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May Have A Mayor

At the last regular meeting of the 1951 Vaughan Township Council held recently Mr. Storey of the Bell Telephone Company and Mr. Allen and Mr. Joslin of the Maple Fire Brigade discussed with the council the assistance of the Telephone Company in sounding the necessary alarm for the Maple Volunteer Fire Brigade in event of a fire. Other matters relative to telephone service were discussed. Mr. Storey agreed to consider the matter further on behalf of the telephone company and advise the township at a later date of their position.

Regular Monthly Meeting Vaughan Township Council

Ross Blackburn discussed with the council the erection of a building on his property in Thornhill. In view of the intimations about sewage made by the sanitary inspector of the York County Health Unit and representation on behalf of adjoining property owners, the council considered the matter and directed that Mr. Blackburn discuss the same further with Mr. Miller, township building inspector, with a view of agreeing on a revision of the size of the building to be erected.

John Barton presented to the council a copy of a resolution passed by the ratepayers of School Section Number 3 authorizing the Trustees to request the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Vaughan to raise by way of debenture the sum of \$6,500.00 for the erection of a temporary school and equipping the same. In view of approval from the Department of Education, council directed that the necessary by-law be prepared.

Mr. Frank Legge has retired from the Oak Ridges board and Mr. Richard Bull was elected to take his place. Mr. Frank Stewardson was also a candidate.

December Meeting R.H. Wing A.F. Assoc.

Members of 417 (Richmond Hill District) Wing, RCAF Association discussed plans for spring activities at their December meeting last Monday night.

A committee under the chairmanship of Vince Lawrence, Wing vice-president, was appointed to make arrangements for dances and a band concert, if possible. Other members of the committee are Bernard Pearson, Wing president, and Jack Rogerson.

Members decided that some sort of fund-raising was necessary if hopes of establishing an Air Cadet Squadron are to be realized. It was emphasized this would be a major project and would probably take considerable planning and some time before concrete action would be possible.

During the meeting it was reported that one RCAF Benevolent Fund had investigated a case at the request of the local Wing. It had been learned by members that the widow of an RCAF officer was apparently faced with financial difficulties. However, the Benevolent Fund reported that payments from the RCAF had been received and that there appeared to be no immediate need. The Fund is keeping the file open and will again look into the matter if it appears likely that the widow might need some assistance.

Members were reminded that the Benevolent Fund is for the benefit of present and former members of the RCAF and their dependents. Any members of the Wing, or others who may be entitled to assistance or anyone knowing of cases where assistance is possible, are asked to communicate with members of the Wing executive so that action can be initiated.

Harley Morden discussed with the council the operation of an auto racetrack on concession 3 and requested the council to grant relief relative to the payment of an account owing by him to the township for services rendered. The clerk was directed to advise that the council would approve of reducing the payment owing by Mr. Morden from \$150.00 to \$100.00.

Legal fees shown on an account submitted by the Township Solicitor for solicitor's fees arising from the issue of debentures for school purposes were considered. In view of representation from the Department of Education that such expenses as the above mentioned legal fees are accepted as approved payments for school subsidy purposes, the clerk was directed to refer the accounts to the respective school boards for payment.

Thornhill streetlights were referred to the council for their consideration in a letter it received from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission setting out the provisions as shown in the Ontario Statutes for the erection of lighting areas. The number of lights required and the cost of the same were also shown. Council directed that the matter be referred to the Trustees of the Police Village of Thornhill and be discussed later by the Councils of Vaughan and Markham at a joint meeting.

General school grants were considered relative to making the proportionate payment of the general school grant to schools who employ a teacher for the last quarter in a year. Council directed that the additional \$160.00 be paid to Carrville and Pine Grove Schools.

A by-law to change the name of Jackes Avenue, to Crestwood Road was moved by Mr. Marshall McMurphy and seconded by Mr. W. J. Agar.

Richmond Hill Hardware Plays Santa Claus

The beautiful talking doll offered as a prize by Richmond Hill Hardware was won by Mrs. Alf. Stong, Roseview Avenue, when the draw for the lucky number was made by Reeve William Neal.

Lucky number tickets on the doll were sold at the Richmond Hill Hardware during the Christmas season and proceeds used for dispensing Christmas cheer to needy families.

\$90 was realized from the project and as a result Mr. George Hill with the co-operation of those who participated in the draw played Santa Claus with well filled Christmas hampers for eight families.

United Church Has White Gift Service

On Sunday morning, December 23, the United Church celebrated Christmas by holding a joint service of the Sunday School and the adult members of the congregation at which there was a very generous offering of "White Gifts" contributed.

Mr. A. R. Phipps sang a tenor solo "Unto us is Born a Son." Then the Rev. Mr. Higginson told a story to the children adapted to the occasion, and he preached also a sermon, "What Christmas Can Be." Mr. N. Risebrough read the scriptures.

In the evening a number of musical numbers were enjoyed: Joyce Wilde, alto, sang "O Holy Night"; Marion Caseley, soprano, rendered "Gesu Bambina" and Mr. J. Oliver, baritone, sang "The Little Road to Bethlehem"; a male quartette, consisting of W. Middleton, R. Keith, J. Oliver and L. Nears contributed "Sleep, Sleep."

Operation Snow Removal A Success

There has been much favorable comment locally on the prompt and efficient manner in which snow-plowing and snow-removal were carried out during the Christmas season.

The heavy snow fall presented quite a problem for the local council but streets were plowed out quickly and snow was removed from Yonge St. by men and equipment all through the night.

The prompt action against the snow meant a great convenience to Richmond Hill citizens and to all who shop here and use our streets. It was action which meant not only a convenience to our people but as well contributed to safety as the absence of traffic tie-ups or accidents is convincing evidence.

An orchid to the Municipal Council and the works staff for an efficient handling of the snow problem during the holiday season.

St. Mary's Hold Euchre & Draw

St. Mary's Catholic Church held its annual Christmas euchre and draw last Friday night in the Masonic Hall with a good crowd in attendance in the hope of winning some of the fowl which was given away to lucky winners.

In the grand draw a Richvale family proved to have a "lucky streak", when two of the same household took home a prize. Grace O'Brien of Scott Drive won first prize — a turkey and Mrs. T. O'Brien of Scott Drive, was fortunate enough to take the third prize — a duck. Second prize went to Mrs. John Mitchell, King Street, Weston, and she received a goose. Mr. Paxton McKenna of Oak Ridges won a chicken as the fourth prize given away.

Euchre winners were: ladies 1st Mrs. Theo Van Wieringen; 2nd, a draw between Mrs. F. Houlihan and Mrs. J. Grainger with Mrs. Houlihan winning the cut; consolation, Blanche Wells. Men's first went to J. Dewsbury; 2nd Don Hodgie; and consolation was won by Victor Purto. All euchre prize winners were given a choice chicken, except the consolation winners who received a dozen eggs.

Convenors of the night were Mrs. Wm. Cosgrove, Mrs. Vincent McCullough and Mrs. Ollie Murphy.

Firemen Attended 63 Fires in 1951

The Richmond Hill Fire Brigade attended 63 fires this year 48 of them being in the townships and the other 15 in the village. This is a sizable increase over last year's figure of 39 calls answered. However Fire Chief Alf. Stong stated that this year's figure of 63 fires is about normal.

Radio Stars Here Friday, Dec. 28

Stan, Francis and Cy Mack, well known radio stars will make a personal appearance in Richmond Hill Friday evening, December 28, at 8 p.m. at Davies Dry Goods Store. Everyone is invited to attend when Stan and Cy will conduct the draw for the six prizes given away by the Davies store as a feature of the Christmas shopping season.

For twenty-six consecutive years this annual prize drawing has been carried out by the Davies Dry Goods Store. With every 50 cent purchase there is a chance on one of the attractive prizes, and the drawing of the tickets Friday night will determine the lucky winners.

Stan, who incidentally is a Richmond Hill old boy, and Cy will have some added surprises too, and they will be assisted in the draw by Reeve William Neal and J. E. Smith M.P. Everyone is welcome. The place Davies Dry Goods Store, Richmond Hill, and the time Friday, December 28, at 8 p.m.

King Ridge School Winner Provincial Forestry Prize

Five children of Sacred Heart School, King Ridge, have brought honor to their school and the district, for they have won the grand prize of \$50.00 given by the Ontario Horticultural Association, Forestry Branch, open to all schools of the Province.

These children, Dorothy O'Reilly, Rita McCrohan, Dorothy Adamson, Ken Best and Michael McGeean, won \$25.00 for their school earlier this fall, when they won the district prize from the Forestry Branch, in a contest which was open to eight schools of Vaughan and King Townships.

To win the district prize the children had to reforest a half acre plot, make a collection of Ontario leaves and each had to write an essay which were sent to Mr. Eckel, Zone Forester at Maple. Sister Mary Fleurette has reason to be proud of her young charges, for they had to go to the Provincial Parliament Buildings in Toronto, to answer an oral quiz lasting 1 1/2 hours, given by Mr. Barnes, before winning the final prize. The second prize of \$25.00 was won by S. S. No. 4, Cambden East, Lennox and Addington, Forestry district 5.

North York Market Holds Its 20th Annual Christmas Show

Despite the snowbound roads and blustery weather, many farmers market gardeners and homemakers of York County decorated their stalls at the North York Market in North Toronto for the annual Christmas show held recently. This was the twentieth Christmas show held in the present market building.

The stalls were laden with turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, and greenhouse flowers added their glowing color to the stalls amid greenery for home decorations.

Some of the producers were extra smiles as they were congratulated their prize winning displays. One of the winners was Mr. E. G. Middlebrook of Malton who won the Bank of Commerce Trophy, a silver rose bowl, for the best display of poultry. He has quite a collection of trophies, as he has been the winner in this class for a number of years. Mrs. R. Sloan of Schomberg came a close second with her display of poultry and Mrs. Corrigan of Cookstown won the Royal Bank trophy, a silver cake plate was Mrs. A. Watson of Malvern for the best display of home baking. Other cash winners were Mr. George Wain and Sons for flowers; Mr. Elenor, Agincourt, for fruit and vegetables; Mr. L. Travers, Scarborough; Mrs. Ellard of Langstaff; Mr. Morrison of Elgin Mills; Mrs. Woods of Elgin Mills; Mrs. Wideman, Unionville and Mrs. Perry of Willowdale, for their displays of vegetables and flowers, baking and handicrafts.

Civic Association To Hold Public Meeting

Mr. Alec Bradshaw, acting president of the Richmond Hill Civic Association announced Thursday that the association is planning to hold a public meeting in the Masonic Hall on January 2, at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the proposed annexation by Richmond Hill of certain sections of Markham Township. The group intends to invite the members of the village council to attend the meeting and to answer questions on the subject. Mr. Bert Barber will act as chairman of the meeting.

King Breeder Wins Guernsey Award

Mr. Henry Borden, King, Ont., owner of Tannery Hill Farm has just received a Bronze certificate from the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association for the production of one of his Guernseys, Donnelly Captain's Rose II, who made 2,514 lbs. fat in five tested lactations for an average of 503 lbs. fat in each. Rose is out of Sunbrook Rose and is sired by the well known Guernsey bull, Alan-Bé Shamrock's Captain, who sired many daughters of good type and production. Mr. Murray Schwartz is the farm manager and is doing a good job with the Guernsey herd.

Coming Events

JANUARY 8 — Tuesday. Thornlea Ratepayers Association will meet at the school at 8 p.m. c1w26

JANUARY 8 — Tuesday. The next regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Branch No. 375 Canadian Legion will be held in the new Legion Memorial Hall, Carrville Road W.W. at 8 p.m. Please attend. \*1w26

JANUARY 11 — Friday. The first euchre party of the new year at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall at 8.30 p.m. The convenors of this party will be Mrs. Ned Hill, Mrs. Paul Dubois and Mrs. Jos. Sheppard. c2w26

With Additional Area The Village May Be A Town

The Ontario Municipal Board will hold an open hearing in the Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, Wednesday, January 9, on Richmond Hill's application for the extension of its boundaries and the annexation of an adjoining thousand acres in Markham Township.

Ratepayers in Richmond Hill village or the area directly concerned in the annexation proposal are invited to attend the hearing and voice any objections or express their approval.

No serious objections are anticipated from ratepayers in the area. There is every indication that there is a pretty general feeling that the move is a natural one which in the long run will be best for all concerned. However there is keen interest in the proposal and a large attendance is expected at the hearing which gets under way at 1.30 p.m.

Richmond Hill's action in asking for the extension of the municipal boundaries is an important one in the history of this community. When finally approved it will mean the addition of one thousand acres to the present village area and the addition of about one thousand persons. This will make the municipality well within qualification range of a town, which may be the next municipal move. In that event Richmond Hill voters next New Year's may be asked to elect a Mayor as well as the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and councillors.

The addition of the new area will present many administrative problems for the 1952 council. Electric lighting service now supplied by the Rural Hydro system will be supplied by Richmond Hill. There will be the problem of roads, sidewalks, street lighting and sewers.

The suggestion has been made that the village now should have a Planning Board. Such a Board it is pointed out now with the addition of its boundaries and the annexation of a successful planned development. It is very likely the appointment of such a board will come up early in the 1952 council deliberations.

It is pointed out by many interested citizens that it is of the utmost importance to the future of Richmond Hill that growth and development be carefully planned and regulated. A Planning Board composed of able and interested local citizens undoubtedly could be of very great assistance to the municipal council in the important years that lie ahead.

It has been suggested that the time is ripe for the organization of a Public Utilities Commission, a body of elected representatives whose special duties would be to administer local public utilities. These would include the water-works system, electric light system, and the arena. Such a step it is pointed out would tend to ease the mounting load of work and responsibility shouldered by the municipal council. It is a plan followed in many municipalities with excellent results and it is a proposal which may have the early consideration of council.

An Industrial Commission also has been suggested for the village. A large part of the annexed territory likely will be designated as an industrial area, and an Industrial Commission such as functions in many Ontario municipalities today, could be of great assistance to the council in promoting the right kind of industrial development.

Richmond Hill Lions Club Reviews The Past Year's Accomplishments

By Lion Ed Butler  
Just as 1951 draws to a close the local Lions Club looks back with pride at its accomplishments over the past twelve months. It was felt that many people living in the Community would like to review with us those things that were done and which fall within the realm of Lions Service Work.

But first a word about Lionism. Lions Clubs are nonpolitical, non-sectarian service organizations composed of the community's business and professional men. Membership is by invitation only.

The purpose of a Lions Club is more than good fellowship and club social life, important though these are. It is to recognize community needs and develop means of meeting them, either through its own effort or in co-operation with other agencies.

Lionism is an active efficient medium for united community effort and enterprise. It is also an outstanding medium for national and world service, exerting tremendous influence for national welfare, international amity and peace, and human progress socially, culturally and economically. The importance of Lions work in all these fields is widely recognized.

The Lions are known and esteemed throughout the world because of the number and importance of their activities. Each year sees their constructive activities reach a new high in number and scope — a result of the care with which the individual Lions Clubs are organized, membership selected and activities planned and carried out.

Lions Clubs are the only clubs with a complete community activities program. They are interested in every opportunity or unselfish service to the community, and to this end, their activities are grouped as follows:

- Boys and Girls
- Citizenship and Patriotism
- Civic Improvements
- Community Betterment
- Education
- Health and Welfare
- Safety
- Sight Conservation and Blind
- United Nations
- Crippled Children.

which every civic minded public spirited individual may serve in the particular field in which he is most interested.

It was just about this time last year that the Lions Club placed the steel drums throughout the village at strategic points to help the motorists by having sand available when road conditions made driving hazardous.

The sum of \$100.00 was awarded as usual to the High School for the Lions Scholarship Fund.

One hundred dollars was donated to the Richmond Hill Boys Hockey teams.

The Elmer Safety Campaign for school children was sponsored. A Stevens Portable Camp Model Resuscitator, equipped to handle two people at one time and a six tank supply of oxygen was purchased for \$500.00 and donated to the Richmond Hill Fire Department.

A group of Blood Donors from among its members, was quickly organized to assist a local individual in need of help.

The Club shared with Thornhill Lions in defraying cost of sending one local High School pupil to the United Nations meeting in New York City.

Recognized winners of Richmond Hill High School Oratorical Contest by payment of cash awards. Participated with one hundred and seventy-three Service Clubs in Ontario raising funds through the distribution of Easter Seals for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. The Richmond Hill Lions forwarded \$376.96 to the Society and retained \$180.10 to defray cost of its own work locally. Spinal braces, orthopaedic boots, leg braces, and corrective appliances have been purchased to help children within the immediate area.

Educational night was held at which thirty-three guests were entertained all of whom were interested in the field of education. The Club also contributed cash donation to the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, as well as to the Dr. Frank Hogg Scholarship Fund, through the University of Toronto, and the Salvation Army.

The Lions purchased a paraplegic chair and loaned same to an individual in need of one. This was handled through the

Welfare Committee and such things as buying eyeglasses and dental work for those unable to afford the cost, come within the realm of this group. They have also assisted this year in helping families who suffered loss by fire and loss by death. Every year Christmas hampers for those in need are provided. It should be stressed that this is a small committee and the work done is handled by this group exclusively and is of a very confidential nature. No names are disclosed to the club.

Each year a special committee arranges and produces the Santa Claus Parade. This event has become an annual one and grows from year to year. The gifts given by Santa Claus to the children this year cost \$350.00.

The money for all of this work is raised by public support of Lions activities, such as the August Carnival, Bingos, Dances and Raffles. These are the club's only source of income.

The major activity of this club is the Lions Community Hall, now nearing completion in the village. In November it was found that the sum of \$10,000.00 was required to bring the Hall to the point where it could be used. A plan was submitted by the Finance Committee in November and at the December 3 meeting the Richmond Hill Lion members fully subscribed a \$10,000 5% 10 year bond issue, with no subscription over \$500.00 and the entire amount was raised within the club.

In conclusion, we can look back and say it was a good year but a lot of work lies ahead. There will be great days ahead as well, and each and every Lion will be happy to say "It's great to be a Lion!"

Thursday's Humble

When Tommy came home from school with swollen eye and bruised lips, his mother said reproachfully, "Oh Tommy! Have you been in another fight?" "I was just keeping a little boy from being beat up by a bigger boy," he replied. "Well, that was brave of you dear. Who was the little boy?" "Me, Mommy."