

News From Next Door

MARKHAM: Menno Grove, a lifelong resident of the township, passed away at his home last week. He was in his 78th year.

STOUFFVILLE: Repairs to brickwork on the town clock tower have begun.

NEWMARKET: Councillor Belugin has called for enforcement of a by-law making it necessary to shovel sidewalks after a snowfall.

STOUFFVILLE: A Recreation Association made up of representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Legion and Parks commission will take over the entire minor sports program of the town.

WESTON: Navy tunic and blouse the regulation uniform for girls attending Weston Collegiate, have come up for severe criticism on the part of both students and parents.

NEWMARKET: Delays on the part of the Nebraska plastic plant planning to locate in the town have ended their option on the Charles St. property.

STOUFFVILLE: Tax collector, K. R. Davis reports that of the 1953 roll of \$55,933.66 less than \$230. remains outstanding.

PINE GROVE: Three dogs have been ordered destroyed and their owners are being held liable for damages resulting from the killing and injuring of sheep on the Hayhoe farm here.

WOODBIDGE: Four Toronto youths have been charged with breaking into the Roxy Theatre here. They took a quantity of cigarettes and some cash.

NEWMARKET: 90 acres on Davis Drive has been sold to a firm of subdividers. An industrial area and space offer 350 low rental houses are planned.

M. GWILLIMBURY: Council has passed a by-law requiring the vaccination of all female calves under the Brucellosis Control Act.

AURORA: The staging of an "Old Home Week" in 1954 has been deferred.

LAKE SIMCOE: The Dept. of Lands and Forests reports between 3000 and 4000 people fishing through the ice on the lake each week.

WHITBY: Judge John Pritchard at the resumed hearing into alleged irregularities of Pickering Township elections last December, found the township's deputy reeve, Dr. Kenneth Roberts, not guilty of contempt of court.

The letter suggested that if Dominion or Provincial elections were conducted in a similar way to Pickering's "we would have a Communist state."

Dr. Roberts apologized to the court, stating that he had no intention of prejudicing the hearing or misleading justice. He only wanted the people of Pickering to know how he felt.

WOODBIDGE: The Queen Anne Singers received first prize in the Ladies Trio class at the Kiwanis Music Festival.

AURORA: Stella Luschak took second prize in the girls' solo under 21 and a mixed voice choir from Aurora High School under the direction of Ilyd Harris was awarded first prize at the Kiwanis Festival last week.

SUNDERLAND: Drilling companies are looking for a strong water supply for fire protection in the centre of the town.

N. GWILLIMBURY: The council has set the road budget for 1954 at \$65,000.

UNIONVILLE: Because the ride he was expecting was late, Ingly Haska, 6, started home from Buttonville School for the first time alone last week and was struck by a car driven by Thomas Murray of Buttonville when he darted into its path. The boy is in serious condition with a fractured skull.

NEWMARKET: The Board of the York County Hospital was increased to 17 at the annual meeting held last week.

Area Bd. To Meet Representatives District Associations

Township School Area Board, Markham and Vaughan has invited two representatives from each of the Ratepayers and Home and School Associations in the Area to meet with trustees, councillors of Markham and Vaughan Townships and Inspector Maynard Hallman at a meeting March 12 at Thornhill school. The meeting which will start at 8 p.m. will discuss such subjects as transportation, portable schools, crossing guards, kindergarten grants and trustees and council will answer any other question about which the associations are in doubt. A resume of the formation of the School Area and its growth to date will also be given.

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Winners At Firemen's Bridge & Euchre



First prize bridge and euchre winners at Richmond Hill Fire Brigade's 5th annual Bridge and Euchre Monday night at the Lions Hall are pictured holding their prizes which were among the 125 given away that night. Left to right they are Lauder Glass, Richmond Hill, who won first prize for men's bridge with a score of 3890; Mrs. N. Glass, Richmond Hill, 1st for ladies' bridge with a score of 7600; Mrs. Robt.

Second prize winner in ladies' bridge was Miss Marion Scrivener, Richmond Hill with a score of 4520; 3rd prize Mrs. V. P. McMullen, Richmond Hill, 4200; 4th Mrs. Ruth Cowan, Richmond Hill, 3760. In the men's bridge 2nd prize went to A. R. Phipps, Richmond Hill, with a score of 3740; 3rd W. H. Hurston, Richmond Hill, 3470. G. G. Savage, Richmond Hill, 3470. Second prize for ladies' euchre went to Mrs. Norman Wright, Richmond Hill, with a score of 94; 3rd prize Mrs. George Paterson, Richmond Hill, 88; 4th Mrs. Sawyer 87. In the men's euchre Harry McBride, King, won 2nd prize with a score of 86; 3rd, Wesley Middleton, Richmond Hill, 85; 4th Fred Waters, Richmond Hill 84.

In charge of the bridge was Ken Blanchard and the euchre, George Pollard. Prizes numbering 125 were drawn for during the evening by Reeve W. J. Taylor, Deputy Reeve Ken Tomlin, former Fire Chief Bert Cook and Harry Jones, Fire Chief of Aurora. Winners of the lucky draw prizes were: 1st prize lady boy chair, W. T. Simpson, Thornhill, ticket No. 1743; 2nd prize radio, Jack Barber, Richmond Hill, ticket No. 1208; 3rd prize lamp, Betty Willett, 196 Bowdow Ave., Toronto, ticket No. 2611; 4th prize suit length, Shirley Thomas, Elgin Mills, ticket No. 1872; 5th prize electric clock, Mrs. M. O'Brien, 118 Hall St., Richmond Hill, ticket No.

2407; 6th prize jewellery, Peter Jarvis, Richmond Hill, ticket No. 2156; 7th prize window washer, Miss Marion Scrivener, Richmond Hill, ticket No. 2497. Following the end of bridge and euchre games, lunch was served by wives of the firemen. Free cakes were distributed throughout the crowd during the evening. The compliments of Coca Cola Co. and the coffee and cream was donated by Borden's Ltd. Prior to the beginning of the games, words of welcome were extended by Fire Chief Alf. Stong and Reeve W. J. Taylor who expressed the appreciation of the firemen and council for the wonderful turnout to assist the firemen in buying equipment.

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. *c1w36

MARCH 6 — Saturday. For the convenience of those people who received certificates for free 5x7 portraits and haven't used them, the Family Studio of Hamilton will acknowledge these any time on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. *1w36

MARCH 8 — Highland Park Association presents an excellent speaker, Mr. D. Cogliin, Director of Probation, Province of Ontario. Your chance to hear this outstanding speaker and support your community efforts. All welcome. *c2w35

MARCH 5 — Friday. The regular Square Dance night at Jefferson School will not be held this week. *c1w36

MARCH 7 — 7.30 p.m. Gormley United Missionary Church musical evening under the auspices of the Y.P.S. Bethany Male Quartette, vocal solos, duet and instrumentals. Speaker, Rev. C. Hunking. *c1w36

MARCH 8 — Monday. Meeting of Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91, in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. *c1w36

MARCH 9 — Tuesday. Meeting of Canadian Legion Branch 375, at Memorial Hall, Carville Rd. at 8 p.m. *c1w36

MARCH 10 — Wednesday 8.15. Thornhill Lions Bingo Farmer's Market, Thornhill. Every Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. Jackpot \$450. *c1w36

MARCH 11 — Thursday, Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary meeting, 8 o'clock, at the United Church Nursery Room. *c1w36

MARCH 12 — Friday 8 p.m. "Card Night" at Jefferson School under the auspices of the Community Club. Everybody welcome. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission 50c. *c1w36

MARCH 12 & 13 — Friday and Saturday. The Family Studio of Hamilton will be taking portraits in the United Church, Centre St., Thornhill. *1w36

MARCH 19 — Friday 1.30-4 p.m. Rummage Sale, under auspices of Harmony Group, Willowdale United Church at North York Veterans' Hall, Stop 12C Yonge St., Newtonbrook. *c2w36

APRIL 7 — Wednesday 2.30 p.m. Fashion show and tea, auspices of Evening Group W.A., Richmond Hill United Church. Admission 50c. *c1w36

MARCH 19 — Highland Park Association Spring Dance to be held at St. Andrew's Golf Club on Friday, March 19. Dancing 9-11. \$2.75 per couple. Call Vi Johnson, AV. 3-2569 for information. *c2w36

MARCH 26 — Friday, at 8.15. Recital of piano and vocal music by pupils from the studio of Herman Fowler, Mus. Bac., R.M.T., in the Richmond Hill United Church. Offering for Choir funds. *c4w36

APRIL 10 — Saturday. A chance to win a complete Easter Outfit for the ladies, from Joan Rigby (courtesy of Joan Rigby). Merchandise value \$1,000.00. At St. Luke's Silver Tea, Thornhill 3 to 5 p.m. under the auspices of the C.W.L. Admission tickets now on sale \$1.00. *c1w32

MAY 1 — Saturday. The May Day Tea and Bake Sale, auspices of the Evening Guild of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Keep this date in mind and be sure to attend. *c1w36

RUMMAGE SALE under the auspices of Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91. Time and place to be announced later. Miscellaneous articles will be gratefully received and will be picked up by calling AV. 5-2568 or AV. 5-1315. *c1w36

MARKHAM TWP. BUILDING REPORT

During the month of February Markham township's building department reports it issued 8 permits covering an estimated \$64,000 in construction. Total permit fees collected amounted to \$109.00. The department also refused to issue two permits.

BARRIE: Five fishermen from here were fined \$25 or 10 days in jail for using snaggers in ice fishing at Lake Simcoe.

Elect County Officers

At the annual district L.O.L. meeting held in Aurora recently the following County officers were elected: County Master, Fred Thomas, Elgin Mills; Co. Deputy Master, Wm. Browne, of Sutton; Co. Chaplain, N. Fisher, Aurora; Co. Recording Secretary, Harry Jones, Schomberg; Co. Financial Secretary, Norman Hamilton, Schomberg; Co. Treasurer, Hugh Hamilton, Schomberg; Co. Marshal, Bert Smith, Elgin Mills; Co. Lecturer, John Hirst, Keswick; Co. Dep. Lecturer, Joe Robson, Mt. Albert; Co. Dep. Lecturer, Elias Bice, King City; Co. auditors, J. Hirst, Keswick and J. Hudson, of Aurora.

Health Unit Ends Year With \$1,000 Surplus

The York County Health Unit ended 1953 with a surplus of \$1,071. After provision had been made for equipment for the new office next to the Richmond Grill, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, the equipment being ordered in 1953 at a cost of \$605, but not received until December 31, of last year. Monies received from government grants amounted to \$67,001.73, \$29,523.30 of this from the Provincial Government, \$6,678.96 from the Federal Government and \$30,799.47 from the Municipalities in York County. Staff salaries for last year totalled \$42,208.35, the transportation expenses of the staff coming to \$10,701.62. Pension contribution for employees was \$1,222.88. Total expenditures for the year were \$67,556.73.

PICKERING: In the first two days of the hearing on alleged irregularities in municipal elections evidence has revealed. The irregularities were of a minor nature.

Teachers' Salaries Largest Item

School Area Budgeting Report Improvement In Financial Position Of York County Hospital

The 1954 Budget for the School Area Board Markham and Vaughan has been passed by trustees and shows a levy of \$110,000. Disbursements total \$235,000, but considering the balance from 1953 and grants from the Province and Townships which total \$125,500, the balance to be levied remains at \$110,000. Last year's net levy was \$83,545, which is \$26,455 less than this year. The Board has jurisdiction over seven schools and is now planning for an eighth.

Teachers' salaries are always a large item on the budget, this year's estimate being \$31,000 over 1953's. This year's budget figures are listed below and are compared with last year's.

	1954	1953
Salaries (Principals' and Teachers')	\$137,128.33	\$106,220.00
Instructional Supplies (pupils, teachers textbooks, maps)	14,000.00	12,000.00
Administration	8,000.00	6,000.00
(Salaries, office supplies, expenses, secretary, treasurer, auditors, stamps, advertising, etc.)		
Plant Operation	44,000.00	30,000.00
(Caretakers' salaries, fuel, gas, water, hydro, rent)		
Plant Maintenance	10,000.00	20,000.00
(Repairs and alteration to bldgs., care of grounds, repairs to furniture)		
Auxiliary Agencies	4,800.00	5,000.00
(Transportation, recreational supplies, school fairs and exhibition, medals, scholarships, nursing services, student organizations)		
Capital Outlays From Current Finances	10,000.00	15,000.00
(Cost of new sites, new bldgs., new equipment, extensions)		
Fees To Other Boards	200.00	140.00
(Pupils attending another school section)		
Other Expenses	7,371.67	5,000.00
Total	\$225,000.00	\$199,360.00

The balance from last year's expenditures is \$3,031.35 and grants from the Province total \$99,168.65, and from the Townships \$18,300, leaving a balance to be levied of \$110,000.

The School Area draws pupils from Markham and Vaughan Townships, the total assessment of the townships being \$4,006,230.35. Of this amount Markham's is \$2,456,305.35 and Vaughan's is \$1,549,925. Eight principals are on the Area staff as well as 34 teachers.

Shopping Centre Planned

Spruce Ave. Residents Protest Dogs At Large

Dogs running at large in Vaughan township were a subject of discussion again at last week's meeting when a petition bearing 25 names protested the large number of dogs running on Spruce Ave. in Richvale. The petition, claimed that dogs were chasing cars, molesting children and overturning garbage cans in the neighbourhood, causing a general nuisance.

"This is a perennial problem but the police are doing the best they can," commented Reeve Marshall McMurchy. "Council would certainly welcome any workable solution, but everything tried seems to fail," he added. "Our by-law says that dogs should be under control at all times but to enforce it isn't quite so easy," said Deputy Reeve Albert Rutherford. "If people will co-operate with us by actually laying a charge, then we can do something about it, but if we just charge the police can't do anything," concluded the Reeve.

Mr. E. G. Brown of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind met with council to discuss the coming campaign in April for funds for the Institute building program. Mr. Brown suggested that the council canvass the township to collect donations, but Reeve McMurchy said that in view of the many demands on council's time he felt that it would be better if council contacted Women's Institutes and other organizations in the township to solicit their help. Further arrangements will be made concerning the canvass after these organizations have been contacted. There are approximately 70 blind people in Vaughan township.

District Teachers Visit Hamilton

A motorcade of 30 to 40 cars from this district will descend upon Hamilton early in the morning of Friday, March 5. It will be carrying some 140 teachers from the townships of Markham, Vaughan and King, whose purpose in making the trip is to see the new system of unit promotion in actual operation in the city's schools. The visit has been arranged by the Inspector for Public Schools for York 9, Mr. Maynard Hallman, who will accompany the group. Hamilton is one of the pioneers in the introduction of this system, whereby the pupil is promoted from one grade to another, or from one level of a grade to the next level in that grade, when the teacher believes he is ready. This enables each child to proceed through the various grades at his own speed and is of particular importance in the education of the "bright" children and the slow learners. Teachers from all schools in the townships of Markham, King and Vaughan, including those in the Township School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, will spend a day in the public schools of Hamilton observing the system in operation there. It's possible introduction into district schools has been under study for some time, and some experimenting is being done.

Annual Meeting

Report Improvement In Financial Position Of York County Hospital

The annual meeting of the Board of York County Hospital was held in the Agricultural Board Rooms, Newmarket, on Wednesday last, with president K. M. Stiver presiding. In his presidential report, Mr. Stiver said "things have never been so good in the hospital. We had an increase of 315 patients last year. The financial statement is a very happy one. No longer do we have overdrafts of \$70,000."

Serves District

Answering statements recently made in the newspapers that it is a Newmarket Hospital, Mr. Stiver pointed out that last year the hospital served 3761 patients; of this number Newmarket sent 754 people to hospital and Aurora 294. The other 2713 patients came from the surrounding area. "Our hospital contains 52 beds. The maximum number of patients which a 52-bed hospital is supposed to serve in a year is 17,960 patient days. We served 22,094 patient days of some 4,000 days in excess of the maximum. Our cost per day is \$10.92; the average cost across Canada is \$12.58. The campaign to raise \$600,000 for an addition to the hospital is well underway. We asked York County Council for \$300,000. They have agreed to give us that amount at \$60,000 a year over a five-year period. We feel now that the extension should be proceeded with in stages over a three to five year period."

Pays Tribute To Supt. & Staff

Mr. Stiver paid tribute to the superintendent and staff of the hospital, and to the nurses and Miss Graham, the office manager. Praise was included for the Women's Auxiliary which has made known the needs of the hospital so much in new equipment and comforts for the patients. "The number at this meeting indicates the interest of the public in the hospital."

Vital Statistics

Miss Thomas gave the superintendent's report. The following figures indicate the work carried on in the hospital under her supervision. Last year there were 3761 patients, 919 births, 11 still births, 72 deaths, 1770 operations, 381 accidents treated in the accident ward, 14,725 lbs. of laundry washed every month, 7,732 meals per month were served. The Atkinson Foundation replaced two pieces of equipment in the operating room at a cost of nearly \$4,000.00. Cost of operation is paid 74.76% by the

Whitchurch Twp.

Appoint Three Member Industrial Commission

The Planning Board of Whitchurch Township has appointed the following three gentlemen to the new Industrial Commission for the township: C. B. Beyer and Ed. Logan, members. Mr. Evans told council that he has a number of inquiries from industries looking for sites, but nothing ready for closing yet. He has contacted the Toronto Industrial Commission and they assure him that Whitchurch is a logical spot for industry close to Toronto markets, with three good highways, No. 11, the 4th and the 8th, and numerous good crossroads, plus a good supply of labour. Mr. Evans is satisfied Whitchurch will have no trouble selling the township to industrialists. J. E. Turnbull of the Provincial department of planning and development maintains that a three-man board is ideal. A bigger board is too heavy and difficult to get together for discussions, when needed.

Cottage Dwellers

Mr. Evans, who is also Chairman of the Planning Board discussed with Council the recent court case when two ratepayers were summoned to court for contravening by-law No. 1334 which states that no dwelling under 700 square feet may be used as a permanent residence. The Magistrate dismissed the charges because he had no evidence before him that this by-law had ever been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. Councillor E. L. McCarron said heatedly that, "this press report is wrong, it makes this council look foolish. In reply he was assured by Clerk J. Crawford that the report in the press was quite right. "That is what the magistrate said," added Mr. Crawford. The original by-law with the stamp of the Municipal Board's approval is in our solicitor's office," stated Mr. Crawford. "We should take these people back to

patients, 11.02% by provincial grants, 9.85% municipal grant and 4.37% donation and other income."

Mrs. Noble, president of the Women's Auxiliary stated briefly that \$2,400 had been spent by that organization for supplies for the hospital. "We have 55 members this year, and that number will be increased substantially. Copies of our financial report have been distributed and more are available."

Board of Directors

A resolution brought in by the directors stating that as the hospital served such a wide area the board of directors should be increased from nine members to 12 members and the following names were submitted and elected to the board by the general meeting. Mr. Ross Linton, Aurora, Mr. C. A. Cathers, R. R. 2 Newmarket, and Mr. Frank Marritt of Keswick. Mr. Linton for 3 years, Mr. Cathers for 2 years and Mr. Marritt for one year. Retiring members of the board who were re-appointed were J. E. Todd, Chas. Evans and Robert Martin. R. H. B. Hector was appointed auditor for the coming year. Mention was made that the medical staff is now organized and many matters that previously had to be dealt with by the board are now taken care of by the medical staff.

Campaign Committee

Mr. Cathers, head of the campaign committee said that it was being said that the campaign was slow in getting underway. "We did not want to start the campaign until County Council had indicated what they would do. \$60,000 a year for five years is a very satisfactory arrangement. A list of special names is being compiled and chairmen will be set up in each district in the county. Continued on page 3

Wants Meeting With Markham

A meeting will be sought with the Planning Board of Markham Township and the Planning Board of Whitchurch to correlate land-use by-laws of both townships. A 100 acre farm in Markham has been sold in 10 acre lots to get past Markham township's planning by-law. "One family on each 10-acre lot can create just as big a school problem as a family on a smaller lot," said Chairman Evans.

Oppose Storing Of Explosives In King

An overflow meeting of King township ratepayers in Snowball school two miles from Aurora, March 2, demanded township council turn down the application of Canadian Industries Ltd., to store explosives in the township. About 250 ratepayers attended the meeting. Others were turned away because of lack of space. Reeve Elton Armstrong of King township declared "council is behind the people." Before the vote was taken, mothers expressed fear a truck loaded with explosives might blow up near their homes. They said the lives of their children would be endangered since the trucks would pass by their homes. Ed Reddick, township assessor, said real estate values would go down if the company was permitted to store the explosive in the area. "One accident would blow King township sky high," he declared.