

ORILLIA: At a recent Council meeting, Mayor Cramp severely criticized the local District High School Board on the school curriculum. In his statement, the mayor contended that the present curriculum catered to a small minority of future university students and he felt that more consideration should be given to the 90% who will enter the business world directly on leaving High School.

NEWMARKET: The maternity wing of the York County Hospital established a record in March with 94 births.

AURORA: Mayor Rose has hinted that taxpayers may expect a sizeable tax increase this year.

AURORA: Telephone poles on Yonge St. will be removed from Cousins Dr. to Wellington St. They will be replaced by an underground conduit.

STOUFFVILLE: The Community Centre Board decided at its inaugural meeting to have the old grandstand demolished and a new tool shed erected.

STOUFFVILLE: Council has decided that the townships served by the town fire brigade are paying too little for standby time in proportion to the wear-and-tear on the truck.

SUTTON: Snow removal in the village this year cost only \$72. One year it was as high as \$700 and averages \$400.

NORTH YORK: An increased assessment of \$7,500,000 has made it possible to levy a reduced mill rate and yet provide improved services.

NEW TORONTO: Bruce Simmons, 23, of Woodbridge was sentenced to one year at hard labour in Magistrate's Court, last week, when he pleaded guilty and was convicted of two charges of theft, and five counts of breaking and entering and attempted theft. Charges were laid by Woodbridge and Provincial Police.

WILLOWDALE: William Richardson, 23 year old resident of Stouffville last week appeared in Magistrate's Court in Willowdale and was sentenced by Magistrate Hollinrake to 60 days in jail on a theft charge. A charge of receiving against R. H. Murphy, Stouffville, garage operator was dismissed.

In The Liberal Window

This week in our window we have a clover plant bearing 2 perfect four leaf sprays. Grown by Fred Thomas of Elgin Mills, the clover was planted in the flower pot to provide greenery around a grapefruit plant. Mr. Thomas says he has searched for years to find a 4 leaf clover, only to find one growing in his own home.

Coming Events

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night.
APRIL 17 — Friday at 8 p.m. Maple United Church Sunday School will hold a Variety Program in Maple Concert Hall. Proceeds in aid of Sunday School Expansion Fund. Silver collection.
APRIL 17 — Friday, 8 p.m. Jefferson School Community Club is holding a Tupperware Party. Guest artists, Bernard Byfield and Don Leno. Refreshments. Admission free. All welcome.
APRIL 18 — Community Swing birthday party at Lions Community Hall completes the season's activities until next fall.
APRIL 18 — Saturday C.G.I.T. Home Baking sale and Daffodil Tea in the Thornhill United Church Hall at 3 p.m. Also Fish Pond for the kiddies and white elephant table.
APRIL 19 — Sunday, in Maple United Church at 7 p.m. excellent coloured film "Head of the House of Wong". Everybody welcome to W.M.S. Spring Thankoffering.
APRIL 20 — Monday, Bingo Lions Community Hall at 8 p.m. 35c admission includes 15 games. Special jackpot prize \$25.00.
APRIL 20 — Monday, Richvale Home and School in Richvale School at 8:30 p.m. The President of York-Simcoe Home and School Council, display of Finnish handicrafts. Refreshments. All welcome.
APRIL 21, 22 — Tuesday, Wednesday. Theatre Night under auspices of the local association of Richmond Hill Girl Guides at the Richmond Theatre. April 21 "Encore". April 22 "With a Song in My Heart." Admission by ticket 55c.
APRIL 22 — Kingcrafts monthly meeting will be held at the Guild of All Arts, Scarborough, Wednesday afternoon, April 22. Transportation for all will leave Mrs. Armstrong's by 12:45 p.m.
APRIL 24 — Friday, 8 p.m. Final evening of square dancing this season, sponsored by the Jefferson School Community Club. Admission 25c.
APRIL 24 — 8:30 p.m. The annual High School Music Festival at Richmond Hill. Featuring the two

Lions Plan Coronation Scrapbook Competition

There will be a new feature at the 2nd annual Community Fair to be held this fall in Richmond Hill. In honour of the Coronation, the Richmond Hill Lions Club is sponsoring a "Coronation Scrapbook" contest, the details of which are soon to be announced.

The contest will be open to both children and adults of the area and will fall into three classes: Public School pupils, High School students and Adults. Lion president Douglas Boyd has announced that the books will be judged on the basis of general appearance, content, neatness, etc., and the winners will receive attractive prizes supplied by the Lions Club.

It has been suggested that the books deal with the various aspects of the Coronation ceremonies and the participants in the celebration in pictures and articles, however, it is likely that the final entries will show a variety of treatments of the subject. All those intending to enter the competition are urged to begin to gather their materials soon.

Gifts Acknowledged

The Scout Hall, Richmond Hill, now displays a vitrolia and two etchings, which were donated by Harry Moyle, formerly of Richmond Hill. One of the etchings is of particular interest to boys as it is the signing of the peace treaty between the whites and Indians in Western Canada and very appropriately named "The Last Indian Conflict."

A. Gray To Speak To Horticultural Soc.

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will be held Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in the Lions Community Hall. The guest speaker for the evening will be Allan Gray of Toronto whose topic will be, "Gardening Around the Home". Mr. Gray's lecture will be of great interest to gardeners in the springtime of the year. The address will be illustrated in colour. Tentative plans call for the annual Daffodil Show to be held on May 6 and the Tulip show on May 20.

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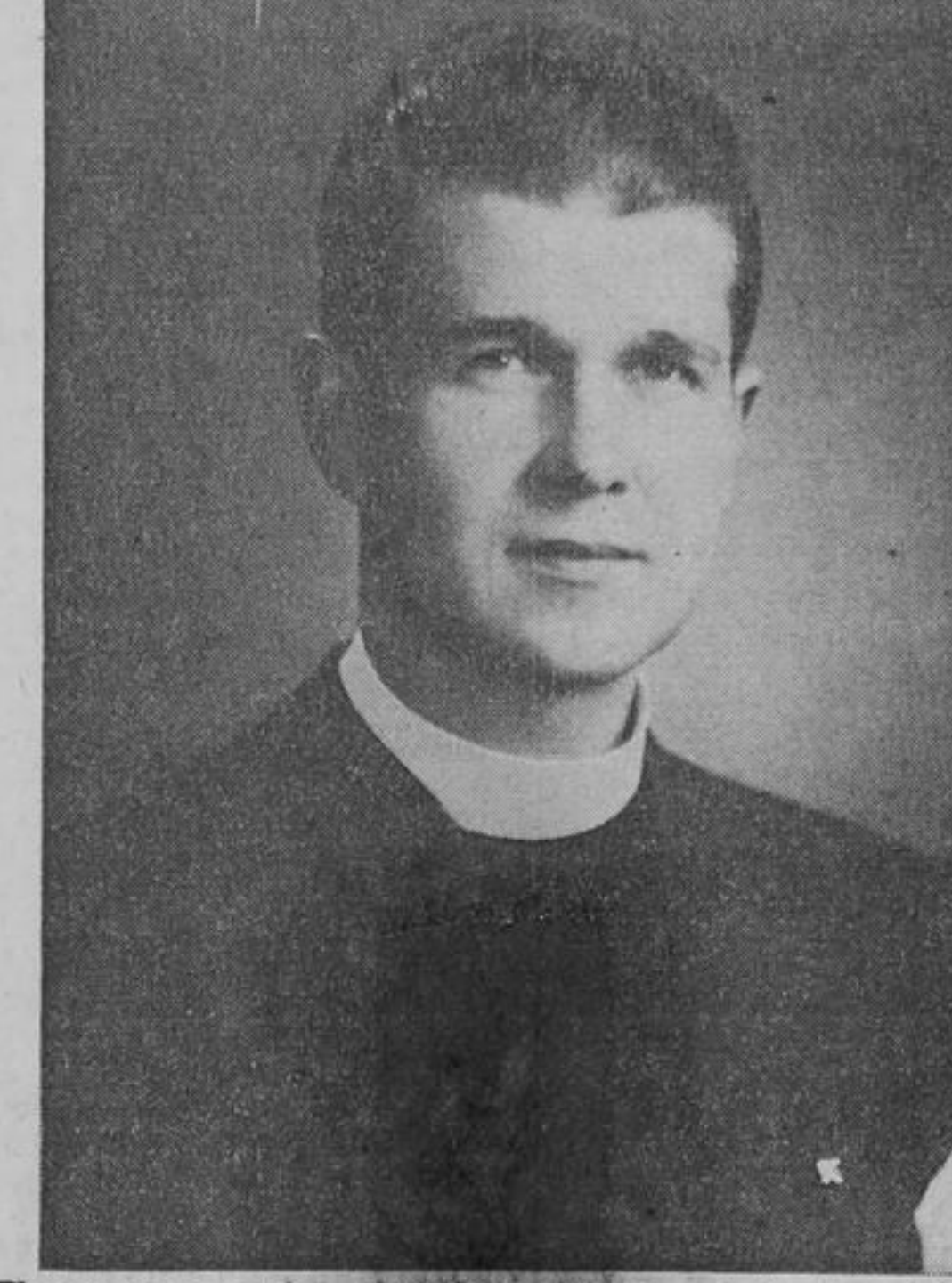
Architect Estimates New R. Hill Public School To Cost \$17,000 A Classroom

Toronto Architect J. B. Parkin attended last Thursday's regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board in order to discuss with the Trustees the building of their proposed new school. In opening the discussion Chairman J. Pollard informed Mr. Parkin that the Board had turned down his original plans for a cheaper but radically designed school for they felt the "plans were a little too drastic." In referring to the erection of a conventional type school Mr. Parkin stated "it will be a straight forward proposition based on the accommodation required."

Not Completed By Sept. Mr. Parkin offered little hope of having the school completed by this coming September. Mr. Pollard "in that case we will aim to have 3 or 4 rooms completed by September and thus eliminate staggered classes." Type of School Present plans call for a 1 story school containing 9 classrooms and one larger room for use as a Kindergarten. The building will also have a Principals office, 2 teachers rooms, health room, and a utility room. The classrooms will be arranged with 5 classrooms along each side of the main corridor. The building will be heated by a hot water system. Trustee L. Clement advocated they leave room for an auditorium in the hope it may be possible to add one in the future. Estimated Cost. A rough estimate as to cost of the proposed school, Mr. Parkin stated would be in the vicinity of \$13,000 a square foot, or \$17,000 a classroom. A more accurate estimate as to cost will be determined after the Architect has completed his preliminary sketches.

For Greater Richmond Hill Modern Bowling Alleys & New Village Business Block

Begins Thornhill Ministry



The congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian Church was very happy to welcome on Sunday, April 12, Rev. Calvin H. Chambers, who has assumed his duties as minister of that church.

Mr. Chambers is a native of Vancouver, B.C. After receiving his B.A. degree from the University of British Columbia in 1949, he came to Toronto to study theology at Knox College, from which he will receive his B.D. degree on April 28. For several summers he served in mission fields in Western Canada. Mr. Chambers is particularly interested in youth work, and for the past four years, has been in charge of youth work at Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto. For two years he was in charge of the Youth Hostel at Evangel Hall.

Mrs. Chambers was born and brought up in Africa, where her parents are Missionaries in Angola. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers expect to move into the Manse at Thornhill at the beginning of May.

F. Avis Appointed Road Foreman

Whitchurch Tp. Council Suggests Steps Be Taken Curb Grass Fires

Whitchurch Township council granted the Community Centre Board \$50. to go towards cost of prizes for the various events which will be part of the Coronation Celebrations and the opening of Whitchurch Township Community Park, June 2, at its meeting April 11.

Mrs. M. G. Slater informed the council by letter of the plans outlined by the Board at its recent meeting. It is planned that each school section in the township will hold a field day at its own school on May 17, the winners of these events to compete at the Celebrations on June 2. A. E. Patchell has stated that he will donate a trophy to the winner from each school for the best essay written on the subject "What Canada Means to Me". Winners from each school will compete at the park on June 2. Institutes, Community Clubs and Schools in the township will all contribute numbers to the program in the afternoon and evening.

Object Paying For Culvert Two delegations waited on council. Two men, who operate a garage on the 8th concession, objected to paying for a culvert installed three years ago as it has been the cause of considerable damage to their property. "Filling up with water the culvert caused the water to run through the garage. Road Superintendent E. Davis explained that a 12 inch culvert had been installed as an economy measure and that perhaps a 16 inch culvert would overcome the difficulty. Deputy-Reeve Timbers told the owners were notified to give these conditions immediate attention. General bills passed amounted to \$2,326.65. This amount included \$820.10 expenses for supplies for Warble fly spraying. M. Preston received \$150.00 for garbage collection at Lake Wilcox for the month of March.

The tender of K. J. Beamish Co. was accepted for a road scraper at \$12.50 an hour and a float to transport same at \$8.00 an hour. Tenders will be called for 75 gals. of M.E. weed spray and 10 gals. of brush spray, also 25,000 gals. of oil for the roads.

Stop Grass Fires A bill for \$550 from the Aurora Fire Department and one from the Stouffville Fire Department for \$120, mainly for fighting grass fires was the cause of considerable concern. (Continued on page 2)

Many Attractions Planned For Richmond Hill's Fair

Richmond Hill Fair will be held this year on Victoria Day, Monday, May 18, and officers and directors have been meeting regularly for several weeks in preparation for the big event. The Spring Fair has been held annually for more than a hundred years and is an institution in the community life of the district. President Stewart Rumble is meeting tonight (Thursday) with directors and committee chairman and is confident that the 1953 Fair marking Coronation Year will be the best in the long history of the Society. Prize lists will be available for distribution soon and will offer attractive prizes for all classes of light and heavy horses. The Horse Show too will feature saddle and hurdle events with some of Canada's finest horses and riders taking part.

Markham Twp's. General Mill Rate Reduced For '53

Table showing mill rates for various services in Markham Township for 1953. Services include School Area No. 1, Fire Department, Police, etc.

Thus there will be a small increase in the total mill rate for this area. Indications are that due to the high cost of education there will be varying raises in the overall township mill rates depending on the various school sections. Planning Bd. & Health Unit The council has again this year set aside the sum of \$2,500 to cover the operation of the township

Modern Equipment Will Feature Facilities For The Popular Indoor Recreation

In keeping with the growth and development of Greater Richmond Hill and district a major change for the Yonge Street business section was announced this week. The property immediately south of The Richmond Theatre has been purchased by the Richmond Amusement Company and plans are now complete for the erection of a new business block.

The present building will be torn down and a new modern building erected. The present brick structure originally built as a Hotel and later used as factory and office building will be offered for sale by public auction next Wednesday, April 22.

A new modern structure will provide accommodation for a Bowling Alley, a Restaurant and Tea Room and two stores. One of the stores will be occupied by Robert Mansbridge, jeweller and watchmaker who has a store in the present building. Eight of the finest obtainable bowling alleys will be installed on the ground level. They will be provided with the most up-to-date facilities for the accommodation of the growing number of people who enjoy this fine healthful indoor sport.

On the street level a modern food and refreshment establishment will have entrance from the old brick building and the foyer of the Richmond Theatre, as well as from Yonge Street. The new building will have a modern and attractive front con-

O. Ridges Ratepayers Vote 25-15 For \$101,000 5 Room Addition

The meeting held in Oak Ridges School April 10, which was called by the school board, to give residents an opportunity to approve or reject the spending of \$101,000 for a 5-room addition to the present brick school brought out 40 voters. Some 300 children attend this school, which means there is a total of around 600 parents who are eligible to vote. As well there are a great many property owners who do not send children to school, yet are taxed for its upkeep. These 40 people turned out and voted, first, by a show of hands, 31 for the addition and 10 against it. Two ratepayers asked for a closed ballot, and the result changed, to 25 for it and 15 against.

Chairman Robert Woolley of the School Board opened the meeting and asked that a chairman be elected. Walter Musson was nominated chairman and Mrs. D. Gunn, secretary. Mr. Musson then asked Mr. Woolley to address the meeting and he outlined the board's plan, for a five roomed brick addition to the present brick school, to be joined to the old building by a corridor. A new heating system, and new plumbing, would be installed, to serve both buildings, and a new well installed to serve the old brick building, the new brick building and the annex.

Asked about the life expectancy of the annex, a war assets building, built five years ago, Richard Bull, trustee, replied that "it was built on ten year debentures. It has served for five years and should be good for ten more. The heating system used in the annex is adequate." The proposed five rooms to be built now should do the district for five years, which is the length of time for which the Ontario Department of Education permits school boards to plan.

"We expect 65 additional children each year for five years", said Mr. Woolley. "With a number graduating each year, we hope to take care of the educational needs of this district for five years." An architect present from a firm in Toronto, which has built schools all over Ontario, stated that schools are being built at a cost of from \$9.00 a square foot, which is an economy school, to a high of \$15. a square foot. Schools ordered now go out for tender in three months and should be ready for occupancy by next Christmas, he stated. This means that the school board must have the go-ahead signal at once if the school is to be ready for Christmas.

Asked by a ratepayer if property owners should not be circled to get a majority opinion, trustee Richard Bull replied, "We are required by the school act to post notices of this meeting in three prominent places in the district. This we did. As well, we posted notices in five other places. We advertised prominently in both local papers. We sent letters to the parents by the pupils." This meeting is their opportunity to be heard and state their opinion. Maynard Hallman, school inspector, was present and spoke briefly on the necessity of more accommodation in carrying merchandise and cleaning bags, out of the warehouse door at Ernest Davidson's Groceria at Lake Wilcox. A neighbor saw the men carrying cases and notified Provincial Police who were cruising nearby. The officers arrested the men with the goods, which they were carrying to a truck parked just around the corner on the second concession. The men were locked up in Newmarket jail and appeared in court Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were entertaining friends in the living quarters above the store and were unaware of the excitement at the back of the warehouse until informed by neighbors. Constable Forester of the Vondorf detachment of the Provincial Police made the arrests. The Cripps brothers lived for a time at Lake Wilcox, but at present have no fixed address.

King City Residents May Organize Ratepayers Assoc.

It is understood that a group of people of King City are anticipating forming a Ratepayers Association within the next two or three weeks. The purpose of this association will be to elect a small group representing taxpayers, who will be authorized to deal with the governing bodies of Police Village and the Township Councils, to protect their interests in property values. Everyone will be asked to attend. The time and place of the meeting will be announced publicly.

Arrested In Lake Wilcox Break-In

Garfield Cripps and Harvey Cripps were apprehended about 10:30 Saturday night while engaged in carrying merchandise and cleaning bags, out of the warehouse door at Ernest Davidson's Groceria at Lake Wilcox. A neighbor saw the men carrying cases and notified Provincial Police who were cruising nearby. The officers arrested the men with the goods, which they were carrying to a truck parked just around the corner on the second concession. The men were locked up in Newmarket jail and appeared in court Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were entertaining friends in the living quarters above the store and were unaware of the excitement at the back of the warehouse until informed by neighbors. Constable Forester of the Vondorf detachment of the Provincial Police made the arrests. The Cripps brothers lived for a time at Lake Wilcox, but at present have no fixed address.