

Whitchurch Park Top Beauty Spot

Whitchurch Community Park at Vandorf is showing promise of becoming a beauty spot in the township. The township council purchased the land - 13 1/4 acres across from the Municipal Building on the 4th concession - some time ago, and various township organizations are helping to develop it.

The Whitchurch Conservation Club is financing the pond which is 100 feet long and 60 feet wide, now being built. It will be five feet deep at one end and shallow enough at the other to make a wading pool for the smaller children. The Women's Institute held a field day recently and the profits from this undertaking were put towards the development of the new park.

Last spring 2000 pine and spruce trees were planted to form wind-breaks on the north and west sides and the property was fenced and a new entrance built.

Chairman of the Whitchurch Community Centre is Clifford Wallwork. This board was set up by the township council and has seven members - George Richardson, George Dewsbury, Lawrence Hennessy, councillors Richard Baycroft and Sidney Legge and Reeve Ivan McLaughlin. Mrs. Harold Dewsbury is the secretary.

Mr. Richardson reports that plans have been made to lay out a baseball diamond, picnic grounds and tennis courts.

Lightning Strikes Points in Village

They say that lightning never strikes the same place twice but Fred Bovard of Richmond Hill is ready to dispute this. During electrical storm Tuesday, lightning struck several points at Fred's home on Richmond St. Lightning struck the wires at the new house being built, where electrical appliances were affected then followed the wires to the old house where the shock blew out the windows.

The lightning also hit a wire fence which conducted it to a tree which was split by the force.

The adjacent properties of Walter Smith and Theo van Wieringen were also affected and trees and windows were shattered.

Other buildings in the village experienced similar shocks although none were as severe. The home of O. Wilson on Oxford St. was struck and the resulting fire burned through the ceiling. Richmond Hill brigade answered the call and extinguished the blaze.

Garden Competition Prizes Are Awarded

Prizewinners in the Annual Garden Competition at Richmond Hill District High School have been chosen and they are: Margaret Brodie, Headford, first; Joan Dunn of Richmond Hill and Jas. Dunn of Elgin Mills tied for second, and Douglas Langdon of Steeles Avenue, third.

Winners in the Home Improvement Competition are: Mavis Denie of Gormley and Bill Suter of Langstaff.

Judges for these competitions were George Lummis of Willowdale and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunlop of Richmond Hill.

Stormy Session

At a recent meeting of the Richmond Hill District High School Board, the matter of students of the area attending other schools was introduced. Numerous requests that students already attending other schools be permitted to do so at the cost of the Richmond Hill board were read and the chairman was of the opinion that a definite policy should be established on the matter.

District Board Rules Tuition Fee Will Not Be Paid For Students Attending Out Of Area

Several students belonging to the area and who started at other schools before the area was formed had been permitted to finish their schooling where they are and their tuition will be paid, as is the case for those requiring courses not given in the area school. However, the board ruled that it would not be responsible for any students who have started at other schools since the new area came into being. If they wish to attend other schools, their families must pay their tuition fees.

Harry Charles, convenor of the Property Committee reported on several points which needed action on the part of the board. The matter of litter of paper around the school was considered and it was decided to place large refuse containers at the entrance and through the building as the problem seems to stem from a lack of garbage cans around the school.

The matter of stage lights for the auditorium was of considerable importance at the meeting. The Property Committee had checked on tentative estimates which ranged all the way from \$1200 - \$2,000. Trustee Dean and Trustee McMullen were of the opinion that such an expenditure was one of the "frills" that the Department of Education feels must be cut in order to reduce ed-

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North York Market

The announcement that North York Township has sold the property at the City Limits now occupied by the North York Market was disappointing news to many patrons of the market, both producers and consumers.

We cannot be too critical of North York Township council for taking advantage of an attractive offer for after all North York has no particular responsibility to provide such a market-place. It was pointed out that a very small percentage of the producers using the market are residents of North York Township.

However as the matter stands at present the market folks must vacate the building by the end of this year, and unless other quarters are available, the popular North York market may disappear.

The North York Market provides a popular meeting place for producer and consumer and through the years has been well patronized. It provided a handy and profitable market for many York County producers and it gave city and county consumers an opportunity to shop twice weekly for farm-fresh produce. It would be too bad if it must disappear.

The market serves all parts of the County and York County Council might well explore the possibility of taking leadership in providing a site and accommodation for a real producers' market near the north end of the city.

King And Vaughan Plowmen To Hold Their Annual Match Near Kleinburg October 21st

The annual plowing match of the King and Vaughan Plowing Association will be held Tuesday, October 21, on the farm of James Reid, lot 21, concession 8 Vaughan, on the highway between Kleinburg and Woodbridge.

The King and Vaughan Association one of the oldest in the province is this year headed by Carl Shaw of Kleinburg with other officers being: 1st vice-president, Wilfred Aitchison, Schomberg; 2nd vice-president, Reeve Marshall McMurchy of Vaughan, secretary Ray Jennings, Aurora, and treasurer A. McClure, Woodbridge.

Directors for the year are: H. E. Ross, King; A. Rutherford, Woodbridge; Gordon Orr, King; G. F. Lawson, King; J. P. Forester, King; E. A. Carson, Maple; B. Weldrick, Thornhill; N. D. McMurchy, King; Alfred Bagg, Edgeley; J. Hostrawser, Nashvilly; J. Wood, Aurora; Robert Watson, Woodbridge; Stanley Tyndall, Richmond Hill; Alex Cameron, Woodbridge; Harvey Usher, Woodbridge; Thos. Blackburn, Kettleby; C. Marchant, Schomberg; C. A. McNeil, Woodbridge; Elton Armstrong, Armitage; Jack Walkington, King; Torrance Farr, York Mills; M. McMurchy, Maple; Clarence Graham, Woodbridge; Roy Livingston, Woodbridge; Jack Macklin, King.

Edgeley Comm. Hall Being Re - Painted

The Edgeley Community Hall has taken on a brighter appearance inside in recent days. Geo. Craib is doing an excellent job of spray painting the ceiling in a warm ivory shade and walls a light green color. The wainscoting is being brightened with varnish and shellac and when the work is completed, the hall trustees, Laurence Keffer, Albert Mitchell and Percy Putterbaugh will announce the plans they are making for an evening of entertainment to mark the reopening of newly redecorated hall.

Two Year Old Dies

Debora Campbell, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Campbell of Boyle Dr., Langstaff, died last Friday afternoon from burns received when gasoline, being used to clean the family car, exploded and sprayed her as well as her sister Loraine 6.

It is reported that Loraine, who was also badly burned, is improving.

Men's Club Meets Monday

The Men's Club of Richmond Hill United Church will hold its first meeting this Monday, September 29, at 8:30 p.m., in the Church parlors.

It will be a dinner meeting and the guest speaker for the evening will be Ralph Young, secretary of the National Council of United Church Men.

R. H. Lions Club Square Dancing

Richmond Hill Lions Club are now sponsoring square dancing every Saturday night at their Community Hall situated on Centre St. West. These regular Saturday night dances are under the auspices of the Activities Committee and popular Ed. Butlin will do the calling.

Further in the realm of dancing the Club in conjunction with the Community Swing Group has made arrangements to teach teenagers Square and Folk dancing at the Community Hall beginning Wednesday, October 1. The time and fee for these classes is as follows: Children 10 to 14 years from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. admission fee 10 cents. Teen-agers 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. admission fee 25 cents. These instruction classes will be held twice each month. Come on out and have a good time.

Chamber of Com. Holding Important Meeting

The Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce will hold an important general meeting on Monday, September 29, at 8:15 p.m. in the Public School, (Mr. Scott's room). Among the items on the agenda, a plan to alleviate the parking problem will be presented for discussion. This and other problems arising from the imminent expansion of the Village, perhaps Town of Richmond Hill, will give every member his or her opportunity to participate in a bigger and better community.

Decisions Are My Own - Timbers

Winks Across The Table Charges Resented By Markham Twp. Reeve

Richvale Chapel Stopped

Geo. Bailey Is Appointed Temporary Bldg. Inspector For Township of Vaughan

The Vaughan township council met on Wednesday evening, September 10, to consider the matter of a Building Inspector for the township. The resignation of H. C. H. Miller of Maple, who had held the position for four years, was accepted earlier in the year and became effective on August 31.

After careful consideration of several people who had submitted applications and the advisability of advertising for applicants, the Council deemed it desirable to tentatively appoint George Bailey of Maple as temporary Building Inspector and to serve in that position during the balance of 1952. George Bailey previously held the positions of Weed Inspector and part time Constable in Vaughan township. The Clerk was advised to prepare the necessary by-law for the appointment.

Messrs. Healey, Geo. Kellough and Darrel Goulding appeared before Council requesting permission to operate a public hall on Lot 27, Con. 2 in the eastern part of the township. Council advised the gentlemen of the provisions of the by-law and in view of the conditions being complied with, permission was granted.

Road Superintendent Nelson Kerr advised Council that the K. J. Beamish Construction Company wished to apply material to a quarter mile of road as an experiment to prove its usefulness as a binder and dust layer. Council approved of the application on Dufferin Street from No. 7 Highway to the Concord School.

The question of a 30 mile an hour area on Crestwood Road was further considered by Council and in view of an interpretation given by the Department of Highways, it was decided that Crestwood Rd. could not qualify as a 30 mile area.

The Department of Highways advised the township that in their opinion conditions did not justify stop-lights at the intersection of Dufferin St. and No. 7 Highway and a 30 mile limit on No. 7 Highway and Dufferin St. as requested by the Concord Home and School Association.

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New Additions To The Thornhill Business Section

Residents of Thornhill have been watching with interest the erection of a new block of stores on the west side of Yonge Street, wondering just what stores will be added to the business section. The waiting will soon be over, the stores are completed, the leases signed and the tenants ready to move in within a very short time. The north store will be occupied by McFarlane's Meat Market, which has been serving Thornhill residents for some time just south of this new location. The middle store will be known as the Thornhill Pharmacy, operated by Mr. Morris Miller. Mr. Miller whose special service to this district will be mortuary delivery, already operates the North York Pharmacy just south of Steele's Ave on the west side. These stores will open for business starting October 1 and 15 respectively. The most southern store will be operated by Scanlon's Bakery and is now open.

Mr. Ross Blackburn the owner of this beautiful new block has stated that an official opening will take place later on. These stores are certainly a net to our community and are definitely a credit to Mr. Blackburn.

LeMasurier Questions Record Of Authorization Resolution

Councillor Alf. LeMasurier took strenuous objection at Markham Township Council Monday night to the action of Reeve Timbers in signing a contract for the erection of the new office building at Butnville before the public hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board is held. Council LeMasurier contended it was a farce to have a public hearing on the matter after the contract is signed, and he said "by Monday the foundation of the building will be started."

Introducing the subject councillor LeMasurier said "I am informed that certain members of council held a meeting illegally and gave out a document to the contractor to proceed with the office building. The contract I understand did not include the proviso of council that the awarding of the contract was subject to the approval of the Municipal Board. We're having a public hearing of the Municipal Board Monday and by that time construction will have started. Is that correct?"

Reeve Timbers - "The contract is signed."

Councillor LeMasurier - "Who signed it?"

Reeve Timbers - "I did."

Councillor LeMasurier claimed if he had, he had done it illegally, as there was no proviso it was subject to approval of the Municipal Board. "If the Municipal Board turns down the application the taxpayers are stuck," he said.

Reeve Timbers said he signed the contract in accordance with the authority given by resolution of council.

Councillor LeMasurier contended council resolution had the proviso "subject to approval of the municipal board".

The minutes were consulted and read by the clerk and no mention was made of any proviso. Councillor LeMasurier asked for the original copy of the resolution and when produced by the Clerk it read as recorded in the minutes with no mention of the proviso.

"Will you take an affidavit that this is the same resolution you signed at the council meeting," councillor LeMasurier asked the Reeve.

The Reeve said he would.

Councillor LeMasurier directed the same question to the clerk who rising shook the paper in front of the councillor and declared three times, "Yes, this is the same resolution." He added, "Look me in the eye and I'll say it again."

Later in the meeting Clerk Hoover commented that he felt very

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Double Christening

The christening of Valerie Constance Fenwick, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fenwick, Richmond Hill, took place on Sunday afternoon, September 21, in the Aurora United Church, with Rev. C. G. Higginson officiating.

The wee girl wore a christening robe of white lawn, all-hand-made over 100 years ago, and which was worn by five generations before her. The gown had been sent by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fenwick, of Vancouver, B. C.

Also christened was her cousin, Glenn Douglas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fisher, Aurora, officiating minister being Rev. Howie of Aurora.

About 35 relatives and friends were entertained afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Aurora, grandparents of the babies. Among those present at the ceremony was Mr. M. McKenzie, Toronto, the babies' great grandfather who recently celebrated his 84th birthday.

Voices were raised as the Reeve hotly denied the suggestion of councillor Hooper that he took across the table winks from the clerk or anyone else. "My decisions are my own, not those of someone else," declared the Reeve. "I'm not a member of council to go by what anyone else says."

Councillor Art Lennie took up the role of peacemaker and moved council adjourn for five minutes. After a brief cooling-off period council business resumed.

COUNCILLOR HOOPER

He charged there were winks across the table . . .

Subject to the approval of his qualifications by the township auditor D. Ryder of Agincourt was named treasurer of the township. The appointment ends long months of consideration and controversy. For many years Charles Hoover has served as Clerk and Treasurer, but for some time there has been a feeling that owing to increase in administration work a treasurer should be appointed.

Monday night council interviewed three applicants for the position of treasurer, D. S. Anderson, Unionville, Frank Taylor, Thornhill and D. Ryder, Agincourt.

On resolution of Councillors A. Lennie and A. LeMasurier council appointed Mr. Ryder provided his qualifications meet the approval of the auditor, Mr. Ryder, aged 57 years, has been in the real estate business in Agincourt, but previously was in the office of York Township treasurer for several years.

The salary was not fixed by the resolution but during the discussion the amounts of \$2400 and \$3000 per annum were mentioned. There was some question as to whether or not the office should be a full time job. The possibility of a four day week was mentioned but councillor Hooper objected maintaining the treasurer should be available full time to meet the taxpayers.

It is understood the treasurer will assume his duties in the very near future.

Sewers Completed By November 30

Construction of sewers in Richmond Hill which commenced July 11, 1951, is nearing completion and local officials and contractor while hesitant on fixing a date are hopeful the system will be in operation by the end of November.

Work on the disposal plant is progressing and the only possible hold-up in present plans concerns some equipment delivery of which has been somewhat delayed due to a strike.

However local officials, and the contractor are hopeful and confident that by the end of November the whole system will be in operation.

Neighbours Honour Mr. & Mrs. O. Stong

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stong of Elia and their son, Vernon, were honored by their neighbors on Friday evening, last, when they were presented with a silver tray, a silver cream and sugar set, an electric tea kettle and book as a remembrance of their many happy years together in the community.

The friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Pearson and the presentations were made by Mrs. C. H. Snider, Mrs. Arthur Jackson and Howard Buchanan, while Mr. George Jackson Sr. and George Snider, life-long neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Stong, each spoke and reminisced of by-gone days in Elia and expressed their regrets at their departure and extended good wishes for their future in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stong have sold their farm, and with Vernon, they are moving to a new farm near Brougham. Mr. Stong was born on the old family farm and has never lived in any other place. The farm has been in the same family for 120 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stong and Vernon were very appreciative and thanked their friends for their gifts and good wishes and their thoughtfulness in planning such a pleasant evening.

30 lb. Muskie Caught On Honeymoon

While honeymooning in Northern Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Syl Savage of Richmond Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bennett of Brown's Corners stopped at Callendar Bay where Ken's parents had such wonderful fishing earlier in the year. The fish are still biting well there because we hear that Ken landed a 30 lb. muskie last week near the spot where his father landed a 36 lb. monster a month ago.

Name D. Ryder Treasurer Salary Is Still Undecided

Councillor Hooper wrote a resolution to appoint Frank Taylor whom he described as "well qualified a veteran and a resident of the township". The written resolution was handed across the table to deputy-reeve James who didn't sign it but made some observations regarding the salary for the treasurer.

A resolution by Councillors A. Lennie and A. LeMasurier that D. Ryder be appointed treasurer conditional on the approval of his qualifications by the auditor, was presented to the chair. The Reeve signed the resolution and declared it carried.

Councillor Hooper objected to the manner in which the resolution was carried. "After all" he said "this is important business. Surely we could have some discussion. We had no chance to ask for a recorded vote".

"How much discussion do you want," asked Reeve Timbers. "We've been discussing it for months. Two members moved a resolution, I'm in favor of it, that makes three and so it's carried."

Councillor Hooper contended the resolution was not properly put to council and that the Reeve should have asked for those opposed. "That's the way too many resolutions go through here. You sit there and if the clerk winks across the table that's all it needs. I'm tired of some of the goings on around here. Who runs the township, the clerk, the auditor or the council?" Councillor Hooper claimed earlier in the meeting the clerk had whispered across the table to tell the Reeve to keep quiet on a certain matter. "I can see what's going on, I'm not blind" said Mr. Hooper.

Coming Events

- SEPTEMBER 25 - Thursday 8 p.m. Harvest Festival Trinity Church Thornhill. Preacher Canon J. E. Ward of St. Stephens Church, Toronto. Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m., preacher the Rector. clw13
- SEPTEMBER 27 - Saturday. A Horse Show at L. W. Ruby's Flash Stable, Steele's Ave east at 10 a.m. Proceeds for Crippled Children. clw13
- SEPTEMBER 27 - 3 p.m. Rummage sale St. Mary's Anglican Evening W.A. in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Bargains for all. Clothing etc. gratefully accepted. Call Mrs. Geo. Harte. TU. 4-1237. clw13
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Hostess Notes Evening Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Thornhill, at 8:15 p.m. Free gifts. Silver collection. See Thornhill news for further particulars. clw13
- OCTOBER 1 - Wednesday. St. Luke's Parish Hall euchre and bridge auspices of C.W.L. clw13
- OCTOBER 3 - Friday. St. Luke's Parish Hall, Bingo, auspices of H.N.M. clw13
- OCTOBER 3 - Friday. Jefferson School Community Club announces Square Dancing recommences on this date at 8:30 p.m. at Jefferson School. Admission 25c. clw13
- OCTOBER 6 - Monday. Tupperware demonstration in Richmond Hill United Church, sponsored by the Evening W.A. prizes, refreshments. No admission fee. All ladies welcome. clw13
- OCTOBER 8 - Wednesday. St. Mary's Catholic Church annual Thanksgiving Carnival to be held at Lions Community Hall, Centre St. W. Draw for \$800 in valuable prizes. Also ladies will offer 35 Thanksgiving fowl at a Turkey raffle. clw13
- OCTOBER 7, 8, 9 - Robin Hood Cooking School coming to Masonic Hall on October 7, 8, 9, sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild. Tickets may be purchased at Mrs. Brown's, Bell Telephone office, Yonge St. or from any member of the Guild. clw13
- OCTOBER 25 - Saturday. Thornhill Presbyterian Church annual Bazaar in the Sunday School Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. clw13
- OCTOBER 30 - Thursday. Hallows-e'en buffet supper at Trinity Church Hall, Thornhill, 5:30-8 p.m. Adults \$1.25, children 75c. Admission by ticket only. clw13
- NOVEMBER 22 - Parish Guild Bazaar, Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Thornhill. clw13
- NOVEMBER 22 - Saturday. Richmond Hill United Church W. A. Bazaar. Further particulars later. clw13