

**Coming Events**

EVERY WEDNESDAY — 8 p.m. Community Cottage Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Erb, 32 Centre St., Thornhill, No. 7 Highway, west of Yonge. tcf18

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night. tcf20

EVERY SATURDAY — Bingo held at Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St., Richmond Hill, at 7:00 p.m. tcf20

NOVEMBER 25 — Friday. The Doncaster Ladies' Club is sponsoring a bridge and a quiz at Henderson Ave. Public School, at 8 p.m. Tickets 50 cents. c2w20

NOVEMBER 25 — The K.V.W. Girls Softball League is holding a dance Friday, November 25, at Maple Community Hall, 9 p.m. Lucky draw. c3w19

NOVEMBER 25, 26 — The Children's Hundreds, comedy presented by Richmond Hill Little Theatre, Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Net proceeds to Richmond Hill Arena Association. Tickets \$1.00. c1w21

NOVEMBER 26 — Saturday 10 a.m. Skate and Sport Equipment Sale, sponsored by King City Girl Guide Association. We will sell your sport equipment, etc. for 20 per cent, or donations gratefully received, at the new Library, Spring Hill Road, King City. Articles to be sold must be brought to the Library Friday night between 8-10 p.m., priced. For further information, phone King 128W or King 111. c1w21

NOVEMBER 26 — Saturday. The annual Bazaar and Tea of Vellore Sr. Women's Institute will be held in Vellore Hall. There will be booths for Home Baking, Aprons, knitting, candy, touch and take table and a fish pond. Afternoon tea will be served in the basement of the Hall. Tickets 25c. c2w20

NOVEMBER 28 — Monday. The Charles Howitt Home and School Association will meet at 8:15 p.m. to hear Mr. David Smith, Supervising Principal of School Area No. 1, speak on the Level System. Principal R. Everist will explain the report cards. Parents and friends welcome. c2w20

NOVEMBER 28 — Monday. Euchre at Langstaff Public School under the auspices of Mark-Vaun Women's Institute. Everyone welcome. Time 8 p.m. Admission 50c. c1w21

NOVEMBER 29 — Tuesday. Public Meeting — Municipal Election Candidates' Night — will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Public School Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Richmond Acres Ratepayers' Association. Everyone welcome. c1w21

NOVEMBER 28 — Monday. Regular monthly meeting of Victoria L.O.L. 2368, in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. All members urged to attend. c1w21

NOVEMBER 28 — Monday. Richmond Hill Community Swing Square Dance at the Public School auditorium, Yonge Street, at 8:30 p.m. c1w21

NOVEMBER 29 — Tuesday. Bingo, Oak Ridges Public School 8 p.m. Sponsored by Oak Ridges Community Centre Committee. c1w21

NOVEMBER 29 — Tuesday. Euchre in the Victoria Square Community Hall commencing at 8:15 p.m. Ladies please provide lunch. Good prizes. Everyone welcome. Admission 50c. c1w21

NOVEMBER 30 — Wednesday. 8 p.m. Miss Jane Scott, author of "Adventures With God" will speak at St. Stephen's Church, Maple. All welcome. \*2w20

DECEMBER 3 — Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas Bazaar and Baking Sale and Tea at Buttonville Hall, under auspices of Harmony Club of Brown's Corners Church. White elephants, baby booth, aprons, candy, home baking and Miscellaneous articles. c1w20

DECEMBER 3 — Saturday 3 p.m. St. Mary's Anglican Christmas Bazaar in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill. Note change of location. c2w21

DECEMBER 3 — Saturday. St. Stephen's Anglican W.A. Maple, annual bazaar at 2 p.m. at Maple Masonic Hall. Home baking, home-made candy, aprons, dolls, flowers, miscellaneous articles, white elephant booth. Afternoon tea will be served. c2w21

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RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1955

**Seven Seek Office**

## Councillor Wesley Middleton Retiring After A Quarter Century On Local Council

Councillor Wesley Middleton first elected to Richmond Hill council in 1929 announced Monday night that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the coming elections. Reeve W. J. Taylor on behalf of council paid tribute to Councillor Middleton's long years of devoted service and told him "we will miss you very much at the council table."

First elected in 1929 councillor Middleton has served almost continuously since that time. His twenty-five years of service as a municipal councillor constitutes a record in local municipal history.

Reeve W. J. Taylor and all other members of the 1955 municipal council are expected to stand for re-election in their present positions. The annual nomination meeting for the village will be held in the Masonic Hall Friday evening, November 25, and a record attendance of citizens is expected.

Formal nominations will be made from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. after which a public meeting will be held and speeches made by members of 1955 council and aspiring candidates, as well as by public and separate school trustees and candidates.

So far no one has declared any opposition to Reeve W. J. Taylor.

### Plan Series Election Meetings

Brian Bailey, Chairman of the Vaughan Township Election Committee has announced that a series of election meetings will be held in the district to enable ratepayers to hear the views of the candidates for seats on township council.

The first meeting is scheduled for November 28 at the Thornhill Public School. Following meetings will be on November 29, at Richvale Community Hall, November 30, at Jefferson School and December 1, at Maple Community Hall. Ratepayers are urged to attend these meetings to lend support to the candidates of their choice.



**DONALD PLAXTON**  
A new contender for a seat on Richmond Hill municipal council this year will be local lawyer Donald Gordon Plaxton. Mr. Plaxton, who will celebrate his 30th birthday this month, graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1951. He is a member of the local Rotary Club and with his family, is a resident of Harding Blvd.

Because both his home and his business are located in Richmond Hill, Mr. Plaxton is keenly interested in the future development of the village.

### Poppy Sale Raises \$898.00

Local Poppy Fund Chairman, F. B. Titshall, has expressed appreciation to the residents of the district for their fine response to the recent Poppy Tag Day. He reports a total of \$898.11 received from the local canvass.

Winner of the Ladies' Auxiliary Trophy for the third year in a row is Carville School where the pupils sold \$43.00 worth of poppies.

Sales statistics from other areas where canvassing was carried on include: Richmond Hill, Yonge St. School, \$101.96; MacKillop School, \$100.36; Walter Scott School, \$83.51; T.S.A. 1, \$90.94 (7 schools); R.H.D.H.S., \$22.00; Thornhill High School, \$40.41; Patterson School, \$39.78; Headford School, \$15.16; Jefferson School, \$25.93; St. Mary's Separate School, \$19.78; Street Sales, \$266.85.

**Follows 30 Years As Member Teaching Staff**

## Principal Scott Resigns Effective December 31st

### Serving Your Community

**MARKHAM TWP. COUNCIL**  
Ninth in a series of articles giving a brief resume of the personnel of public bodies serving the municipalities in the district. Reeve and Chief Magistrate of Markham Township is **ALFRED LeMASURIER**. Born in Toronto, he has resided at Langstaff for the past 20 years. His election to Council in 1951 marked the beginning of a meteoric political rise which reached its climax with his election to the reeve ship in 1953. In successive years he successfully contested first the office of Deputy-reeve in 1952 followed by that of Reeve the next year.

A self-employed manufacturer for the past 10 years, he operates in partnership with his brother, Harry, the Langstaff Card Company. Prior to the establishment of their own firm, he spent a number of years in the wholesale paper business as a salesman.

He gained his education in Toronto public and secondary schools, graduating with his senior matriculation from Riverdale Collegiate.

With Deputy-reeve Clark he represents Markham Township on York County Council. He served on County Council during an important period in the history of the County, a period which saw the creation of Metropolitan Toronto and the loss of a great deal of the industrial assessment associated with the former County.

A Baptist in religion, he is a member of the 1st Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto. He and his wife, Eleanor, have one son.

A veteran member of the present Council in point of service is Deputy-reeve **WILLIAM CLARK**. A dairy farmer all his

## Requests His Name Be Taken Off New School

In a letter of resignation, a copy of which was handed to "The Liberal" Monday, Principal Walter Scott informed the Richmond Hill Public School Board that he intends to resign from the teaching staff effective this December 31. Mr. Scott has served as principal of the Richmond Hill Public School since 1924.

Mr. Scott's action is similar to that taken by Chairman James Pollard who resigned two weeks ago following the Board's decision to make no exceptions to its recently introduced retirement plan. Mr. Pollard had advocated that Mr. Scott be given an extra year of teaching although he will be eligible for retirement when the plan comes into effect next September.

In his letter Mr. Scott stated he has "no heart to continue under the administration of the present Board. Hence I can no longer serve you after the end of this term."

A teacher can, if he so wishes, terminate his contract with a school board in December instead of letting it run its normal length of time to the end of June. Mr. Scott has also requested that the Board remove his name from the new Walter Scott School. In recognition of his many years of teaching in Richmond Hill, the Board had last July named its latest school in his honor.

Following is the text of Mr. Scott's letter to the Board: Gentlemen, "I take it for granted that the report by 'The Liberal' of what transpired at your recent regular meeting is correct. If this is not so I should be glad if any individual member would inform me as to what corrections are to be made and insist that our local paper retract any wrong impressions given in the press.

I consider this is a serious matter, affecting as it does both my success as a principal and teacher as well as my reputation. I am not making a complaint with regard to the passing of an age-limit. That is the School Board's option and I should like to point out that I have never made any request to any trustee or person for an extra year nor have I asked anyone to support me in this matter. On the contrary I have always had the idea that if the services I have rendered were satisfactory then I would be offered a contract, but

if on the other hand I had lost the confidence of the Board, then let me assure you that I would be glad to retire. In such a case it would be foolish and impossible to carry on satisfactorily.

Only last June I stated before the whole School Board that if my work was not satisfactory I would make it easy for a successor to be appointed in my place. No one said a word and now this debacle arises.

The past four years have been heavy ones. Out of a staff of 29 last year, there were 15 new teachers, several just out of Normal School. With scattered and staggered classes and zoning to be done I shouldered a heavier load than any single man would be asked to take. Yet I went through the year without missing a single day.

During July, I felt greatly honoured when the trustees decided to give my name to the new school. As now I can no longer consider the majority of those trustees my friends, the honour becomes very dubious and I feel constrained to ask you to remove that name and put some other in its place.

Further the situation being what it is I feel that I can no longer serve you after the end of this term, hence please accept my resignation. Already I feel that my authority over the children has been affected and I have no heart to continue under the administration of the present School Board.

Now that my resignation is in, it will undoubtedly be "good for the Board", "good for public opinion" and "good for my health", especially so since my financial status is so well established."

## Joint Commencement Exercises



Honour Graduates who received their diplomas at the Richmond Hill District High School commencement exercises held last Friday evening in the school auditorium are seen above. The diplomas were presented to the graduating classes by J. C. Evans, B.A., Registrar of the University of Toronto. He was assisted by Miss Edna Izzard and Mr. J. Turchin of the teaching staff. Seen from left to right, the graduates are: Verna Orr, Catherine O'Hara, Mary Sanderson, Ann Webster, Joyce Perkins, Shirley Wilcox, Jean Higgins, Shirley Langdon, Gwen Greaves, Catharine Frazer, Jeanette Vautier; rear, David Vander Bent, John Eschenlohr, Richard Flechner, John Olson, Peter Gutowski, Peer Norgaard, John Kingdon, David Valance, James Hogg, Norman Roberts, David Boynton. Those unable to be present to receive their diplomas were Carlyn Jernigan and Gwyneth Glen.

Following the traditional professional and invocation, given by the Rev. A. A. Chote, the programme opened with greetings from Victor P. McMullen, Q.C., chairman of the Richmond Hill District High School Board. The guest speaker of the evening was J. C. Evans, B.A., Registrar of the University of Toronto and valedictorian was honour graduate James Hogg. During the evening, the school orchestra and choir, under the baton of Eugene Lazar, presented several selections. Pianists were Cecilia Anderson and Roger Hobbs. Principal F. W. Morrow of Richmond

Hill District High School and Principal A. S. Elson of Thornhill High School extended a welcome to those present and congratulations to the graduates and prize winners.

**Awards**  
The following graduation diplomas and academic awards were presented:  
Secondary School Graduation Diplomas presented by Trustee Dr. P. R. Macfarlane, assisted by Mr. A. Bathurst; Arnold Balogh, Marjorie Barber, Evelyn Beatty, Denton Brunwell, Joan Cook, Barbara Currie, Mavis Dennie, Joan Dunn, Betty Eastman, Wilson Gibson, Lynn Jackman, Robert Kent, Marlean Lautamus, Carl Lovell, Melva McDonald, Robert McCurry, Lois Moorby, Robert Munro, Patsy Ramer, Neil Risebrough, Mary Siberry, Anita Soderberg, Carl Teetzel, Kenneth Tomlin, Jack Underhill, Judy Ury, Keith Witherspoon, Grant Webb.

Special Commercial presented by Trustee Harry Sayers, assisted by Mrs. Hurson: Graeme Bales, William Beatty, Lillian Bilinsky, Helen Boyes, Mary Brennan, Audrey Gee, Muriel Hayes, Mary Hood, James Thomas.

Typing prizes: Senior — Lillian Bilinsky, Helen Boyes, Junior — Marlene Lloyd, Ross Wood.

Prizes: Student Council prize for highest academic standing in Grade X, won by Donald Curtin, presented by Tom Picken's Institute.

Richmond Hill Women's Institute prize for highest academic standing in Grade XI, won by David Tinker, presented by Mrs.

presented to Marion Waters by Mrs. C. Hooper. Grade of School Seniors' prize, Grade X, won by Shirley Barker, presented by reversion to Gordon Lake by Steve Donachie, president, Board of Student Seniors' prize, Grade XI, presented to Paul Short by Mr. W. R. Dean. Board of Student Seniors' prize, Grade XII, won by George Putnam presented by reversion to Guy Drury by Glen Dale, vice-president. Thornhill Lions' Club Scholarship, Junior Matriculation, presented to George Putnam by Mr. H. Harley, president. High School Board Lower School General Proficiency, Grades IX and X, won by Shirley Barker, presented by Trustee R. Hamlyn. High School Board Middle School General Proficiency, Grades XI and XII, won by Gary Magee, presented by Trustee R. Watson.

Music Club Scholarship, won by Roger Hobbs, presented by Margaret Brodie.

Morley Kinnee Plaque for proficiency in English, won by Jean Higginson, presented by Trustee Morley Kinnee. Dr. Frank Hogg Memorial Plaque and prize for proficiency in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, won by James Hogg, presented by Helen Sawyer Hogg, Ph. D. The G. M. Hill and Son Public Speaking Plaque, won by Peer Norgaard, presented by Mr. George Hill. High School Board prize for General Proficiency, won by James Hogg, presented by Trustee Victor McMullen, Q.C.

— Photo by Lagerquist

### Gas Available Here Early 1956

A by-law was passed by Richmond Hill Council Monday night finalizing arrangements for the installation of natural gas service here. It is planned to start at once with the work of installation and it is hoped to have natural gas available for cooking, heating and industrial purposes by early summer of 1956.

AURORA — The Fire Chief has been given a \$100 increase in salary, bringing his annual wage to \$600. Supporting the motion, Councillor Wm. Davidson said he was against "cheap" protection.

## Indication Wide Interest In Vaughan Twp. Election

From all reports, there is every indication that there will be a keen interest taken in the forthcoming Vaughan Township municipal election on December 5. While it is anticipated that the members of the present five-man council will stand for re-election, there are numerous candidates who will seek a seat on the 1956 Council.

Robert A. Kirk, an enterprising business man who lives on Carville Road West, has stated his intention to enter the municipal field and will seek a seat on Council on December 5. Mr. Kirk, who has lived in the district for the past eight years, has taken a keen interest in his community.

According to other reports, former Councillors John Perry of Maple, and Kenneth Doyle of Langstaff plan to re-enter public life. Fred Day of Jefferson who, along with Mr. Doyle, sought the Deputy-reeve ship last year, is also reported to be considering letting his name stand for nomination.

The Vaughan Township nomination meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 25, at Vellore Memorial Hall. Nominations

**Hire Constable**  
Joseph Rainey, 28, has been hired by Richmond Hill as a member of the Police Department and will commence duties in two weeks time.

Constable Rainey comes to Richmond Hill from Orangeville where he served for 19 months on the force there. Single, he is a native of Ireland and has been in Canada two years.



**MRS. M. SOUTHWELL**  
Mrs. Margaret Southwell, pictured above, this week announced her intention to seek re-election as a member of the Richmond Hill Public School Board. Mrs. Southwell who was appointed to the Board in June, 1953, to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late L. H. Clement, has two children attending local public schools. She has been a resident of the village for the past nine years. In addition to her school board duties which have included service on the personnel and finance committees Mrs. Southwell is active in community and church work.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO \$100.00 MUST GO EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 8 p.m. - LEGION HALL - Stop 23 CARRVILLE RD. W.**