

News From Next Door

STOUFFVILLE: When the high school here opened for the fall term, attendance was down slightly from last year's, with a total of 210.

AURORA: Registration at the high school here is 581, while at the Public School, 514 enrolled on opening day.

AGINGCOURT: Fourteen-year-old Eddie Moberly, a polo victim who has been learning to swim under the coaching of famous trainer Gus Ryder recently swam six miles nonstop from Cook's Bay to Crestwood Beach and back again.

WOODBIDGE: The Anglican congregation has launched a fund-raising campaign to raise funds for the building of a parish hall.

KLEINBURG: An 11-month old baby escaped injury recently when he was thrown from his mother's arms onto a grassy boulevard on the side of No. 27 Highway when his parent's car was involved in a collision.

NORTH YORK: The Bell Telephone Co. has recommended a manual switchboard for receiving calls at the Township Police offices.

NORTH YORK: Township building has hit an all time peak for the month of August when 325 building permits were issued for 643 units valued at \$7,199,213.

NORTH YORK: Council has approved the Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. plan for a medium rental housing plan in the Lawrence Ave. area.

NORTH YORK: Council has approved the purchase of a new fire truck at a cost of \$22,530.

SUTTON: Work is now underway for the installation of a cement floor and an artificial ice unit in the curling rink here.

PEPPERLAW: Fire broke out in the bush area just north of here recently and burned over several acres before it was brought under control.

BROOKLIN: It has been indicated that the 1956 International Plowing Match may be held on the farm of Heber Down near here.

ALISA CRAIG: The Alisa Craig Boys' Farm, for the rehabilitation of problem boys, set up by the Mennonite Central Committee of Ontario was dedicated last week.

NEWMARKET: Father Thomas McCabe who has been parish priest for the past nine years at St. John's Church here has been transferred to St. James Church, Toronto.

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Negotiations Underway

Six Room Addition Approved To O. M. MacKillop School

A six-room addition to the recently built O. M. MacKillop School was given approval by Richmond Hill Public School Board at a special meeting called Monday night for the purpose of finalizing a decision on the matter.

Chairman James Pollard issued a report on a recent meeting of the Building Committee and Planning Board who discussed present and future subdivision plans as a prelude to a decision on the necessity of the addition, the report indicating extra rooms would be needed for that area.

Completed last May at a total cost of \$200,000, the 10-room MacKillop School was built to allow for erection of an additional six rooms.

No architect was chosen at the meeting, but this matter with the securing of Department of Education approval and the requesting of village council to seek Municipal Board permission to float the necessary debentures is now underway.

The motion to go ahead with the six-room addition was moved by Trustee Robert Ross, seconded by Trustee Stan. Tinker and carried unanimously.

Serving Your Community

Editorially last week we paid tribute to those public spirited men and women who serve their community in public office, and this is one of a series of articles on the personnel of public bodies serving the municipalities in this district.

RICHMOND HILL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Reeve W. J. Taylor has served on the village council since 1948. He served as a Councillor from 1948 to 1950 when he was elected to the newly created office of Deputy-Reeve.

From 1952 to the present he has held the office of Chief Magistrate, receiving an acclamation each year. He is one of Richmond Hill's two representatives on County Council and has been a resident of the village for 30 years.

Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin began his municipal career in the same year as Reeve Taylor, in 1948. He served as a Councillor in 1948 and 1949 and again in 1951. From 1952 to the present he has served the community as Deputy-Reeve.

With Reeve Taylor he represents the village on York County Council. A member of the Anglican Church he has resided in Richmond Hill since 1943. Mr. Tomlin lives at 194 Centre St. West; he is married and has two children.

One of the three Councillors serving the village and senior Council member in point of service is Wesley Middleton. Councillor Middleton first entered public service in the late twenties. Since then he has served on Council on 20 different occasions. This impressive record of service extends back to 1929. He is the only member of the present council to have served through both periods of economic depression and prosperity.

Born in England, Mr. Middleton migrated to Canada in 1905. He lived in what is now the Bedford Park section of Toronto, which at that time was in the suburbs, and also in western Canada, before taking up residence in Richmond Hill in 1919.

Manager of the Vitafeds Contraceptive branch plant, he is married and has one daughter. In religion he is a Presbyterian.

Councillor Floyd Perkins, local dealer for the International Harvester Company and owner of a large equipment depot, has served on Council continuously since 1950. A native of Victoria Square and a former school teacher, Mr. Perkins is a member of the United Church. He has resided in Richmond Hill since 1937 and is married with three children. The Perkins family resides at 110 Church St. South.

The fifth member of our local governing body is Councillor Harold Jones who is the youngest member both in age and in point of service. Councillor Jones is presently completing his second term of service, having first been elected in 1954.

A resident of the village since childhood days he is a young businessman and operates the Jones Coal Company which was founded by his late father. Married with two children, "Bud", as he is familiarly known, resides at 23 Dufferin Street.

HOLLAND MARSH: The recent rains in this area have done a great deal to improve the agricultural situation.

Growing Demands In Growing Village

Larger Municipal Council, More Office Space And Staff Needed

Start 500 New Homes In Town

Starts may be made soon on nearly 500 homes in the Bailey Development in the north west section of Richmond Hill. Negotiations while not completed are now under way with a large construction company to erect all the houses, and it is hoped to have all roofs on by December 1st.

Council and Planning Board now are considering a proposal to free an additional 38 acres of land now restricted for industrial use. If this proposal is approved the Bailey Development Company will agree to construct a paved roadway from Yonge Street into the area and build an overpass over the C. N. R. Railway.

Those favoring the proposal feel that there is still sufficient land (over 120 acres) still reserved for industrial use. Opponents of the proposal contend that to maintain the proper balance between residential and industrial development no change should be made in the original plan.

False Alarm For Police

The bell signal for the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Maple, rang Wednesday morning, but when an officer of Vaughan Township police hurried to the bank to investigate, he found there was no emergency, only a short in the wire.

The bank reports that arrangements have been made for the installation of a new warning system.

Former Richmond Hill Resident Killed

Fatal Accident Marks First Break In Ryce Family Of Twelve Children

Marking the first break in a family of 12 children was the death last weekend of Harold Ryce, 28, of North Battleford, Sask., a former resident of Richmond Hill who died Saturday night as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Also involved in the tragedy was a brother, Robert, 20, who escaped with injuries.

As of press time, further information regarding the accident has not been received by the family who are awaiting particulars.

Surviving him, as well as his immediate family, is his wife, formerly Mary Christensen of this district who, prior to her marriage, was employed by the Richmond Hill Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and a six month old daughter.

After receiving word Sunday afternoon of the death of their brother, members of his family living in this area left immediately, by plane and train, for North Battleford for the funeral service. Sisters of the deceased living in Richmond Hill are Mrs. Harold Ground (Minnie), Mrs. Ben Thompson (Evelyn), and Mrs. John Allen (Gloria), in Willowdale Mrs. Peggy Galbraith and in Newtonbrook Mrs. C. Ogilvie. Two brothers, Andrew and Clarence reside at St. Catharines and Salem. All are now at their family home at North Battleford.

Meeting Nights Stabilized

Recognized Reading Authority Guest Speaker Home & School

The program for the opening meeting of Richmond Hill Home and School Association scheduled for September 28, has for its main speaker, Miss Helen De LaPorte, who will address the group on the subject, "Reading Problems and Their Remedies."

Refreshments will be served following the meeting. To ensure the usefulness and

Student Council President



Tom Pick has been elected by the students of Richmond Hill District High School as President of the Student Council for 1955-56. Tom, who is an active sports enthusiast is a fourth form student at the high school and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pick, R. R. 1 Richmond Hill.

Other members elected to the executive were Lois Moorby, vice-pres.; Helen Calder, secretary; and Bill Osmond, treasurer.

Councillor Jones Gives Notice He Will Move To Increase Council Size

In the absence of Reeve W. J. Taylor and Deputy-Reeve K. W. Tomlin, veteran councillor Wesley Middleton presided at the meeting of the municipal council of Richmond Hill Village Monday night. Councillors Harold Jones and Floyd Perkins were in attendance and a large agenda of business was considered.

Councillor Harold Jones gave notice that at the next meeting he will move a resolution to provide for the enlarging of the municipal council. Noting the fact that only three councillors were in attendance, Councillor Jones said, "All summer we've been carrying on with a skeleton council". He said sometimes important decisions had to be made by as few as two members of council.

Richmond Hill Council now is composed of a Reeve, a Deputy-Reeve and three councillors, all elected at large by all the ratepayers. From time to time suggestions have been made that council should enlarge to include four, five or six councillors instead of the present three, and also consideration has been given to incorporation as a town rather than a village. As a town the chief magistrate and presiding officer would be a mayor, instead of a Reeve as at present.

The rapid growth and development of the village also has brought forward the suggestion that councillors should be elected from designated wards, with the Reeve and deputy elected by ratepayers of the whole village. Supporters of this plan argue that only by the ward system is there assurance all sections of the municipality will have representation on council.

Councillor Jones who has taken the initiative in a move to make some change did not indicate what particular plan he has in mind. His notice of motion simply stated that his resolution would be to enlarge the council.

Councillors Middleton and Perkins agreed that the growth and development of the past couple of years has greatly increased the work of council. "The agenda of business is so heavy that I think we should consider meeting every week" said councillor Middleton. Council now meets regularly twice monthly, but in addition there are many special meetings, and so far this year council has held 32 meetings.

Roads Main Discussion

Whitchurch Seeks \$6,000 More To Meet Growing Road Needs

Council of Whitchurch Twp. met in regular session last week and discussed many of the problems relating to roads in the township. The serious depletion of money appropriated for road work was again discussed, and council passed a resolution to ask the Dept. of Highways, to approve a supplementary appropriation for construction of \$6,000, for the balance of this year.

The Liberal joins with the community at this time in extending sympathy to the family during their bereavement.

No Gas Here So Industry Lost

It was revealed at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Municipal Council that the Village lost out in a recent bid for a large industry due to the lack of natural gas service.

It was a large industry employing about 700 people and the principals were very much impressed by Richmond Hill and its advantages, but natural gas service was absolutely necessary in the operation of the plant.

Councillor Jones in raising the question asked what progress was being made with the recent application of Consumers Gas to install service here. He was informed that solicitor Lucas had been consulted and council was awaiting a report.

Councillor Jones urged that the matter was very important to the future industrial development of the village and should not be let drag unnecessarily.

spokesman that it was doubtful if the necessary majority of property owners had been obtained. Almost all the residents had approved the petition, but owners of empty lots must also be counted for this purpose. Reeve Ivan McLaughlin also pointed out that the basis of the petition was to construct the roads on a local improvement basis, which required full departmental approval of the project, and full engineer's and legal preparation. In this case he was doubtful if the work could be started before next spring. The spokesman then reminded council that access to their homes was only on a temporary basis, subject to the approval of the owner of the lot.

Council Recommendation Consider then agreed with the spokesman that the clerk would furnish the group with a list of property owners in the area, and the residents in turn would consider the recommendation that work on a road into the section be done by the township, installing culverts and bulldozing the road to take down one hill and fill in the low sections. Council assured the spokesman that work could be done this fall by the township if the latter course were approved by the residents.

Muirhead Cresc. On a petition from the ratepayers on Muirhead Crescent, Council deferred action for consideration at the next meeting. These residents are in a subdivision at the extreme south-west corner of the township, where Council pointed out to the

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