

News From Next Door

PATTON: While the official by-law has not been passed yet, it was agreed by a majority of council members that a 51 mill rate was necessary for 1951.

LINDSAY: Five new Canadians graduated from the Citizenship classes which have been held at Lindsay Collegiate Institute since last fall.

NEWMARKET: A second \$20,000 by-law for repairing sidewalks was passed by council last week. The first \$20,000 was used last year to include re-surfacing sidewalks with asphalt treated to give it a grey appearance.

LINDSAY: According to a rough survey made by town assessor Alex Kilner, there is no housing shortage in Lindsay because at present 18 houses in the town are vacant. There are approximately 555 tenant occupied houses, 1,646 owner occupied houses, 14 unfinished homes and one duplex.

NEWMARKET: Close to 200 hardwoods have been planted in town through the co-operation of council and the local Horticultural society.

LINDSAY: Last year set a record for Lindsay Water Works — the waterworks pumped 374,545,000 gallons of water during 1950, and an average of 1,026,425 gallons of water every day. There were 2,448 accounts for water sent out and these brought in a revenue of \$72,006.29.

NEWMARKET: A \$35,000 borrowing by-law was passed by council last week to pay for town hall renovations.

BARRIE: Total amount of building permits issued up to April 30 was \$1,002,512, an increase of \$244,590 over the same period last year.

SCARBORO TWP.: Scarboro Twp. road expenditure by-law for 1951 in the amount of \$796,000 has been approved by the provincial Department of Highways.

STOUFFVILLE: Rev. Geo. Thomas, minister of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, was elected to the post of chairman of the East Toronto Presbytery last week.

WHITCHURCH TWP.: Whitchurch Twp. is one of the communities having the largest amount of tax arrears in the province. From 1947 back to 1949 there is an amount outstanding on the books of the township of \$20,000.

NEWMARKET: Whitchurch Township council supported the request from the Township Conservation Club which asked them to turn down a request from the wildlife division of the Department of Lands and Forests for a groundhog license for use in Ontario during the summer months.

Oak Ridges Riding Club Show Saturday

Equestrians and a lot of others too are all set up over the horse show which will be staged at the Wheel House, Yonge Street, north of Richmond Hill on Saturday by the Oak Ridges Junior Riding Club. The show being staged under the direction of Marilyn Hawman is bringing out plenty of youthful talent who will contest the eleven events on the card. It is open to youngsters 18 years and under and entries have been received from as far away as Toronto and Brampton as well as Oak Ridges.

Among the events will be the lead line class for children seven years and under, pony jumpers, e-quitation classes, costume class, pleasure horse and saddle pony events.

The judge will be Dave Humphreys, trainer for the Elliott Cottrell stables at Islington. Secretary treasurer of the Riding Club is Catherine Gunn.

The show will start at 10 a.m. and carry on into the afternoon.

Throngs Attend 80th Church Anniversary

There has never been a more joyous occasion in King City than the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the United Church, held last Sunday and the genuineness of the feeling of good fellowship was outstanding.

Beginning in the morning when the church was filled to capacity, and to the late evening when a social hour followed the evening service at which there were greater crowds over 450 people were united in expressing their pleasure in being together and were loath to depart.

At the morning service Mrs. W. Carson greeted each person as they entered the door, and shook each one by the hand. Mr. A. McBride paid further welcome, and Mrs. Ed. Archibald asked everyone to sign the register. At the evening service the same spirit of welcome was expressed by Mrs. James Patton, Mrs. George Stone and Mr. Harvey Foliott at the door, and Mrs. Foliott looked after the register.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The large white basket filled with white

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By making use of the Classified Advertising columns when you have something to buy — something to sell. It's so easy to place an ad — just telephone Richmond Hill 9 by noon any Wednesday.

Toronto Firm Gets Sewer Contract On \$191,000 Bid

Accepting the lowest of five tenders for the job, Richmond Hill council Monday night awarded the Marino Construction Co. of Toronto to the contract for construction of its new sewage system at a cost of \$191,083.90.

The contract is contingent upon final endorsement of the project by the Ontario Municipal Board and this approval must also include the pumping station and sewage disposal plant, tenders for which have not yet been submitted. However, W. B. Redfern of the engineering firm of Proctor, Redfern & Laughlin assured the council that plans had been completed and it should be possible to award the contract in two weeks. The pump and disposal plant will cost an estimated \$100,000.

If the Department okays the project and it is altogether probable it will since the expenditure will be very close to the estimated \$300,000 cost, construction work will start very shortly with the possibility of the work being pretty well completed by fall.

The tenders submitted with one exception being from Toronto firms, were as follows:

Marino Construction Co. \$191,083.90; Dilio & Co., \$229,408.40; Dick Construction (Welland) \$209,608.59; Swansea Construction Co. Ltd. \$229,741.39; Malvern Construction Co. Ltd. \$213,560.55.

Engineer Redfern said the bids were all very satisfactory and showed close figuring. He said that any of those bidding were thoroughly qualified to carry out the job.

In connection with financing the sewer job, a letter was received from Solicitor J. D. Lucas stating that it would be possible to float a debenture issue at par at an interest rate ranging from 3 1/2 percent up to 4 1/2 percent.

Change Plant Location
Awarding the sewer contract touched off a discussion on location of the sewage disposal plant, a discussion which was sparked by a letter from the Elmwood Park Ratepayers Association and later by a visit from Mr. J. Williams, developer of a subdivision near the site of the proposed plant at the foot of Roseview Ave.

Councillor Perkins started off the discussion with the suggestion that the plant be moved further south to provide for possible further expansion of the municipality.

"Let's look five years ahead" he said "Councils in the past have been too inclined to forget about the future."

Inquiry of Engineer Art Brown revealed that it would cost approximately \$4,000 to move the plant about 1700 feet south but it might be advantageous to utilize the gravity feature for future expansion.

The letter from the Elmwood Park group was then read. It suggested location of the plant farther south to eliminate pumping should sewer service be extended to the subdivision and asked for a study by the municipality on a plan for annexation by Richmond Hill.

The proposal of the ratepayer group is covered fully in another article in this week's issue of The Liberal.

While emphasizing he was not in favour of annexing Elmwood Park, Councillor Tomlin said he felt it might be a good idea if the plant were moved further south.

Councillor Perkins' further endorsement of the southerly location.

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Dalton Rumney, deputy reeve of Markham township and President of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society reports that good progress is being made on plans for the annual Spring Fair to be held here on May 24.

Traffic Up But Profits Down On Bus Operations

Although passenger traffic continues to rise on the North Yonge bus lines, profits are lower than in 1950, because of increased mileage, a report on operations for the first three months of 1950 submitted to the Richmond Hill council Monday night by the TTC showed.

Increased mileage is largely due to improved service instituted over the past year.

Profits for Richmond Hill for the first quarter was \$1,363.22, according to the report which showed that the line carried 892,831 passengers during this period or some 40,000 more than during the same period a year ago.

During March the system operated at a profit of \$1,508.62 as against \$2,475.19 in March, 1950.

A breakdown of the profits accruing to each municipality sharing in the venture for the first quarter of the year as compared to a similar period in 1950 is shown below.

	1951	1950
Markham	651.97	717.85
North York	329.88	359.22
Richmond Hill	1363.22	1500.95
Vaughan	651.97	717.85

The bus line is also planning two turnabout loops at Langstaff and Steele's Corners which will involve paving of four blocks of streets in Markham township, the cost to be equally apportioned between Markham, Vaughan, North York and the bus line. The loops are necessary to avoid having the buses turn around on Yonge Street.

DOG MEETING MONDAY

Clerk Russell Lynett has been instructed to call a meeting in Richmond Hill Monday of representatives of four municipalities which will make a joint study of dog control.

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Markham Moves To Establish Ward System In The Township

A move toward possible adoption of a ward system in Markham township was made at the council meeting on Monday afternoon when Clerk Charles Hoover was instructed to confer with Solicitor J. D. Lucas and ascertain the steps necessary to inaugurate such a system in the municipality.

The action followed a short discussion on the part of the council in which the procedure incident to establishment of ward system was discussed. Some of the councillors favored two wards in the township with the dividing line at No. 7 highway, high councillor to be deputy reeve and the reeve to be elected by the township at large.

Perusal of the statutes revealed that a minimum of three wards is necessary and that council must move by July 15. Further action was withheld pending a report from the solicitor.

Name Plumbing Inspector
To cope with the ever-increasing building problems, council passed a bylaw naming T. L. Galbraith of Thornhill as plumbing inspector at a salary of \$2000 per year. He will issue water permits and generally supervise plumbing installations.

One of his first jobs will be setting up a water rate for consumers in Elmwood Park subdivision. Richmond Hill charges the township 25c per thousand gallons for water delivered at the meter, but administrative and other costs must be considered before arriving at a figure for the domestic consumer.

Mr. Galbraith will check with North York and Richmond Hill in arriving at a figure.

The council also passed a bylaw setting the salary of Ross Norton, building inspector at \$2,400 per year. Mr. Norton had complained that his former salary was inadequate in view of a heavy increase in duties.

He reported that building permits in the township during the month of April aggregated \$387,500 including 29 new houses.

Won't Stand In Way
Following receipt of a letter from the Elmwood Park Ratepayers' Association asking that Markham and Richmond Hill explore the possibility of having the subdivision annexed by the village, council decided not to offer any opposition should a merger be proposed. But it was felt that any action should come from Richmond Hill.

"It's not our place to give the township away," commented Councillor Hooper.

"I don't think we should oppose it," said Councillor James.

The opinion of the council was apparently summed up by Reeve Timbers.

"If Richmond Hill wishes to exercise its statutory power to annex this territory at the present time, we will not oppose it."

Get Three-Mill Rebate
Council passed a bylaw providing for a rebate of taxes for those

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Is Fined \$25

Markham township building regulations have teeth in them. E. P. Spencer, Concession 6, Sabiston Subdivision learned when he faced Magistrate Hollingrake in York County Court in Toronto on Monday afternoon.

Spencer was charged by Building Inspector Ross Norton with using a garage as a dwelling place and was fined \$25 and costs. Being without the necessary funds, he was given until May 15 to raise them.

38 Dogs Die Of Po'ison At Wilcox Lake

Dog days came early to Lake Wilcox this year and in a particularly brutal sort of way as a dog-poisoner scattered bits of poisoned meat and biscuits around the lake area resulting in the deaths of some 38 dogs and one cat in the area since last Saturday.

A scare spread throughout the community on Tuesday when several children taken ill were believed to have been poisoned by eating some of the biscuits which were fatal to the dogs but this was dispelled when it was ascertained the youngsters were merely bilious.

The epidemic of poisoning first came to light Saturday when provincial police were summoned from Aurora by two residents who reported their dogs had been poisoned. In a matter of hours another 18 carcasses were discovered and the total had mounted to 38 ere the weekend was concluded.

Once the scope of the poisoning had become evident, police began immediately to clean up stray bits of food lying around the area, and Wednesday it was reported that everything was cleared up. This served further to appease parents who feared their children might pick up some of the poisoned food.

Although it has not been established what poison was used in the meat, indications pointed to strychnine. Dr. W. Allan Ripley, Richmond Hill veterinarian, said he had treated some dogs which had become convulsed, presumably from eating the meat. The cases he treated were all successful.

In Toronto, Dr. J. K. W. Ferguson, head of the University of Toronto expressed surprise that the poison had been found on liver or biscuits. "Usually," he said, "it is mixed with ground meat. If the meat was coated with strychnine, the meat would have a strange taste, for that poison is very bitter."

Richmond Hill Lions Club scored a ten strike this week when they were able to book the internationally famous St. Andrew's Girls Pipe Band to play at their big annual carnival scheduled here for Civic Holiday, August 6.

The band is now in England playing for the Festival of Britain.

Plans are progressing smoothly for the carnival which will wind up with a dance with music provided by Russ Creighton and his orchestra. The midway will provide attractions for all ages with ponies for the youngsters and bingo for the oldsters among the events scheduled.

Big draw of the day will be for the 1951 Ford custom Tudor and there are numerous other prizes.

Lions committee in charge of the event under the chairmanship of Doug Boyd include: Harold Sanderson, Don Little, Bob Little, Allan Bales, Basil Mundy, Ed. Butlin, Don Reid, Lloyd Reid, Ralph Paris, Ted Mansbridge and Morley Hall.

Don Valley Tour
Large crowds of Richmond Hill folk are expected to be on hand Sunday afternoon at the Canadian National station when the special train carrying members of the Don Valley Conservation Association arrives at the local station.

The train will be met by the village council with Deputy Reeve Tom Taylor making an official address of welcome. A public address system will carry the proceedings clearly to the crowd. The train is due here at 3:30 p.m. daylight time. Feature of interest to Richmond Hill is the fact that the train will carry two individuals dressed as Governor Simcoe and Lady Simcoe. Arriving here, an address will be read on the early explorations of the Don by Governor Simcoe and emphasizing his trip through the present site of Richmond Hill in 1793.

The Richmond Hill Public School will be closed for the afternoon of May 30 on the occasion of the District Teachers' Institute Meeting. On May 16 there will be no Kindergarten classes since the medical examination and registration of pre-Kindergarten pupils will be held in the Public School auditorium. Children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 1951 are eligible for Kindergarten next fall.

The Board requires that proof of the child's age be presented at this time. If your surname begins A-M, please come in the morning 9-12 a.m. If your surname begins N-Z, please come in the afternoon 1:15-3:30 p.m.

Coming Events
MAY 11 — Friday. At the home of Mrs. W. S. Pocknell, 78 Centre St. W., a Daffodil Tea 3.30 to 5.30 in aid of St. Mary's Altar Guild. Everyone welcome. *2w44

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FIFTH GRADERS: Pupils of the fifth grade of Richmond Hill Public School, teacher of which is Joseph Bilson, are as follows: Back row, from left: John Phipps, Michael Saychuck, Metro Kozak, Jim Smith, Alan Ruffman, Bobby MacDonald, Teddy Blodgett, Anne Keith, Eleanor Pur-nell, Jeanalee Titshall. Third row: Carol Evans, Joan Stone, Charlotte McKenzie, Sandra Emberley, Violet Gage, Venetia

Stapleford, Betty Bond, Sue Butt, Lenora Longworth. Second row: Gayle Fuller, Nancy Dean, Bonny Cottrell, Mary Lou Mason, Alice Stuart, Carol Hull, Sheila Hoover, Judy Harrison, Barbara Corner, Gloria Simmons, Jean Edwards. Front row: David Galloway, Richard Forsythe, Garry Dewsbury, Chris Cannon, Howard Guest, David Edwards, Ian Coull, Don Brillinger, David Lewis.

Substantial Sum Is Realized For Blind

Grand total contributed by people of Richmond Hill and district to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind amounted to \$522.51 reports Mrs. J. E. Smith, convener of the local drive. This amount exceeds revenue received last year, and a record was set in Tag Day receipts, which amounted to \$139.51. Mrs. J. Koning assisted with the Tag Day work.

Girls who tagged last Saturday for CNIB were Janet, Judy Uren, Margaret Lynett, Mary MacKay, Heather Craigie, Eleanor Smith, Sylvia Allen, Joan Marinoff, Marguerite Clubine, Gwen Stapley, Frances Dunlop, Patsy Ramer, Carol Mansbridge, Sandra Koning, Janice Butlin, Pauline Lecuyer, Shirley Crean and Katherine Evans. Richmond Hill Lions Club gave a donation of \$25.

The committee in charge is very pleased with the results and the co-operation received from the public and thank wholeheartedly all those who contributed to the organization, either on Tag Day or by donation.

Famous Band To Play Lions Carnival Here

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A CORRECTION

The name of the new postoffice to be located south of Richmond Hill will be "Yongehurst" rather than "Yonge St." as was erroneously stated in The Liberal last week. It will be located at the corner of Yonge and Yongehurst and the postmaster will be William G. Costoff.

In any event the Association felt it was not prepared financially to deal with any large-scale cleanup program.

The next general meeting of the Association is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 22.

Brisk Demand For Display Space At Annual Trade Fair

Paper Collection

The Richmond Hill Scouts and Cubs are planning a paper collection on Saturday morning, May 12, between 8.30 and 11.30 a.m., provided of course that it does not rain.

The collection will take place on the east side of the Village only, with the centre of Yonge Street as the boundary. Wherever possible please tie your newspapers and magazines in bundles so that the paper will not blow away.

Grand prize for the event will be a General Electric 17-inch television set to be drawn for on the final night of the Fair and second prize will be a mantel radio and record player which will go Friday night. A number of other prizes will be drawn for.

Councillor's Daughter Second Prize Winner

Miss Joyce Perkins, daughter of Councillor Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill, won second place in the Junior elocution class on the opening day of the York County music festival at Woodbridge on Monday. Competition will continue throughout the week and two concerts will follow the festival the week of May 13.

Winner in previous competitions, Joyce will undoubtedly add several more to her score before the festival is over.

Joyce also won a second and third prize in playing an singing at a Stouffville musical festival last week. Two other Perkins children have distinguished themselves recently in musical circles, Lois coming first in a class of 15 for children under 9 at the Stouffville event and John being awarded a gold medal in the pre-school class at the Peel Musical Festival in Toronto.

The question of credit in retail transactions which is becoming involved with increasing population was taken up and plans will be made for a speaker from a national finance company to address a meeting of the Association in a few weeks time.

The group also discussed civic beautification and a suggestion was made that trash receptacles be placed on the streets. However, it was pointed out that with the sewer construction job coming up, it wouldn't be possible to get very far with any beautification program this year.

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Elmwood Park Ratepayers Ask For Annexation By Richmond Hill

Mr. Sayers reported at some length and in his opening remarks made it clear that he favored annexation although there might be some reasons later for changing his mind he could not think of any at the present.

Pointing out that Richmond Hill is due to expand, he said that it was likely that annexation of not only Elmwood and Harding subdivisions was possible but other areas to the south and north of the village would likely be included in village expansion plans in the "not too distant future."

Closer To Village
He explained that geographically, economically and socially, Elmwood Park is in effect more closely allied with Richmond Hill than with Markham Township. Located adjacent to the village, residents of the area do a large part of their shopping at Richmond Hill.

Vice-president Harry Sayers had been appointed some time ago by the former president, the late William Apperley, Sr., to look into the matter and prepare a report.

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