

Coming Events

JANUARY 25 - Friday, St. Marys Catholic church, at the Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m. Convenors Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. McQuillen. Door Prize. clw30

JANUARY 25 - Friday, Box social, euchre and old time dance, under auspices of L.O.L. 2368, at Richmond Hill Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m. sharp. Any lady bringing box for auction admitted free. Good euchre prizes and door prize. General admission 50c. clw30

JANUARY 26 - Saturday, Tea and Bake Sale in the Scout Hall, 8 Yonge St. S. (entrance south of Ridout Real Estate) at 3 p.m., under auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Scouts and Cubs. clw29

FEBRUARY 27, 28 - Thornhill United Church presents 2 one-act plays at 8.15 p.m., in the Thornhill United Church Hall. Admission 50c, children 35c. clw30

JANUARY 28 - 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend the annual meeting of the King Memorial Library in the Library, King Memorial Park. clw30

JANUARY 28 - Monday, Meeting of the Langstaff (West) Ratepayers Association will be held at the Langstaff Public School, Yonge St., at 8 o'clock. clw30

JANUARY 29 - Tuesday, The Queen Anne Singers will present a variety programme under the direction of Miss Anne Dumbleton in the Community Hall, Maple, at 8 p.m. under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir. Proceeds for Organ Fund. Tickets 50c. clw30

JANUARY 30 - Wednesday, Bingo will be held by Canadian Legion Branch 375, Memorial Hall, Carrville Rd. W. at 8 p.m. Admission 35c. tfe29

JANUARY 31 - Thursday, The Langstaff Home and School Association will hold a euchre at the White Wheel, Yonge Street, Langstaff. Come and spend a pleasant evening with our friends. All are welcome. clw30

FEBRUARY 5 - Tuesday, Thornlea Ratepayers Association meeting at the school 8 p.m. Councillor Mr. A. LeMasurier will be guest speaker. c2w30

R.C.A.F.A. Hold January Meeting

Members of 417 Richmond Hill District Wing RCAF held their regular monthly meeting January 21. There was a discussion as to the possibility of holding a dance sometime in March if necessary arrangements could be made.

Anyone interested in joining the RCAF regular force is advised to contact Harry Sayers at 555J Richmond Hill, who will give the information required regarding trades and pay.

There is a great demand for hard-back fiction books and pocket novels for personnel of the RCAF overseas. Anyone caring to give books, the Liberal office will be only too glad to receive them on the organization's behalf.

The delegate nominated to attend the 1952 Group Convention is Wing President, Mr. Bern. Pearson. The next meeting will be held at 41 Yonge Street S. Monday, February 18.

RCAF and WD veterans who have not yet joined the club are urged to attend.

Presentation To E. L. McCarron

Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Association met in the school at Lake Wilcox on January 15, with Mr. George Gourlay, member of the school board present to speak to the members present on school problems, chief of which is absenteeism.

Mr. Gourlay read excerpts from the school attendance act which points out that school attendance is compulsory and parents and guardians can be summoned to court and fined for failure to comply with the regulations as laid down by this act.

Mr. F. McIvor, who has been assisting in his work as truant officer, reported that the family which had been causing most concern was now attending school regularly. A general discussion took place on the work of the York County Health Unit and it was moved by George Gourlay and seconded by Dan Cook that Dr. King be invited to speak at the next meeting of the ratepayers, in order to find out more about the services covered by his organization.

E. L. McCarron, member of the Whitchurch Township council told of some of the projects under consideration by council, one of which is lights at Lake Wilcox. Costs were outlined and left for further consideration as this will be a local improvement. Mr. McCarron, who has just retired as president of the association, was presented with a new hat in appreciation of his services. The presentation was made by the new president, C. L. Stephenson, and vice-president, Dan Cook.

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Village Re-appoints Assessor

Pay County Too Much For Too Little - Tomlin

"There's plenty of opportunity for administrative economies and cutting expenses in County Council," said Richmond Hill's deputy-revee Kenneth Tomlin at the regular meeting of village council on Monday night.

Richmond Hill's deputy who is attending his first session of County Council made the observation during a discussion of a communication from county assessor relative to his recommendation that the village adopt the county formula of assessment. The deputy-revee said he didn't doubt the reassessment proposal was aimed at increasing Richmond Hill's payment to County Council. "We pay too much to the County now" said Mr. Tomlin, "and we get very little in return for it."

Council on motion of Councillors Middleton and Perkins re-appointed

ed W. S. Pocknell as assessor for 1952 at a salary of \$750. and instructed him to carry out the assessment on the same basis as last year.

Reeve Taylor and council members defended Richmond Hill's assessment system and highly commended Mr. Pocknell for his efficient work in the past.

"We used to have a hit-and-miss system said councillor Middleton, "but Mr. Pocknell made a complete re-assessment on a defined basis which has worked well and I think is fair to all." The absence of appeals, he said, was evidence of satisfaction.

The County assessor advocated the use of a County formula of assessment in all municipalities to provide a basis for County equalization of assessment.

Markham Twp. Considers The Establishment of a Planning Bd.

As their first item of business at a lengthy meeting of the Markham Township Council held last Monday evening the members considered the establishment of a Township Planning Board. Reeve Timbers stated that the establishment of a Planning Board had been under consideration for over a year. Both he and Deputy-Reeve James stressed that it is of major importance that such a Board be set up at once. As to the composition of the Board, Reeve Timbers suggested that it be a five man Board made up of two Council members and three private citizens. The Board will likely hold two meetings a month and the members will receive the same pay as a Councillor. Councillor Hooper also felt there should be two members of Council on the Board. Councillor LeMasurier only wanted one member of the Council on the Board and then the people wouldn't develop the feeling the Board is Council dominated.

Among those mentioned as possible nominees to the new Board were Messrs. Spears, Maynard, Cowley and Dean by Reeve Timbers. Councillor Hooper suggested the names of W. Dean and R. Shorten; while Deputy-Reeve James put forward the name of Mr. H. Maynard. Mr. LeMasurier wanted the Ratepayers in the subdivisions to also be given an opportunity to suggest some names. This question of a Planning Board will be considered further at a special meeting of the Council.

The Council will hold another special meeting some time prior to February 1 in order to consider the salaries of Township employees for the coming year. The head of each department will be asked to attend the meeting. Councillor LeMasurier interjected that he wanted this to be an open meeting with the public and the press given the opportunity to attend. Councillor Hooper felt at this type of meeting and with department heads present it might prove embarrassing. Reeve Timbers stated that simply because it is a special meeting it doesn't preclude anybody from attending. Deputy-Reeve James said he could not see the point as anybody is free to come. "It will be an open meeting and we are not going to batten down our hatches," stated Mr. James.

The members discussed the question of dogs being allowed to run at large in the Township. There have been complaints from various parties especially in the subdivisions of dogs being allowed to run and destroy property. A four man delegation composed of Messrs. Mason, Russell, MacAlpine and Stroud from the Doncaster Ratepayers who called on council regarding several matters cited cases where these dogs are becoming a menace. Councillor LeMasurier felt that there should be some by-law to prohibit dogs from running in packs and destroying property. Deputy-Reeve James said such a by-law would be very good but without a Township dogcatcher it would be impossible to enforce. Reeve Timbers was also of the opinion that what was needed was dogcatcher. Councillor Lennie suggested that the Township police be given the job of handling stray dogs. The big problem according to Clerk Hoover was what to do with strays that are unclaimed. The Township would require a properly built dogpound in order to enforce any by-laws. On the motion of Mr. Lennie the Council will attempt to make some arrangement with the dogcatcher of one of the surrounding municipalities, to have

him answer calls in Markham Township.

The Trustees of Thornhill Village under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Dean waited on the council regarding snow removal. Mr. W. Dean stated that the introduction of a zoning by-law to cover Thornhill. The Trustees have already discussed with the Ontario Department of Highways the removal of snow ploughed up within the limits of Thornhill in Markham Township was not protected by a building or zoning by-laws, assured his fellow trustees that both townships would accept a by-law set up by them, provided it was suitable to be worked in with township health and building regulations. It was Mr. Ecklestone who advised Trustees to pass the above temporary zoning by-law, then form a citizens' committee to draft a permanent by-law with assistance from both Township councils.

In the future any residents who have ideas for improving the Township can deposit them in a nice new Township Suggestion Box. Mr. LeMasurier on behalf of the Langstaff ratepayers presented Council with this Suggestion Box. It is expected it will be kept in the Clerk's office.

The meeting saw the establishment of a Waterworks and Sanitation Committee composed of Councillors Lennie and LeMasurier. This Committee will work in conjunction with the department of Waterworks and Plumbing. Deputy-Reeve James will be an ex-officio member of the committee.

Mr. J. Teetzel of the Harding Park Subdivision appeared before council regarding the resolution taking over his roads. He wondered why Lennox Ave., was left off the list of roads taken over. The members assured him that if it was an improved road it would be included.

Deputy-Reeve James was appointed representative on the Unionville Memorial Rink Board. The Council granted the National Institute for the Blind permission to hold a Tag Day in Unionville on Saturday, May 3.

Markham Twp. To Increase Staff

The rapid growth that is going on in Markham Township was further brought home this week when the Township Council made plans to hire a Treasurer and an Assistant Assessor. Reeve Timbers said that with extra office staff Mr. Hoover's job of Clerk and Treasurer could be split into separate positions. Councillor Lennie felt with the increased assessment and general volume of work there should be a further division of work in the Township office. Councillor LeMasurier raised objections to increasing the present office staff as he felt it wasn't warranted. He agreed to the splitting up of Mr. Hoover's position but he was of the opinion there was no need for increasing the staff if the present work was properly distributed. Deputy-Reeve James and Councillor LeMasurier felt that the new man should understand Mr. Hoover so that if at some future date the Clerk fell ill there would be someone to take his place. Mr. James and Mr. Lennie thought they should hire a good understudy and then consider the cost of administration and if necessary do some house-cleaning.

Press Annexation Plans

Richmond Hill To Ask Provincial Approval As A Planning Area

Thornhill Trustees Ask Zoning By-Law From Mark. & Vaughan

Trustees W. R. Dean, J. E. MacNeil and Allan Sumner of the police village of Thornhill met on January 18, and adopted a resolution that, Vaughan and Markham Townships be requested to pass a temporary zoning by-law. The resolution asked that the by-law prevent land within the limits of the village to be used for the building of service stations or commercial garages, and that the land lying within the village limits, with the exception of land to within a depth of 150 feet fronting Yonge Street, be restricted for residential purposes.

Mr. A. Ecklestone and Mr. S. Tobias were present on the invitation of Trustee Dean, to offer legal assistance and the citizen's viewpoint on the subject of building by-laws. Trustee Sumner reported on the meeting he and Trustee MacNeil had with Vaughan Township council re building by-laws and health regulations, and Trustee Dean, disclosing that investigation proved that the area within the limits of Thornhill in Markham Township was not protected by a building or zoning by-laws, assured his fellow trustees that both townships would accept a by-law set up by them, provided it was suitable to be worked in with township health and building regulations. It was Mr. Ecklestone who advised Trustees to pass the above temporary zoning by-law, then form a citizens' committee to draft a permanent by-law with assistance from both Township councils.

Mr. Dean disclosed that the Trustees were willing to pay for snow removal from sidewalks but not snow that the Department of Highways had placed on the walks. Ratepayers do clean sidewalks but the Department of Highways push the snow on them. He also stressed the hazard of the snow condition was to the school children and remarked how difficult it was to get in touch with the men working for the Department of Highways.

Mr. Tobias was asked to report his findings on the situation, and stated that the interview with Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ramsay's assistant, at the Department of Highways, had been most satisfactory. Mr. Clarke stated that, the Province of Ontario Department of Highways paid 50% and the townships paid 25% or snow removal, and if the Townships would not agree to this to return to his office and he would investigate. Mr. Dean explained the only difficulty was that the Townships charged the 25 per cent to the village.

It was moved by A. Sumner and seconded by J. E. MacNeil, that the trustees accept Mr. Tobias' invitation to accompany him at the beginning of the week to see Mr. Clarke of the Department of Highways and that a written account of this meeting should be received from the Department and incorporated in the minutes.

A discussion of the traffic hazard and snow removal in front of the MacNeil-Anstey building was held.

South America Beaver Raised On Fur Farm

On a fur farm within a short distance of Richvale and Richmond Hill, where for five years Mr. and Mrs. Len Thompson successfully have raised registered chinchilla stock, a new department has been added with the recent acquisition of a herd of South American beaver, properly known as Nutria.

These are rat-tailed animals, closely resembling the Canadian Beaver, the fur of which is rising in popularity for coats, jackets and fur-trimmings. Clean and hardy, they are easily cared for, require a certain amount of water, are vegetarians, able to eat a wide variety of vegetables, excepting parsley and cauliflower, and can withstand the rigors of our winter climate.

The females bear litters of, on an average, from eight to ten young, twice a year. These, born with fur, teeth, and open eyes, are able to eat a regular diet within a day or two and to care for themselves, and surplus animals not selected for breeding purposes, can be pelted at the end of a year.

The fur, when sheared of the guard hairs, is of a velvety-soft texture, and when dressed the more desirable pelts are of a chocolate-blue colour.

These animals, while at first very shy, soon become accustomed to their surroundings and will come to be fed when called. They often attain weights of from 19 to 25 pounds.

Citizen Protests Police Action

Al Rice, local florist, complained to council Monday night that he was unfairly discriminated against by local police. "I want to know why I have been singled out to be crucified," said Mr. Rice. He said his truck was towed off Arnold Street recently and he had to pay a fine and towing charges. Other cars have stood on the street for weeks, he said.

Reeve Taylor and council members assured him there was no desire on the part of council to single out anyone for prosecution. He was asked to attend the next meeting when the constable would be in attendance.

Richmond Hill Business Men General Meeting

Mr. George Hill, president of the Richmond Hill Business Men's Association announced this week that the next general meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at 8.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Public School and in the room of Mr. Walter Scott. As this is a very important meeting at which future activities of the Association will be considered all members are urged to attend.

Vehicles Demolished In Head-On Crash

A car and a truck were demolished and four people injured shortly after 6 p.m. last Saturday evening when two vehicles collided head on at the northern limits of Richmond Hill. The car, a 1940 Oldsmobile driven by Robert S. Parsons, an 18-year-old resident of R. R. 2 Aurora, and carrying Mrs. Ethel Parsons, 49, mother of the children, Peggy Parsons 5, and Kenneth Parsons 15, as passengers was southbound at the time of the mishap.

The truck, a Chevrolet pick-up owned and driven by John Barlow 34, of 67 Mulock Ave., Toronto was northbound. The injured included Mrs. Ethel Parsons, the mother, who suffered face and body lacerations; Peggy Parsons, lacerations to her nose and face; Kenneth Parsons cut to his face. The driver Robert Parsons escaped injury. The operator of the truck, Mr. Barlow, received cuts and bruises. Mrs. Parsons and her son Kenneth were admitted to the Toronto General Hospital, while Peggy was admitted to the Hospital for Sick Children. John Barlow was sent to the Toronto General Hospital for observation. Wright and Taylor Ambulance transported the victims to the hospital. Drs. Wilson and Langstaff attended them at the scene of the accident. Constable Robbins investigated.

Paper Collection

The Scouts and Cubs are planning a Waste Paper collection for Saturday, January 26 from 8 o'clock until noon. The collection will take place on the west side only of Richmond Hill.

Don Head Farm Has One Of The Largest

Many Fine Jersey Herds Centred In York County

York County has long been heralded as an outstanding stronghold of the Jersey Breed in Canada. One of the largest herds in Canada is maintained by Don Head Farms of Richmond Hill. In December they reported more Jersey cows with records than any other herd in Canada, a total of seven-teen. Their group was led by Brampton W. R. Rose -172997- that produced a gold medal record at five years of age of 12,115 lbs. of milk and 657 lbs. of fat in 294 days. Rose is a daughter of the superior sire, Brampton World's Records -101251- and she is classified Excellent.

Don Head Molly's Design -194-762-, a daughter of Brampton Molly's Pinnacle -111070- tha, may soon become a superior sire, has a silver medal record as a junior three-year-old in 365 days of 11,665 lbs. of milk and 569 lbs. of fat.

Donald Matthews of Gormley reports six records led by Wheaton Lodge Midge -142652- one of the breed's great producing cows in York County and this time at eight years Midge produced 11,903 lbs. of milk and 642 lbs. of fat in 348 days. She is a ton of gold cow and her six records total 4,056 lbs., making her Canada's 115th 4,000 lb. Jersey cow. Her six records average nearly 700 lbs. of fat.

On the Kingsdale Farm of C. J. Fox, is reported two records led by Lawnridge Kingmaster Queen -122522- that at eleven years of

Will Name An Authorized Planning Board Very Soon

Richmond Hill Village will make immediate application to the Ontario Minister of Planning and Development for recognition as a Planning Area and on receipt of such approval will set up a fully authorized Planning Board. This was unanimously decided at a meeting of Village Council Monday evening by a resolution introduced by councillor Jack Rice.

Provincial legislation gives to Planning Boards wide powers in regulating and directing building and development not only in the specified area but in neighboring districts as well. Members numbering three or five are appointed by council for varying terms of years so there always is continuity in membership.

Council action followed further study and investigation of the decision at the last meeting to form a Planning and Industrial Committee. The committee was considered necessary for organization and survey preliminary to the formal application for designation as a Planning Area. Consultation with provincial authorities revealed however that the preliminary committee was unnecessary and that there was no reason to anticipate any delay in approval now of Richmond Hill as a Planning Area and the appointment of a regularly constituted Planning Board.

As soon as Provincial approval is received to the village application council will proceed with the members. Councillor Perkins emphasized the importance of selecting the right people as Board members. "We can't be too careful in selecting the right persons for this Board," he said.

In reply to a question by Councillor Middleton the Reeve said the members of the Board would serve without remuneration.

Annexation
The village council action on a Planning Board is closely allied with current annexation plans. On this subject Reeve W. J. Taylor said he hoped an early meeting can be arranged with Markham Township council and emphasized again that the council is most anxious to proceed as quickly as possible with expansion plans.

"We do not want unduly to hurry the matter," said deputy-revee Tomlin, "but it is imperative we meet Markham Council as soon as possible so we can proceed with sponsoring a public meeting here to clarify any doubtful issues."

The Reeve said he was hopeful that a meeting with Markham council might be arranged before the end of the month.

Extra Police February 1
The Commissioner of Provincial Police confirmed the contract for the policing of the Village and advised that the second police officer will be stationed here commencing February 1.

Re-Wire Arena
On motion of councillor Perkins it was decided to award the contract for re-wiring the arena to the Allan Electric Co., at a price of \$2,045. This figure which was the lowest tender does not include new shades and bulbs which will cost an additional \$500.

P. Harden Speaks To Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Jan. 18

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society held its first meeting of the New Year last Friday night with over 125 in attendance. There was a good representation from the Thornhill, Roseland and North York Horticultural Societies.

Mr. W. Ferguson, president of the local society, gave a short address of welcome and then called upon the first speaker of the evening, Mr. P. Harden.

Mr. Harden who is president of executive of the Don Valley Association told of the aims to preserve, conserve and develop the Don Valley.

The association was formed in November 1946 with the following aims: To conserve the natural resources of the Don Valley as a recreation woodland and to prevent the destruction of such resources by industrialization or other means; to co-operate and work with all organizations in the Don Valley Watershed to make effective these purposes; to protect and preserve in the Don Valley our natural heritage of birds, flowers, forest wealth and wild

life. In May 1947, ten thousand trees were planted in the valley by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, led by members of the association. Tree planting thus became an annual affair.

In Richmond Hill F. R. Perkins is the representative, in Vaughan Twp. J. H. Robson and in Markham Reeve Winfred Timbers.

Mr. George Kaye, secretary of the Don Valley Authority was the next speaker and he explained the functioning of the Valley Authority and how we, as property owners may richly benefit.

Two films were shown. The first depicted numerous beauty spots along the Don Valley and the other was entitled "Clear Waters" showing what happens as a result of river water pollution.

Mrs. R. D. Little very capably thanked the speakers for their informative and interesting talks. Mrs. F. R. Perkins was the lucky winner of the door prize. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, when Mr. John F. Clark will be the guest speaker.



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