

"The Living Desert" At The Richmond

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY -- JULY 8, 9 and 10

News From
Next Door

SUTTON: Father Vincent de Paul Prosser who lost his life in an aircraft crash in Alberta last week was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prosser of Sutton.

WOODBRIDGE: Charles E. Bradshaw, 7th concession Vaughan, recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

PICKERING: A 200-name petition has been received by council to divide the urban from the rural areas. The matter has been referred to the Municipal Board.

STOUFFVILLE: Local people are urging the establishment of a CNR commuter service to Toronto.

MARKHAM: One of the township's oldest residents, Mrs. Menno Reesor passed away recently. Born before Confederation, Mrs. Reesor was in her 91st year.

STOUFFVILLE: Council is considering parking meters for the town.

NORTH YORK: Ratepayers are advocating the establishment of a 9-ward system instead of the present 3-ward system now used for election purposes.

NEW TORONTO: Higher water rates are forecast for the area since the Metropolitan area has taken over the Public Utilities Commission.

NORTH YORK: It is expected that with the completion of a 24" water main, water rationing in the township will be lifted.

BROUGHAM: A new subdivision approved here by Pickering Twp. Council is expected to boost the population to 2,000.

SUTTON: York County Warden Jack Rye was honored at a complimentary picnic last Wednesday by the people of East Gwillimbury. Scheduled for York County Park the picnic was rained out and held in the Sutton arena. Deputy-Reeve Pegg presided and Warden Rye was presented with a suitably inscribed wrist watch and Mrs. Rye with a beautiful silver tray. Presentations were made by County Clerk J. L. Smith and township clerk Lindsay Farr. Warden Rye's outstanding service to the municipality and the County were praised by several speakers including J. E. Smith M.P., Major A. A. Mackenzie M.P.P. and County commissioner Reeve Marshall McMurtry of Vaughan.

NOBLETON: Tom Cain of Nobleton and a friend Alvin Lee of Lindsay have just returned from an eight-month tour of Europe and North Africa. After graduating from U. of T. in 1953 they made the grand tour during the past eight months and managed by hitchhiking, using every means at their disposal for transportation, and depending on the occasional friend to visit England, France, Biarritz, Spain, Portugal, Tangier, Spanish and French Morocco, Italy, Yugoslavia, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Scotland and Eire.

Big Developments Rumoured for Twp.

Councillor Mrs. K. James Hits At Proposed 3000 Acre Annexation Plan

Councillor Mrs. K. James of Markham Township Council has struck out at Markham Village's proposed annexation of 3,000 acres of Township land. Mrs. James delivered her attack at Monday's council meeting, alleging that Mr. Richard Person, a subdivider is behind the village's application to the Municipal Board.

Referring to a recent news report in a Toronto daily which stated that Mr. Person's success in two of three projects he has planned for the Township will depend on Markham Village's annexation plan, Councillor James took exception to the expenditure of public funds "in a move designed to benefit private interests." "The promoter and not the ratepayers should be the one to pay the cost of the legal action in this annexation hearing", contended Mrs. James.

Want To Annex 3000 Acres Recently Markham Village filed official notice with the Township of its intention to secure permission to annex 3,000 acres of township property. Although willing to co-operate with the village authorities, the Township felt it could not agree to the loss of such a large area.

Plans Three Developments Rumoured developments under the direction of Mr. Person include a 179-acre farmland tract in a hilly, wooded area west of Unionville and north of No. 7 Highway which has been surveyed for a proposed subdivision of 84 luxury homes on country estate lots containing two acres each. The luxury subdivision is to lie one concession west of Unionville and two concessions north of No. 7 Highway. The subdivider who owns Person Realty Ltd. and Mark-Union Development Ltd.,

Rev. A. G. Donald Inducted At Maple United Church



MRS. A. G. DONALD



REV. A. G. DONALD

In Maple United Church on July 2, Rev. Alexander G. Donald, M.C., was inducted as the minister of the Maple Circuit. Dr. Hendershot, minister of Forest Hill United Church and chairman of Toronto Centre Presbytery was in charge of the service and inducted Rev. Donald into his new field of endeavour. Rev. Bruce Miller, minister of St. James-Bond United Church, and a friend of Rev. Donald's, preached the sermon to the congregation.

Reception After the induction service a reception was held when Rev. and Mrs. Donald together with their daughters Marion and Helen had the pleasure of greeting those present.

Born in Toronto Reverend Donald was educated in Public schools and Collegiate Institute of Lindsay, Ontario and Woodstock College. He followed the newspaper profession for a number of years after graduation, serving on the editorial staffs of the Lindsay Daily Post, the Woodstock Sentinel-Review and the London Free Press.

In 46th Highlanders In the spring of 1915 he enlisted in the 92nd Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada and was transferred in 1916 to the 15th Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada in France with which regiment he served until the close of World War I. He was awarded the military cross at Hill 70 and decorated by King George V at Buckingham Palace. He was further honored by his fellow

officers by being asked to carry the regimental colors home from Germany where they had been sent by the home government at the completion of hostilities in 1918. The 15th battalion doing outpost duty in Germany east of the River Rhine.

Joined Y. M. C. A. On being discharged from the army Mr. Donald was appointed Boy's Work Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Woodstock, Ont., but retired from that office in 1923 to return to Toronto University and Knox College to prepare for the christian ministry.

On graduation in 1927 he was called to Knox United Church in Shelburne, Ont. Pastorate in Kimbourne Park Church, Toronto and St. Andrews United Church, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., followed and in 1947 Mr. Donald was called to St. John's United Church, Stratford where he enjoyed a most successful ministry.

Active in Stratford During his residence there he was chairman of the Stratford and District Ministerial Association, and the Presbytery of Perth of The United Church of Canada, a member of the Recreation Commission for the city, a member of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. and was made an honorary life member of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald have two daughters, Miss Marion Donald teacher at Regal Road Public School, Toronto who will live at the family home in Maple and Mrs. Garth Hunter, (Helen) who lives in Willowdale, North York.

Vaughan Council Passes \$58,620 June Accounts

Vaughan Township Council passed one of the largest monthly accounts to be presented in recent years at the July meeting last Monday. The accounts for June totalling \$58,620.39 represented relief, road and general accounts which are not an indication of increased spending but rather a combination of general, road and capital expenditures. The Road Department accounted for \$51,596, and represented the new township grader costing \$19,433, and an extended programme of road gravelling and oiling for the year. Gravel amounted to \$9,053 while the road oil cost \$17,979, and calcium making an additional \$858. for 20 tons. Other large amounts in the road accounts were culverts \$386, weed spray \$424.50 and street and traffic signs \$525. The monthly payroll was \$1,544 while general accounts totalled \$8,386. Welfare in the township cost \$637.

Pine Grove Water Area Council considered plans submitted by the firm of Proctor and Redfern for water mains in the Pine Grove water area. The estimated cost of the project is \$21,270 to be paid for by the owners. Council instructed the clerk to advise the ratepayers of the estimated cost and to secure their sanction to the project now that the probable cost is known. A \$3,000 drainage project for Pine Grove was also studied. As the cost is to be split four ways, Council agreed to meet with Woodbridge council regarding apportioning the amounts. The Clerk was also instructed to draw up a by-law to establish house numbering in the Ball Sub-division. It was the unanimous decision (Continued on page 3)

Village Plans For Own Police Force

A communication from E. V. McNeill, Commissioner of Provincial Police read at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill council, advised that the agreement for the policing of the municipality would terminate December 31, 1954. Recent increases in pay of provincial police has made a new agreement necessary. It was stated that under the new scale of pay Richmond Hill's police costs would be substantially increased. Richmond Hill council had already gone on record as requesting that the agreement be terminated, as it is planned to organize a local force. Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin, chairman of police committee said he would endeavour to have the agreement with provincials terminated by August 31. That date he said, should give the village ample time to advertise for applications and make appointments.

Public Meeting To Discuss Amendment

Markham Township Council will meet with the residents adjacent to the proposed new 150-home Bayview Estate subdivision located on Lot 3, Concession 2, on Monday, July 19, to discuss with them suggested changes in the present land-restrictive by-law applicable to that district. Councillors Mrs. K. James and A. Lennie both advocated the holding of a public meeting before making formal application to the Municipal Board for permission to amend the by-law. "The ratepayers in the area affected should be given every opportunity to state their views on the proposed amendment," stated Mrs. James.

The present by-law restricts residential development to lots with a minimum of two acres. This ruling makes it impossible to develop this new subdivision. Under the changes put forward by the Council, subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, residential development will be permitted on lots with 100 feet frontage and containing 15,000 square feet and lots with 150 feet frontage and containing 22,500 square feet. As a condition of development, the Colborne Construction Company has already agreed to donate free of charge to the municipality a new five-room school and to pave the roads.

Both Planning Board and the Council approved the subdivision last March. Council at that time instructed its solicitor J. D. Lucas to prepare an amending by-law as a prelude to removing the main obstacle to the project. As a means of affording everyone an opportunity of expressing their feelings on the subject prior to the Municipal Board hearing, members decided unanimously at Monday's Council meeting to hold a public meeting.

Major Development Coming Begin Soon On 239 New Homes In Richmond Acres

112 New Homes Built In Markham Tp. Over A Six Month Period

There has been a definite jump in the number of new homes erected in Markham township for the first part of this year. A report released by Building Inspector W. Craig covering the six-month period from January to June shows that 112 new homes were built in 1954 as compared with 90 new homes over a corresponding period in 1953. An overall increase of 22 new residences.

Total estimated value of all types of construction in the township over the six month period amounted to \$1,564,567., as compared to the previous year's six month total of \$1,410,050.

A breakdown of the 1954 figures are as follows: Residential, \$1,203,687.; accessory buildings, \$21,230.; public buildings, \$56,000.; commercial and industrial buildings \$281,650.

A similar breakdown for 1953 is as follows: Residential \$841,625.; accessory buildings \$23,325.; public buildings \$391,000.; commercial and industrial buildings, \$154,100.

Subway Helps Bus Profits

The new Toronto subway has boosted bus profits for North Yonge buses, and the report received this week by the municipalities showed an increase in patronage and profits for the month of April. The subway opened April 1. The North Yonge buses are operated by the TTC under agreement with the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham, Vaughan and North York. The report for April showed an operating profit of \$6,628.81 compared with a profit of \$4,548.11 for the corresponding month last year. Passenger revenue for April 1954 was \$35,368.47 compared to \$29,284.84 for April 1953, an increase of \$6,083.63 or more than twenty per cent.

Goes To Singapore

Carl Boynton of Woodbridge president of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, has been selected to be one of the Canadian delegation to attend the General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth at Singapore from August 16 to 27.

Proposed Charles Howitt Assoc. Asks For Local Public Support

The proposed Charles Howitt Recreation Association will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the school to turn the sod for the well which will be the first step towards a recreation centre for the area. This public-spirited group would like to see some concrete proof of public support by the attendance of a large representation of willing workers to help with this community project. Many have volunteered their

support to the project and the Township School Area Board has given its sanction. The organization has held two meetings to date and the purpose of the group is to promote recreation for the district by the formation of a community centre which they hope will eventually feature an ice rink for hockey and pleasure skating for the Charles Howitt area. Through the group, donations of baseball equipment and a pump house have been made by interested parties. During the summer Scrub baseball is also being sponsored by this group.

A temporary executive has been elected and it includes: Chairman S. G. Lunau, secretary W. H. Collet, treasurer and chairman of the finance committee G. Edwards, also on this committee is Mr. Mahan; project committee, G. Cooper, chairman, H. MacDonald and C. Twidale; constitutional committee, Mrs. L. J. Roothan, chairman; public relations, Mrs. J. C. Wickett, chairman.

Local Man Injured In Truck Crash

Trapped in his wrecked transport cab for three hours early last Monday, a Richmond Hill driver, watched and prayed as workers sought to free him amid dripping gasoline and fumes which stopped usual rescue methods. The driver, Len Brillinger, of Lennox Ave., Richmond Hill, had both legs crushed beneath the dash board as his transport collided with a second truck on a narrow Bailey bridge on highway No. 2 near Kingston.

Neither John William Burman of Toronto, driver of the second vehicle, nor Roland Martin of Toronto, a passenger with Brillinger, was hurt.

The crash threw the cabs of both vehicles into the rails of the bridge, John Thompson of Collins Bay, directing traffic, said both trucks approached at a high rate of speed. Rescue workers dared not use acetylene torches because of the gasoline. Shortly after 5 a.m., Brillinger was freed and taken to hospital.

Brillinger is the father of three children, Carol, six, Jackie, three, and Brenda, two. Reports indicate Mr. Brillinger is progressing favorably in Kingston-General Hospital. Further examination showed that although his legs were crushed no bones were broken. Mr. Brillinger expects to be moved home shortly.

Business Change

An important business change took place on Yonge St., Richmond Hill on July 1 when Don Thurston, shown above, took over the men's and boys' wear business from Mel Parisi. Mr. Thurston has had considerable experience in the retail business and for some time has looked on Richmond Hill as a business community of promise. He now lives in the Willowdale district, but hopes with Mrs. Thurston soon to take up residence in the village.

Mel Parisi, a progressive and popular member of the Richmond Hill business community for the past eight years is remaining here and for the present plans to take a short holiday.



DON THURSTON

ENTERTAIN BR. BOWLERS

The British Empire Bowling Team, now on a tour of Canada en route to the British Empire Games at Vancouver were entertained in this district Wednesday. Arrangements were in charge of Russell Lynett of Richmond Hill, district chairman. Following games on Newmarket greens bowlers were tendered a civic banquet by the Town of Newmarket on Wednesday evening.

A Good Place To Eat
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Reasonably Priced
RICHMOND THEATRE GRILL
Yonge St. Richmond Hill

HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Lots All Sold - Builders Wait For Planners OK

Two hundred and thirty-nine new homes ranging in cost from \$12,500. to \$14,500. will be erected this summer in Richmond Hill if provincial and metropolitan red tape planning does not delay the project. The homes will be built on Richmond Acres, the new development planned by the John A. Bailey Development Co. on what was formerly the Mackie farm.

John A. Bailey conferred at length with members of Richmond Hill municipal council Monday evening and expressed some concern at the delay in some official quarters. He has not yet received approval of the plan from the Metropolitan authority or the Provincial Planning Department. The Bailey organization has planned the development as definitely a 1954 project, and it was hoped to start the bulldozers working on July 15.

Deputy-reeve Ken Tomlin who presided at Monday's council meeting in the absence of Reeve W. J. Taylor who is on a business trip to western Canada, assured Mr. Bailey that Richmond Hill council would do everything possible to expedite the required approval. Richmond Hill village has done its part and the plan has the official approval of Richmond Hill Planning Board and Richmond Hill council. The plan must however be approved by the Metropolitan Planning authority and the Ontario Government Department of Planning.

There are 239 residential lots in the sub-division and Mr. Bailey said Monday night 226 have already been sold. They have been sold to twenty-seven different builders who will construct from 8 to 20 houses each. The selling price of the 50 foot lots was \$2,600. All the builders plan to start construction work immediately.

Under an agreement with the municipality the Bailey Development Company will pay to the village of Richmond Hill for municipal purposes the sum of \$300 on the application for each building permit in the sub-division. The Bailey Co., also will bear the cost of paved roadways, water and sewer installation in the area.

The village of Richmond Hill will construct a trunk sewer to the border of the property and plans are under way to have this work of construction started as quickly as possible. A special session with engineer Redfern and solicitor Lucas will be held this week to complete details. Mr. Bailey informed council that 3 industrial sites already have been sold and that active negotiations are under way for several others. The John A. Bailey Co., also has purchased the easterly portion of the Teetzel property in the village and has plans for the erection of 204 houses in this sub-division. Mr. Bailey, members of council and the local planning board to-day expressed confidence that any technical difficulties holding up the proposed development can be overcome, and that the work will go ahead as scheduled.

Richmond Acres has promise of becoming one of the most popular residential and industrial developments in suburban Toronto. It has been carefully planned with attractive residential streets, a large shopping area on Bayview, a park area and industrial sites along the C.N.R.

The Richmond Development Company owner of land in the north-east section of the village has asked the village how soon water and sewers might be available for residential development of their land, it is possible they may be contemplating action soon. The residents of the easterly section of Elmwood Park have petitioned council for an extension of sewer and water service in that area. The estimated cost of such installation is \$160,000 and council has applied to the Municipality Board for authority to issue debentures to cover the cost of the work.

School Results In This Issue

Full mid-summer promotion lists of the various schools in the district are published in this week's Liberal.

Richmond Hill Public School reports are to be found on page 3, while the St. Mary's Separate School results are on page 5. Other results are located as follows: Concord Public School, page 9; Maple Public School, page 11; and Carville Public School, page 7.

Examination results in Lower and Middle School for Richmond Hill District High School will be published in next week's issue.

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. tc2
FRIDAY — Every Friday Bingo Army, Navy and Air Force Club, Stop 12C Yonge St., at 8 p.m. Admission 35c. tfc49
LAKE WILCOX Community Hall Richmond — Every Sunday Night 8:30 p.m. — Refreshment tickets. Adults 50c, children 25c. Entertainment free. tfc44
EVERY MONDAY — \$100 Jackpot Bingo at Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St. at 8:15 p.m. tfc51
JULY 9 — Friday, 8 p.m. Lions Street Dance and Carnival, Main Street, Markham Village. Amusements for young and old. Come and help us to help others. The Lions count on your support. e2w1
JULY 10 — Saturday, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Annual Delphinium Show of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, in the Lions Community Hall. Colored film "Appointment with Reef." will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Public welcome. Admission free. clw2
JULY 12 — Monday. Meeting of Canadian Legion Branch 375, at Memorial Hall, Carville Road, at 8 p.m. clw2
JULY 12 — Monday. Meeting of Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. clw2
JULY 13 — Tuesday. Ice cream social and dance at Vellore Hall, sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers. Dancing to Weir's Orchestra 9-11. All the ice cream you can eat. Everyone welcome. Admission \$1.00. e2w1
JULY 14 — Wednesday. Provincial CCF nomination meeting in Firemen's Hall, Newmarket. Main speaker will be Donald McDonald, provincial CCF leader. All are welcome. clw2
JULY 21 — Wednesday. North York Veterans Social Club Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a Garden Party and Bake Sale at 37 Crestwood Road (first street north of Steeles, west side of Yonge) from 1:30 to 4 p.m. 50c adults, 25c children. e2w2