

NORTH YORK: Building Inspector J. Garlick reports a \$14 million increase in building in 1954. Last year 3,160 permits were issued for construction valued at \$83,866,977.00.

NORTH YORK: Work on the \$193,000 swimming pool at the Community Centre will begin as soon as Ontario Municipal Board approval for a \$150,000 venture is received. The \$43,000 balance is to be raised by public subscription.

NEWMARKET: Earl Foote was elected chairman of the Toronto and Yorks Road Commission last week. He is a former Warden of York County and is starting his 5th year on the commission.

STOUFFVILLE: The local Lions Club has presented a wheel chair to the Briarhush Nursing Home.

PICKERING: Township Council has agreed that the municipality should not be responsible for paying fire costs for the fire brigade attending automobile fires.

NORTH YORK: An explosion which wrecked the furnace of the McKee Ave. School compelled 450 students to take a holiday all last week.

Receives Salvaged Letter Last week, Mrs. Sidney Hunt of Richmond Hill received a long delayed letter from her mother in Sussex, England. The letter was badly scorched and was marked "Salvage Mail, air crash 25/12/54, Prestwick, Scotland". The letter had been salvaged from the disastrous air crash in December at Prestwick which took 28 lives.

Kin Wives Form Village Kinettes A ladies branch of the Kinsmen Club has recently been formed in Richmond Hill. The Kinettes in close liaison with the Kinsmen Club and in other areas of Canada where they are active, are reported to be doing exceptional work in the community service field. Kinettes membership is limited to the wives of the Kinsmen members.

The executive for this inaugural season is: President, Mrs. Shirley Hicks; vice-president, Mrs. Peggy Donaldson; secretary, Mrs. Iva White; treasurer, Mrs. Laune Swanson. The first project of the group will be a local collection for the March of Dimes. The official canvass of the area will take place on January 31.

Coming Events

- EVERY MONDAY - Bingo. \$225 Jackpot. Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St. Richvale at 8:15 p.m. clw30
EVERY THURSDAY - Bingo. sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night.
JANUARY 21 - Friday. Hard Times dance at Oak Ridges School. Admission 50c. Winter Queen Contest. clw30
JANUARY 21 - Friday. Euchre and bridge at Buttonville Hall at 8 p.m., proceeds for gifts to be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society Christmas Gift Cupboard. Good prizes. Draw for turkeys. Refreshments. Admission 50c. Help this worthy project. clw30
JANUARY 22 - Saturday. St. John's Bingo, Newmarket Town Hall. Jackpot \$250.00. 8 p.m. Admission 25c. clw30
JANUARY 22 - Saturday at 8 p.m. Progressive Euchre in the Edgeley Community Hall. Auxiliaries 1st Concord Scout and Cub Group. clw30
JANUARY 24 - Monday. Richmond Hill Community Swing in High School Auditorium 9-11 p.m. Music by the High School Orchestra. clw30
JANUARY 25 - Tuesday 8:30 p.m. Oak Ridges Public School, B.O. Admission 35c, 15 games. Jackpot. clw30
JANUARY 25 - Tuesday at 8 p.m. January meeting of the Concord Scout and Cub Mothers' Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Warwick, No. 7 Highway. All Scout and Cub mothers are invited to be present at this meeting. clw30
JANUARY 25 - Tuesday. Support the Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary of Scouts and Cubs Theatre night at the Richmond Theatre, "Man With a Million", starring Gregory Peck; January 27, Thursday, "Knock on Wood", starring Danny Kaye. clw30
JANUARY 25 - Tuesday 8:15 p.m. Burns Night at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Mr. John Cowan will speak on "The Poetry, Pity and Piety of Robert Burns". Scottish music. Refreshments. Admission 50c. clw30
JANUARY 27 - Thursday. General meeting of Kingcrafts at

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IT'S RESULTS THAT COUNT and "Liberal" WANT ADS Bring Results Phone TU. 4-1261 HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

1955 R. Hill Public School Board



Grouped around the Board table at their inaugural meeting are the members of the 1955 Richmond Hill Public School Board, as they prepare to commence another year's activities. Seated left to right are Trustee Stan Tinker, Trustee Dick Mills, Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Chairman

James Pollard, Secretary James Grainger and Trustee Robert Ross. Missing when the picture was taken is Trustee Cecil Mabley. The Board holds its regular monthly meetings in the public school the second Thursday of each month. -Photo by Lagerquist

C. J. Laurin, Planning Board Chairman

Mr. C. J. Laurin has been elected Chairman of the 1955 Markham Twp. Planning Board. Mr. Laurin, who resides at Box Grove, was first appointed to the Board a year ago. Elected to serve with Mr. Laurin as vice-chairman was Dr. D. Tanner. Dr. Tanner served as Board Chairman from 1952 up until the present. Other members of the Board include Mr. C. F. T. Rounthwaite, Mr. F. Brumwell and Reeve Alfred LeMasurier.

Extends Parking By-Laws

Clamp Down On Traffic Tie-Ups In Busy Areas

Richmond Hill council Monday night extended present by-laws prohibiting parking in congested areas on Centre, Lorne and Arnold Streets in the village with the hope of relieving the traffic tie-ups in this area during busy periods. On Centre Street, parking will be prohibited 150 feet, west from Yonge, on the north side, and west from Yonge to Elizabeth on the south side; east from Yonge to Church on the north side with the exception of Sundays, and 150 feet east from Yonge on the south side at all times. Parking will now be prohibited on both the north and south sides of Lorne Avenue, east from Yonge to Church. Council pointed out that there is ample space in the park area to handle parking needs. On Arnold, parking will be prohibited 50 feet west from Yonge on the south side, and 150 feet west from Yonge on the north side.

Vaughan Township Council

School Board Protests Use Of Police As Truant Officer

In a letter sent to Vaughan Township Council last Monday, the Trustees of Pine Grove public school expressed disapproval of the township system of appointing a member of the township police force as attendance officer. The Board's letter stated that the matter had been a subject of discussion at the recent annual school meeting at which time, the letter asserted, a number of parents objected to a uniformed police officer calling at homes regarding attendance for the township. However, the fee does not include the handling of delinquents and reserves the right to call in additional council. Touching briefly on claims being made by farmers for fences lost or damaged during the October hurricane, Council was advised by clerk James McDonald that all farm claims were to be referred to Mr. Cockburn, Dept. of Agriculture representative at Newmarket. A letter received from Crowland Township council asked Vaughan council to endorse a resolution to the Federal government requesting a 50 per cent increase in unemployment insurance legislation to embrace all unemployed people and a change in the unemployment benefit time schedule. Council took no action on the request as the matter is already under consideration. A petition from a resident of Crestwood road regarding heavy trucks using a residential area as a depot was referred to the township solicitor. Dump Council agreed to the installing of a telephone at the township dump. The phone will be for the use of the dump attendant and will make it possible to contact the township office and the police in enforcing dumping regulations. The police will be asked to investigate the smashing of the lock at the dump last Saturday afternoon. "It looks as if we will have to get tough over this dump business yet" commented Reeve McMurchy. NORTH YORK: Council authorized an application to be made to the Ontario Legislature at the forthcoming Session for enabling legislation with respect to the alteration of the Constitution of the Public School Board; permission to construct and maintain swimming pools on school property; and the declaration that the Township of North York is an urban area, pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act

No Charge For Site

Local Public School Bd. To Erect New 8 Room School

Ralph Corner York Warden For 1955

Ralph Corner, the genial and popular Reeve of Georgina Twp. was the unanimous choice as York County Warden at the opening County Council session on Tuesday. Warden Corner was nominated by Reeve W. J. Taylor of Richmond Hill and seconded by Reeve Alf. LeMasurier of Markham Township.

Others nominated for Warden were Reeve Marshall McMurchy of Vaughan Township and Reeve Ivan McLaughlin of Whitechurch Twp. Both withdrew in favor of Reeve Corner. Warden Corner is a native son of Georgina Township, and is a successful builder and contractor. Traditional ceremonies marked the County Council session opening.

Seek Further Seat-Tax Exemption

At a recent meeting of Vaughan Township Council it was agreed to press the matter of a further TTC Seat Tax exemption. The tax which amounts to 1/20 of 1c per mile was initiated 5 years ago when the street cars were removed from the North Yonge system and replaced by busses. Because the Department of Highways was interested in disposing of the trolleys to facilitate the widening of Yonge Street, Department officials agreed to exempt North Yonge municipalities for a period of five years. Vaughan Councilors will now attempt to have an extension of the tax exemption. If the tax is reinstated this year, it will cost the townships of Vaughan and Markham and the village of Richmond Hill approximately \$6,000 annually.

Markham Twp.

Delegations Must Now Give Three Days Notice

In future any delegations wishing to wait on Markham township Council will have to make their intentions known three days in advance. A written notice notifying Council is to be filed with the township Clerk within the prescribed period. A move by Councillor V. Griffin to have the period of notification extended to seven days failed to gain the support of a majority of Council. When introducing his original motion requiring notification, Councillor Griffin stated that it was unfair for the members to have a problem thrust on them without prior notice. While generally accepting the principal of written notice, Reeve A. Little and D. Deacon were opposed to extending the required period of notification to seven days. "I feel a week's notice would prove too rigid and in the long run it could easily prove more of a hindrance than a help" stated Reeve LeMasurier. In the past Council received delegations without prior notice and if unable to solve their problem at that time they'd refer the matter to the appropriate Committee or administrative official for investigation.

Road Budget

Council has received word from the Department of Highways that the Province will approve a maximum of \$150,000 for grant purposes for this year's road expenditures. The township must have its completed 1955 Road Budget into the Department by the end of March. This year's approved figure is slightly lower than Markham's 1954 road budget of \$153,000. The Province pays 50% subsidy on all approved road costs and 80% on all bridges. The real problem facing the township is how to finance the repair work necessitated by the devastation wrought by Hurricane Hazel. With the approval of the Province the township has already floated a supplementary by-law for \$76,000 to cover part of this work. Township Engineer J. Howard estimates that an additional \$200,000 is required to restore the remainder of the

Hope Two Rooms In O. M. MacKillop Sch. Ready By End Month

The Richmond Hill Public School Board hopes to have a new 8-room school ready for occupancy this coming September. The rapid growth throughout the area necessitates the erection of addition facilities. Present plans call for work to begin on the new school in April or May depending on weather conditions. This latest building will be erected on a 6-acre site located in the Allencourt Subdivision. The actual site will front for approximately 500 feet along Markham Road. The Allencourt Subdivision contains 62 1/2 acres and is bounded by the Markham Road and Bayview Avenue. The main development will be along residential lines. No Charge for School Site The School Board secured the school site free as the property was donated to the municipality. The Allencourt firm was only legally required to donate a total of 3.1 acres. The Province states that a subdivision must donate 5% of its proposed area for use in either school or park purposes. At Thursday's Inaugural meeting the Board interviewed two firms of architects preparatory to selecting architects for the new school. Representatives attending included the firm of Jackson and Ypes architects, Willowdale and also two members of the firm of Pentland and Baker, architects in Toronto. Both firms presented detailed layouts to the Board. Estimated cost per classroom varied from \$11,500 to \$13,000. 8 Rooms for \$89,000 The firm of Jackson and Ypes with several radical departures in the heating system stated they could erect a new 8 room school for approximately \$89,000 or a 10 room school for \$108,000.00. The figures quoted by the firm of Pentland and Baker were somewhat higher. The school will be constructed in such a way as to allow the addition of extra classrooms if required. The Trustees plan to interview at least two other firms of architects before reaching any final decision. With the building of this 8-room school in the south-east

Present School Crossing Signs

At a meeting of the Richmond Hill Jaycees last Tuesday, Jaycee Warren Hall presented two sets of crossing signs to Trustee Dick Mills, Richmond Hill Public School Board and Trustee Wm. McQuillan, St. Mary's Separate School. The traffic warning signs which are in the form of a life-size policeman were supplied through the courtesy of the Coca Cola Company and are to be placed on Yonge St. in front of the two schools during crossing hours.

Agricultural Meeting

Directors of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society report that the annual meeting of the Society will be held this year on Saturday, January 29. The meeting will be held as usual at the Municipal Hall and will begin at 2 p.m.

County Commissioner For 1955



Richmond Hill's Reeve, who yesterday was unanimously elected County Commissioner on the first ballot. The second commissioner unanimously elected was Reeve Elton Armstrong, the Reeve of King Township. The two Commissioners with the Warden constitute the County of York Executive for the year 1955. The Warden for 1955 is Reeve Ralph Corner of Georgina Township. The honour of a Commissionership conferred on Reeve Taylor is the first to come to Richmond Hill since 1923 when Ex-Reeve T. H. Trench was a County Commissioner.

Locate Good Water Flow Near Richvale Public School

This week, International Water Supply, has found what is hoped will be a solution to the water contamination problem in the Richvale area. The third test hole sunk has resulted in the locating of what appears to be a sufficient source of water supply for the area. The well is reported to be producing 20 gallons per minute. The test hole was sunk on the Richvale school property, Spruce Avenue about 50 feet from the school well. While the distance between the two wells is quite close, the water in each case has been located at an entirely different level. Reporting to Vaughan township council last Monday, Bryan Bailey said that all the money for drilling had now been spent and added that hope was almost given up when the heavy flow was located. Further reports and tests are being made before the source can be fully confirmed. Providing the water supply seems satisfactory, the next step in securing a Richvale water system will be to determine the cost of a system and to obtain another petition from residents regarding the installation of a proper system.