

News From Next Door

NEWMARKET: Mr. Richard Willoughby (Nelson), proprietor of the "King George" Hotel, passed away at the hotel on Christmas Day while visiting with his family.

CAMPBELLFORD: After a recount, W. R. Nichols, declared the loser by three votes on election night, won by nine votes over Oscar Mason for Reeveship.

ORILLIA: Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the Provincial Dept. of Highways will develop the new "Lookout Point" Park on a height of land near the proposed By-pass above the town. From the new park there will be a good view of Lakes Couchiching and Simcoe and of the town.

AURORA: Clerk G. Wilkinson announces that the town has gained 25 new homes, valued at nearly \$268,550, this past year.

AURORA: The Rotary Club has recently adopted a club at Edmonton, near London, England. Their Christmas gift to the club was a Canadian ham.

AURORA: Through the efforts of John Sisman and other music enthusiasts, the Coronation Little Symphony has been formed here. Under the direction of Gold Medalist Red Smith there are at present 37 musicians who meet every Sunday.

MARKHAM: Mr. John Fuller, oldest citizen of Markham village passed away recently. He would have celebrated his 97th birthday on Christmas Day.

NORTH YORK: Citizens of the area held a reception in honour of the five police officers who participated in the capture of the Boyd Gang. Each officer was presented with a gold wrist watch.

STOUFFVILLE: Tentative approval has been received for the erection of a new High School. Similar approval has been granted in Markham.

PICKERING TWP.: A pleasant note to the final 1952 council meeting was the presentation to 14 year old Gordon Stevens of Brookline of an award for saving the life of eight year old Clifford Reynolds.

STOUFFVILLE: Residents may expect higher hydro rates in the near future.

H. B. Galpin I.P.S. Retires

Mr. H. B. Galpin who served as Public School Inspector in York 9 for the past year retired from service in the Department of Education effective January 1, 1953. Mr. Galpin who had many years of distinguished service in the teaching profession has returned to his home in Sarnia. During his term of office in this district he resided in Richmond Hill.

The Department of Education has announced that Mr. Galpin's successor will be Mr. Maynard Hallman, B. A., B. Paed. of Hamilton.

Wm. A. Dean Passes At Thornhill Jan. 4



WILLIAM A. DEAN

The community was saddened to hear of the passing of one of Thornhill's long time residents, William A. Dean, who died Sunday at his home, at 50 John Street. Born in Newtonbrook in 1881, he moved with his parents, the late John Dean and Mary Jane Stephenson, to Thornhill the following year. Mr. Dean was the longest lived resident of Thornhill for several years and was well-known in the area. He suffered two heart attacks about six months ago and his death was directly attributed to a coronary thrombosis.

Greatly interested in civic affairs, Mr. Dean served several terms as a trustee of the village where he had maintained a wholesale butcher business throughout his life. For several years he was president of the Thornhill Field Day Association and was instrumental in obtaining the present Thornhill Park for the village. He was a life member of Patterson Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and a member of York Chapter.

He leaves his wife, Edith May Caseley, his sons Wilfred and Ross, his daughters Muriel, Reta, Loretta and Lucille (Mrs. E. T. Pherrill), all of Thornhill. Also left to mourn are his brother, Robert Edgar and three grandchildren. Interment took place in Thornhill Cemetery on January 7. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. E. Kent at the Wright and Taylor Funeral Home. The pall bearers were Messrs Tom Domleo, Walter Thompson, William Chalmers, William Woods, Bart Edwards and Fred Porter.

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Committees Set Up

Markham Tp. Council Hold Inaugural Meeting & Lay Plans For The New Year

The 1953 Markham Township Council was installed at an impressive inaugural meeting held last Monday in Unionville. With the plans for the construction of the new Township offices at Buttonville proceeding according to schedule this may very well mark the last inaugural meeting to be held in Unionville. An inspiring opening prayer was delivered by the Rev. Norman Rowan of the Town Line Baptist Church. This initial Council meeting saw two changes in the 1952 membership with Councillor Alf. LeMasurier stepping up to the Deputy-Reeveship, and the return after a year's absence of Councillor William L. Clark.

Committees Appointed

In tune with tradition Township Committees and representatives were appointed for the ensuing year. In submitting his tentative list of Committee appointments Reeve Win. Timbers stated, "I have given this matter of Committees a great deal of thought in order that everyone is well placed. During the two years our township has used committees we have secured good results". On the matter of committee powers Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier asked, "Committees are not judicial bodies". Reeve Timbers - "That's right. They should submit written reports to Council". Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier - "A committee has no authority to make expenditures, or in general any authority outside that of Council. They are just a recommending body". Reeve Timbers - "Where the expenditure of money is involved a committee should first consult Council".

Committee appointments were as follows: Road Committee: Councillor Clark (chairman) and Reeve Timbers. Property Committee (also handle any building): Councillor Hooper (chairman) and Councillors Clark and Lennie.

Police Committee: Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier (chairman) and Councillor Lennie. Fire Committee: Councillor Hooper (chairman) and Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier.

Fox Bounty Retained

Councillor Agar Reappointed To Vaughan Tp. Planning Board

The Reeve and Council of Vaughan Twp. met for the inaugural meeting of 1953 on January 5, when Reverend P. J. Lambert of Maple was present to wish them God speed in their new year in Council. Rev. Mr. Lambert chose several scriptural passages dealing with the humility of great leaders such as Moses and Joshua to illustrate his address to the Council. The Reeve gave a short resume of the past year's activities and a brief outline of the various projects for the coming year. The deputy-reeve and councillors each said a few words to the gathering. It is of interest that Councillor James Robson is entering his 25th year of municipal service in Vaughan township.

After the inaugural ceremonies, Reeve Marshall McMurchy called a general meeting to begin the new business of the year.

One of the first matters considered by the council was the Planning Board. Councillor William Agar was reappointed to the board as a representative of Council for the ensuing year. Mr. Agar served in this capacity last year and is chairman of the building committee. The Reeve serves on the board in an ex-officio capacity.

The matter of dust on township roads was brought to the attention of the Council by Road Superintendent Nelson Kerr. Deputy-Reeve Albert Rutherford said, "We could cut down on our gravel and transfer the saving to buy additional dust layer for the roads," to which Councillor Perry added, "We will have to deal with the problem sooner or later and we might as well start to cope with it now". Nelson Kerr assured Council that it would be possible to cut down in the allotment of gravel as the roads were in reasonably good shape. Reeve McMurchy commented on the excellent treatment of similar conditions in North York Twp. and recommended that Council meet with the North York authorities as soon as possible to learn how they deal

Drinkwater Motors Open House Fri. & Sat. Evenings

Bill Drinkwater Motors, of King City, will hold open house Friday and Saturday January 9 and 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. and a cordial invitation is extended to all people of the district to attend. The all-new 1953 Chevrolet will be on display and the ladies of King United Church W.A. are serving refreshments. There will be music and a chance to win several attractive prizes. Don't miss this opportunity to get a close look at the new Chevrolet and meet your friends for a pleasant social evening at Drinkwater's, King City, Friday and Saturday evenings.

North Yonge Busses Earn 1952 Profit

The North Yonge Bus Line owned by local municipalities and operated by the TTC will show a small profit on operations for the year 1952. Final figures for the year are not yet available but a small surplus is assured. This is highly gratifying as at mid-year there was fear the deficit would be substantial. The balanced operation was accomplished by the action of the Municipalities in raising fares on September 8th. The increased fares for the period September 8th to December 31st changed a deficit of \$11,571. on the first six months operation into a small surplus by the end of the year.

A revised fares schedule was effective January 1st at considerably reduced rates and with adjustments in the service it is expected the service will continue to operate with a small surplus for 1953.

The report of the TTC on the bus operation showed a profit of \$6,568.92 for November and the line for the first 11 months of 1952 showed a loss of \$156.47. The December returns should result in a profit on the year.

Passenger revenue for November was \$31,652.09 compared with \$26,716. for November 1951. Operating expenses for November were \$990.11 less than the corresponding month a year ago due to decrease in mileage operated of 4,315 miles.

King Twp. Council Holds Initial Meet.

At the first meeting of the New Year King Township Council voted on a by-law to borrow \$75,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, so that all expenses could be met until the taxes are collected. Last year the sum of \$50,000 was borrowed at the beginning of the year, but only \$20,000 was required before the tax payments came in. "It is better to borrow enough to meet any contingency, rather than to make another by-law", the reeve, Elton J. Armstrong advised the new council. William Hodgson is the deputy reeve, William Kehoe, Douglas Wellesley and Wilfred Aitchison are the councillors for 1953.

New Unionville Trustee

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of S. S. No. 10, Unionville, was held on Monday, Dec. 29, at the home of Mrs. A. K. Harrington, a member of the Board for six years, would not accept re-appointment. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. Walter Austin. Other members of the Board are Mrs. Toogood and Mr. S. G. Burgess.

Wait Confirmation Of Trustee Appointments

Mrs. J. R. McAllister, secretary of the Richmond Hill District High School Board interviewed by The Liberal this week was unable to say when the first meeting of the 1953 Board of Trustees will be held. The secretary was also unable to give the personnel of the 1953 Board as there has as yet been no formal confirmation of appointments, except in the case of Trustee M. J. Kinnee, who has been appointed by Vaughan Twp. for a three-year term.

At the first meeting in the year, it is customary to elect a chairman for the year, select committees and name committee chairmen.

Rising cost of secondary education was a major factor in tax increases in municipalities within the High School area last year. Richmond Hill District High School Board's requisition to Richmond Hill Village in 1952 was \$17,670.19, an increase of \$8,339.30 over 1951. Whether or not there will be a further increase this year is not known but the Board will soon be considering its budget as requisition must be made to the municipal councils in time for setting the annual tax rate.

Unlike Public School trustees or members of municipal council members of the High School Board are not elected. All are appointed by municipal councils in the area and by Public and Separate School Boards.

See Bright Future

Richmond Hill Inaugural Marks Village Expansion

Sewers Now Operating



Reeve W. J. Taylor is shown above as he turned the switch to officially start the operation of Richmond Hill's new sewage disposal plant. The plant and sewer system has been constructed at a cost of \$350,000, and is now in operation.

Work on construction was started July 11, 1951, and the system now includes almost nine miles of sewers and the disposal plant. Already many sewer connections have been completed and others are being made as quickly as plumbers can take care of the work. When completed the system will serve about 600 homes and business places.

Shown above with Reeve Taylor are Harold Ateyo and Arthur Brown of the firm of Proctor, Redfern and Laughlin, engineers in charge of the work for the municipality.

Honour Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowen

Teston Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bowen well-known couple of Teston celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary at the home of their daughter Mrs. W. Williamson, Teston. With them were their two sons Roy of King, Harold of Teston and 7 grandchildren. Mrs. Bowen was formerly Bertha Deisman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Deisman of Teston. They were married at her home by the late Rev. G. W. Robinson on Dec. 31st 1902 and have lived continuously in the community.

The couple received many beautiful gifts and cards. Among them was a gold blanket, a gift of the community, also a pin-up lamp a gift of the W.A. of which Mrs. Bowen is a charter member and treasurer for a number of years. Mr. Bowen is an elder of Teston church and served as superintendent of the Sunday School for twenty-five years.

Besides receiving a number of gifts 150 relatives and friends arrived to express congratulations from districts as widely separated as Toronto, Port Credit, Woodbridge, Richmond Hill, Aurora and Barrie.

Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. D. Murray, sister of Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Garnet Dice-man, cousin.

Find Old Coin

Excavating for sewer installation at the home of Reeve W. J. Taylor, Yonge St., Richmond Hill workmen recently uncovered a commercial change token dated 1820.

Dinner was served at six p.m. to the family, also Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Jenkinson, at which Rev. M. Jenkinson spoke a few words and read a lovely poem entitled "The Golden Milestone" followed by a toast. Poem composed by Rev. M. R. Jenkinson.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowen on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary "The Golden Milestone"

Dear, honoured, and respected friends;

I put some thoughts in rhyme, I'm glad to have a share at least In this, your happy time.

Full fifty years have come and gone; Since first you two were wed; Time that seemed so far off then; Has all too quickly sped.

New Citizens Pledge Their Co-operation In Building Bigger & Better Community

The inaugural meeting of the municipal council of the Greater Richmond Hill was held Monday, the historic occasion marking the extension of the village limits to include an additional one thousand acres and more than a thousand new citizens.

In his inaugural address Reeve W. J. Taylor expressed satisfaction with the annexation proceedings which became finally effective January 1st, and he extended a warm welcome to the new citizens of the municipality.

A delegation of five ratepayers from the newly added area attended the session of council and acknowledged the Reeve's welcome. Speaking on behalf of the delegation Harry Sayers thanked the Reeve for his welcome and said "it makes us realize that within the new corporate limits there is no sectionalism and that whether we reside within the boundaries of 1873 or those of 1953, we have this in common - we belong to Richmond Hill, and its future is our future."

Mr. Sayers said that while there were differences of opinion on the question of annexation, this was only to be expected under our democratic way of life. "However", he said, "those differences are now submerged. We the so-called 'new' residents of Richmond Hill are very anxious to make sure that the challenges of the Greater Richmond Hill will unite us, one and all, to our mutual advantage. We, who on January 1st became residents and taxpayers of the municipality pledge our individual and collective co-operation to assist in bringing to realization, the promise the future holds for this community."

Members of the delegation in addition to Mr. Sayers were F. Shorter, George Hartle, R. T. Shorter and John Munroe.

In addition to extending a welcome to the new residents Reeve Taylor in his inaugural address congratulated his colleagues on their re-election, and pledged his best efforts on behalf of the people of Richmond Hill. He expressed his appreciation to clerk Russell Lynett and all members of the municipal office and works staff for their loyal service and co-operation.

"Civic business" said Reeve Taylor "makes quite considerable demands of those charged with the responsibility of public office, but" he said, "there is real satisfaction in such service when the people extend the fine co-operation and good will which it has been our privilege to enjoy in the year just closed."

Deputy-Reeve Ken. Tomlin, Councillors Wes Middleton, Floyd Perkins and Jack Rice, all joined in expressing optimism for the future of Richmond Hill.

Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. S. W. Hirtle, Minister of the Presbyterian Church preceded a short message of congratulation and good wishes to the 1953 council.

J. E. Smith M.P. acknowledged tributes to the press and extended congratulations and best wishes to the Reeve and members of council. Hydro Increase

A letter from the Ontario Hydro Commission confirmed arrangements for taking over the electric light system in the newly annexed area and for this a debenture issue of \$60,000 was authorized.

The cost of this addition to the village system with the general increase in the cost of Hydro power will mean an increase in rates for consumers of about 22 per cent. The increase was effective January 1st.

The clerk reported that the County Levy amounted to \$7,708.23. "The most unproductive money we spend" commented deputy-reeve Ken. Tomlin. He pointed out our share for County roads was \$2,845.30 and that there are no county roads in the village except Vaughan Road.

Council concurred in the action of the TTC in raising the age of those eligible to use scholar's tickets, from 16 to 18 years. "That's only fair and reasonable," said councillor Perkins.

Council agreed to pay Markham Twp. one half of the cost of maintenance and snow removal on the Elgin sideroad and Bayview and will engage Markham equipment for similar work on Markham Rd. paying the full regular rates for such service.

No action was taken on the request of York County Hospital for a grant of \$259.13 towards paying its deficit.

The clerk reported the village share of the cost of repaving Yonge St. was \$6,098.75.

Appointments The annual appointments by-law was passed making the following appointments: Auditor, Allan W. Walker at a fee of \$350., member Library Bd. James Fletcher, Weed Inspector Fred Bovard, Building and Plumbing Inspector Basil Fox, Fence Viewers Nell Malloy, Chas. Graham and Wm. Cook, Sheep Valuer L. H. Clement, Relief Officer J. A. Mabley, Planning Board Member J. E. Teetzel.

Committee Chairmen will be the same as in 1952. Finance Reeve Taylor, Parks and Buildings Councillor Rice, Roads and Sidewalks Councillor Middleton, Waterworks Reeve Taylor, Fire and Police Councillor Perkins, Electric Light Deputy-Reeve K. Tomlin.

Reeve Taylor suggested members give some thought to suitable local celebration to mark the Corporation's next June. The matter will be further considered at the next meeting.

Coming Events

JANUARY 8 - Thursday. Bingo at Aurora Legion Hall at 8 p.m. Admission 35c. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the building fund. clw28

JANUARY 16 - Friday. Euchre at Thornlea School at 8.15 under the auspices of Thornlea Home and School Association. Admission 50c. Good prizes. *lw28

JANUARY 16 - St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, Dr. Constance Jackson will speak on her work with the W.A. Mission at Kangra, India. Pictures will be shown at 8 p.m. in the church hall. c2w28

JANUARY 21 - Wednesday. Richmond Hill Lions Club bridge and euchre. Tickets 50c. clw28

JANUARY 23 - Friday. Dance and Box Social in Edgely Community Hall. Sponsored by the Concord Sports Association. Dancing in Lions Community Makers. Good prizes. Coffee provided. Admission 50c. Proceeds to provide sporting equipment for the ball team. c2w28

JANUARY 11 at 8.15 and Feb. 14 at 2.15 and 8.15 "Charlie's Aunt" is being presented by the "Footlights Club" of Thornhill in Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill. clw28

JANUARY 15 - Thursday. Inaugural meeting of St. Mary's Sep-