

## Coming Events

EVERY WEDNESDAY — Bingo at 8 p.m. sharp in Legion Hall, 114 Carville Road W. Sponsored by Branch 375 Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill. tfc29

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo, sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night. tfc28

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, at 7:30 p.m. Bingo. Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge. tfc28

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. c2w32

FEBRUARY 17 — Friday. Dance to Art Celsie and his Singing Platinmen 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 welcome. clw33

FEBRUARY 17 — Friday. Jefferson School Community Club, Valentine Square Dance, at the school, prizes, everyone welcome. c2w32

FEBRUARY 18 — Saturday. St. John's Bingo, Jackpot \$100. Dinnerware. Newmarket Town Hall, 8 p.m. clw33

FEBRUARY 21 — Tuesday. Euchre in Victoria Square Community Hall at 8:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Good prizes. Ladies provide lunch. clw33

FEBRUARY 21 — Tuesday. Bingo, Oak Ridges Public School, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Oak Ridges Community Centre Committee. clw33

FEBRUARY 22 — Wednesday evening. Reserve this date for a concert by Richmond Hill United Church Junior Choir and popular local talent. c6w28

FEBRUARY 22 — Wednesday, 2:15 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of Kingcrafts will be held in Kingcrafts House, Keele St., King City. clw33

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. clw33

FEBRUARY 22 — Wed. Don't miss this February meeting of Richmond Hill Home & School Association in the auditorium of the Yonge Street School. Refreshments. clw33

FEBRUARY 24 — Friday. K.W.V. Girls' Softball Dance at Maple Community Hall at 9 p.m. clw33

FEBRUARY 24 — Friday. York County Junior Farmers' "At Home" dance at the Graystones, Aurora. Norm Burling's Orchestra. Advance sale tickets available from Junior Farmer members. Admission \$3.00 per couple. c2w33

MARCH 9-10 — Richmond Hill 1st Annual Figure Skating Carnival Friday and Saturday, March 9, 10. Tickets: Adults \$1, children 50c. Tickets at Mainprize and Wight's Drug Stores and at Arena. clw33

## Public Sch. Bd. To Consider Business Mgr.

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

The first motion recommended 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 was agreed that the committee should call in the entire Board to discuss the subject.

Trustee Spence's second motion dealt with the subject of a Senior School. He moved that a special committee be set up to work in conjunction with the principals and inspectors to study the possibility of establishing a Senior School in the village.

Speaking in his motion, Trustee Spence said that he felt this was the one way the village could hope to offer any special services such as shop and home economics at the elementary level.

Both motions received unanimous support and Trustees expressed interest in the outcome 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 meeting 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 Planning 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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## 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 under-sea 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 System Of Department Heads

Richmond Hill district high school board Monday night agreed to instigate the system of Department Heads for the various subjects, taught at the high schools under its jurisdiction, the appointments to come automatically from recommendations by the principals. Requirements 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 school is eligible for six department heads, however, Richmond Hill is eligible for an English department head only.

Thornhill principal A. S. Elson reported that the English, physical education, history and social studies, mathematics, science and modern languages departments met the requirements, however, it was pointed out by Principal F. W. Morrow that the English department at Richmond Hill was the only one eligible, and it at the minimum requirements only.

**Increase Staff**  
Principal Morrow was given authority to advertise for two new teachers for Richmond Hill, and Principal Elson for 10 teachers for Thornhill school. It was left to the discretion of Mr. Morrow whether the options of German and English will be continued or dropped from the curriculum.

The matter of the appointment of a vice-principal for Thornhill school was deferred for further consideration.

## LeMasurier Opposes Appeal

# May Appeal Selkirk Ruling To Supreme Court Of Canada

Markham Township Council will very shortly make a decision as to whether or not to appeal last week's ruling of the Ontario Court of Appeal's dismissing an appeal by Markham against Municipal Board approval of a draft plan of the long dormant Selkirk Subdivision in Thornhill.

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier gave notice at Monday's council meeting that he is opposed to any decision by Council to appeal the ruling to a higher court.

"Personally I have been opposed to our course of action in this matter from the very beginning," stated Reeve LeMasurier. "The subdivision is already a reality and as long as things are delayed we are losing \$2,500 a year in taxes alone," he concluded. The Reeve estimated the subdivision will be paying double the taxes of any other subdivision in the immediate area.

Councillor Donald Deacon contended it is questionable whether or not the township would stand to benefit from the completed subdivision. "I feel if our legal advisor says we have good grounds for launching an appeal then I think we should appeal," stated Mr. Deacon.

Councillor Vernon Griffin seemed to feel a compromise might be possible, "providing Mr. Selkirk could be induced to approach the problem in a sensible fashion."

**No Figures As To Cost**  
To date no figures have been made public as to what the litigation has cost the municipality so far. For both the Municipal Board hearing and the subse-

**Special Course**  
A new innovation at Thornhill high school will be the inauguration of a special two-year course at Grade 9 level which possibly will be extended to three years. The special course which will include basic English, and mathematics, home economics, and shop, etc., will be more suited to the needs of students who desire only two or three years of high school before entering business or industry. Only a limited number may enter, and then only following consultation with parents. No increase in staff will be necessary.

The board felt the Richmond Hill school was not large enough at the present time to handle the Special Course. It is anticipated, the board stated, that parents will be asked to make application for their children to enrol in the course. Trustees pointed out it was in no way compulsory.

**Contribute To Stage Lighting**  
Trustees approved a \$200 expenditure as contribution towards stage lighting at Richmond Hill school. Electricians Houle and LeCuyer will install the lights.

**Trip To Ottawa**  
Principal Elson reported that 50 senior students from Thornhill, Grade 12 and some Grade 13 students, will take a trip to Ottawa, April 26 - April 28, the next day student to be approximately \$25. The students will tour the city, the parliament buildings and other sites in the historic city.

## 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 Beverly Acres subdivision at the north-eastern limits 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 January-class calf, Black Mask of Baroldy was bought recently by Ernst Redclimeter of Don Head Farms, who has now returned from Scotland.

## Special Council Session

# Deplore Deterioration Of Richmond Hill Pond Area

## Water System Ready May 15

Vaughan Township Council has received word from contractors installing watermain in the Richvale-Langstaff area that all 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 earlier.

Council directed that Mortimer Davis, who has been assisting Waterworks Superintendent William Norris, be taken on permanent staff.

## 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 Scott School on Markham Road, at their regular meeting last Thursday evening. The units which are 24' x 36' can be ready within two to three weeks according to the makers, T. Heaton Co., and are ready for occupancy as soon as the desks are moved in. The motion which carried unanimously was made by Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell.

Principal Nathan Davison of the Scott School told the Board that last Monday saw 15 new pupils enrolled in the school. He stressed that every classroom had at least 32 pupils already and said that some had as many as 42. "We can't take any more students under our present accommodation unless we go back on staggered hours," he said. There is a total enrollment of 438 pupils.

Secretary James Grainger reported that in the three subdivisions in the south-eastern part of the village there were 580 homes under construction 375 of which were occupied. The Board expressed concern for accommodation in the event that the other homes became occupied before further accommodation could be arranged.

**Capital Expenditure**  
"How are we going to pay for these portables?" questioned Trustee Robert Ross. "Out of capital expenditure," replied Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell. Trustee Arthur Spence cautioned that if portables proved too satisfactory, they might jeopardize chances on building more permanent schools. "The price quoted is half the cost of a regular permanent classroom," added Trustee Robert Ross. "At present we have no other alternative," however," concluded Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch.

**Limit Temporary Locations**  
Trustee Ross suggested that the action of the Board should be called to the attention of Richmond Hill Council. "Let them know just what we're faced with," he said. The Board agreed that the extension to the MacKillop School would take some of the overflow if pupils were rearranged at the various schools for the present. It was the general consensus 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 to get more portables," replied Trustee Rabinowitch. "But let's worry about that problem if and when it arises," concluded Trustee Rabinowitch.

## Markham Reeve To Receive \$1500. Salary

In a historic move, Markham township council has placed its Reeve on a regular annual salary of \$1,500 retroactive to January 1 of this year. The salary will be paid in monthly instalments.

On the strength of a resolution moved and seconded by Councillors V. Griffin and A. Little and carried unanimously by council the Chief Magistrate of the municipality will start receiving an annual increment.

This is a new departure in the matter of salaries for elected officials. Previously the Reeve and members of council each received \$7.00 for all council and committee meetings attended plus their mileage. Members of council with the exception of the Reeve will continue to be paid at the \$7.00 rate. In addition to his regular salary the Reeve will continue to receive mileage.

Actually Markham council members could, if they so desire, vote themselves a pay increase from \$7.00 to \$8.00 a meeting. Provincial legislation provides that where a municipality's population is over 10,000 councillors are eligible to receive the \$8.00 figure.

Among the guests 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. Tinker.

## Sell Hydro Debentures

Richmond Hill has been successful in selling its hydro debentures worth \$150,000 at a coupon rate of 4½ 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. Ltd. 98.85.

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## 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.

Six years ago, the margin on the waterworks pond was 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."

The above are extracts from a letter written by Mrs. N. L. Brown and read at a special council session Saturday. The letter was addressed to K. W. Tomlin, deputy-reeve, but Mr. Tomlin asked the clerk to read the communication. The letter further urged that assurance be given that this spring the area will be cleaned up and restored to "some semblance of decency."

"I partly agree with the writer of the letter. I see no reason why it can't be cleaned up this spring and as chairman of the roads committee I'll be glad to see that it is done," said councillor Floyd Perkins.

Councillor Plaxton said the Village must be careful where dumping is allowed. Councillor Jones pointed out that a lot of the damage in the area was through no fault of the village. He said there had been a lot of building activity in the area and contractors had used the land for parking and sometimes for dumping rubble without official sanction.

Deputy-reeve Ken W. Tomlin pointed out that the Planning Board and Parks Commission had long range plans for the preservation of the natural beauty of the whole area. "We have definite plans," he said, "for the development of a park area in that section, reaching as far north as the Elgin Mills side road."

Councillor Perkins said he had long contended there should be a substantial fence around the waterworks lower.

**Unsigned Letter**  
An unsigned letter was read complaining about breach of the by-law which compels householders to shovel snow from the sidewalks. Deputy-reeve Tomlin observed that anyone who complained about another citizen should have the courage to sign his name if he wanted the complaint to have serious consideration.

On motion of Councillor Perkins, a Toronto firm was given permission to place refuse receptacles on village streets. The large containers are provided free by the company, and the village will be responsible for employing them. The company offers its revenue by selling advertising.

## 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 making parking available for those who want to do business in Richmond Hill has had the concern of municipal leaders and local business people.

Free parking space is available in the Park, on the lot north of Charlton Hardware, on the Richmond Theatre parking lot and at Morley Williams' garage, but getting parking space on Yonge Street for shoppers still remains a problem.

Meters will be installed on both sides of Yonge Street through the business section. Parking space will be available for short periods for as low as one cent. Meters will operate only for daytime hours, probably 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Advocates of meters claim they are the only answer to the parking problem. Deputy-reeve Ken W. Tomlin, a long-time advocate of meters, says, "meters are the best answer to the problem; they keep traffic mobile and eliminate the long time parker who takes up valuable parking space on Yonge Street."

Yonge Street merchants are confident that the public will realize that the installation of meters is not a move to increase local revenue. Rather it is evidence of local determination to make it possible for more people to do business in Richmond Hill, and do so with speed and comfort.