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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Richmond Hill's Population Over 2200 Mark

Carrville School Trustees Ask Township For New Building

Last week saw the holding of an important meeting between the Carrville School Trustees and the Township Council in the Council chambers at Maple.

for the Council to provide sufficient funds for the erection of a portable school. The Council members pointed out to the Trustees the procedure of acquiring approval for the issuance of debentures with which to provide the necessary money for capital expenditures.

Assessor Calls For Caution Before Introducing New System

In making his report to Richmond Hill Village Council details of which are given in this issue, Assessor W. S. Pocknell fully discussed the newly proposed County Assessment system.

the welfare of the village and its ratepayers. "The question of Assessments is very much to the forefront and we must face it, at the same time I can assure you that the assessment administration will be approached with the utmost care and precision."

He said, "I now desire to draw your attention to the new County Assessment System and to say the least that it has its merits if we ever hope to have even a semblance of an equalized assessment system throughout Ontario. With 24 Counties at present working on this basis out of 32 it looks as though we are going in the right direction. The question of having a County Assessor with full time assistants is not meeting with whole hearted support of the municipalities, as it would mean that the County Organization would take over the assessments of the various municipalities which would mean that the local municipalities would lose their so-called 'control of Assessment' to the County. Attempts to have municipalities do this on a voluntary basis have not been too satisfactory so far for the reason I have just stated."

"The new system or method however has to be installed for 1952 assessment for taxes payable in 1953. This will necessitate an entire new set of records and facts, every building has to be re-measured, and a diagram of each property with its buildings designated thereon and the assessment based on the Ontario Municipal Board Manual. This will involve some 648 buildings exclusive of garages and other outbuildings which number approximately about 600.

"You of course realize the purpose is to establish a basic system of assessment throughout the Province. You can also visualize that it will make for proper equalized assessments as between the respective municipalities and the county and in turn the County with the Province.

It is hoped this will also make for a fairer equalized school assessment, as at present I feel sure you will agree the Village is very unfairly assessed in comparison with the number of our own children attending the Village schools and those attending from outside which greatly outnumber ours.

"A further added task to the Assessor's duties is that of proportioning the assessments as between owners and tenants, each assessment will be divided proportionately assessing the tenant or tenants with their percentage of space occupied in the building, notices will be forwarded to the tenant as well as the owner. In this way the village will have the right to attach rents for arrears of taxes if and when necessary. This will involve the preparing of approximately another 350 notices.

"As pointed out on a previous occasion the basic assessment is made so as to arrive at replacement cost plus the rental capitalization.

"Personally I fail to see how rental capitalization can be applied to the village with only a small portion of rental units, I think about 185, as the properties are mainly owner occupied.

"However experiments are being made in other villages and as the results are learned consideration will be given and if when necessary I shall report to the Council.

As a last thought I desire either through the press or otherwise to impress the ratepayers not to be alarmed with the new method as every owner throughout the whole village will receive the same treatment and its net result will be, it is hoped, beneficial and in

the welfare of the village and its ratepayers.

College Organizes Orchestral Society

The Headmaster of St. Andrew's College announces that, under the leadership of Mr. John Bradley, Music Master of St. Andrew's, an orchestral society is to be formed with membership open to all those in this district who can come to St. Andrew's for rehearsals and concerts. The only condition of membership is at least a fair ability to play an instrument. As it will be impossible for Mr. Bradley to give private instruction to individual players, it will be assumed that each member will strive to advance his own playing.

Bullet Makes Hatpin

Mrs. Hattie Gamble, Church Street, Richmond Hill, called in at the Liberal office last week, and with her she brought a souvenir of the Boer War given her by Mr. George Schell, the only recruit to that war from Richmond Hill. Mrs. Gamble was the one who presented him with a gold watch and chain on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of Richmond Hill, upon his return in 1901, the story of which appeared in the September 20 issue of the Liberal.

Mrs. R. O. Hurst To Speak At Parish Hall

Members and friends of St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild are in for a real treat on Tuesday evening next, when Mrs. R. O. Hurst, wife of Dean Hurst, popular after-dinner speaker, will talk on "The Evolution of a Book Worm." Audiences who have enjoyed listening to Mrs. Hurst, agree that she is just as entertaining as her illustrious husband who has spoken to several groups in Richmond Hill. This is an open invitation to other church groups etc. to enjoy this outstanding speaker, October 9, at 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Refreshments.

Primrose Craigie Lucky Winner Of New Dodge

Fourteen year old Primrose Craigie is probably the youngest car owner in Richmond Hill. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craigie, Yonge St., she was the lucky winner of a new 1951 Dodge Sedan in a draw made by the Kinsmen's Club of Hanover, Ont. last Saturday evening.

B & P Women's Executive Meet 1st Meeting Planned For Oct. 9th.

The executive of the Richmond Hill Business and Professional Women's Club at a meeting last Friday night named its choice for the offices of president, vice-president and secretary of the Ontario B & P Women's Clubs executive, to be sent to headquarters in time for the Conference at the King Edward Hotel, November 3 and 4.

Richmond Hill's nominee for president is Mrs. M. Pewtriss of Cobourg, vice-president Mrs. Ethel Armstrong Collins of Toronto who is present Regional Adviser for this district, secretary Miss Margaret Hearn of Aurora. One delegate is to be sent to the conference from Richmond Hill and she will be chosen at the first meeting of the season to be held at Summit View Drive-In, October 9. The delegate's expenses which will be \$13.50 will be paid by the club. Miss F. Hurst, this year's president of the local club, attended the Inter-Club Council meeting September 21, at the office of Mrs. E. Armstrong Collins in Toronto. Presidents and vice-presidents of this district, which includes Newmarket, Aurora, Stouffville, Markham-Unionville, Brampton and Richmond Hill, were in attendance. It was suggested at the meeting that the clubs give retiring Regional Adviser, Mrs. E. Armstrong Collins, a gift engraved with the B. & P. Crest. Miss Gray, treasurer of the Richmond Hill Club revealed at last Friday's meeting that there is now \$228 in the treasury.

Fire Brigades New Rec. Room To Be Open For Inspection

Fire Chief Alf. Stong has announced that through the very kind and generous support of the citizens and storekeepers of Richmond Hill and district The Richmond Hill Volunteer Fire Brigade have now completed their Recreation Room after many weeks of construction. Mr. Jess Dewsbury

the carpenter and Mr. Russell Lynett the interior decorator supervised the work. This room is situated over the garage adjoining the Fire Hall. The Fire Brigades are having Open House on the afternoon of Sat. Oct. 13th. from 2 to 6 o'clock and will be very pleased to show everyone through their new room.

M. Hall, F. Perkins, Dr. Young Win Tourn. & Mulock Trophy

A Richmond Hill rink won the Mulock Trophy and the Turkey Tournament held at the Richmond Hill green last Saturday. The trophy, skipped by Morley Hall, consisted of Councillor Floyd Perkins and Dr. R. K. Young. Second for three wins was the rink skipped by S. Chapman of Weston; third for three wins, M. Felker, skip of West Toronto; high for two wins, T. Mawson, skip, of Glebe Manor, Toronto; high for one win, G. Thompson, skip, of Brampton.

There is to be a ladies doubles tournament on Thursday Oct. 11 at 10 o'clock at Richmond Hill greens. Pick your partners and phone entries to 412R or 251 Richmond Hill.

Thornhill Lions Hear Talk On Transportation

The Thornhill and District Lions Club were entertained at their dinner meeting on October 1 by Mr. Ron. Gillie, a member of the Public Relations Department of the Toronto Transportation Commission. Besides the distribution of

individual Sidewalk Superintendent Manuals to the members of the Club, a Technicolor film entitled "Transit Tomorrow" was shown. This film in a very interesting manner gave a graphic picturization of the services of the TTC; also a brief look into the future when subway construction is finished and the benefits of Rapid Transit are made available to the citizens of North Toronto.

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Lion Charlie Clifford gave a humorous report on the activities of the Lions Information Committee.

It appears that the report of this Committee will always be a popular presentation as long as Charlie Clifford is chairman. Lion President Percy Bone reported that the major effort for the coming year will be "Paint Up and Clean Up Week" to be held at a suitable time in the Spring.

Brampton Wrestling Team To Perform At Arena Fri.

Friday, October 5, at the local Arena, the Langstaff Recreation Committee will present yet another of their all star wrestling shows. The feature attraction will be a challenge match with the team of Tom and Gerry Sullivan, the "Brampton bully boys" challenging the team of Bob Jordan and Red Garner. This bout is the aftermath of the sensational bout between Garner and Gerry Sullivan last Friday and the fans will want to be at the end. "Mangler" Mangotich will be in there against Baron Waldo Von Sieber, handsome German youth, in the semi-final which will be a 2-3 fall affair. In the special bout of the night, Farmer Norm will lock horns with Karl Grimmer of Munich, Germany.

Speeders Caught Trap Pays Off

In future prospective speeders need to beware when passing through Richmond Hill. For during last Friday Constable Robbins apprehended no less than 60 speeders who were travelling in excess of the speed limit. These individuals will have to pay fines totaling roughly \$750.00.

Maple School Club Hears Safety Address

The September meeting of the Maple Community & School Club held at Maple School last week was well attended. Those present were most fortunate to have, as their guests, the Deputy-Deeve, Mr. Agar brought to the attention of the audience how much more busier our highways & local streets have become & the greater need for caution by motorists and pedestrians alike. He then introduced Constable Bone and Adams who told all about the safety campaign for school children sponsored by The Evening Telegram and signified by "Elmer the Safety Elephant who Never Forgets." The club was very favorably impressed with the advisability of having "Elmer" for the Maple School. It was moved that the club approach the School Trustees and ask them to make application for the "Elmer" pennant and all that it implies for Maple School.

Village Shows Steady Growth Property Values Up \$242,993

The efficient service of W. S. Pocknell, as village assessor was highly commended by reeve William Neal and members of the Council when he presented his report to the Village Council on October 1. The population of Richmond Hill is now slightly over the 2200 figure. An increase of 85 persons since last year has brought the municipality's population to 2208. Total assessment has jumped to \$2,139,778 an increase of \$244,218 since last year's figures were reported. Taking off exempted property amounting to \$472,475 the assessment liable for taxation now is \$1,667,298.

A breakdown of the figures given by Mr. Pocknell show land assessment at \$336,384, buildings at \$1,743,370 and a business assessment of \$30,019. Buildings show an increase over last year of \$226,520.

Vaughan Gets Payment Property Annexed By Woodbridge

At its recent meeting the Vaughan Township Council acknowledged receipt of \$500.00 from the Village of Woodbridge as payment on account for the property annexed by Woodbridge from Vaughan Township. The members also discussed the matter of equalizing the assets of the property. The council directed that the balance of money still owing should be paid without further delay.

The Council has been advised by the Department of Lands and Forests that the open days for pheasant are to be on October 25, 26, 27 and 31, at a basic fee of \$1.00 per day with a maximum of \$3.00. The Council decided to sell licenses as recommended, but directed the Clerk not to issue licenses for less than two days until Saturday, October 27.

The members next considered the insurance on the plate glass window in front of the township office building. The Council decided the premium amounting to \$43.00 was too much for the value of the window insured. Clerk McDonald is to discuss the matter further with the insurance company.

The next item on the agenda was the Voters List which was discussed in the light of a recent amendment of the Voters List Act providing for listing of voters as they appear in the assessment roll unless directed otherwise by the Council. It was then moved by Wm. J. Agar and seconded by Marshall McMurchy that the Clerk be directed to prepare the Voters Lists in the same form as previous years by listing the voters in each sub-division alphabetically.

The streets in the Ball sub-division were open to consideration for the Clerk read a letter from Mr. Ball's lawyer disclaiming any further liability on behalf of Mr. Ball with respect to the roads in this sub-division. After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter to their Solicitor.

Mr. Harry Morden who is the operator of the Speedway Park informed the Council that there has been a substantial loss in the operation of the Speedway this year, and he requested the Township refund a portion of the money paid during 1951. The members agreed to meet with Mr. Morden at a later date and discuss the matter further.

King Road Needs Extensive Repairs

When he King East Sideroad was being repaired on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, it was closed to traffic. After the school bus made its morning trip on Wednesday, the road repair gang set to work. They had to dig for 30 feet at the worst piece of road near Windy Ridge farm, before they could start filling in to repair that very bad break. For over a week that piece of road had been repaired almost every day, but after the gravel trucks had used it for an hour or so, the holes were as bad as ever. By Thursday forenoon cars were allowed through, and by Thursday afternoon trucks were using it again. The residents of King East must have been lonely without the whizzing trucks for a whole day. While the road was closed, the trucks used the 3rd concession, the Eaton Hall Sideroad, and the 4th concession. One casualty of the two days on the gravel roads, was the beautiful collie owned by Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Summerfeldt, who was killed by a gravel truck. The school bus took a roundabout route to the townline to gather the boys and girls going to Aurora.

Gnr. Woodcock Receives Books

In reply to a request in the Liberal's September 6 issue, the editor is pleased to report that many books and magazines have been brought into the office to be sent to Gunner W. A. Woodcock, now serving with the Canadian Artillery in Korea. So far five parcels of reading material have been mailed to Gnr. Woodcock, whose family lives on Rutledge Ave., Richmond Hill, and more donations will be welcomed at the Liberal office.

Rev. & Mrs. Wrixon Receive Guest Book

Twenty-two members of the senior branch of the W.A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church, met at the Rectory on Tuesday last, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Wrixon. Plans were made for future events and the guest speaker was Mrs. Thorn of the Diocesan Board. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. P. C. Hill, on behalf of the W. A. presented Mr. and Mrs. Wrixon with a leather bound Guest Book for the Rectory. Mrs. Hill spoke of the visit to the Rectory as a very important event and wished to bring some little gift on their first visit. The Rector in his reply, thanking the W.A. for the gift, spoke of the important part played by the W.A. in the building of the Rectory and welcomed the branch on their first visit.

Youth Escapes Death In Train - Auto Crash

Robert K. Bates a 22 year old resident of Toronto very narrowly escaped death last Friday evening when his auto crashed into a freight train at the Markham Rd. crossing. Luckily for him he escaped injury, however his car was a total wreck. Constable Robbins investigated, and then turned the case over to Constable Wideman of the Markham Twp. Police. Mr. Bates is employed at the C.N.R. yards on Spadina St. in Toronto.

Coming Events

- OCTOBER 7 — Sunday: Your Sunday Nite Party at the Graystones, Aurora, commences and every Sunday at 9 p.m. This Sunday features Albert Marson, tenor and Al. Harvey M.C. and Mary Lewis, accordionist. clw14
OCTOBER 18 — Thursday, Lions Club monthly bingo, Masonic Hall, 8:30 p.m. Prizes galore. c2w14
OCTOBER 26 — Masquerade and Hard Times Dance sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary for Scouts and Cubs, to be held in the Public School Auditorium, Norman Burling and his King's Men. \$1.50 per couple. Modern and squares. clw14
OCTOBER 27 — Saturday, Richmond Hill Women's Auxiliary of Veterans will hold its annual bazaar, baking sale and tea, from 3 to 5 p.m. clw14

Whitchurch Held Up On Road Construction

It was reported at the regular meeting of the Whitchurch Township Council last week that at the meeting with the Department of Highways on September 11, the council was told to estimate the damage done to the roads by trucks hauling gravel to the new Toronto-Barrie highway. On completion of the job, the department would consider paying some of the cost of repair. Reeve and Council were invited to be present at the opening of the addition to the Newmarket and Sutton High Schools. Mr. Murray of Briggs Construction Company was present and reported to council that they were unable to make any headway on the North Road, Lake Wilcox, because King Township had failed to clear some 600 feet on the west side of Yonge Street. This must be done in order to carry water from the east side of the culvert on Yonge St. Councillor McCarron phoned Reeve Armstrong of King, who promised a definite reply by Tuesday as to when this work would be done.

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