

Markham Committee Reports

Five More Years Before Water Is Available From The Metropolitan Area

In a lengthy worded document presented to Council last Monday Markham township's Plumbing and Sanitation Committee (Councillors A. Lennie and C. Hooper) made extensive observations and recommendations on the general problem of a publicly operated Waterworks department to supply prospective consumers within the township.

The report which was compiled with the assistance of Consulting Engineer J. Howard and Plumbing Inspector L. Galbraith listed five main recommendations. These conclusions which will be considered by the 1934 Council were as follows: (1) The current rate of \$1.00 per thousand and paid to North York is too high. (2) Since additional water may not be available from Metropolitan Toronto for another five years, serious consideration should be given by the 1934 Council to embarking upon a program of investigation into the possibility of obtaining water from ground sources. (3) In the interest of creating a reasonable bargaining position for the township of Markham it would seem to be imperative that Markham possess knowledge of its ground resources. (4) Such knowledge would serve the following purposes: (a) As valuable information for prospective industrial developers. (b) As a guide in determining how much restraint to exercise in allowing development requiring water. (5) Apparently neighbouring water works development have sustained themselves financially.

The Committee based its brief on information gleaned from the Public Utilities Commission and Waterworks Department of Scarborough township, North York's township's Engineer, and a business organization, the International Water Supply Limited. The immediate availability of water from Scarborough township has been ruled out by the prohibitive figure of the one million dollars it would cost to connect with the nearest Scarborough watermain, plus the important fact that at present Scarborough does not have any surplus water available for outside customers.

On the question of securing water from within the township the International Water Supply Co. felt that an adequate supply of ground water could be found within the municipality. They also were of the opinion that there is an adequate supply of ground water within 1 1/2 miles of Yonge street. This organization estimated they would require an outlay of \$5,000 from the township to cover any preliminary investigation. All the assets belonging to the North York Waterworks department within the Metropolitan area will be turned over to Metropolitan Toronto in January. Among these assets would be two wells now operated by North York Waterworks department. This new body would control the water distribution completely and would set rates for all areas including the limited area within Markham township. North York's Engineer reported that the new Metropolitan authority intends to expand capital in the amount of \$17,000,000 to increase its water supplies. To emphasize the need for such expansion one needs only to consider the plight of North York township where its peak production is 7,000,000 gallons per day and peak consumption about 15,000,000 gallons per day. In conclusion North York estimated it will take about five years before adequate supplies from lake sources will be available to any but the present limited water area in Markham. The Committee has recommended that Council at once make arrangements to have the water question placed on the agenda for the January meeting of the Metropolitan Council.

Everybody gets something at the I.G.A. Cooking School, being sponsored by the local Women's Institute on Thursday, November 26, in the Lions Community Hall, Richmond Hill. Miss Phyllis Axford, who as Clara Jefferson conducts this school is a well-known food authority. She holds both B.A. and M.A. in Household Economics and has done research work at Harvard University and the University of Chicago. She is also heard daily at 11.50 on CKEY.

There will be lots of giveaways — bags of groceries, a large ham, baking, and some lucky person may go home with a Sunbeam Mix-Master. Garbage along the roads. Police will be asked to watch for offenders. Relief for October amounted to \$364.00. An owner of a lot in Plan 349 will be notified to fence or fill in a cellar excavation in the public interest.

Asked for advice in the matter of a tile drain on lot 32, concession 5, the solicitor advised council that if owners do not pay on the matter, action should be taken under the Ditches and Watercourses Act. Whitchurch Council made its annual grant of \$50.00 to each High School in the Township, Aurora, Newmarket and Stouffville, to be used as a scholarship for the township pupils showing the highest all round proficiency. Road bills were \$4,200. General accounts \$1,065.

Two hours of council's time was taken up by salesmen from firms demonstrating the fine points of machines that will reduce the time and effort required to get out the tax roll. Council has been considering the purchase of such a machine for some months. Various prices were quoted from \$1,416.00 up, depending on how many accessories are needed for the job. The secretary of Ringwood Public School had a request in for a \$300 advance on the 1933 levy.

A letter from Lloyd Hall, secretary of the Preston Lake Country Club enclosed a check for \$179.50 for road work done in their subdivision. They thanked council for the excellent job done. SCARBORO: The site for the new General Hospital has been located close to the site of pioneer Mary Thompson's cabin.

WEST HILL: Scarborough Council has approved a new Collegiate Institute to be erected here. AGINCOURT: A new telephone set up for fire calls rings in four homes and the fire hall and sets the fire alarm in action. MIDLAND: The SS T. R. McLagan, the biggest inland lake freighter in the world, was launched during the blinding snow-storm recently.

Chamber of Com. Meets Nov. 24. The Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, November 24. As usual, the members will meet in Richmond Hill Public School and the meeting starts at 8 p.m. Woodbridge Approves New High School In Close Vote. By a narrow margin of three to two Woodbridge village council last week approved the request of the Richmond Hill District High School Board to erect an \$800,000 27-classroom secondary school complete with one shop, one home economics room, and a single gymnasium. The council's decision was reached only after a lengthy debate. The final vote of the municipalities on the Board's latest application to build a semi-vocational school is three to one. Of the four municipalities which constitute the Richmond Hill High School district the townships of Markham, Vaughan and the village of Woodbridge all voted in the affirmative while Richmond Hill village was opposed. Richmond Hill had based its decision on the fact that at present the Provincial government will pay no grants towards extra classrooms for the teaching of practical options. It is expected now that the municipalities have reached a majority decision. Markham township will apply to the Municipal Board for permission to float the \$800,000 debenture issue.

School Bus Now Operates South to May Ave.

As a result of a delegation appearing before the Richmond Hill Public School Board last week, a school bus has been put on Yonge St. to pick up pupils as far south as May Ave. An agreement has been made with Morrison Bus Lines of Victoria Square to make the run both morning and afternoon. Parents had severely criticized the TTC service and expressed concern that small children were being left on the side of the road. Trustee L. H. Clement reports that the new service is proving quite satisfactory.

Local 'Jaycees' Sponsor Public Speaking Class

The Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce is presenting a Fall project a Public Speaking and Personality Development course which will run for 16 weeks commencing Monday, November 23rd. The course instructor will be the very talented Mr. Stanley Deeks. Mr. Deeks who is conducting this same course for other "Jaycee" groups elsewhere, is now Administrative Assistant to the Director of Engineering at the A. V. Roe Company.

He has taught subjects connected with personality development, business psychology, business management and sales psychology. In addition he has taught public speaking for the Success Clinic, and has conducted basic and advanced courses in public speaking in the Dale Carnegie Institute. Committee Chairman for the course Mr. Jim Baird says that the 16 lesson course is being run as a non-profit community project and that the fee of \$15.00 is far below what a comparable course in the city would cost. Courses in the city run from \$75.00 to \$125.00. The Jaycees hope to see many local residents take advantage of this valuable course.

Ask For School Bus Parents Of Public School Pupils Criticize T. T. C.

A petition bearing 38 names of parents from south of Richmond Hill was presented to the Richmond Hill Public School Board last Thursday evening by a delegation of six parents. The petition which involves nearly 70 children urged the Board to provide better transportation for the children south of the village. The parents present said that the T.T.C. busses which are used by the children provide a terrible service and cited instances when, day after day, the children standing at bus stops are ignored by drivers hurrying to keep on schedule. Mrs. D. McKenzie said that she had heard from reliable sources that drivers took the attitude that the children were lazy and should walk.

Mrs. McKenzie said that because the afternoon busses were so crowded many of the smaller children had to wait for late buses and didn't arrive home until 5 o'clock and later. She added that the times the busses came north in the morning were so irregular as to make many children late for school and for that reason many parents are pooling taxi costs or using private cars. Chairman James Pollard reminded the delegates that the School Board assumed no responsibility for transportation during the past 70 years, and it has been only recently that a moral obligation has been assumed. We do what we can but we must have some limit, added Mr. Pollard. The busses needed to take pupils to the Orange Home cost \$5,000 a year.

In reply to Mrs. McKenzie's question about the time of dismissal, Principal Walter Scott said that according to regulations the school day last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trustee Len Clement said that the service was certainly appalling and that he had received assurance from T. T. C. officials that changes would be made. As yet, he added, these changes are not noticeable. Trustee C. Mabley then moved that the Board contact Gordon Morrison to see if he would be able to run a bus down Yonge St. as far as May Avenue. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. McKenzie said that she felt that residents in the south would be satisfied if even the younger children were picked up by a school bus as the older ones are more aware of the traffic hazards and in many cases could walk to school. Chairman Pollard assured the parents that everything possible would be done to assure the safety of the children. Orange Home The Trustees approved the construction of two special ladders to serve as fire escapes to be used in the gymnasium at the Orange Home where Richmond Hill classes are being held. Commenting on the general situation of these temporary classes at the

Large Congregation Attends Anniversary At Teston United

Fifteen minutes before the anniversary services began at Teston United Church on Sunday morning, it became necessary to add extra chairs, to accommodate the large congregation of members and visitors, who came to be with their friends on this special day. A large congregation was present at the evening service also, when Rev. E. Unstead of the Presbyterian Church, Maple, was the preacher. The choir of the Maple church was present at the evening service also to furnish appropriate music. Rev. M. R. Jenkinson, minister of the charge, preached at the morning service. The church was decorated with a memorial basket of flowers in the place on the altar by Mr. and Mrs. L. Hadwen and their son, in memory of their dear son and brother, Bruce who died so suddenly as the result of an accident a year ago.

Vote 3-1 Against High School Debenture Issue

Councillor Jack Rice Leaves Town Council-May Run '54

Sixty Years A Mason



V. W. Bro. T. H. Trench At the regular meeting of Richmond Lodge Wednesday evening V. W. Bro. Thomas H. Trench was honored by the presentation of a Sixty Year Pin issued by Grand Lodge. The oldest member of historic Richmond Lodge, V. W. Bro. Trench became a mason on October 3, 1892. He became Master of the Lodge in 1897 and served in the same office in 1900 and 1901.

Throughout the more than six decades he has been an active and loyal Mason serving Richmond Lodge and the craft in general in many ways and always with honour and distinction. The presentation on behalf of Richmond Lodge was made by Bro. W. W. A. Trench who also is a veteran mason, having been a member for 55 years. A son of one of Richmond Hill's pioneer families T. H. Trench has been an active and public spirited citizen. A son of William Trench, founder of the Trench Wagon and Carriage Works he carried on this business for many years and was widely and favorably known throughout York County. He served his fellow citizens for many years as member and chairman of the Board of Education, as councillor and Reeve for many years, as President of the Board of Trade, the Agricultural Society and many local and district organizations.

Markham Twp. Council Three Candidates In The Field For The Reeveship

With election day still more than two weeks away indications are that Markham township voters will make their choice for the 1934 Reeve from three candidates. LeMasurier and Hooper Under the very able chairmanship of Mr. D. Dobson, an enthusiastic turnout of Markham township ratepayers last week filled Henderson Ave. School to hear two members of this year's Council announce their candidature for Reeveship. Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier and Councillor C. Hooper both clearly indicated that come December they intend to seek the office of Chief Magistrate. Timbers Completing Fourth Term Reeve W. Timbers completing his fourth term as Reeve of the municipality has intimated that he will seek another term of office. Although making no clear announcement, Reeve Timbers did remark "unless I change my mind between now and nomination, day I shall again be a candidate for Reeve."

Mr. R. Campbell, a Toronto lawyer, has also signified his intention to stand for office. Mr. Campbell, married and with two children has resided in Highland Park for the past 18 months. Mr. W. Masters, active in the Elgin street ratepayers' association, will stand for election. Mr. Masters, a resident of Elgin street for the past four years was nominated to stand for election. Councillor Clark who led in last year's voting for Councillors has gained a wealth of municipal experience during his many years of service on Council. Councillor Lennie was first elected in 1951 and during the past two years has served on several committees. New Candidates Three new faces have appeared for Council — Mrs. N. James, a Highland Park housewife, who made a surprisingly strong run in last year's voting, will be a candidate again this year. Mrs. James, the only woman candidate, has resided in Highland Park for the past four years. Mr. R. Campbell, a Toronto lawyer, has also signified his intention to stand for office. Mr. Campbell, married and with two children has resided in Highland Park for the past 18 months. Mr. W. Masters, active in the Elgin street ratepayers' association, will stand for election. Mr. Masters, a resident of Elgin street for the past four years was nominated to stand for election.

Wins Silver Cup At Winter Fair At the Silver Jubilee Year of the Royal Winter Fair this year, Mr. S. H. Lumb of Richmond Hill was awarded the Silver Cup for the best pair of Silver Wyandottes in the entire show. His prize birds were also awarded the Best collection of parti-coloured birds in the show with 63 Silvers in line. In addition Mr. Lumb's birds took four championships and Best Collection prizes, besides a number of special prizes and diplomas.

Councillor Floyd Perkins Votes Issue Debentures

Councillor Jack Rice will not run for re-election in this year's municipal election in Richmond Hill. Reeve Tom Taylor, Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin and Councillors Wesley Middleton and Floyd Perkins have indicated they will contest their offices for another year. Nomination night this year will be held on Friday, November 27, in the Masonic Hall and voting also will take place there on Monday, December 7.

Councillors issued their political intentions at Monday night's meeting, when Councillor Rice stated he is not standing for office because of business pressure but hoped to be back in the municipal field next year. "I'll miss being on council", he continued, and will keep my interest in village affairs. I plan to be present nomination night and am very anxious about results. When asked about his position on the Planning Board, Mr. Rice said he would relinquish his place on the Board as council's representative. "They meet every week and this too takes much time away from business, so I'll wait until next year to see how things work out. I feel also that any prospective councillor should realize the extent of the work involved and that it isn't just a matter of attending Monday night meetings twice a month. I sincerely hope a civic minded person will take my place."

Reeve Taylor expressed the sentiments of council when he said to Mr. Rice, "you're a valuable man here and we'll certainly miss your presence. We're looking forward to the time when you'll be sitting with council again." Reject Board's Request By a 3-1 vote council refused a request from Richmond Hill District High School Board for approval of a \$800,000 debenture issue for a 27 room academic school with vocational options—shop and home economics—and gymnasium. Of this amount \$540,000 is subject to grant from the Provincial Government. The price of the land which is included in this total is \$25,000. Voting against the motion of Councillors Rice and Middleton-whereas the proposed new school is only partially subject to grant Richmond Hill council is unable to approve the \$800,000 debenture issue-whereas Councillor Floyd Perkins who summed up his stand on the matter thusly — "When Vaughan and Markham Townships, who pay three-quarters of the amount, agree to issue the debentures I think we'd be acting like dogs in the manger if we don't pass it for our 12 per cent. Since these other municipalities who pay larger shares have passed it I am in favour of going along with them."

Said Councillor Middleton, "I'm going to be consistent. I'm not in favour of anything without a grant. What do they mean when they say they can't get along without a gym?" "Let's leave it up to the government whether a gym is necessary," remarked Councillor Rice. "Since they don't give a grant for a gym it seems they don't think one necessary. Let's put this on the steps of the Department of Education. If more councils took this stand and were consistent we might get some relief from this school expense." "A gym is necessary for a school," said Councillor Perkins. "I'm not saying it is or it isn't," continued Mr. Rice. "I say let the Government decide whether a gym is necessary and if it is let them finance it." "Why isn't it the interest of the Government and the country that girls receive a Home Economics course as well as an academic education?" asked Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. "No government grant is given for a Home Economics room, shop room or gymnasium. In the final vote deputy-reeve Tomlin, councillors Middleton and Rice voted to refuse to approve the debenture issue with councillor Perkins voting against them.

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. tfe11
NOVEMBER 20 — Friday, 8 p.m. Card-night at Jefferson School sponsored by the Jefferson School Community Club. Bridge, euchre, cribbage, etc. Refreshments, prizes. Pair of pillows to be auctioned. Admission 50c. clw21
NOVEMBER 20 — Friday evening at 8 p.m. A Bingo will be held in Maple Masonic Hall, under the auspices of Maple Lions Club. Good prizes. Jack Pot. clw21
NOVEMBER 20 — Friday. Dance sponsored by the Langstaff Home and School Association to be held in Charles Howitt School from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Square and modern dancing. Refreshments. 75c each. c2w20
NOVEMBER 21 — Saturday. Bake sale in Community Hall. Stop 22A Yonge St. 2.30 p.m. under the auspices of Vaughan Women Workers. *1w21
NOVEMBER 21 — Saturday 3.00 p.m. Bazaar and Afternoon Tea at the Richmond Hill United Church, sponsored by the Women's Association Afternoon and Evening Groups. See news item for further particulars. clw21
NOVEMBER 23 — Monday, 8.15 p.m. The annual meeting of the York North Progressive Conservative Association (Provincial) will be held at the Legion Hall, Yonge St., Aurora. Everybody welcome. c1w21
NOVEMBER 25 — Wed. 2nd Thornhill (Highland Park) Cub and Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will hold a Court Whist party at Henderson Ave. School, 8.15 p.m. Door prizes. Refreshments. Admission 50c. clw21
NOVEMBER 26 — Thursday, 8.30 p.m. sharp. Euchre and Dance at Laskay Institute Hall. Everyone welcome. Ladies please bring lunch. elw21
NOVEMBER 26 — Thursday. Square dance at Farmers' Market, Thornhill. Caller Les Clarke. Auspices Thornhill Boy Scout Group Committee. Admission \$1.50 per couple. 8.30-12 p.m. c2w20
NOVEMBER 26 — Thursday. I.G.A. Cooking School at 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall, Centre Street east, Richmond Hill, sponsored by Richmond Hill W.V. Adults 50c, children 25c. Door prizes, lucky draws. Everyone gets a bag of samples. Tickets may be obtained from any member or at the door. c1w21
NOVEMBER 27 — Friday. Square dance with the Jefferson Community Club at the school. Door prizes. Admission 35c. c2w21
NOVEMBER 27 — Friday, 9 p.m. John Giordmaine "The Gay Magician" of Toronto, at the Patterson School, Bathurst St. Admission adults 35c. Children under side of school 10c. c2w21
NOVEMBER 27 — Friday. A euchre will be held at Henderson Ave. school on November 27, by the Ratepayers Association and the Ladies' Club of Doncaster. Good prizes and refreshments. All welcome. Time 8 o'clock. c2w21
NOVEMBER 28 — Saturday. Victoria Square W.A. Annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea at 2.30 o'clock. c3w20
NOVEMBER 30 — Famed Lithuanian base, Vloclavas VeriKaitis, sings on concert 8.00, Lions Community Hall, at 8.15 p.m. Tickets \$1.00 from members Richmond Hill Lions Club. clw21
DECEMBER 2 — Wednesday. Annual Bridge and Euchre, sponsored by Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club, at Lions Community Hall, Centre Street East. Admission 50c. Lucky draws Prizes galore. Refreshments. c3w20
DECEMBER 2 AND 3 — Wed. and Thurs. Theatre Night. The Richvale Guide and Browne Mothers' Association. Please buy tickets from any Guide, Brownie or mother. c1w21
DECEMBER 5 — Saturday. Reserve this date for St. Mary's Anglican Bazaar in the Lions Hall, Richmond Hill. clw21