

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

Richmond Hill Community Service, Sunday November 8th, 3 P.M.

## News From Next Door

**UXBRIDGE:** A huge bear has been sighted by township farmers in the Glasgow area. A hunting party is to be formed.

**STOUFFVILLE:** The Court of Revision heard only two appeals against the local assessment.

**PICKERING TWP.:** More than 50 appeals are slated to be heard by the Court of Revision. The present assessment of \$8,610,252 is an increase of \$401,000 over last year.

**UNIONVILLE:** Mrs. Jane Brecken celebrated her 90th birthday Monday, October 26.

**NASHVILLE:** Thomas Webster celebrated his 90th birthday on Thursday, October 29. He was born in Vaughan Twp. and for 40 years was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School.

**PICKERING:** Township police are seeking three youths who clubbed an assistant Scoutmaster into unconsciousness with a rifle butt last Sunday. The attack took place when three youths were caught trespassing with guns on the land of the District Scout Camp.

**AURORA:** The Town Planning Board met with planning boards of Whitchurch and King Townships to discuss the problems of annexation.

**NORTH YORK:** Veterans who have purchased homes under the V.L.A. requiring them to hold amounts of land of a half acre and up claim that increased assessments are making it impossible to carry the financial burden.

**W. GWILLIMBURY:** The Municipal Board hearing has ruled out the clause giving authority to council to permit breaking of various parts of the Land Use and Building By-Law.

**AURORA:** The Whitchurch Twp. Council has offered the town fire brigade \$60 for the first hour in attendance and \$10 for each additional hour for calls made in the township.

**NORTH YORK:** Under the direction of the various schools, children collected pennies instead of treats on Hallowe'en. The pennies will be contributed to the "Save the Children" fund.

**AURORA:** Although the new District High School has been open only a short time overcrowding indicates that an enlargement may soon have to be considered.

**SCARBORO:** The Scarboro Bluffers Association has decided to furnish and equip a two-bed room in the new General Hospital.

**NORTH YORK:** Council has passed a resolution stating that all lands disposed of by the council will be handled by public tender.

**NEWMARKET:** Three-quarters of the northern municipalities in the remaining York County have voted in favour of accepting the Davis Estate and making Newmarket the county seat. Representatives from Aurora, Richmond Hill and Sutton voted against the move.

**AURORA:** Over 80 residents of Laramont St. have presented a petition to Council asking for the withdrawal of tanks from the Armouries located there.

**NEWMARKET:** A woman and her daughter were injured here last Sunday when a light truck went out of control on Davis Dr. and crashed into a tree. The driver, Mrs. Eva Crear, 35, of Oak Ridges, received severe cuts and bruises. Her daughter, Netta, 8, has a broken leg. Both are in the York County Hospital here.

**MARKHAM:** Three persons were injured, one of them seriously, in a two-car collision last Sunday, on No. 7 Highway two miles east of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mayer of Toronto were admitted to East General Hospital after their car collided with one driven by John Vernon of Windsor. Mrs. Mayer received severe head injuries when she was thrown part way through the windshield.

## Parents' Night Public School

Richmond Hill Public School Parents' Night will be held Tuesday, November 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at which time teachers will be glad to meet and consult with all parents who are able to be present.

Owing to the crowded condition of the school no special program will be provided.

The teachers in the Orange Home and in the Municipal Hall will all be in their regular rooms during the whole evening.

Please remember that the sewing room, presided over by Mrs. Ethel McWhirter, is situated in the south basement.

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## At Henderson Ave. School

### Markham Twp. Ratepayers Public Meeting Will Be Held Next Wednesday Nov. 11th

Nomination day for municipal elections is but three weeks away and already there is evidence that the political pot is more than simmering. In Markham township a record crowd is expected to attend the open meeting for candidates which will be held in Henderson Avenue School next Wednesday, November 11, at 8 p.m.

The open meeting is sponsored by the ratepayers associations of Highland Park, Doncaster, Thornlea, Elgin Street, and Langstaff and all present members of council and school boards and all aspiring candidates are invited to attend. Each will be given an opportunity to speak and there will be a question period when ratepayers may seek any desired information on all matters pertaining to township affairs and school matters.

Candidates who plan to be present are asked to notify the secretary at AV. 5-2171 on or before November 10. This co-operation will give officers an opportunity to plan and organize the meeting.

Keen interest has been shown in the meeting since it was announced last week. Ratepayers welcome this opportunity of meeting those who have served in council and on school board this past year and those who aspire to office. It is expected every seat in the spacious auditorium will be filled and a most interesting and helpful meeting is anticipated.

Ratepayers look for a lively election contest in Markham Township this year. It has been rumored that Reeve Win. Timbers, Reeve for the past three years may be retiring, although he has made no pronouncement to date. It is considered very likely that deputy-revee LeMasurier who since his entry in council two years ago has been an ardent crusader for more efficient township administration will be a candidate for Reeve when the voting takes place early in December. Many ratepayers expect that Councillor Charles Hooper who has had many a clash with the deputy-revee in council affairs will clash with him again in the battle of the ballots for the office of Reeve.

Councillor William L. Clark has had a long experience in Markham municipal affairs and is prominently mentioned as a candidate for both deputy-revee and Reeve. Councillor Lennie is completing his second year as councillor and might be prevailed upon to seek promotion.

To date no new candidates for council have declared their intentions to the press but prominently mentioned as possible candidates are Robert Bae of Unionville, Mrs. Kathleen James of Highland Park, William Lennox of Thornhill, former deputy-revee Dalton Rummy of Victoria Square, and Bill Champion, president of Markham township property owners' association.

It is rumored other dark horse candidates will be taking advantage of the Henderson Ave. meeting to make announcement of a bid for office.

It all adds up to prospects for an interesting and instructive old fashioned town meeting when local affairs will get a thorough airing. The date next Wednesday, November 11, the time 8 p.m. and the place the new Henderson Avenue school.

## Probable Candidate



Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier Wants more efficient administration in Markham Township.

## Vaughan Twp. Gets \$10,000 More For Roads

Vaughan Township council has received approval from the Department of Highways permitting additional expenditure of \$10,000 on township roads.

Earlier in the year the Department cut the township road budget from \$90,000 down to \$80,000 affecting several new road projects, including oiling. This additional approval will enable the township to carry out its complete program for the year.

Estimated Cost \$800,000

# Richmond Hill Postpones Decision On High School

## Opposed To Frills Which Do Not Earn Prov. Grants

Richmond Hill council Monday night postponed final decision on the request of the Richmond Hill District High School Board for approval of plans for an \$800,000, new High School for the Thornhill district. Opinions expressed however indicated that council will not give approval. Richmond Hill council members object to inclusion in the plans of a gymnasium and rooms for teaching practical options on which the Provincial government does not give a grant.

Vaughan and Markham councils have already approved the plans and Woodbridge will consider the proposal at a meeting on November 12.

District High School Board Chairman Morley Kinnee and Trustees Mrs. Gladys Hill and V. P. McMullen appeared before Richmond Hill council and outlined plans of the Board.

Chairman Kinnee reviewed the history of the new school plans and recalled that last July the Board has asked approval for the building of a school with provision for academic classes and a gymnasium. He said the Board had received several delegations urging that this was not the type of school desired. As a result the Board met last Monday evening and revised its plans and decided on the 27-room school, with one room for work shop, one for home economics and a combination gymnasium-auditorium. The estimated cost is \$775,000, and of this grants would be payable on \$540,000. There would be additional cost for land on which there is no provincial grant.

In supporting the Board's proposal trustee Mrs. Gladys Hill urged council members to exert pressure on the provincial government for a re-allocation in the tax structure which would channel more funds to take care of educational costs or a change in the High School Act. "Boards today are in an intolerable position," she said pointing out that the Department of Education provides that students may take practical options but will not pay grants on expenditures to provide facilities for teaching practical options. She said if the school board did not provide teaching for these practical subjects the student had the right to go elsewhere and the board must pay the fees which sometimes amount to \$300, per year per student. This, said Mrs. Hill, places the Board in an intolerable financial position.

It was pointed out that ratepayers in demanding a school equipped for practical options and a gymnasium were only asking the same facilities as are now available at Richmond Hill. It was explained however that the accommodation at Richmond Hill was built when there were departmental grants for gymnasiums and other features.

Reeve W. J. Taylor and members discussed the proposal at length but deferred any definite action until all members of council could be present. Councillor Perkins was out of town Monday night.

Council discussion indicated unanimous opinion against the High School Board proposal. All members expressed opinions in keeping with the former decision of council against a gymnasium or rooms on which the province does not pay a grant.

"If the province thinks these things are frills and will not pay a grant on them I don't see why we should approve them," said councillor Middleton. "I'm not in favor of approving anything on which there is no provincial grant."

Deputy-revee Ken Tomlin said he sympathized with the members of the school board in the problem which they faced but he did not think there should be any lessening of the council's yardstick of economy in regard to school construction.

Councillor Jack Rice indicated that he had not changed his opinion but thought a final decision should be made when all members of council are in attendance.

The proposed new school would have accommodation for 850 students. The estimated cost of \$800,000, is shared by four municipalities, Vaughan 46.60 per cent, Markham 25.06 per cent, Richmond Hill 14.75 per cent and Woodbridge 11.57 per cent.

Chairman Kinnee estimated that it would take two years to complete the school.

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All organizations and individuals placing wreaths on the War Memorial in Richmond Hill on Sunday next are requested to notify the Village Clerk not later than 11 a.m. Saturday.

## Plans Are Completed For Remembrance Service

The Community Service of National Remembrance will be held here next Sunday afternoon at the War Memorial on Yonge St. at 3 p.m. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Flight Lieut. the Rev. J. N. Hepburn, former padre of the Royal Canadian Air Force and now Minister of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church.

All organizations will fall in at the north end of the Village at 2:30 p.m. and led by the Silver Band of the West Toronto Salvation Army will proceed to the War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance. Veterans from Toronto, Willowdale, Unionville, Markham, King, Vaughan, Stouffville, Maple, and Richmond Hill, are expected to be present along with the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Richvale and Richmond Hill, the Cadet Corps of the Richmond Hill District High School, and the children of the L.T.B. & Orange Home.

Traffic on Yonge Street will be detoured during the Service, and following the service the parade will proceed north on Yonge St., where the salute will be taken at the Post Office.

As a tribute to her Gracious Majesty the Queen and all women who have served in the Armed Services, the Salute this year will be taken by Squadron Leader Miss K. Ball, a veteran of World War II, Women's Division RCAF.

## To Make Decision In December

### Markham Twp. Electors Vote On A Ward System

Markham township ratepayers are to finally have the opportunity to vote on the oft discussed matter of a ward system for township electoral purposes. At this year's municipal elections residents will be asked for an expression of opinion as to whether they do or do not favour the introduction of a ward system for future municipal elections. Under such an arrangement it is expected each of three wards would elect a Councillor while the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve would still be elected from over the whole township. If the vote is favourable the actual mechanics of division into wards will rest with the 1954 Council.

#### Leave Decision To People

By a narrow vote of three to two at Monday's council meeting, the members decided to refer the final decision of a ward system to the people. In taking this stand, Reeve W. Timbers, Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier and Councillor W. Clark all went on record as being in favour of affording the people the right to make their own decision on the introduction of a ward system.

In supporting the by-law which authorizes the taking of such a vote, Reeve Timbers stated, "During my eight years on the council there has been constant debate on the pros and cons of a ward system. I feel it is time we referred the matter to a vote of the people." Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier remarked, "I can see no harm in merely asking the people for an expression of opinion." Councillor Clark, in referring to past developments in Scarborough Township, stated that Scarborough has had a similar electoral system for the past 15 years.

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## Mrs. Tate Will Teach

### 25 Jefferson Students Will Attend Classes In Old Sch.

Mr. Dickson Miller, chairman of the Jefferson School Board, announced Tuesday night that commencing today, Thursday, November 5, the old Jefferson School will be used entirely by pupils in the Jefferson school section, Vaughan 21 - Markham 4.

Mrs. Frank Tate of Richmond Hill will be teaching part of Grade 2 and all of the Grade 3 and 4 pupils at the old school, approximately 25 in number, until the end of the term. This leaves 25 other junior pupils studying under Miss M. Cressy

#### Hooper and Lennie Opposed

Determined efforts by Councillor C. Hooper to "fillbuster" the by-law proved futile. Councillor Hooper greeted the reading of the by-law with strong opposition and opposed referring the matter to a vote of the people at this year's election.

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## Whitchurch's Court of Revision Recommends Re-assessment

With Ex-Reeve E. Logan in the chair Whitchurch township's five man Court of Revision considered nine appeals last Saturday. In each case the Court upheld the Assessor's figures and no reductions were made in any assessment.

In an important recommendation to Council the members suggested the township undertake a complete re-assessment of the municipality at once. They felt that too many assessments appeared too low. With the steadily increasing school costs the members were of the opinion too many residents were not paying their just share of such costs.

## Noted Singer Guest Victoria Square United

Miss Mary O. Hanian of Hamilton will be guest soloist at Victoria Square United Church on Sunday November 15. She will sing at two services, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Miss Hanian has studied at Hunter College, New York; is musical producer and director of the New York Tribune Fresh Air Camp. She is also soloist at Port Nelson United Church, Shee Solom Synagogue, Hamilton, and on the Church of the Nazarene radio program over CHML.

It is hoped a large congregation will be present to hear Miss Hanian and a welcome is extended to everyone in the district to attend.

## Junior and Senior Commencement

Richmond Hill District High School will this year hold a Junior and Senior Commencement. Intermediate certificates and athletic awards to be given out on Thursday, November 19, and the Grade 13 Graduation certificates and academic prizes on Friday, November 20.

The programs are at present being drawn up, further particulars to be announced at a later date.

## Hydro Crews Restore Power

Extensive damages not yet estimated and a 15-minute Hydro cut-off resulted from the felling of a large tree on Roseview Ave., Richmond Hill on Saturday afternoon when the falling tree hit three hydro lines, knocking down three poles. One of the poles, in falling, crashed into the roof of one of Henry's Florists greenhouses doing heavy damage.

The hydro crews were on the job immediately locating the trouble and restoring power within a brief period of 15 minutes.

## Mrs. E. E. Kent Passes Away

The sympathy of the community is extended to Rev. E. E. Kent and family in the passing of a dear wife and mother, Miriam Elsie Galley Kent, Mrs. Kent passed away early Wednesday morning in the Toronto Western Hospital after undergoing a serious operation earlier.

Mrs. Kent was active in the Women's Organizations of the United Church at Thornhill and was held in high esteem in this community.

## Trophy To Be Awarded

### Queen's Guineaes Attract 151 Entries 4-H Beef Cattle Club

Thursday November 19, will be a red letter day in the lives of some 151 young farmers of Ontario for on that day some 4-H club member will carry off the Queen's Guineaes for his Champion Baby Beef Steer at the Royal Winter Fair.

R. G. Bennett, Associate Director of Extension, Ontario Department of Agriculture, announced today that 151 4-H Beef Calf Club members had entered the Guineaes Class and that there was every indication of keen competition for the coveted award.

In addition to the prize of 50 guineas the owner of the champion steer will also be awarded the T. L. Kennedy challenge trophy. Exhibitors of the championship steer in other breeds will be awarded a cash prize of \$100.

All exhibits in the Guineaes Class must arrive at the Royal not later than 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. The classes will be judged on Thursday, November 19, with the winners being paraded that evening during the horse show. All exhibits will be sold on Saturday, November 21.

Designed to stimulate the interest of farm youth in the raising of better beef cattle the Guineaes now follows closely on the heels of the spectacular Royal Horse Show in public interest and appreciation.

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