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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

MARKHAM: Edgar R. Pilkey died of a stroke while in Rapid City, S.D., en route to the coast.

BROOKLIN: A 100-home subdivision is being planned for the town.

STOUFFVILLE: Two men barely escaped with their lives last week when they dashed out of an excavation under the Dominion Store building seconds before the rear of the building collapsed.

NEWMARKET: A \$45,000 debenture by-law for expansion of hydro-electric services for new subdivisions was approved by council recently.

STOUFFVILLE: Stouffville District High School Board brought down a \$96,100 budget last week. This is an increase of approximately \$40,000.

NEWARK: Council will ask the County of York to take over the responsibility of the road to the north end of town.

ARMITAGE: Tentative approval has been given for a \$43,000 addition to the school here.

MARKHAM: A lifelong resident of the district Mrs. Alex Milroy passed away last week in her 79th year.

AURORA: The Aurora Corps of the Salvation Army is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

MARKHAM: Ralph Furneaux, local CNIB chairman, reports that \$1,576.34 was collected in the area for the Blind Building Campaign.

AURORA: The Rotary Club is planning a program of park development on town owned lots on Cousins Drive.

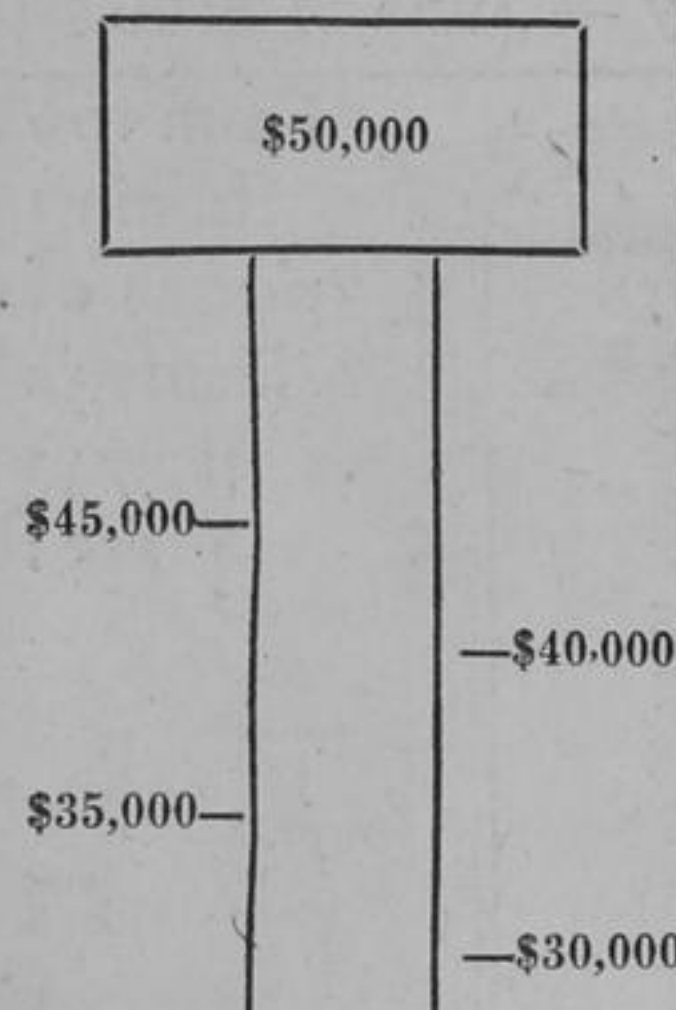
NORTH YORK: Hundreds of North York west residents were without water for nearly two hours last week when water pressure failed due to a water shortage.

AURORA: Town council has given a permit for location of a chicken processing plant at Edward and Dunning Streets. Earlier planned for Cousins Drive, its proposed location was opposed by residents.

NORTH YORK: The Metropolitan School Board has made arrangements with Northern Vocational School whereby township students may take Art, Home Economics and Technical courses without tuition fees.

SUTTON: One of the oldest veterans in Canada, Sgt. Charles H. Pringle, 95, died in Sunnybrook Hospital this week. He was a famous marksman in the 12th Regiment York Rangers and took part in the quelling of the Riel Rebellion. He operated a grocery store at Baldwin for the past 66 years.

Have You Invested In Artificial Ice?



The thermometer is climbing slowly towards the \$50,000 goal which will mean skating for everybody in the district.

Your investment in our Arena will provide ice in our Arena on October 1, just 3 1/2 months away!

Help reach the objective by sending your cheque to the Richmond Hill Arena Association, c/o Bank of Nova Scotia.

You also can contribute by attending the big "WRESTLING FOR ICE" show next Thursday at the Arena.

Hospital Realizes \$1300 From Dance

The York County Hospital Building Fund is \$1,300 richer thanks to the proceeds received from a ball dance held last week in the barn dance hall at the Glenville Farms, located at R. R. 2 King township.

1150 people paid \$1.00 admission each, while two district orchestras dined their services free of charge. A large throng of happy dancers crowded the upper floor of the barn during the evening where they enjoyed round and square dancing, Downstairs in what later will be the stables various games and concessions were set up.

With every organization in Newmarket represented at the event, the committee in charge of the dance was headed by Mr. J. Kudelka, farm manager.

Mr. C. A. Cuthers, chairman of the Building Fund announced during the dance that the total fund has now passed the \$500,000 mark.

Markham Twp. Reviews Its Policy On Park Land

There is a distinct possibility that the residents of Markham Township, may have another community park within the foreseeable future. Present municipal legislation provides that when the 95 acres still remaining in the former Gamble farm, located in Highland Park, are sold, the subdivider must donate 5 per cent of the land for park or school purposes.

The whole subject of township park facilities was discussed at Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council. Mr. B. Campbell, a delegate from the Highland Park Association, conferred with Council regarding its policy towards the establishment and maintenance of a park system.

In presenting his brief Mr. Campbell stated, "We feel that with the township growing so rapidly, and particularly in Concession 1, if no definite steps are taken soon, we shall find ourselves in the same position as North York, where no land has been set aside for park purposes."

Reeve A. LeMasurier outlined Council's policy with regard to the establishment of park areas. As a condition of development of any new subdivision Council requires that the subdivider must agree to donate free of charge to the municipality 5 per cent of the land for use in parks or schools. Council feels that the land so donated is not satisfactory for park purposes, it has the power to sell the property and place the selling price in a trust fund for use in purchasing larger park facilities elsewhere in the municipality.

There are also a certain number of community centres throughout the township. Such centres are located for example at Cedar Grove and at Unionville. The most notable community centre, Crosby Memorial Park at Unionville, provides excellent facilities for both winter and summer sports.

Concentrate On Small Parks Mr. Campbell advocated that the township concentrate on a number of small parks in preference to several large ones. Reeve LeMasurier felt it would not be economically feasible to have a park in every subdivision. He pointed out the expense of expropriation and the removal of already existing buildings.

At present the matter of parks is under the direction of Council and the Planning Board. Markham has not yet reached the setting-up of a five-member Parks Board as permitted under the Public Parks Act is warranted. In lieu of an official Parks Board, Mr. Campbell suggested that members consider the setting-up of a Parks Committee to make a general survey of the whole township, with special reference to park maintenance.

On the suggestion of Council, Mr. Campbell will consult the Provincial Government regarding the grant structure for parks, and also confer with officials of the Unionville Community Centre on the operation of such an organization.

Curtain Club Plans Series Summer Drama Classes

Growing interest is becoming apparent in the new local drama group being started in Richmond Hill with Mr. John P. G. Grosvenor of Centre St. as the Director of Productions.

"The Curtain Club" was voted as the name for this group by Mr. Stuart Parker in the chair, the "charter members" met last Tuesday in the largest meeting so far. With an executive committee elected from the original interested group, the Curtain Club is looking for interested members to make their proposed Fall production an assured success. In this new community effort there is a place for everyone... for those who want to get busy with hammer and saw and make "exotic scenery", those skilled with scissors and needles, for those who want to act, for teen-agers wanting the basis of sound training. To encourage family participation there are special family fees for two or more members of a family. And for those who feel interested but unable to take active part in production work stimulating Fall program of social activities and play study is being planned.

First Money Amid applause and cheers Business Manager Alf McLatchy handed the Curtain Club treasurer, Gordon Lewis, the Club's first money! at the last meeting. "For myself, my wife and my daughter" said the first paid up member.

Following a series of auditions, John Grosvenor will be instructing in Summer classes in acting; Voice Production, Miming, Stage Movement, Make-up. Marcus Dowding will get technical members busy on the double job of "do and learn" as they start on flat construction and lighting technique. The Junior Group of the Curtain Club will be working at the same time more or less independently of the senior members, putting on their own productions and having separate classes; but benefiting by the family membership policy and by Mr. Grosvenor's experience with teen-agers. Theirs will be a full program, but adjusted to fit in with the demands of their High School work. The Junior Group will meet regularly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 at the home of Mr. Grosvenor.

As interest in the venture spreads the need for accommodation grows. Mrs. Jean Thomson, Mrs. McLatchy and John Grosvenor are beginning a search for a room for regular meetings, classes and rehearsals and also a space for Construction work. The next meeting, hoped by the Executive to be the last "organizational meeting" before active dramatic work meetings begin, will be held at the home of Mr. Gordon Lewis, at Hunt's Lane, June 15 at 8:30 o'clock. All interested persons are cordially invited to this meeting.

York Bruellosis By-Law

The Townships of North Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury and Markham, having passed Bruellosis Control by-laws, the township committees and inspectors have met recently with the Veterinarians serving the farmers in these areas to get the program launched. In each of the townships, the Veterinarians have contracted to vaccinate all heifer calves six to eight months of age at three month intervals for a flat rate of \$1.00 per head without any call or mileage charge.

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Reeve Taylor Challenges Aurora's Mayor Dr. Rose Will Service Large Area



The RCMP shown ready for donkey baseball action recently in Western Canada. Canadian members of parliament, stars of radio and screen, are other notables to have competed in the hilarious game of donkey baseball.

A formal written challenge on behalf of Richmond Hill's council has been sent to Mayor Rose, Aurora, and his town's local governing body to do battle in friendly fashion on the baseball field at the Richmond Hill Fair Grounds on Friday evening, June 25, at the Lions Western Roundup. Use Live Donkeys as Mounts

It is not to be just an ordinary baseball game. Every player must ride a real live donkey. The batter must travel around the bases on a donkey and the men in the field must go after the ball mounted on a donkey and, by the way, these are trained donkeys and probably know the game as well as the players.

Councillor W. Middleton was overheard as saying "our Northern Neighbours may have been good ball players 40 years ago but would be 'pushovers' now." Councillor Middleton didn't add how long ago it was since he had played championship baseball.

Clerk Russell Lynett thought it might be sometime before there had been no word of Aurora's decision.

Noted Philanthropist Pay Impressive Tribute To Late Gordon C. Leitch

High Government officials, leading Canadian financiers, notables and friends in many walks of life thronged to Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Toronto, last Friday afternoon to pay last tribute to Gordon C. Leitch, C.B.E., president of Toronto Elevators, and of Upper Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation Co., director of a number of companies, and noted philanthropist who died on Wednesday, June 2.

The service in the Church was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jas. H. Wood, and he later acquired the park as a recreational centre, but was not spared to see them carried out.

Leitcheroff which was probably his greatest hobby, had its beginning in 1937 when he purchased a farm on the third concession, Markham from Mr. Armand Van Horne, who now lives on Centre St. In 1940 he bought the George Hoshel farm at the corner of Bayview and No. 7 Highway, and he later acquired the Carl James and Will Gohn farms. Mr. Leitch took a keen interest in developing these holdings as a general livestock farm and also great pride in his Ayrshire and Shorthorn cattle, and registered Yorkshire pigs, which have won prizes at many exhibitions. Extensive research and testing is carried on at Leitcheroff which is used as a demonstration farm by the Toronto Elevators (and has become widely known throughout eastern Canada, attracting visitors from abroad as well.

J. D. Lanthier has been the farm manager since 1940. Guy Frazer the farm foreman and many of the other 20 or more employees have been there for years too, because Mr. Leitch was a kind and considerate employer. It will be difficult to replace a man of his calibre," said Mr. Lanthier. "He took a genuine interest, not only in the men, but in their families, and we shall all miss him greatly."

Mr. Leitch who was buried in Mount Pleasant cemetery, is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. James Bayly of Brockville, Margaret and Ann at home, and one son, John D. Leitch.

Celebrate 57th Anniversary Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones of Elgin Mills who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary quietly on Wednesday, June 9. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are new residents of the community and have bought a home in the Naughton Subdivision.

Will Service Large Area Council Pay \$15,000 On Pumping Station

Matt. Smith, sub-divider for the Stan Tyndall property in Richmond Hill was allowed \$15,000, the municipality's share of the cost of construction of a sewage pumping station to be located in that area, by council at its meeting Monday night. He will pay \$300 a lot (there are 135) towards educational and other costs as well as for services, water, roads and sewers.

This agreement was first suggested by Reeve W. J. Taylor and it was generally agreed this offer was sufficient. Mr. Smith had stated at a previous meeting with council that the pump house would cost \$20,000 to build but council felt it would run higher than that amount. The pump house will serve more than just the new sub-division but the exact number has not yet been estimated.

At first there was some discussion on cutting the village's share in the pump house down to \$10,000. "I don't think the pump house would serve any more than 139 more houses, outside of the sub-division," said Councillor Perkins. "Why not drop the village's share to one-half. They said the pump house would cost \$20,000, so let's pay \$10,000."

"You can't build it for \$20,000," said Councillor Middleton. "If we're going to pay one-half, go for \$12,500." said Deputy Reeve Tomlin. "We could argue the point of what is fair, \$10,000, \$12,500 or \$15,000 but we won't really know what is fair until we're sure how many the station will serve."

Mr. Redfern said to put in a big enough main to handle the large area west to Bathurst. If the main is big enough to take the population to Bathurst, we can't go wrong to pay \$15,000," said Councillor Jones.

The original motion to pay \$15,000 towards the cost of the pumping station was moved by Councillor Middleton, seconded by Councillor Jones and carried unanimously.

Deputy Reeve Tomlin was of the opinion a local force would run into more expense with Councillor Jones stating that after the initial cost of the first year, the buying of uniforms, guns etc., "expenses shouldn't be more than \$500 at the most. A man in Richmond Hill shouldn't drive over 200 miles a month," he said.

Councillor Perkins reported on his findings from Vaughan township and his feelings toward a joint system. He said they seemed to be sympathetic but the question arose as to how the fines would be collected. Deputy Reeve Tomlin did not agree to the joint policing system where 2 or 3 municipalities used a force, stating "we want control of our own men." Councillor Jones said since our population would be increased by 3,000 very soon, "it would be better to face the facts now and get our own force before the increase."

A meeting of the Police Committee will be held on June 14 when the question will be discussed, their recommendations to be brought back to council.

Congratulate Jaycees Council expressed its appreciation to the Jaycees for distributing waste cans on Yonge Street and for painting park equipment. A vote of appreciation was presented. Reeve Taylor complimented the group for their interest in the beautification of the village.

Protest Accommodation A letter was read from Richmond Hill Women's Institute who are protesting the lack of proper accommodation at the North Yonge Bus Stop at the city limits, and asking that council protest the situation. The matter was left in the hands of Deputy Reeve Tomlin.

Council also agreed to write Jack Smith, M.P. for North York regarding high freight rates for Richmond Hill, to see if they could be lowered in "comparison to that of the Metropolitan area. Councillor Jones enquired into the tennis courts to the back of the Municipal Hall and whether they could be used as a parking lot since the club was not active this year. Council stated it would be interested in buying the lights from the club and would contact the executive regarding this matter.

Receives Estimates Council received estimates for the installation of sewers and water for the area east of the railway tracks in the village on local improvement basis. Total cost for sewers was given at \$94,372. \$55,780 to be the owners' share, and \$38,592 the village's share. This breaks down to 20 cents annual rate per foot frontage over a 20 year period. Total cost of the water would be \$70,801. \$52,935 the owners' share and \$17,866 the village's share. The breakdown runs at 19.42 cents per foot frontage for a 20 year period. Before further steps are taken this information will be forwarded to the people concerned for consideration.

Repair Arena Councillor Jones was given permission to go ahead with repairs to the east side of the arena, cost to be around \$200. He said the top walk was badly in need of repair and made a dangerous walkway for people using the arena.

King Township Seeks Industry Elton Armstrong, Reeve of King township is prepared to go out after some of the industrial growth that is happening in the Metropolitan fringe municipalities. "Our township can offer lots of local labour, good roads and railway facilities," said Mr. Armstrong, adding that the township has had an aerial map prepared showing a desirable industrial area. King is famous for its lovely views and offers large areas suitable for both large and small estates. The Reeve said that a properly organized trailer camp would be a welcome addition to the township.

A recent development in the township has been the donation of a 50 acre park site by Thornorton Bales in memory of his family. A memorial cairn is to be erected and the park area developed in the near future.

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. FRIDAY — Every Friday Bingo Army, Navy and Air Force Club, Stop 12C Yonge St., at 8 p.m. Admission 35c. LAKE WILCOX Community Hall Jamboree — Every Sunday Night 8:30 p.m. Refreshment tickets. Adults 50c, children 25c. Entertainment free. JUNE 10 — Thursday, Markham Twp. Property Owners Assoc. meeting at Cherry Hill Farm, No. 7 Highway, Unionville, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Fred G. Gardiner, O.C., Mayor of Metropolitan Toronto, will be guest speaker. JUNE 11 — Friday 1:15 p.m. Rummage sale at the North York Veterans' Hall, Stop 12C Newmarket Brook, in aid of Thornhill and District Child. JUNE 12 — Saturday 7:30 to 10 p.m. Iris Show of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society at Lions Community Hall. Everyone welcome. JUNE 13 — Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m. Visit to garden of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Little, 27 Vaughan Road,



Gordon C. Leitch

Craig, rector of Grace Church-on-the-Hill, assisted by the Rev. Canon J. E. Ward of St. Stephens Church, Dr. J. A. M. Bell, Headmaster of Appleby School, Oakville, and the Rev. S. A. R. Wood, rector of Trinity Anglican Church Thornhill, where Mr. Leitch and his family attended regularly when in residence at Leitcheroff. Mr. Leitch was at Church two Sundays before his death.

The funeral service followed the regular Anglican form with the lesson and reading of the 23rd Psalm. The Rev. Mr. Wood read the lesson and then gave a brief but moving address in which he characterized Mr. Leitch as a good man, and, as a great man. "He received that greatness and goodness from the message of our Blessed Saviour in one word, and that word is love. Few of us are wise enough to follow it, but he was one of the few," said Mr. Wood. "He loved his family, his Church, his work, his friends, and his fellow men. Mr. Leitch had tremendous faith in the future of Canada, not only because of its material possessions, but because of his deep and abiding faith in the young, and especially the young men, of this land who will make the future great. To provide the opportunities which would help these young men, was for him a passion and joy. Where so much love is given out, much is returned, and we who loved him gather to say good bye. We mourn his passing but we thank God for the contribution he has made to the life of Ontario in countless spheres, and often unknown to all but a few."

Representing the Richvale Ratepayers, Bryan Bailey and H. C. Nunn met with Vaughan Township Council on Monday to discuss the water contamination situation existing in the Richvale area.

Mr. Bailey said that at recent ratepayers' meetings, the residents in the area expressed the feeling that a municipal water supply was a logical solution to the problem, and urged that council should give this matter consideration.

Reeve Marshall McMurchy pointed out that there was a proper procedure for the establishment of a water area and advised Mr. Bailey to see if the ratepayers would be willing to raise a petition asking council to investigate the possible cost of a municipal water supply. "We need to know the sentiment of the people," said the reeve, emphasizing that municipalities cannot go ahead with a project such as this without either a request from ratepayers concerned or a certificate from the Department of Health.

Earlier in the meeting, Dr. R. M. King met with council to review the situation thus far. Dr. King said that investigations were continuing and added that government health officials might be called in to assist in the investigations.