

News From Next Door

STOUFFVILLE: Construction has started on a new picnic shelter, 26' x 80' and a new refreshment booth, the gift of Art Latham.

RINGWOOD — The 100-year-old Grove General Store here has been sold to Ken Phillips of Stouffville.

MARKHAM: The century-old house belonging to Clifford Raymond was moved a quarter mile along the Mount Joy sidewalk last week to make way for a new service station on Highway 48. The family continued to live in the house during the week-long operation.

STOUFFVILLE: Council has voted in favour of retaining the services of the Ontario Provincial Police.

PICKERING: The tax department has recently collected over \$14,000 in back taxes. There is \$63,000 still outstanding.

Grant To Retarded Children

The Board of T.S.A. No. 1 Tuesday night agreed to pay Thornhill School for Retarded Children a grant of \$10 per month for each of the six pupils from the Area attending the school, payments to commence next September.

Trustees in favour of changing the school desks to sizes required by the pupils. The Board will also send the maintenance staff, at the end of the present school term, to refurbish the building.

The organization will mark the completion of its first year of organization this June.

Pass Agreement

Trustees passed the agreement which was drawn up between the Board and the Charles Howitt Recreation Association and asked for a meeting with representatives of the association next week to sign the agreement.

Path In Operation

It was reported at the meeting the footpath leading to Langstaff Public School would go into operation today. A second footpath is being planned for the Markham side and negotiations are being carried on at present with the owners.

Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY — Bingo held at Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A Yonge St., Richvale, at 8.15 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY — Euchre in the Legion Hall, Carrville Road West, Richvale at 8 p.m. Admission 35c.

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night.

MAY 14 — Saturday. Waste Paper Collection. Richmond Hill Boy Scouts. Covering Village east from Yonge. Householders please leave bundles tied firmly and placed outside of house not later than 9 a.m.

MAY 16 — Monday at 1 p.m. at the Army, Navy and Air Force Hall, 6357 Yonge St. Stop 12C, a rummage and bake sale, also White Elephant, sponsored by Army, Navy, Air Force Ladies Auxiliary 79.

MAY 17 — Tuesday. Oak Ridges Community Centre final Jumbo Bingo at Oak Ridges Public School 8.30. Admission 35c. Jackpot given out this night. Many good prizes.

MAY 18 — Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thornhill Baptist Church visit of Toronto Baptist Choral Society, sponsored by Women's Mission Circle. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy an evening of fine music.

MAY 20 — Rummage sale under auspices Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children at North York Veterans Hall, Stop 12C Yonge St. 1.30 p.m.

MAY 23 — Monday. Victoria Day. Richmond Hill Annual Spring Fair. Horse Show and many featured attractions. Dance in Arena at night.

MAY 21 — Saturday. The first annual bazaar sponsored by the teachers, pupils and members of Gormley Home and School Association will be held on the school grounds, S. S. 7 Markham, Don Mills Rd., at Gormley, 1-6 p.m. Home baking, rummage table, white elephants, home sewing, fish pond for children, horse shoes for men, tea and cookies for the ladies. Everyone welcome.

JUNE 22 — Wednesday. Teston United Church Strawberry Festival. Watch for further notice.

MAY 28 — Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Hope United Church and Hope Community and School Club Tea, Bake Sale, White Elephant Table and a display of kitchen conveniences.

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HOME-PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878



Mrs. Donald Felker, daughter of the late O. M. MacKillop is shown, assisted by the Deputy-Minister of Education, Dr. C. F. Cannon, as she cuts the ribbon to officially open the new 10-room school on Lucas Street, Richmond Hill, dedicated to the memory of her father, who was Inspector of Public Schools for the northern part of York County from 1943 until the time of his death on March 9, 1953.

Also participating in the opening ceremonies were Rev. C. G. Higginson, at left, minister of Richmond Hill United Church, Principal Walter Scott, Board Chairman James Pollard, and Reeve W. J. Taylor, Richmond Hill.

The ceremony took place in the foyer of the school where a large representation assembled for the occasion.

— photo by Lagerquist

Dream Comes True

A recent feature article in The Liberal has resulted in a dream-come-true offer for 11 year old Joan Timbers of Locust Hill. Several weeks ago a feature story written by Liberal correspondent, Elizabeth Sumner of Thornhill about the Farmers' Market at Thornhill told about Joan Timbers, who despite her tender years, is an old timer at the market, where she draws poultry. When asked about her work at the Market, Joan told The Liberal that she was saving all her earnings for a coveted accordion.

Don Fairbairn, commentator on the Neighbourly News Broadcast, heard every Sunday morning over C.B.L., picked up the item from the Lib and used it on his broadcast, mentioning Joan's objective. Well it appears that Neighbourly News has an international appeal, for a listener in Kenmore, New York, heard the broadcast and immediately wrote to Don Fairbairn offering an accordion to Joan. In his letter, Frank S. McCullough of 429 Southwood Dr. Kenmore, said that he had an Italian accordion which was no longer used and that he would be very happy to give it to this deserving girl.

Joan and her family were overjoyed at the news. Needless to say, Joan is looking forward to the day in the very near future when she will achieve this coveted goal. The Liberal is pleased to co-operate with Don Fairbairn in arranging shipment and customs passage for the instrument.

There are many ways of maintaining good international relations between neighbouring countries such as Canada and the United States on high government levels, but it appears that goodwill between the average citizens of both countries, good-will such as this kind deed to a little girl, can do more to foster the friendly type of international relations than all sorts of high level conferences.

Historic Congregation

United Church Building Erected 75 Years Ago Cost Of Only \$17,000

On Sunday, May 15, the congregation of Richmond Hill United Church will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the present church building. Erected in 1880, the present structure with its tall gothic spire is a landmark of the village and can be seen from miles around. Marking this anniversary occasion the guest preacher at the morning service will be the Rev. Dr. Harold Young, formerly of St. Paul's Avenue Road Church, Toronto. At the evening service, the Rev. C. G. Higginson, incumbent minister, will speak.



Oliver Crockford, Reeve of Scarborough township and prominent in municipal affairs in the Metropolitan area will be the guest speaker at the nomination meeting of the North York Liberal Association to be held this Friday, May 13, in the Newmarket Town Hall.

Mr. Crockford has continually been a strong opponent of the Provincial government's controversial Bill 80 which created Metropolitan Toronto. He is the Liberal provincial candidate in Scarborough riding and will contest that riding on behalf of the Liberal party in the June 9 Ontario election.

The present United Church congregation had its beginnings over a century-and-a-half ago. One of the first Methodists to locate in the immediate area was Baiser Munshaw who came to Canada in 1792 and settled at what is now Elgin Mills. Actually the first religious services held in the village started through the energies of Rev. Wm. Jenkins, a Presbyterian clergyman, and were first held in a where the present Richmond Hill Cemetery stands. Previous to the erection of the first Presbyterian church, the religiously disposed element of the village met in the old log school house located on the present school site. These services which were started in 1803 were for both the Presbyterian and the Methodist and were conducted by ministers of either denomination.

Yonge St. Circuit
Active in establishing this Yonge Street Circuit as it was known were Rev. Nathan Bangs and Presiding Elder Jewel. By 1805 the circuit was reported as consisting of the area which now contains the townships of East and West York, Etobicoke, Markham, Vaughan King, Whit-church and the Gwillimburys under the authority of a letter from the crown.

First Church
In 1821 a church was erected by united labour of the district on a site given by James Miles. The first church was known as (Continued on page 9)

S. W. Corner Markham

Study Two Million Dollar Water And Sewage Plan

Preliminary plans for an extensive two million dollar water and sewage development to serve the southwest corner of Markham Township was presented to Council Monday by the Township's Water and Sanitation Committee (Councillors V. Griffin and D. Deacon) and consulting engineers R. Scrivener and H. Babcock.

Under the proposed plan which is still in its initial stages, owners of several proposed new subdivisions in the water area would be asked to bear approximately one-half of the total cost of installing such a system. The remaining half would be borne by the present property owners in the area.

The tentative area includes Highland Park, Doncaster and Thornhill, plus several new subdivisions yet to be developed. Present plans seem to indicate both sewers and water will be available for Doncaster and Highland Park, but only water for Thornhill. The water supply would be secured through the Township's own well, independent of the Metropolitan area.

The hope of keeping the total cost on a workable basis will to a large extent depend on the success of Markham's negotiations with the owners of the proposed subdivisions. It is expected a vote of the people will be required before the sewer project could actually be commenced. Any debenture issue will be subject to the approval of the Municipal Board.

A great deal of planning and investigation has yet to be done before the Committee and the engineers will be in a position to present a more detailed report. **Let Road To Private Contract**
Markham and the Richmond Hill District High School Board have reached a new agreement on the construction of the road into the site of the Thornhill High School. The work involves an extension of Dudley Ave. between Clarke Ave. and Elgin St. Last fall Markham agreed to build the road for the Board at cost. A five-member delegation representing the High School Board and including Chairman V. McMullen and Vice-Chairman W. Dean waited on Council to discuss reports that the municipality is no longer in a position to build the road. The Road Committee has indicated that with the rush of spring work it hasn't the time or the machinery to handle the project and has suggested it be put out to private contract.

Reeve A. LeMasurier agreed with the trustees in that Council had made a definite commitment to the Board to build the road at cost "and therefore we have a moral obligation to carry out our part of the bargain". Markham's figure to construct a road was \$6700. As a compromise Council and the trustees have agreed to award the work to private contract and to split the difference in price. Markham has awarded the contract to the K. J. Beamish Construction Company at a price of \$9450.

Council has approved the erection of a gasoline station at the corner of No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road. The land in question lies in the Arnold Subdivision and was originally set aside for commercial development. At the same time Council turned down a request from another oil company to build a station on an opposite corner of No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road.

Trustees of the Richmond Hill District High School Board voted last Monday evening to reduce the capital expenditure figure in the 1955 Budget from \$14,000 to \$5,000, rather than go to the Ontario Municipal Board at present for approval on the amount exceeding \$5,000 as allowed in the School Act. In making a motion to this effect, Trustee Harry Sayers added that at such time as more funds for capital outlay were needed then application could be made to the Municipal Board.

The whole matter was precipitated when Trustee Stewart Rumble, representing Markham Township, called to the attention of the Board and the municipal councils in the School district to the fact that the School Act appeared to allow for a total of not more than \$5,000 for capital outlay in a year, while the Board had budgeted for \$14,000. At that time, the balance of the Board maintained that the Act really referred to not more than \$5,000 per item. Several members who have had some years experience on this and other school boards testified that in the past this section had always been interpreted as not more than \$5,000 per item, adding that it had never been questioned by either the Department of Education or auditors.

Department Confirms
Trustee Rumble continued to register his objection against what he termed not following the School Act and municipal councils concerned held up approval of the budget awaiting clarification. At Monday's meeting Trustee M. J. Kinnee, told the Board that he had met with officials of the Department of Education and that they had testified that in

Dedicated To Memory Former Inspector

MacKillop School Officially Opened

No Word On Judgment

Clerk Russell Lynett reported Wednesday morning that no further word had been received regarding judgment of the action taken by Mrs. Annie I. Stephens for \$50,000 damages against the village of Richmond Hill for alleged pollution of a stream by the municipality's sewage disposal plant.

At the conclusion of the hearing last week, judgment on the case was reserved by Mr. Justice Stewart. The stream crosses Mrs. Stephens' property and she is asking for an injunction to stop the alleged nuisance. She testified that the Ontario Municipal Board refused an application to subdivide the property because of the stream's condition.

N. J. Howard, bacteriologist and former director of water inspection for Metropolitan Toronto, said the stream was seriously polluted below the sewage disposal plant and would be dangerous to use.

But Dr. A. E. Berry, director of sanitary engineering for the Ontario Department of Health, said he found the water to be quite good and very favorable in comparison to other sewage disposal plants in Ontario.

Prepare Fair Grounds

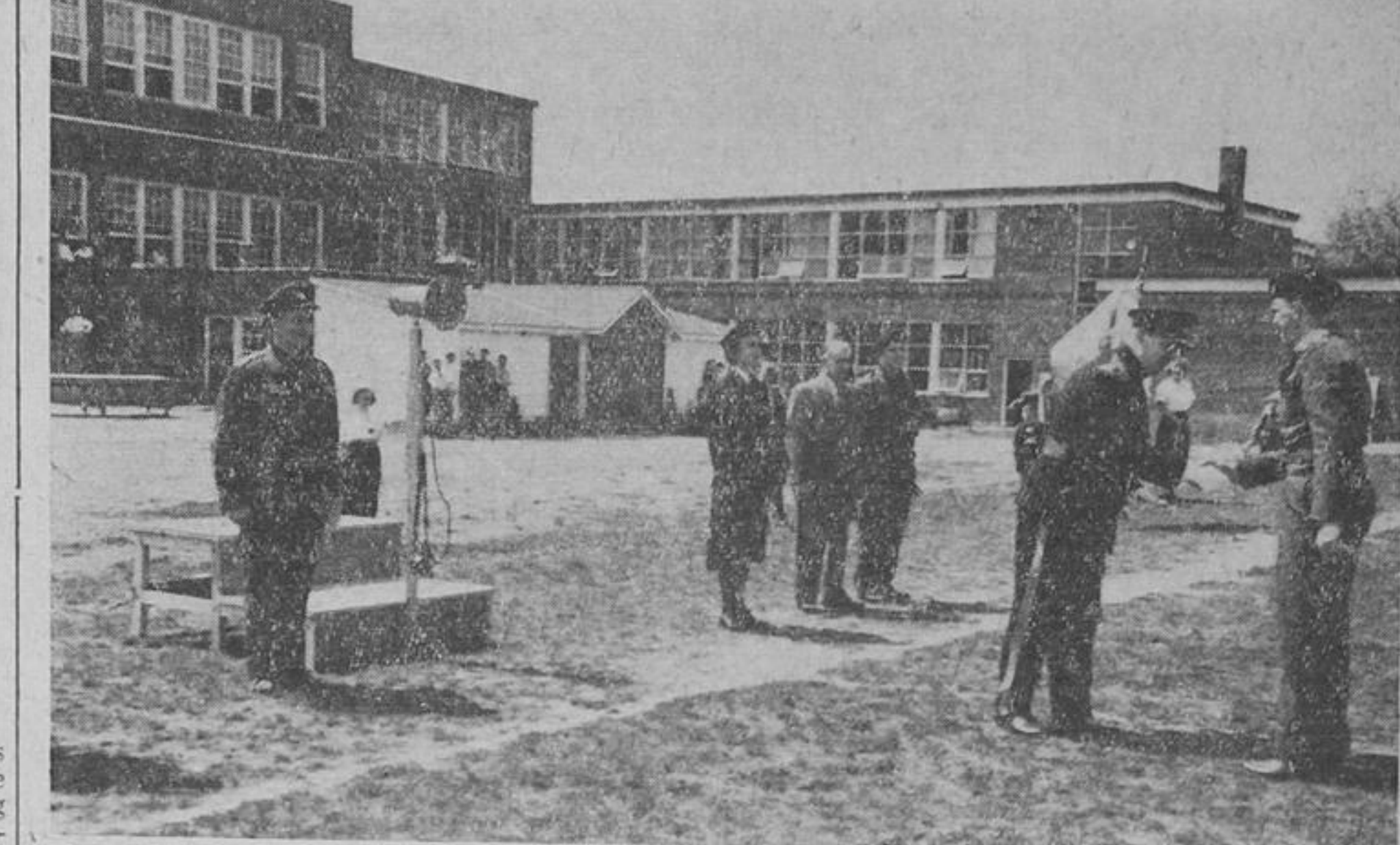
Directors of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society met Monday night to finalize plans for the preparation of the buildings and grounds for the society's 106th annual Fair, which this year is being held on Monday, May 23.

With just a week to go before the big event, members are occupied with the completion of the show which includes a Guernsey Calf Competition, Palominos and Parade Horses, Jersey Show, Horse Show, Tractor Driving Contest, Horseshoe Pitching Competition, Square Dance Competition, Tag-of-war and a dance in the arena in the evening.

Issue 50 Summonses

Police Chief Robbins reports that 50 summonses for exceeding the speed limit, overloading and failure to observe stop signs in Richmond Hill have been issued the past month. Twelve of these were for speeders.

Receives Marksmanship Award



Cadet Lt. Albert Naylor of the Richmond Hill District High School Cadet Corps is seen receiving the Strathcona Award for Marksmanship from Major Johnston of the Queen's York Rangers at the recent cadet inspection held on the school campus.

Others present at the review platform during presentation are, left to right, Capt. Haynes of Central Com-

Ontario Children On The March Says Dep. Minister

"Children in Ontario are on the march," Dr. C. F. Cannon, deputy-minister of education, told the gathering assembled at the official opening, May 9, of the O. M. MacKillop Memorial School on Lucas Street, Richmond Hill. "There were 640,000 children in the province in 1944," continued Dr. Cannon, "and today there are 1,000,000, showing the requirements educators face to accommodate this great increase." The speaker pointed out there was \$250,000,000 in debenture debts for schools in the province today. Dr. Cannon was introduced to the audience by Inspector of Public Schools, W. J. McLeod.

Dr. Cannon officiated at the opening ceremonies of the school which is one of two to be completed this year. In his address he congratulated Chairman James Pollard on his many years of service to the community as a trustee and congratulated the Board and the Village on the completion of the school. He paid tribute to the late O. M. MacKillop in whose memory the school was dedicated. The late Mr. MacKillop was a colleague and a friend of Dr. Cannon's.

The deputy-minister remarked on a notation by Reeve W. J. Taylor who, in his congratulatory message from the village, had mentioned the wide span, in educational facilities, between his school days and the present. Reeve Taylor remembered the chore of 'firing the stove' which heated the one room school. Dr. Cannon also pointing out, he once had the same responsibility at a wage of four cents per day for his duties.

The 10-room O. M. MacKillop Memorial School was built at a cost of \$200,000 and was completed in a nine month period. Construction began on August 11, 1954 and was completed on May 6, 1955. The late Mrs. MacKillop, wife of the late school inspector, last October 18 officially laid the first steelwork for the school which is named in honour of her husband.

The school, which provides for an extension of six additional rooms, is situated on a six acre property and has an enrollment of 350 pupils. Principal of the school is Walter Scott and Assistant Principal, Earl Orser.

The dedication service was conducted by Rev. C. G. Higginson of Richmond Hill United Church and during the Acceptance of Keys ceremony, Chairman Pollard accepted the keys of the school from J. C. Parkin and W. Bourgeois representing J. B. Parkin Associates, architects, assisted by Mr. Varamae of Varamae Construction Co., Ltd.

A welcome was extended to the gathering by Mr. Pollard and greetings were brought from Reeve W. J. Taylor, Mrs. L. W. Zuehl and Mrs. W. Sayers who presented a picture of the Queen on behalf of Richmond Hill Women's Institute. The picture was framed by William Sayers. Mrs. Irene McBrien, member of the Toronto Board of Education, presented a school Bible on behalf of the Ontario Public School Trustees Association. Principal Walter Scott accepting the gift on behalf of the school.

Introduced to the audience were Dr. C. E. Stothers, B.A. D. Paed., a member of the staff Ontario College of Education, and a winner of the Greer Memorial award presented at O. C. A. convention this year for making an outstanding contribution to education in Ontario. Principal A. S. Elson, Vice-Principal Wright Morrow of Richmond Hill District High School and Mrs. L. McConaghy who taught for 40 years at Public Schools in the village.

Chairman during the evening was Trustee Stan Tinker. Refreshments following the opening ceremonies were provided by the Home and School Association.

Trustees associated with the planning and development of the new school were James Pollard, Stan Tinker, Robert Ross, Dick Mills, Cecil Mabley, Mrs. Margaret Southwell, L. H. Clement (deceased) and Secretary Jim Geainger.

Former school trustees present at the opening were Duncan Charnney, P. E. Angle, A. S. Barber, A. S. Armstrong, Morley Hall, T. P. Henry and Mrs. Barbara Langstaff.

Kindergarten Double Winner

The kindergarten class at Richmond Hill Public School won two awards at the York County Festival at Woodbridge last Saturday, in the vocal and rhythm band classes.

Richmond Hill placed second in the kindergarten class 40 voices or less, and first in the rhythm band section.

During the ceremony, Major Johnston presented the patch of the Queen's York Rangers which will be worn on all uniforms of the local corps.

— photo by Lagerquist

BINGO - R. H. Lions Hall - Monday - MAY 16 - JACKPOT \$400 STARTING TIME - 8 P.M.