

Winners Of Baking Contest

Mrs. Hilda Skippon, Yonge-hurst Road, won several prizes for her baking at the CNE this year...

Announce Carnival Success

Richmond Hill Lions Club held the first meeting of the season last Thursday evening...

Area Schools Honoured

T.S.A. No. 1 Markham and Vaughan Schools and Music Supervisor, Hugh Martin, will be honoured...

Addition To Business Section

Mr. Mervin Charlton well known local boy has officially taken over the F. C. Brathwaite hardware located at 13 Yonge Street South...

Wins Gold Medal

Peer Norgaard, senior student at Richmond Hill District High School, was awarded a gold medal at the Canadian National Exhibition...

Coming Events

NOTICE - The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion has changed the night of their euechres from Monday to Tuesday nights...

The Liberal

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In all Things, Charity."

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Total Enrollment R. H. Public School Now 870

Principal Walter Scott has set the completed enrollment figures for the Richmond Hill Public School at 870 pupils...

Registration in the kindergarten was set at 105 children, with several June registrations yet to report...

The Board is still counting on the possibility that several rooms of the new 11-room O. M. MacKillop memorial school will be ready for occupancy by Christmas...

Chairman James Pollard and Trustee S. Tinker will meet with the Village Council this week to consider traffic problems relating to the main school...

Chief Robbins stated it is proving difficult to locate a satisfactory guard to take over the responsibility. The trustees are anxious that Council consider the erection of school warning signs on Yonge Street...

The Board was saddened to hear that Miss Ethel Thomas, a Grade 5 teacher, has been stricken with polio...

In a vote of thanks to Principal Scott, the trustees have expressed their appreciation for the fine way in which he has handled the organization of the large student population under difficult circumstances...

1200 New Homes Coming

Large Scale Development To Double Village Population

Fall Meeting Property Owners

The first Fall meeting of Markham Township Property Owners Assn. will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. at "Cherry Hill Farm"...

Local Kinsmen Club Entertains Guests

The inaugural meeting of the new "Kin" year was held by Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club at Betty's Coffee Shop last Thursday evening when local Kinsmen entertained two prominent guests...

Tag Day

Saturday, September 18 will be Tag Day for the LTB and Orange Home. Taggers will be on the streets in Richmond Hill on Saturday morning and members of the community are asked to contribute generously to this worthy cause...

650 Students Registered At Local District High School

When Richmond Hill District High School Board met last Monday a large portion of the agenda dealt with personnel matters and changes in routine to facilitate the smooth running of the new shift system now in operation at the school...

In his report, Principal A. S. Elson reported that the attendance in the two shifts was slightly out of balance with 227 attending the Thornhill shift and 375 the Richmond Hill shift. There are 45 students in Upper School this year. With present registration at about 650 and more registrations each day, Mr. Elson expects that attendance will be close to the estimated 675...

The Board approved an increase in salary for the cafeteria staff for the additional hours put in due to the new system. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. D. Pette as assistant secretary of the school. It was decided that in selecting a new secretary, preference would be given to a secretary who would be able to transfer to Thornhill when the new school is opened. A committee was set up to investigate the implementation of a requisition system for the purchase of all school supplies...

York County Winners



Jersey breeders in York County were able to carry off the 1st prize at the Championship Show, which was held at the Canadian National Exhibition. The photograph above shows Mrs. Eldred Bennett, wife of the president of the Ontario Jersey Club (centre), presenting the 1st prize banner to (left) Mrs. Alfred Bagg, Edgeley, Ontario, and (right) Mrs. Francis Redelmeier, Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill.

Group Seeking Old Sch. For Retarded Children

A delegation composed of Mrs. Swindle, Mr. Coghill and Mr. Ketola, representing a Thornhill Group, appeared before Markham Township Council Monday evening asking for some assistance to influence the school board of School Area No. 1 Markham & Vaughan to allow them to make use of an unused brick school house (the old Thornlea school) for classes for retarded children. The particular building they desire, has not been used now for four years due to the erection of new and more modern buildings. Mrs. Swindle told council that at the present time seven children are being given instruction at a cost to their parents of \$2.50 per week each. However, she said that no child was turned away if unable to pay. "In other words the service is free for some," commented reeve A. LeMasurier. The delegation stated that they had been unable to secure the use of the building, the school board stating that it would be sold by tender and these were being received until September 25. "I can't imagine the School Board turning you down," commented reeve LeMasurier. "We gave you a small donation earlier on just to show that we were morally behind this wonderful project," he continued. The spokesman went on to say that the government grant for a school for retarded children was \$250.00 per pupil a year and the group operating the school had to make up the balance of cost. Some help had been forthcoming from the Lions Club, they said. They also revealed that the district public school inspector was a member of the committee. "He should be able to influence this Board," commented deputy-reeve W. Clark. Council took the view that the school board was at least partially responsible for these children and the operation of such a school by a private group was only lessening their responsibility. "The building went up for sale just as soon as we asked for it," declared Mrs. Swindle. "The School Act states that the Board should secure accommodation for these children," she said. "Well we're morally behind you and I can't imagine why the Board would turn you down, in fact the school inspector told me he would approve of the use of this building, and I suggest you go back to the Board and make another appeal," stated reeve LeMasurier in summing up the discussion. This delegation agreed to do.

"Get Rid of Baby Sitting" - Taylor

Area Board Now Paying \$1300 Each Month Transportation Costs

The Board of Township School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan is now faced with an approximate \$900, a month increase in transportation costs over last year with no relief in view until the additions have been completed at Henderson Avenue and Charles Howitt schools. The completion date for Charles Howitt has been guaranteed for Sept. 30 and it is expected the Henderson addition will be ready in two or three months time. Trustees approved the engaging of a fourth bus at their meeting Tuesday night, until relief comes from the completion of the addition to be left to the discretion of Supervising Principal, David Smith. The addition to Henderson Avenue will be four rooms and to Howitt two rooms. At present these schools are on a staggered schedule. The reason for the increase in transportation costs is attributed to the fact that the buses used by Richmond Hill District High School were used by the Board last year and cost of this system was considerably lower. It was revealed at the meeting that transportation costs per month have now reached \$1300, compared to \$400, per month last year. To combat this problem the Board decided to ask Grade 7 and 8 pupils from the Boyle subdivision, Langstaff, to walk to school for the next few weeks, in present weather conditions only, until the Howitt addition is completed. Trustees specified they still adhered strictly to their policy of safety on Yonge Street and felt these pupils would not be endangered by this move which will result in a temporary situation only. If these children will (Continued on page 3)

Municipal Business Outgrows Present Quarters And Council Plans A New Office Building

Residential development on a very large scale in Richmond Hill Village is now well under way and present plans call for more than twelve hundred new homes within the next year or two. Work is actually under way in two large subdivisions, in two others everything is ready to go and plans for the fifth are advancing so rapidly that it is hoped excavations for new houses will start before October 31.

This great building boom in the village will add an estimated four thousand to the present village population of more than 3300. Meeting in regular session Monday night Reeve W. J. Taylor and members of the municipal council grappled with the many problems of expansion and will meet twice more this week so great is accumulation of urgent business.

To meet the needs of the rapidly expanding community council must provide the necessary services, and this will mean extensions to the water mains, and sewers and likely an addition to the sewage disposal plant.

Office space at the Municipal Hall is already at a premium and looking to the future council Monday night authorized Councillor Middleton to secure plans for the erection of new office space. It has been suggested that a one storey office building be erected in front of the present municipal building.

The present municipal building had been delayed by difficulty securing qualified workmen to carry out the lettering. The clerk was instructed to advise the Horticultural Society that council did not plan any structural change in the Memorial and that the Society has the permission of council to proceed at once with landscaping work which the organization has been planning for some time.

Chairman James Pollard and Trustee Stan Tinker of the Public School Board interviewed council and suggested that safety warning signs be erected on Mill Street at Lucas Street. It was pointed out that with the completion of the new public school there would be a heavy student traffic in this area. Council members readily concurred in the suggestion and suitable signs will be erected under the supervision of the Police.

Council accepted the tender of Paul Street for the construction of a new sidewalk on Lucas St. and the repair of several stretches of walk throughout the village. Reeve Taylor said he hoped the work would get under way as soon as possible.

A report from the International Water Supply Co. was very satisfactory and indicated that Richmond Hill with its great expansion program need not fear a water shortage. The report stated that recent test holes gave indication of ample supply to supplement existing wells.

A communication from T. N. Phelan, representing Mrs. Stephens claimed that the Richmond Hill disposal plant was contaminating a stream through her property and action was threatened unless the practice was stopped. The letter was referred to the village solicitor and council members pointed out that everything in connection with the disposal plant operation had been inspected by the Health authorities.

Deputy-Reeve Ken W. Tomlin, chairman of the Police Commission announced that a meeting of the Commission would be held this week with Chief Robbins and Constable Hargan, and he invited members of council to attend and bring up any matters pertaining to police department.

A report from the TTC showed an operating profit on the North Yonge bus line of \$3,494.64 for July, compared with a profit of \$642.27 for July 1953. Engineering problems facing council and engineers at the moment include deciding the most economical route for the trunk sewer and the widening of the Centre Street crossing at the C.N.R.

Reeve Taylor announced that arrangements have been made for the carving of names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in world war II on the memorial. Regret was expressed that this work

Lake Wilcox Trustees Rent Five Classrooms In Aurora

The Trustees of Lake Wilcox Public School Board have announced that five class rooms have been rented in the old Public School in Aurora for the school year. The rent will be \$100, per month for the five rooms, in addition to the cost of heating, \$145, per month which will be borne by the ratepayers. Rent for three rooms last year amounted to \$90, per month. To these figures add the cost of bus transportation and it means a heavy drain on taxpayers. As the Department of Education does not pay grants on temporary accommodation, these expenses will all be drawn from the Trustees levy. Plan Addition Plans are in the making for an addition to the Lake Wilcox School but as yet no approval has been received from the Ontario Municipal Board. Trustees do not expect the proposed addition would be ready before Easter. The School at Lake Wilcox which was opened in 1950 was overcrowded on opening day and trustees have been faced with the problem of providing increased temporary accommodation each year, at an increasing cost to the ratepayers.