

News From Next Door

BOLTON : The village held its 110th. annual Fair on Oct. 3-4.

AURORA : The North York Humane Society will erect a permanent shelter with accommodation for the inspector on Ross Street soon.

STOUFFVILLE : The 1952 assessment has exceeded the one-million mark: population has increased by nearly 100.

WHITCHURCH TWP. : Council has announced that three more polling stations will be added to the area making a total of 11.

SCARBOROUGH : Reeve Crockett broke the tie to defeat a motion to curb residential development in the township.

ROCHES POINT : The telephone exchange has been moved to a separate building where new equipment has been installed.

LISTOWEL : Members of the Gideons International have set up an encampment here for distribution of bibles in the North Perth area.

NORTH YORK : Five thousand customers have signed a petition at the North York Market at City Limits asking the township to reconsider the sale of the market.

King Lions Auction Sale Nets \$750

King City Lions Club is re-joining over the huge success of its first money raising scheme. They earned \$750 on Tuesday night from an auction sale made up of donations of unwanted household and garden articles, vegetables, eggs, chickens, furniture, etc.

The sale was held in King City Memorial Park from 7 to 11.20 p.m. and the auctioneer, who did four hours of steady selling was W. D. Atkinson of Stouffville Lions Club who donated his services.

Library Circulation Is Increased Over 1951

The Richmond Hill Library Board held its October meeting in the library on Tuesday last, October 7. Present were Mrs. Anderson, Miss Ball, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Stong, Mr. Fletcher and the Librarian Mrs. Ruffman.

Circulation of books for the 12 month period ending September was 14,544, showing increased circulation of 1,085 over 1951. This circulation figure is made up as follows: Fiction 5,009, Non-Fiction, 2,552, Junior 6,333. These figures show that the Juniors and the children are making good use of the library and the board decided at this meeting that substantial buying of children's books would be made between now and the end of the year.

Mark-Vaun W.I. Wins Prizes

Mark Vaun Women's Institute won several prizes at Markham's 97th annual Fair last week-end.

A layette made by the group won sixth prize which was \$4, and those members sewing on the entry were Mrs. Ellison, hand-made dress; Mrs. Reid, hand-made slip; Mrs. Campbell, machine-made gown; Mrs. Glassey, diapers; Mrs. Hamblin, wool set; Mrs. Stotts, crib quilt. The entry was given a total of 22 points.

The Institute also won third prize, \$7, for "An Article Suitable for a Tourist Trade Sale." The wool display was made by Mrs. Blackburn, the Easter table centre and hand-made flowers by Mrs. McArthur, and the cake by Mrs. Stotts. Seven points were awarded this exhibit.

The poster which was used as a background for the displays was made by Mrs. F. Stotts.

Coming Events

OCTOBER 10 — Friday, 8 p.m. sharp. Re-opening of Edgeley Community Hall. Pictures "Travelling through Europe" by Ewart Stiver of Unionville. Also radio entertainer Fred Mathe of the CJBC Hohner Harmonies program. Instrumental numbers by Jean and Ralph Keffer. Admission Adults 50c, children 25c. Proceeds for Hall Decorating Fund. c1w15

OCTOBER 13 — Monday. Meeting as usual of Thornhill L.O.L. No. 31, in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. c1w15

OCTOBER 13 — Thanksgiving Monday, but there will be square dancing as usual for the Richmond Hill Community Swing. Remember soft shoes such as house shoes, moccasins, sandals are permissible, but shoes with black rubber heels are not allowed. c1w15

OCTOBER 14 — Tuesday. The Richmond Hill Branch 375 Canadian Legion next regular meeting in the Legion Memorial Hall, Carrville Rd. at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend. *1w15

OCTOBER 17 — Friday at 8 p.m. Brookfield War Brides' Association will hold a dance at North York Veterans Club, Refreshments. Admission 75c. *1w15

OCTOBER 20 — "Workshop" night instead of "beginners' night" for Richmond Hill Community Swing. "Beginners' night" has been changed to the first Monday in each month. c1w15

OCTOBER 25 — Saturday. Bazaar Thornhill Presbyterian Church Hall. Auspices of the Fortnighters Club. Time 3.00 p.m. c3w15

OCTOBER 27 — Monday. Square Dance at the Lions Hall, Aurora, at 8.30 p.m. Admission 50c. c3w15

OCTOBER 30 — Thursday. Hal-lowe'en Buffet Supper at Trinity Church Hall, Thornhill, 5.30-8 p.m. Adults \$1.25, children 75c. Admission by ticket only. c2w15

OCTOBER 31 — Friday. Masquerade party, Edgeley Community Hall, under the auspices of the Edgeley Women's Institute. Adults 50c, children free. c2w15

NOVEMBER 8 — 2.30 p.m. Thornhill W.I. are holding a Fall Fair with afternoon tea. c2w14

NOVEMBER 29 — Saturday. Vaughan and Richmond Hill Veterans Women's Auxiliary Annual Bazaar and Tea. Look for later announcement. c1w15

DECEMBER 6 — The annual bazaar, bake sale and tea of St. Mary's (Anglican) church will be held on Saturday, December 6, commencing at 3 p.m. All invited. c1w15

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New Industry For Village

Richmond Hill's industrial development program will be officially inaugurated this week when construction work will commence on a new factory building on Centre Street East.

The factory building approximately 79 by 175 feet will be built by the United Flexible Metallic Tubing, Canada Ltd., for the manufacture of metallic tubing. It is estimated the plant when in operation will employ forty to fifty people.

The new plant will be modern in every respect and located in accordance with plans of the new Planning By-Law will be built on a lot purchased from the municipality of Richmond Hill, and as far as possible district labor and services will be employed.

United Flexible Metallic Tubing Canada Ltd., is a branch of a British firm and the president of the company in Canada by coincidence was born in Richmond Hill, England. The company manufactures a special type of metallic tubing for which there is a keen and growing demand.

The site of the new plant fronts on both Centre Street east and Pugsley Avenue and contains something over two acres.

Reeve W. J. Taylor and members of council have expressed satisfaction with the new development and are confident that it is just the beginning of extensive industrial growth here.

Much credit was given to clerk Russell Lynett for the location here of a new industry. "Our worthy clerk deserves the credit for this deal," said councillor Middleton.

North Yonge Bus Line

At last week's meeting of the representatives of the four municipalities (North York, Twp., Markham Twp., Vaughan Twp. and the Village of Richmond Hill), who operate the North Yonge Bus Line and officials of the TTC several changes in the schedule were made. These alterations were mainly made due to the recent strenuous objections voiced by those people using the line.

Stop 11 has been extended to Stop 12A. Four early runs and four late runs have been eliminated at an expected saving of \$40,000. However those buses taken off will not interfere with the rush hours. The new rates will be kept in effect for October and then on November 10, the TTC will make a comprehensive report to the Municipalities as to profit and loss under the new scheme. The TTC is anxious to keep the new fare structure in operation at least until the end of the year in order to reduce the overall 1952 deficit.

Assessor's Report

Local Business Assessment More Than Tripled For '53

Richmond Hill's municipal assessment for 1953 will total \$1,815,428, an increase of \$148,130 over this year, it was revealed in the annual report of assessor W. S. Pocknell submitted to council Monday evening. This is exclusive of the assessment of the newly annexed area which it is estimated will amount to about \$417,300, to make a likely total assessment for the village next year of \$2,232,728.

The report presented by the assessor was featured by a marked increase in business assessment, which is more than three times the present year's assessment.

Taxes next year will be levied on a business assessment in Richmond Hill of \$97,460, which is an increase of \$67,441, over this year. The increase is due in small part to some business expansion but is mainly due to increased assessment on existing business. In commenting on the increase assessor Pocknell said without exception business assessments have been imposed in accordance with the Assessment Act.



Dr. Helen Sawyer Hogg, Richmond St., Richmond Hill, a distinguished research astronomer on the Faculty of the University of Toronto was honoured by Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., U.S.A., at its October 4 Convocation on Science and Human Values for outstanding work in the field of Astronomy. Mrs. Hogg was one of 29 women who received citations at the convention in recognition of their efforts in the field of Science.

Enjoy Turkey Dinner

Popular Ladies Night Held By Oak Ridges Lions Club

The Oak Ridges Lions Club entertained the ladies to a sumptuous turkey supper at Lion Grant McCaheen's "Ridge Inn" on Monday night. So many Lions and ladies turned out that extra tables had to be set up. Several Lions who appeared without ladies were promptly fined. Mr. and Mrs. A. Armstrong were present, guests of Lion Stan Rule, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollingshead of Schomberg were guests of Lion Tim Woolley. Roll call by the secretary was answered by the member's lady who had to tell her Lion's worst fault.

Guest Speaker
Mr. George Kaye, secretary-treasurer of the Don Valley Authority and fieldman for the Humber Valley Authority was guest speaker. He will take the story of the park planned by the Oak Ridges Lions Club for the corner of King side road and Yonge St. back to the Humber Valley Authority and ask them to co-operate. These river authorities are set up by the government to conserve our natural resources forever. "Our forests, soil and our rivers to be kept pure" are the natural resources. Trails up the river valleys are being laid out. It will be possible for teachers to take classes on all day hikes through these natural beauty spots teaching the boys and girls how to preserve and care for the wild life they contain, how to enjoy nature and appreciate its wonders.

Discuss Activities
During a general discussion of the activities of the coming season it was pointed out by Lion C. L. Stephenson that the Lions Club is but the trustees of the funds entrusted to them. The work of a service club is in direct proportion to the support monetary, or otherwise, of the community which it serves. This community will be asked to support eures, a turkey shoot, a bingo etc. in order that the Lions Club may respond to the calls made upon it. A series of teas will be held by ladies, each lady entertaining a few of her own friends outside the Lions Club to afternoon tea in her own home. Lionism will be the subject discussed and a collection plate for the work of the Lions will be displayed in a prominent place.

Square Dance
The evening ended in a square dance with Mrs. Hollingshead at the piano and Lions Jack Blyth and Edward Hawman calling off.

November 3rd will be Father and Son or Daughter night with each Lion being allowed to bring one of each. Mr. George DeWitt will show films.

New Pumping Station Supplied With Power

In order to provide additional power to supply the new pumping station located on Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill, it has been necessary to string another wire along Vaughan Rd. to Arnold Cres. and north to the pumphouse where two transformers have been erected, the Hydro reports.

Mr. L. J. Roy, Area Manager, advises that in order to work safely on these lines which carry 4000 volts between wires, it was necessary to have a power interruption Wednesday afternoon to the south west area of the Village. Since these poles also carry circuits which feed Maple and beyond, an interruption to a major portion of the countryside was averted by opening switches at the corner of Dufferin and Vaughan Road and feeding the area west of Dufferin from the Thornhill station via lines which run west on No. 7 highway and north on Keele St.

It is recognized that interruptions to power create a serious inconvenience to customers and every effort is made to advertised the times in advance so that people will be prepared. In this instance cards were posted at strategic points in the area and a sound-equipped truck was brought in from Sutton to patrol the streets and announce the event.

It was necessary to obtain additional clearance from trees on Vaughan Road and Mr. Roy wishes to express his appreciation to those who so graciously gave permission to have their trees trimmed.

HALIBURTON COUNTY :

Residents in the area above and east of Minden now have daily mail delivery by truck instead of a tri-weekly train service.

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SCARBORO :

Debentures amounting to almost \$9,000,000 must be floated this year in order to continue the works programme.

History Of Edgeley Community Hall Dates Way Back To 1877

Seventy-five years ago, according to the available records, Edgeley Community Hall was built on the farm of the late Joseph Burkholder, later owned by Ernest Stong, with open drive-shed in front story and auditorium upstairs. It was built because of the necessity for a hall for the use of the organization of the Independent Order of Good Templars. It was built by contributions of money, material and labor.

First Board of Trustees
The first trustee board was Amos Bean, Daniel Snider and James Garton.

After five years, owing to difficulty in getting lease of land upon which the hall stood, it was moved across the Fifth Concession to the farm which is now owned by Roy Fisher. On this location it was used by the "Good Templars," also as a singing school under the leadership of Jacob Hoover from 1882-1889. From 1889-1895 the hall was used very infrequently.

Early in 1895 the hall was moved to the property of James Garton on the east side of the blacksmith shop. It was used regularly by the "Order of Chosen Friends" under whose auspices it was retained upstairs to take the place of plaster which was damaged by being moved so often.

History of Hall From 1900
1900 — It was used by Professor Thompson who gave singing lessons.

1902 — The hall was moved to its present site and renovated. The shed below being no longer required owing to the church shed across the way, the hall was closed in on the ground floor and twelve feet added to its length, which was quite an improvement at that time.

1917 — Money was raised by public subscription to renew the roof on the hall. Also in 1917 the Farmers' Club was organized and it has used the hall regularly for its meeting place up to the present time.

1921 — With a donation from the Women's Institute, new seats were purchased and a new ceiling was added to the auditorium.

1925 — A wooden floor to cover the cement floor was laid.

1926 — A piano was donated by the Women's Institute.

1927 — With the aid of community subscription and generous donations by the W.I., W.A., Dramatic Group and Farmers' Club, the hall was again enlarged.

1928 — Carson Smith gave a deed to the site to a board of trustees, James Mitchell, Wm. Locke, and Walter Anderson.

1930 — Wesley Stong was the first of three trustees to sign a 20-year contract for hydro and, with electrician Harold Evans doing the wiring, in January 1931, the hall was again re-opened.

World War II
During the war years the hall was the scene of many activities in aid of war charities such as the Red Cross, British War Victims Fund, etc.

The figures for this year's assessment are as follows: Lands, \$383,701, an increase of \$17,317. Buildings, \$1,327,242, an increase of \$83,872. Business assessment of \$97,460, an increase of \$67,441. This makes a total of \$2,308,403, from which there are exemptions of \$492,975, leaving a net taxable assessment of \$1,815,428.

The annual census shows a total population of 2340 being an increase of 137. To this will be added the population of the annexed area, figures for which are not yet available.

The procedure regarding the assessment of the newly annexed area is that after the final order from the Municipal Board the Richmond Hill council will pass a by-law accepting the assessments in the new area as made by Markham Township assessor, and notice of such acceptance will be given all ratepayers. This will be accepted as assessment for the first year and in future the assessment will be carried out by the village assessor.

The assessor's report dealt briefly with re-assessment. The report said "May I say a few words with respect to the much talked of 'Re-assessment', for the benefit of those who use the term loosely without knowing what it means.

The present basis is on 1940 values which was accepted as "normal", personally I cannot define the word "normal". We are certain of one thing that much water has gone under the bridge in the last decade and to continue on the 1940 basis values is erasing since it would be suicide to ever think we could go back to those values of ten years ago. Such factors as supply and demand and the question of balanced housing supply has to be considered. So even use the word inflation as operative over the 1940 values, but, are they inflated? I am sure that none of us would want to go back to 1940 and be willing to work for the same salaries or wages of 1940. I do not purpose to go into details, but as an example look at our sales values. A house costing in 1940 \$4,000.00 and selling at \$4,400.00 has jumped to a replacement value of \$10,000.00 and sales value of this increase has been due to increasing construction costs and not inflation sales price. So long as the builder can make a profit such conditions are here to stay. Therefore the reassessment will be made on the 1950 basis which is considered the normal period for these times. The assessments will be higher and the mill rate obviously lower. An effort is still being made to have all assessments on a uniform basis throughout Ontario, but, I still reserve my own opinion, which is not an isolated one that the Assessor can arrive at equality of rating values within his own municipality and let the County make a separate assessment for its own purpose, then and then only equality of County rates can be obtained."

Offer To Donate Land

Unionville Delegation Attend Markham Twp. Regarding New Offices

An otherwise quiet meeting of Markham Township Council erupted last Monday when a three-man delegation from Unionville composed of Village Trustee H. Coathup, and Messrs. E. Stiver and A. Harrington waited on the Council in order to make an offer of land for the new township offices.

The delegation on behalf of L. F. Flaska, Unionville farmer offered to deed five acres of land situated on No. 7 highway gratis to the township for use in the construction of their new offices. Work was temporarily halted on the offices by last Monday's ruling of the Municipal Board.

Deputy-Reeve A. James who acted as chairman of the meeting in the absence of Reeve W. Timbers who is away in Ottawa this week attending the International Plowing Match offered the delegation no support, "this is a useless gesture for it is common knowledge we are going to build at Buttonville," Councillor A. Lennie stated, "this offer by Mr. Flaska is a very handsome gesture but it's about six months too late." Councillor C. Hooper, who was extremely outspoken on the matter insisted the delegation's offer be shelved until the Reeve returned.

"We" said Mr. Coathup, "never told the township to leave Unionville. You are going against public opinion, the township offices have been in this village many years." "You should approach the people and let them decide," added the speaker. "We were told to leave Unionville," claimed Mr. Hooper. Mr. H. Coathup — "You never authorized the Trustees to buy you property." Continuing Mr. Coathup asked, "was anybody else besides the owner of the Buttonville property ever approached?" "We did look at three other properties," replied Mr. Hooper.

Deputy-Reeve James — "all you are trying to do is embarrass the Council." Councillor A. LeMasurier then entered the debate to say, "due to all the objections why not postpone the final decision on the township offices until we call a vote of the people?" Deputy-Reeve James disagreed with this suggestion, "No, the matter shouldn't be referred to a vote," Councillor Hooper, "there aren't very many people opposed to the

Buttonville site."

In ending the debate Deputy-Reeve James stated "I won't make any statements or commitments until the Reeve is here". Councillor Hooper, "adjourn the meeting." "Five acres", commented Mr. Lennie, "of very valuable land is being donated, and the Council should keep an open mind and give the matter careful thought at a full meeting."

The Unionville Trustees will attend the October 20 meeting of Council and re-present their offer. **Tenders Wiring and Heating**
Earlier in the meeting on questioning by Councillor A. LeMasurier on the overall cost of constructing the township offices which figure was requested by the Municipal Board, Deputy-Reeve James stated, "we are now working on bids for the wiring and heating." Councillor LeMasurier "are you going to advertise for tenders?" Deputy-Reeve James — "No, the matter has been left in the hands of the Engineer and the Contractor." "Are you," asked Mr. LeMasurier, "going to get local competitive tenders?" "Any tenders," stated Mr. James will be submitted to the Building Committee by the Engineer and the Contractor."

King Twp. Sheep Claims On Increase

Sheep claims from injury by dogs, have increased in the township of King, and in the past week claims amounting to \$700 have been sent to the Council of King township. At the monthly meeting on Monday, October 6, it was announced that this sum covers three claims. From one farm, Moffatt Bros., west of Nobleton, 15 sheep were killed, and many were injured on one night last week. The claim from this farm amounts to \$511.

FINED \$50

Constable R. P. Robbins of Richmond Hill reported this week that Donald Shearer of Toronto, who appeared in Willowdale court on Monday on charges of impaired driving in the village was convicted of same and fined \$50 and costs.

Present Projector To School Board

The Maple Community and School Club held its monthly meeting in the Maple School on October 1, with Mrs. Det Palmer presiding.

Mrs. Joan White, treasurer, gave a detailed financial report and members were brought to realize the need for concentrated work toward the bazaar.

The phone captains will be calling all members to give detailed information regarding contributions for the bazaar.

Principal Bird showed two interesting films using the recently purchased projector, the members of the School Board viewing one of these films.

Mrs. Det Palmer on behalf of the club presented the projector to the School Board with Trustee Saunders thanking the club for its gift.

Club members are invited to attend a meeting of the Patterson School Club on October 16. Transportation will be provided for all members desiring to attend.