Orangemen Plan Repetition Of Amateur Night In April

Enthusiastic over the success of their last Amateur Night held at the beginning of the year members of Loyal Orange Lodge 2368, Richmond Hill, are planning a repeat event to be held at the Public School Auditorium on Wednesday, April 11.

The last event was held in the Masonic Hall, which proved totally inadequate to handle the large crowd which attended — hence the move to the public school.

Jackes Avenue Drainage Considered By Council

Drainage of Jackes Avenue was considered at a recent meeting of Vaughan Township Council, following a request from members of the Southeast Vaughan Ratepayers Association for action. Township Clerk J. M. McDonald was directed to consult with engineers to see what could be done to relieve the situation.

A request from the same association that a stop light over bus stop 13A was also considered and Mr. McDonald is to discuss this with Hydro-Electric authorities.

ONTARIO PRESIDENT



R. D. Little, pictured above, was elected president of the thirty thousand member Ontario Horticultural Association when that body held its 45th annual convention in Hamilton last week.

He has been a member for nineteen years, and five years ago was elected director representing York, Peel and Ontario Counties. He served in that office for two years, was then elected second vice-president and promoted to first vice-president for 1950.

The Ontario association which Mr. Little heads is coordinating body for all horticultural societies in the province and is the connecting link between the Department of Agriculture and those societies and their members.

Five delegates from the local association attended the Hamilton meeting — Miss Gladys McLatchy, secretary of the local society; Al. Rice, president; C. E. Little, past president; Mrs. Ruth Banks and Jim Rice. Mrs. R. D. Little also accompanied the party.

Next year's convention is to be held in Toronto.

Name Twp. Weed Inspector

Following the resignation of William Noble as weed inspector for the township, Vaughan Township council has appointed Fred Cooper of Maple.

Bus Profits Indicate Increase For First Time In Many Months

For the first time in many months profits of the North Yonge bus line have shown an increase over those obtained in the comparable month last year.

The report covering January operations submitted by the Toronto Transportation Commission shows a profit of \$3,161.87, compared with an operating profit of \$2,705.03 in January, 1950.

Passenger revenue for January, 1951, amounted to \$25,481.68 as against \$23,703.60 a twelve-month ago. Operation costs, as in previous months, showed an increase, being \$22,345.20 as compared to \$21,036.76 in January, 1950.

The report showed a large increase in the number of passengers carried. 26,626 additional were

transported, the total for the month being 312,278 as opposed to 285,652 in January a year ago.

The buses ran 4,772 passenger revenue miles more than a year ago, rolling up a total mileage of 54,013.

86% Of Vaughan Taxes Paid

86.1% of Vaughan Township's 1950 taxes have been collected, it was revealed at the council meeting held last week. Total amount of the tax roll was \$186,427.99 with \$160,499.75 paid.

Sap's A-running In Maple



Sap started running in Maple a week ago — the earliest date at which he has ever known it, says Henry Winger, on whose farm the picture above was taken.

Ruth Winger and dog Joe watch as sap runs into evaporating trays. A plentiful supply in the Maple area this year is forecast.