Coming Events

EVERY WEDNESDAY - Bingo at 8 p.m. sharp in Legion Hall 114 Carrville Road W. Sponsored · by Branch 375 Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill.

VOLUME LXXVII, NUMBER 33 EVERY THURSDAY - Bingo, sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 pm. sharp. Lucky draw night.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, at 7.30 p.m. Bingo. Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A

FEBRUARY 17 - Friday 3 p.m. The World Day of Prayer service for women of all denominations will be held in Richmond Hill United Church.

FEBRUARY 17 - Friday. Dance to Art Celsie and his Singing Plainsmen at Lions Hall, Richmond Hill, also variety at intermission. Admission 75c. *1w33

FEBRUARY 17 - Home and School Valentine Dance, Thornlea School, Bayview Ave., just north of No. 7. Spot prizes, balloons. Ladies please bring box lunch. Admission 25c. All wel-

FEBRUARY 17 - Friday. Jefferson School Community Club, Valentine Square Dance, at the school, prizes, everyone welcome.

FEBRUARY 18 - Saturday. St. John's Bingo, Jackpot \$100, Dinnerware. Newmarket Town Hall

FEBRUARY 21 - Tuesday. Euchre in Victoria Square Community Hall at 8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Good prizes. Ladies provide lunch.

FEBRUARY 21 - Tuesday. Bingo, Oak Ridges Public School, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Oak Ridges Community Centre Committee. c1w33

FEBRUARY 22 - Wednesday evening. Reserve this date for a concert by Richmond Hill United Church Junior Choir and popular local talent. * * * *

FEBRUARY 22 — Wednesday 2.15 p.m. The regular monthly meeing of Kingcrafts will be held in Kingcrafts House, Keele St., King City.

FEBRUARY 22 - Wednesday. The Toll Travelog will be presented in the Victoria Square United Church at 8.15 p.m. This travelog will be in colour and three dimensions. Admission 50c.

FEBRUARY 22 - Wed. Don' miss this February meeting of Richmond Hill Home & School

FEBRUARY 24 - Friday, KVW

FEBRUARY 24 - Friday. York Aurora. Norm Burling's Orchestra. Advance sale tickets avail-

and at Arena.

Public Sch. Bd. To Consider Business Mgr.

Two motions of considerable consideration. importance were put before the Richmond Hill Public School Board last Thursday evening by LeMasurier Opposes Appeal Trustee Arthur Spence.

The first motion recommended ness administrator or an adminwas agreed that the committee should call in the entire Board to discuss the subject.

principals and Inspectors to study the possibility of establishing a Senior School in the village. I notice at Monday's Council gaged special legal counsel in the tee Spence said that he felt this any decision by Council to appeal Q.C., M.P., prominent Toronto was the one way the willage could the ruling to a higher court. lawyer and member of parliamhope to offer any special services | "Personally I have been oppostent.

ics at the elementary level. mous support and Trustees ex- subdivision is already a reality estimated the municipality has pressed interest in the outcome and as long as things are delay- only 15 days in which to seek

of the discussions.

Reeve LeMasurier To Attend Sewage Conference

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier informed Markham township council Monday that he has been invited to attend a meet-

ing of Provincial and Metropolitan officials called this week to discuss the problem of sewage disposal in the metropolitan area.

Attending the meeting will be Col. A. L. S. Nash, Chief Planner in the Department of Planning and Development, Dr. A. E. Berry Sanitary Engineer in the Department of Health, and Murray Jones, Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Board.



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RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 1956,

Special Council Session

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Queen of the Ball



Queen of the Ball, Miss Helen Calder, centre, is seen with her court and her Prince Charming, amiable Em-Cee Dick McDougall, well-known television personality. The lovely princesses are as follows (l. to r.): Misses Jeanette Vautier, Gail Kingsley, Joan Heffron, Pat O'Brien and Anita Soderberg. Miss Vautier is last year's Prom Queen.

The crowning of the Richmond Hill High School Queen took place at the annual At Home in the local High School auditorium last Friday evening. Following the coronation, the young ladies were presented with sheaves of roses and various gifts by the Student

Council.

Complementing the many striking gowns worn by the guests was a lovely decorative scheme following the undersea theme. The walls were decorated with festoons of seaweed and aquatic plants and colourful sea creatures. Mauve, green and blue lighting gave an under-water effect. The attractive illuminated aquarium panel behind the orchestra may be seen above. The decor even included a sunken treasure ship and a sea chest filled with jewels. The students are to be congratulated for the fine quality of the decor.

— Photo by Lagerquist

Special Course Inaugurated

High School Board Establishes Department Heads

Richmond Hill district high school board Monday Association in the auditorium of night agreed to instigate the system of Department Heads the Yonge Street School. Re- for the various subjects taught at the high schools under its jurisdiction, the appointments to come automatically from recommendations by the principals. Requirements Girls' Softball Dance at Maple for such an appointment are a minimum of three teachers for the subject and a minimum of 90 30-minute periods or 80 35-minute periods per week. At present Thornhill high County Junior Farmers' "At school is eligible for six department heads, however, Rich-Home" dance at The Graystones, | mond Hill is eligible for an English department head only.

Thornhill principal A. S. Elson | Special Course able from Junior Farmer mem- reported that the English, physi- A new innovation at Thornhill bers. Admission \$3.00 per coup- cal education, history and social high school will be the inaugurc2w33 studies, mathematics, science ation of a special two-year and modern languages depart- course at Grade 9 level which MARCH 9-10 - Richmond Hill ments met the requirements, possibly will be extended to 1st Annual Figure Skating Car- however, it was pointed out by three years. The special course nival Friday and Saturday, Principal F. W. Morrow that the which will include basic English, March 9, 10. Tickets: Adults \$1., English department at Richmond and mathematics, home economchildren 50c. Tickets at Main- Hill was the only one eligible, ics, and shop, etc., will be more prize and Wight's Drug Stores and it at the minimum require- suited to the needs of students clw33 | ments only.

To Increase Staff

Principal Morrow was given tering business or industry. Onauthority to advertise for two ly a limited number may enter, new teachers for Richmond Hill, and then only following consultaand Principal Elson for 10 teach- tion with parents. No increase in ers for Thornhill school. It was staff will be necessary. left to the discretion of Mr. Morrow whether the options of Ger- Hill school was not large enough man and English will be contin- at the present time to handle the ued or dropped from the curric- | Special Course. It is anticipated,

The matter of the appointment will be asked to make applicaof a vice-principal for Thornhill tion for their children to enrol school was deferred for further in the course. Trustees pointed

tinue their studies. Pay For Transportation

yet been decided.

Donate Plaque & Scholarship his plaque for the same require-homes became occupied before of the children, she added. "The inite plans," he said, "for the the village.

Contribute To Stage Lighting penditure as contribution towards stage lighting at Richmond | well. Trustee Arthur Spence | owitch. "Well, we can always re-Hill school. Electricians Houle cautioned that if portables prov- quest the two rooms we had be- complaining about breach of the mond Acres subdivision. The Trip To Ottawa

out it was in no way compulsory.

the study by personnel and finance committee of the feasibility and desirability of hiring a business administrator or an administrative official for the Board. On acceptance of the motion, it On acceptance of the motion, it of Canada

Markham Township Council will very shortly make a Trustee Spence's second mo- decision as to whether or not to appeal last week's ruling special committee be set up to of the Ontario Court of Appeal's dismissing an appeal by Markham against Municipal Board approval of a draft work in conjunction with the plan of the long dormant Selkirk Subdivision in Thornhill.

such as shop and home econom- ed to our course of action in this J. D. Lucas, township solicitor, taxes alone", he concluded. The the Supreme Court of Canada. Reeve estimated the subdivision | Set Up Committee

will be paying double the taxes | The members agreed to refer

Councillor Vernon Griffin council. seemed to feel a compromise In the judgment handed down might be possible, "providing by the Ontario Court of Appeal, Mr. Selkirk could be induced to the Court ruled the Ontario approach the problem in a sen- Municipal Board was within its sible fashion."

No Figures As To Cost To date no figures have been home Markham township submade public as to what the liti- division last Oct. 24.

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier gave | quent appeal the township en-Speaking to his motion, Trus- meeting that he is opposed to person of Mr. Donald Fleming,

who desire only two or three

years of high school before en-

The board felt the Richmond

the board stated, that parents

matter from the very beginning," who discussed the ruling with Both motions received unani- stated Reeve LeMasurier. "The the member at Monday's meeting ed we are losing \$2,500 a year in leave to appeal the decision to

> of any other subdivision in the the matter to a three member Councillor committee composed of Council-Donald Deacon contended it is lors Deacon and Griffin and Solquestionable whether or not the cittor Mr. Lucas for study before township would stand to benefit | making any final decision as to from the completed subdivision. whether to appeal the ruling. The "I feel if our legal advisor says committee will confer with Mr. we have good grounds for laun- Fleming on the matter. No final ching an appeal then I think we action will be taken by the comshould appeal", stated Mr. Dea- mittee until such time as any recommendations are ratified by

> > jurisdiction when it approved a draft plan for a proposed 90-

gation has cost the municipality | Markham township's appeal so far. For both the Municipal against the Municipal Board rul-Board hearing and the subse- (Continued on page 2)

course tends to encourage students, who would otherwise leave school for work in the early part of their high school life, to con-

The board agreed to pay for transportation of those students from Thornhill and Richmond Hill schools who must travel from one school to the other to take subjects not taught at their home school, the method of transportation, however, has not

Trustee Kinnee has donated a plaque to be presented to the Grade 13 student with the highest standing in English at Thornent. Love Lumber Company has also donated a \$100. scholarship for a Grade 13 student at Thornhill, the type of award not yet

Trustees approved a \$200, ex-

hill, Grade 12 and some Grade added Trustee Robert Ross. "At office and council chamber.) 13 students, will take a trip to present we have no other alterna-Ottawa, April 26 - April 28, the tive, however," concluded Truscost per student to be approxim- tee Joseph Rabinowitch. ately \$25. The students will tour | Limit Temporary Locations the city ,the parliament buildings and other sites in the historic

Agree On School Sites

Reporting on behalf of the Representative Committee of the Richmond Hill Public School Board last Thursday evening, Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell told the Board that a suitable arrangement is under way for the location of both a public and separate school in the new Beverley Acres subdivision at the north-eastern lim-

its of the village. The solution to the problem of locating both schools in the new development was reached at a recent meeting between representatives of the Public School, Separate School, Village Council, Planning Board and Bailey Developments Ltd.

It was agreed that an additional five acres adjoining the 8-acre village site will be purchased by the council from the Bailey interests at \$10,000. The village will then be reimbursed by the two boards. The land will be apportioned as follows: Public school 8 acres and Separate School 5 acres

Purchase Prize Cattle

The first prize Januaryclass calf, Black Mask of Baroldby was bought recently by Ernst Redelmeier of Don Head Farms, who has now returned from Scotland.

Richmond Hill Pond Area

Deplore Deterioration Of

Water System Ready May 15 Vaughan Township Council has received word from contractors installing watermains in the

installations of mains and connections will be completed prior to May 15, 1956. Council tentatively accepted the completion dates but expressed the hope that the system would be completed ear-Council directed that Mortim-

Richvale-Langstaff area that all

er Davis, who has been assisting Waterworks Superintendent William Norris, be taken on permanent staff.

Sell Hydro Debentures

Richmond Hill has been successful in selling its hydro debentures worth \$150,-000 at a coupon rate of 41/2 per cent. Successful bidder was Gairdner and Co. Ltd., with the Royal Bank of Canada at a price of 100.37.

Six companies submitted offers which ranged from Gairdner's offer to 98.85. Other bids included Bell, Gouinlock & Co., with Dominion Securities 100.30; Harrison & Co. 99.762; Wood Gundy and Canadian Bank of Commerce 99.05; J. L. Graham & Co. and Bankers Bond Corporation Ltd. 99.-027 and Mills, Spence & Co. Lt.d. 98.85.

At Scott School

Board Approves Purchase 2 Portables At \$10,510

Richmond Hill Public School Trustees favoured the purchase of two portable units at a cost of \$5,255 each to meet the accommodation problem arising at the Walter asked the clerk to read the com- Plaxton. Scott School on Markham Road, at their regular meeting munication. The letter further last Thursday evening. The units which are 24' x 36' can be ready within two to three weeks according to the cleaned up and restored to "some are attractive and help keep the makers, T. Heaton Co., and are ready for occupancy as semblance of decency". soon as the desks are moved in. The motion which carried unanimously was made by Trustee Mrs. Margaret South-

Principal Nathan Davison of to get more portables", replied the Scott School told the Board Trustee Rabinowitch. "But let's that last Monday saw 15 new pu- worry about that problem if and pils enrolled in the school. He when it arises," concluded Trusstressed that every classroom tee Rabinowitch. had at least 32 pupils already Cautions Economy and said that some had as many modation unless we go back on pils. Secretary James Grainger declared that she felt the village ing rubble without official sancreported that in the three subdivisions in the south-eastern development which is crowding part of the village there were 580 homes under construction 375 of tion. "If the village is going to Board and Parks Commission posted on Markham Road. which were occupied. The Board | continue to allow big develop- had long range plans for the prehill, and which will supplement expressed concern for accommo- ments to come in, it will have to servation of the natural beauty the suggestion and said there dation in the event that the other expect to pay for the education of the whole area. "We have def- should be more signs all over further accommodation could be act says that the school board development of a park area in

Capital Expenditure

capital expenditure", replied money and that's all there is to waterworks tower. Trustee Mrs. Margaret South- it," emphasized Trustee Rabin- Unsigned Letter

Trustee Ross suggested that the next move in providing accomaction of the Board should be modation. The Trustees unanicalled to the attention of Rich- mously supported Chairman Tinmond Hill Council. "Let them ker's request for authority for know just what we're faced with," the delegation to be as emphatic he said. The Board agreed that in their requests as they deemed the extension to the MacKillop necessary. School would take some of the overflow if pupils were rearranged at the various schools for the present. It was the general concensus of opinion that temporary locations would have to be limited. "It's certainly going to be a problem, but if we have to go back to staggered hours the parents will be up in arms and I don't blame them," interjected Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell.

Trustee Arthur Spence questioned the Board as to what would be done if the other 200 homes in the area were suddenly occupied and provided an average of one child each. "If that comes, then I suppose we'll have

Official Opening Friday Night

The official opening of the Walter Scott Public School will be held this Friday night at 8 p.m. at the school on Markham Road, Richmond Hill, when guest speaker of the evening will be the Honourable W. J. Dunlop, minister of education for Ontario. Also to bring greetings will

be Reeve W. J Taylor, Richmond Hill, J. E. Smith M.P. York North, and Major A. A. Mackenzie, M.L.A. York North, and Richmond Hill Board Chairman S. F. Tink-

Among the guests will be

York County.

pay increase from \$7.00 to \$8.00 a meeting. Provincial legislation provides that where a municipality's population is over 10,000 coun-Inspector W. J. McLood, incillors are eligible to receive spector of public schools for the \$8.00 figure.

receive mileage.

The matter was concluded

when the Board agreed to send

Markham Reeve

To Receive

\$1500. Salary

In a historic move, Mark-

ham township council has

placed its Reeve on a regu-

lar annual salary of \$1,500

retroactive to January 1 of

this year. The salary will be

paid in monthly instalments.

olution moved and seconded

by Councillors V. Griffin

and A. Little and carried un-

animously by council the

Chief Magistrate of the

municipality will start re-

ceiving an annual increment.

the matter of salaries for el-

ected officials. Previously

the Reeve and members of

council each received \$7.00

for all council and committee

meetings attended plus their

mileage. Members of coun-

cil with the exception of the

Reeve will continue to be

paid at the \$7.00 rate. In ad-

dition to his regular salary

the Reeve will continue to

Actually Markham coun-

cil members could, if they

so desire, vote themselves a

This is a new departure in

On the strength of a res-

Council Promises A Good Spring Clean-up

"Richmond Hill was introduced to my husband and self by the Toronto Field Naturalists Club members, many of whom knew the Mill Pond Area very well. We thrilled to the beauty of this pond and the woods around it. Subsequently when we had the opportunity to buy our present home and property six years ago we jumped at the chance. Had we the slightest inkling of the disappointment we were to suffer in respect to this park-like area, we most certainly would have been deterred from buying our present property or anywhere in the village for that matter.

grassed to the very edge and shrubbery grew along the bank. Across the road from the pond the area was rough, but nevertheless carpeted with grass, and many small native shrubs grew in abundance along with many fine native trees. The picture is one exceedingly pleasing to the eye, and soul if one is so inclined.

In six years we have watched the devastation of this area year by year, until now it is used at times for a parking place for large commercial machinery, and as a dump for rubble of every description".

Brown and read at special coun- as many containers as they sold cil session Saturday. The letter advertising to cover. "All we

"I partly agree with the writer | Street Name of the letter. I see no reason why it can't be cleaned up this complained of confusion from the spring and as chairman of the naming of a new village street roads committee I'll be glad to as Bridgeport. It was stated acsee that it is done", said coun- tion was already under way to cillor Floyd Perkins.

Village must be careful where dumping is allowed. Councillor regret in the delay in securing Jones pointed out that a lot of street name signs in new sections Chairman Stanley Tinker urg- the damage in the area was of the village. It was pointed out as 42. "We can't take any more ed the Board not to spend all the through no fault of the village. the name plates were ordered a students with our present accom- budget money, even before it is He said there had been a lot of long time ago, and it was agreed secured. "We should try to keep building activity in the area and an effort will be made to exstaggered hours," he said. There the budget as low as possible," contractors had used the land for pedite delivery. is a total enrollment of 438 pu- he said. Trustee Mrs. Southwell parking and sometimes for dump- Speed Signs

was not concerned over all the tion. Deputy-reeve Ken W. Tomlin wrote on behalf of the trustees the present school accommoda- pointed out that the Planning asking that speed limit signs be must provide educational facil- that section, reaching as far north tity of new signs for use on varities for all children. The village as the Elgin Mills sideroad'.

"How are we going to pay for has to put up the money and if | Councillor Perkins said he had May Pave Streets these portables?" questioned the population continues to grow long contended there should be Trustee Robert Ross. "Out of they will have to put up more a substantial fence around the

and LeCuyer will install the ed too satisfactory, they might fore in the municipal building," by-law which compels house- estimated cost of the pavement jeopardize chances on building concluded Mrs. Southwell. (These holders to shovel snow from the is \$18,400 and of this the village more permanent schools. "The rooms which were vacated by sidewalks. Deputy-Reeve Tomlin share would be \$1200. The bal-Principal Elson reported that price quoted is half the cost of the School Board some time ago observed that anyone who com- ance would be assessed to the 50 senior students from Thorn- a regular permanent classroom," are now used as a village hydro plained about another citizen property on the street. should have the courage to sign his name if he wanted the com- matter when the yearly estimplaint to have serious consider- ates are before council. Council-

a delegation to meet with Richmond Hill Council to discuss the free by the company, and the some streets every year. village will be responsible for Police Matters emptying them. The Company obtains its revenue by selling ad- concern at the high mileage and vertising.

Six years ago, the margin on the waterworks pond was

The above are extracts from | Councillor Jones observed that letter written by Mrs. N. L. the company would install only

was addressed to K. W. Tomlin, have to do is educate the people deputy-reeve, but Mr. Tomlin to use them," said Councillor "I have seen them in many urged that assurance be given other centres in Canada," said that this spring the area will be Councillor Perkins, "and they town streets clean and tidy."

Residents of Bridgeford Street correct the situation by chang-Councillor Plaxton said the ing the name of Bridgeport.

Council members expressed

The secretary of the Public School Board, James Grainger,

Councillor Perkins agreed with

It was agreed to order a quan-

An estimate was read from Engineer Redfern for the paving of that section of Centre Street East from the C.N.R. to the pav-An unsigned letter was read ing already competed in Rich-

It was agreed to consider the lor Jones thought that for the On motion of Councillor Per- present a good hard top road kins, a Toronto firm was given might meet the needs of the sitpermission to place refuse re- uation. Deputy-reeve Tomlin ceptacles on village streets. The suggested consideration should large containers are provided be given to permanent paving of

Council members expressed (Continued on page 3)

Will Be Installed Soon

Yonge St. Parking Meters To Facilitate Shopping

Parking meters will be installed on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill and will be ready for operation early this spring. At a special council meeting this week it was decided to obtain competitive prices and proceed with the installation as quickly as possible.

Council agreed to the installation of meters after long consideration of the local parking problem, and on recommendation of the Merchants' Association.

For some time the problem of time hours, probably 8 a.m. to making parking available for 6 p.m. local business people.

getting parking space on Yonge Street for shoppers still remains a problem.

Meters will operate only for day- | do so with speed and comfort.

those who want to do business in Advocates of meters claim they Richmond Hill has had the con- are the only answer to the parkcern of municipal leaders and ing problem. Deputy-reeve Ken

W. Tomlin, a long-time advocate Free parking space is available in the Park, on the lot north of Charlton Hardware, on the Rich-Charlton Hardware, on the Richmond Theatre parking lot and at Morley Williams' garage, but long time parker who takes up valuable parking space on Yonge Street." on Yonge Street." Yonge Street merchants are

confident that the public will realize that the installation of me-Meters will be installed on both | ters is not a move to increase losides of Yonge Street through cal revenue. Rather it is evidence the business section. Parking of local determination to make it space will be available for short possible for more people to do periods for as low as one cent. business in Richmond Hill, and