

Coming Events

APRIL 14 — Monday. Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 meets in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. clw41

APRIL 14 — Monday. Langstaff Ratepayers Association will meet at Langstaff Public School. clw41

APRIL 14 — Tuesday. Cooking School by Moffats Ltd., Weston, sponsored by Presbyterian W.A. Easter Monday at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian Sunday School Room. Lucky draws, free grocery bags, and a valuable door prize. Tickets 35c each. Tickets can be had at Wm. Neaf's or Yerex Electric. clw41

APRIL 15 — Tuesday. A special meeting of Richmond Hill United Church W.A. will be held in the Sunday School room at 7 p.m. to discuss urgent business. All ladies of the afternoon and evening groups are asked to attend this meeting. clw41

APRIL 15 — Tuesday. Thornhill Horticultural Society will meet in Thornhill United Church Hall, guest speaker Mr. John Clarke. Juniors will meet with the seniors at 8.15 p.m. Coloured films, sale of plants and lucky draw. All welcome. clw41

APRIL 16 — Wed. An illustrated bird lecture by Alfred Bunker in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple under the auspices of St. Andrews Girls Club at 8 p.m. Admission 35c and 20c. *2w40

APRIL 18 — Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. Richvale Home and School is holding a home baking sale at the home of Mrs. Arthur Ball, 62 Yongehurst Road. clw41

APRIL 18 — Friday. Smithfield Fellowship Group is presenting a 3-act comedy "Here's How" in the Edgeley Hall, sponsored by the Edgeley W.A. Admission 50c adults, children 25c. c2w40

APRIL 18 — Friday. Minstrel Show in Richmond Hill United Church Sunday School room at 8 p.m. Oshawa. Y.P.U. sponsored by Richmond Hill Y.P.U. Admission 50c. c2w41

APRIL 19 — Saturday. Bake Sale sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion in the Legion Hall Carrville Road from 2-4 p.m. clw40

APRIL 19 — Saturday. Spring Fair and Hobby Show, Bake Sale, Afternoon Tea, at Richmond Hill Public School by St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild at 2:30 to 6 p.m. clw41

APRIL 23 — Wed. "The Sunbonnet Girl", a comic opera, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Choir, in Maple Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Proceeds for organ fund. Admission 60c. *2w40

High School Board Has New Member

Mr. Victor P. McMullen, Q. C. of Bedford Park Avenue has been appointed by the Richmond Hill Separate School Board as its representative on the Richmond Hill District High School Board. The announcement was made this week by Chairman Clive Bettles. The new appointee will replace Rev. F. McGinn who recently tendered his resignation.

Mr. McMullen served on the East York High School Board for 13 years before moving to Richmond Hill in December 1951, and will have much valuable experience to offer in his new appointment.

Impressive Ceremony

Richmond Hill Rotary Club Receives Official Charter

The newly organized Rotary Club of Richmond Hill, last Thursday night, was formally admitted to membership in Rotary International, the world-wide service organization which has more than 7,300 Clubs in 83 countries and geographical regions. Delegations from the Rotary Clubs at Barrie, Bolton, Bowmanville, Brampton, East York, Gravenhurst, Guelph, Midland, Oshawa, Orangeville, Pickering, Toronto, and Weston-Mount-Dennis, Whitby and Haliburton, were present at the meeting to welcome Rotarians of Richmond Hill into the fellowship of some 350,000 business and professional executives throughout the world.

The official Rotary charter was presented to President Bob Cross, by K. Partridge, Rotary District Governor from Port Credit, whose address to the Club outlined the history and purposes of the Rotary movement. "Rotary is a comparatively young organization," said Mr. Partridge. "The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905. Its basis of membership was the selection of one man from each business or profession in the community, thus establishing the Club as a cross-section of the community's business and professional life. After more than 46 years of growth and development, that original plan is still the basis of membership of all Rotary Clubs throughout the world. These Clubs — whether they are in the North, South or Central America, in Eur-

ope, Asia, Africa or the islands of the Pacific — are united in the practice of the 'Ideal of Service, which is the thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others.' Mr. Partridge then introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Wallace Bunton of the Salvation Army, who emphasized the greatness of Rotarism to oneself, neighbour and in the community. Reeve Tom Taylor, representative of the village, extended a hearty welcome to the new Rotary Club, and promised support and co-operation on behalf of the Council. Mr. Ken Tomlin, president of the Lions Club and Governor Dick Edmunds pledged their co-operation stating that the two Clubs could walk shoulder to shoulder giving help when and where needed.

President Ed Wilkins of Leaside, gave a brief outline of how the Richmond Hill Rotary Club was formed, giving due credit to past president Guy Hunt of the Leaside Club for his untiring efforts in bringing Rotary to Richmond Hill. Officers of the new Rotary Club are Bob Cross, president; Al Rice, vice-president; Bill MacDougall, secretary; Len Rice, treasurer; Alf McLatchy, sergeant at arms; other charter members are Allan Baker, Jack Brillinger, Wm. Burns, Wm. Dods, Wm. Gilchrist, Ernest Hall, Dr. Wm. Howe, Donald Plaxton, Harold Reid, Harry Reid, Jack Rice, Peter Savage, Wm. Schurman. Directors: Ralph Butler and Jack Tetzler.

Elgin Mills Farm Sold To American Syndicate

A New York syndicate has purchased 100 acres of land just north of Richmond Hill. This fact was revealed by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sanders who have sold their farm at Elgin Mills to the American investors. Exact details of the sale are not available but it is believed that the vendors received approximately \$500 per acre. The land is situated in the most southerly portion of lot 50 in Markham Township, and extends from Yonge Street east to Bayview Ave. It is included in that part of Markham Township which Richmond Hill is hoping to annex in the very near future. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders will retain the house now situated on the farm and 7 1/2 acres surrounding it. Development of the land includes plans for industry, housing and business.



TO OPEN SPRING FAIR

Billy Button (Mrs. A. A. Macdonald), author of "I Married An Artist", will open the annual Spring Fair of St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild, Richmond Hill, on Saturday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the Public School auditorium.

R. J. Craigie Elected Chairman Of The Membership Comm.

Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce met in the Lions Hall Tuesday night to hear Mr. G. Buckley of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce speak on the work and duties of the organization. Mr. Buckley was introduced by president Geo. Hill.

Mr. Buckley told of the work of the various committees of the club, outlining the members' duties. At this same meeting R. J. Craigie was elected chairman of the Membership Committee and he chose to work with him Morley Hall, Stan Ransom, Stan Tinker and Jack Hart. It was decided to form three other committees — Retail, Industrial and Civic Improvement, the officers of which will be elected at a later date.

Forty-six were present Tuesday night but the executive feels that the membership could be considerably increased and would like to point out that membership in the Chamber of Commerce is open to everyone in Richmond Hill and district.

Patterson Community Club Holds Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Patterson Community Club was held March 20 with Mr. Jack Large in the chair. Important business was as follows: the next meeting will be held April 17. Mr. Giordmaine, magician, will visit the school April 25. The Spring Dance will be held early in May at Maple Creek Lodge. Gratitude was expressed to Geo. Kellough for donating the new lights for the classroom. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Hudson of the Department of Lands and Forests showed motion pictures.

Trustee Ed. Butlin Submits Resignation To P. S. Board

Trustee Ed. Butlin of the Richmond Hill Public School Board this week submitted his resignation to Board Chairman James Pollard. He gave pressure of business as his reason for this move. Mr. Butlin, an extremely popular member of the Board was asked by the members to carry on until the end of the present school year, at which time the trustees will act on his resignation.

Traffic Hold-Up On Centre Street

Council Passes Sub-Division Control & Parking By-Laws

School Boards Represented At Markham Tp. Council Meeting

A four-man delegation from S. S. No. 21, Locust Hill waited on Markham Township Council at its regular meeting on Monday last. The group was under the direction of Chairman Frank Reesor. The purpose of the visit was to request an advance on this year's levy to cover the cost of improvements made in their school. The Department of Education has given them permission to spend up to \$3,000 on improvements to parts of their building. Councillor Hooper objected to the Township granting them any advance and thought the Board should borrow the money on a private note. "It is a sad situation", replied Councillor LeMasurier, "when a school board has to go out and borrow money from a private individual." "Education is a municipal affair", he concluded. "We are just accommodating them, and the Township won't be out any money," stated Deputy-Reeve James. Trustee Howard Hagerman asked where the Board could go if they couldn't come to their own Township Council. "Go to an individual", replied Hooper. Both Deputy-Reeve James and Councillor LeMasurier agreed that borrowing from an individual was a sloppy way in which to do business.

Planning Bd. Asks \$1,500 Council Asks More Money For Land On Pugsley St.

Richmond Hill council passed a by-law prohibiting the parking of cars on the north side of Centre Street west to Elizabeth Street, and on the south side of Centre Street east to Church Street, at its meeting Monday night. The discussion arose from a report from Constable Robbins who said that traffic was having difficulty getting through the small space left by parked cars in the stated areas.

"People have to have somewhere to leave their cars," said Reeve Taylor, who questioned the advisability of passing the by-law, "it's hard enough now to find a place to park without imposing further restrictions." "We shouldn't be too hard on the people because it's the sewers that are causing the trouble," said councillor Middleton, "yet people should abide by the law and when they're told not to park in a certain spot they shouldn't. They should certainly leave room for other cars to get by." "The problem of merchants parking in front of their stores was discussed, and a resolution, introduced by councillors Middleton and Perkins, and unanimously carried stated that due to the shortage of parking space council is asking the merchants to co-operate with the police as well as the motorists while the sewers are being installed by not parking on Yonge Street. Council pointed out that there was ample parking space available in the village park, and would appreciate it if drivers would use these grounds instead of Yonge Street where it would hold up the continual flow of traffic.

for water. This water supply is necessary for construction purposes. Mr. Richan and Markham's Road Superintendent, Mr. A. Buchanan, will make a joint survey of the area adjacent to the school site in an endeavour to locate the best route for a road into the school property. Thornlea Ratepayers Petition Mr. G. Elms on behalf of the Thornlea Ratepayers presented a strongly-worded petition requesting no relaxation of the Township's original land-use by-law covering Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Concession 2. The ratepayers are opposed to certain types of industrial developments in that area. Deputy-Reeve James informed those present that at its meeting last week the Planning Board had failed to agree on the council's recommendation exempting the Ness property, Lot 6, Con. 2, from the by-law. "It looks like we have appointed a Planning Board to overrule both last year's Council and this year's Council", stated Hooper. Councillor LeMasurier suggested the Council should abide by the recommendation of the Planning Board "for they know more about planning than we do." M. Frank Merritt, the County weed inspector, gave the members a short talk on weed control. The Council will re-appoint the present weed inspector for another term. The members passed for payment the bill from the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade covering the recent fire they attended on the E. T. Stephens property. Deputy-Reeve James and Councillor Hooper then moved and seconded a motion instructing their solicitor to refer the bill to E. T. Stephens Co. for payment. The members made a \$15.00 grant to the Unionville Library Board. They also donated \$25.00 to the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society. Mr. K. Beamish of the Beamish Construction Company attended the meeting. Relief accounts totalling \$275 and bounty accounts totalling \$30 were passed for payment.

"You can't expect council to subsidize land for the use of one individual taxpayer," added Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. "I don't like the idea of investing our money for water when it isn't going to be used right away," said councillor Perkins. "I agree," said Reeve Taylor. "You can't expect council to subsidize land for the use of one individual taxpayer," added Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. "Ask Higher Price For Land" After suggesting last year to the H.E.P.C. that it would sell to the commission about 2 acres land at the corner of Centre Street east and Pugsley Ave. for \$3,000, council refused to sell at this price, deciding to inform the H.E.P.C. that the sale price agreed upon in 1951 of \$10 a ft. is no longer applicable and that the land has been put up for sale on the open market for \$20 a ft. When the letter from the Hydro was first read stating that it was willing to accept council's offer of \$2,000, councillor Middleton moved that they go ahead with the transaction. This motion was seconded by Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. It was councillor Perkins who started the discussion by asserting that council wasn't getting enough money for the land. After further argument council decided to sit as a committee of the whole with Deputy-Reeve Tomlin taking the chair. "No other attempt has been made to sell the land," said councillor Perkins, "we might be able to get a higher price from some one else. What I really object to is this big company dictating to us, they took so long to make up their minds about it." "The property is a little more valuable now," said Reeve Taylor, "the Lions new hall is there and we have sewers. I'll support Mr. Perkins in thinking the land is worth more money. Last year when it was discussed the price of \$3,000 was alright, today it's a different matter."

King Township Passes By-Law Covering Rd. Improvement Area

A by-law to designate certain lands in the Township of King, formerly part of what is commonly known as the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme, as a Road Improvement Area, was passed when the Council of King Township held its regular monthly meeting at Nobleton on Monday, April 7. The petition appealing for this road area had been signed by at least two-thirds of the owners of all lots in the area of Holland Marsh between the Holland River and the drainage scheme and represented at least one-half of the total value of all lots in the area. It was recommended to the Registrar of North York, that the subdivision of Father McGoey, 5th concession of King, be registered, providing Father McGoey supplies the necessary bills of sale and the usual affidavits regarding same. Mr. Meadows appeared before council and advanced reasons why the Oak Ridges Park Subdivision should be proceeded with. Council decided to discuss the matter further. Plans were received, approved and forwarded to the Planning and Development Board of two subdivisions. One parcel of land to be subdivided belongs to John C. Dew of King City, the other at Pottageville is owned by Miss I. Lamont of Toronto.

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On a motion by councillors Middleton and Rice council refused a request to instal water on Lawrence Avenue as the village is not in a financial position to do so at the present time, and asked that the solicitor for the Williams estate be so informed. (Continued on page 3)

Mr. & Mrs. H. Arbon Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arbon of 186 Spruce Avenue in Richvale will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Sunday, April 13, and will mark the occasion by holding open house for friends and relatives from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arbon were born and raised in England, coming to Toronto in 1911. From Toronto they moved to Beamsville where they operated a fruit farm for 22 years, coming to Richvale in 1944 where they have made their home ever since. Mr. Arbon will be 74 years old on June 21 and Mrs. Arbon will be 72 on December 6. They have three sons, Ernie of Beamsville, William of Hamilton and Stephen of May Avenue, Richvale; one daughter, Ada (Mrs. Ada Davis) and five grandchildren.

Public School Board May Lose Prov. Grant For Transportation

The Richmond Hill Public School Board made a thorough examination of its transportation problem at last Friday's regular meeting. Such an analysis had become necessary with the announcement by Chairman James Pollard that he has been unofficially informed of plans by the Department of Education to discontinue the Board's grant for transportation after this year. Mr. Gordon Mortson of Victoria Square, who handles the transporting of the school children, attended the meeting. Chairman Pollard complimented Mr. Mortson on the splendid manner in which he was operating the transportation system. "However," stated Mr. Pollard "if this is to be the last year we are to receive a provincial grant, it will certainly make quite a difference." "That is why," he said, "we have invited you here this evening to discuss the situation."

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The question of buying a new grader and snow plough has been considered since tenders for same were received at the March meeting of the Council. It was decided to keep the old grader on hand and to buy a new machine minus a scarifier. The council will ask all companies who sent tenders previously to submit new tenders by April 18, for a fully equipped machine, minus scarifier, which costs about \$1,000 and cannot be used on township roads, of approximately 100 horsepower, with same size 12 ply tires all round, 4 chains.

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Engaged in making a telephone survey of all the Richmond Hill and Thornhill telephone subscribers to acquaint them with the operation of the dial telephone system is this trio of Bell Telephone employees, Hazel Liggett (left), Mrs. Gladys Otter and May Conway. On the equipment shown, they are able to duplicate the various tones associated with the dial system, and can check the accuracy of numbers dialed by the subscribers. The survey is part of the Bell program to ensure successful telephone conversions at Richmond Hill and Thornhill where new dial exchanges will be opened about midnight on Saturday, May 3.