

## Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 8 p.m. Bingo, Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge. tfc1

EVERY WEDNESDAY — Bingo at 8 p.m. sharp in Legion Hall, 114 Carrville 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 FRIDAY — Dance, Maple Community Centre to Chuck Fortune and the Chuck Wagon Ramblers. Round, Square and Rock'n Roll, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tfc18

NOVEMBER 3 — Saturday. A bazaar of fancy aprons, home baking and candy is being held at 3 p.m. in the United Church Sunday School Room under auspices of the Mission Circle and C.G.I.T. clw18

NOVEMBER 3 — Saturday. Presentation and dance for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw will be in the Vellore Hall. Music by Lloyd's Orchestra. Everybody welcome. Ladies provide. \*1w18

NOVEMBER 3 — Saturday. Bazaar, Richmond Hill Presbyterians Church will hold their bazaar at 3 p.m. in the Sunday School room. Something for all. clw18

NOVEMBER 3 — Saturday. Bazaar and Bake Sale in Edgeley Community Hall at 2.30 p.m. Auspices Women's Association of Edgeley United Church. clw17

NOVEMBER 3 — 2 p.m. Jefferson School Community Club Annual Bake and Apron Sale at the school. Tea will be served. clw15

NOVEMBER 5 — Monday. The Evening Group of the Richmond Hill United Church W.A. will meet at 8 o'clock in the S. S. room. Miss Ruth Boxer, fashion consultant for Robt. Simpson Co. will be the guest speaker. All ladies welcome. clw18

NOVEMBER 6 — Tuesday 8.30 p.m. in Wrixon Hall. Lyric Male Choir and assisting soloists in programme of favorite secular songs. Tickets 50c at Fabric Fair or Hall door. clw17

NOVEMBER 7 — 5-8 p.m. Turkey supper. Full course meal. by W.A. of Carrville United Church, in the church hall. Adults \$1.75. Children under 12, 75c. clw15

NOVEMBER 10 — 9 p.m. Dancing. Richmond Hill Lions Hall with the Novelty Ranch Boys. Admission \$1.00 each, auspices of 3rd Richmond Hill Scout Group. clw18

NOVEMBER 10 — Saturday. Vellore Sr. Women's Institute Bazaar and Tea. Vellore Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. clw18

NOVEMBER 10 — Saturday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trinity Church, Thornhill, Annual Bazaar and Tea in the Parish Hall. Sewing, knitting, bake table, fish pond, white elephant, dolls' clothes and candy. clw18

NOVEMBER 14 — Wednesday 8 p.m. A progressive euchre in the Community Centre, 111 Maple at 8 o'clock under auspices of the Women's Institute. Good prizes. Admission 50c. clw18

NOVEMBER 14-17 Inclusive — St. Andrew's United Church Choir, Markham, will present their third Gilbert & Sullivan operetta "The Gondoliers" in the Church Hall, Markham at 8.30 p.m. Tickets \$1.00 reserved. Directed by Peggie Clark and Arthur Slater. For tickets and information phone Markham 661. clw18

NOVEMBER 17 — The annual bazaar sponsored by the Women's Association of Richmond Hill United Church at 3 p.m. in the Sunday School rooms. Sale of handwork, aprons, home baking and candy. Afternoon tea. clw18

## Mr. Lou Wainwright Elected President

Election of officers for the year 1956-57 marked the well attended gathering of the Men's Club of St. Mary's Anglican Church, in Wrixon Hall on October 27th. In vacating the Chair, President Dave Higgins expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the co-operation accorded him by the executive during the past year. He welcomed his successor, Lou Wainwright to his office of President and Chairman of Sidesmen. The executive elected were: Munroe Ashkanese, morning Convener, Aubrey Dunn, evening Convener, Jim Boynton, Secretary, Jack Brodick, Treasurer, Dave Higgins, membership chairman, Charles Peacock, Sick Committee, Norman McLellan, Refreshment Committee, together with Ken Flynn and Dennis Underhill. In one of his brief—but enlightening discourses, the Rev. Arthur Chote presented his topics "Faith" and "Christian Love", "men's edition", in his usual dynamic manner. A tour of the Ford Plant at Oakville, arranged by Donald Little, for the evening of Thursday, November 29th has been completed. The members appreciated the showing of two sound-color films — "Epidemic", and "It's Fun to Sing" — the latter illustrating the work of selecting and training of the Leslie Bell singers. Refreshments—and the chance to catch up on general conversation—brought to a close another get-together of the Men's Club.

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## At Municipal Board Hearing

# Municipalities' Joint Counsel Claims T.T.C. Agreement Case One For The Law Court

## "Interpretation Bill 80 Not Within OMB Power"

At a hearing in front of the Ontario Municipal Board last Tuesday afternoon in Toronto, C. P. McTague, joint counsel for the municipalities of Richmond Hill and Markham and Vaughan Townships, told Municipal Board Chairman, J. A. Kennedy, and V. S. Milburn that the application of the Toronto Transit Commission to cancel the agreement for the operation of the North Yonge Bus Line as presented at the hearing was a matter that should be decided before a court of law. He said that case as it was being presented actually required an interpretation of the agreement between the northern municipalities and the T.T.C. and it also involved the interpretation of Bill 80, the Metropolitan Act, "which power is not vested in this board."

This formed the basis of the northern municipalities' argument in favour of adhering to the present agreement for the operation of the North Yonge Bus Line until expiry of the agreement in 1960. The request for a hearing was made by the Transit Commission following refusal by the municipalities owning the line to cancel the ten year agreement until its legal termination.

Evidence by J. H. Keane, Treasurer for the T.T.C. showed that for the year ending December 1, 1955, the portion of the line north of Steele's Ave., had earned only 14.18 per cent of the figure of \$136,864 for the entire line. He said that a system of punch-tickets had been used several times to test the apportionment of revenue. In reply to a question, he said that although a study was made this year, no study was made at the time the Toronto Transportation Commission became the Transit Commission, with the formation of the Metropolitan Area.

Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill was questioned regarding a meeting last spring between the municipalities and Mr. Lamport of the T.T.C. Mr. Tomlin said that Mr. Lamport had made several suggestions and had proposed that if the municipalities gave up their share of profits, the T.T.C. would continue to operate the line for the balance of the agreement and would assume any deficit for that period.

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier of Markham Township testifying on the same joint meeting said that he had failed to be impressed with Mr. Lamport's arguments at (Continued on page 2)

## Assessor's Report

The 1957 assessment report was presented to Vaughan Township council recently, showing the total assessment of the roll returned on September 30, 1956, as being \$8,974,608.00, representing an increase of almost \$1,000,000.00. It was agreed that the council meet with various assessing officials on the 8th or 9th of November, to discuss policy and directed that arrangements be made for a Court of Revision to be held in the council chambers at Maple on the 14th day of November, 1956.

## Seeks Office Deputy-Reeve



ROBERT KIRK

Energetic member of this year's Vaughan Township Council, Councillor Robert Kirk announced this week that he will be a candidate for the office of Deputy-Reeve in the December voting. In his initial entry into municipal politics last year, Mr. Kirk scored a record plurality in leading the polls. During his first year of service he has displayed a deep understanding of the functions of local government and has taken an active part in all Council deliberations.

## To Ascertain Vaughan Feelings

Markham Township Council decided Monday to approach Vaughan Township Council in an effort to ascertain Vaughan's feelings regarding any proposed dissolution of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan. Under any such plan each Township would then be responsible for the education of its own children.

## Approve Sale Of Simcoe Park

York County Council approved last Thursday the purchase of the 450-acre York County Park at Lake Simcoe by the Provincial Government for \$170,000. The county bought the park for \$120,000 in 1952 and has spent \$77,000 for maintenance and construction.

Warden Marshall McMurchy recommended that Metropolitan area municipalities have a 55 per cent interest in the park and if it was retained council would have to reimburse these municipalities to the extent of \$110,000.

"I don't think we should ask taxpayers of this county to support and maintain a park which is used by a majority of people outside the county," said Mr. McMurchy.

The province, he said would be able to improve the park and provide additional swimming and recreation facilities that council could not afford.

## Plan New United Church For R. Hill

Realizing the need for local Divine Worship in their area, a number of residents of various denominations have met, and formed a "United Church Group", holding their Sunday Church Services in the two portables adjacent to the Walter Scott School.

Regular service is now held each Sunday, at 9.45 a.m. for the Primary group, ages 6 to 8, Junior Intermediate and Senior, ages 9 to 15, with the Kindergarten group, age 5 years at 11 a.m., at which time the adult service is held. The group has been successful in securing the services of volunteer teachers, also those of Mr. Don Hansford, Student of Emmanuel College and Deaconess Miss Richardson. Organ music is provided by a portable instrument brought along — and played by Miss Patricia Waern.

The present attendance at the 11 a.m. services ranges from 60 to 70, with a total of 100 to 175 children of various ages.

The group held its meeting on October 24, electing a committee to organize, and resulting in the forming of the following executive: Mr. Orval Magee, chairman; Mr. C. Loverock, assistant chairman; Mr. J. D. Haney, treasurer; Mr. G. Parr, assistant treasurer; Mr. Thos. Buchan, secretary; Mr. Bob Wylie, assistant secretary; Mr. A. R. Wallace, superintendent of Sunday School.

In line with future development, the members have secured a five-acre tract in Crosby Heights, at Bayview Avenue — their church is to be called "St. Matthew's United Church of Richmond Hill."

## Gail Menthe In Oratorical Finals

The honour of representing Richmond Hill Public Schools in the annual York County public speaking contest was won by Gail Menthe of Richmond Hill last Wednesday night. Speaking in a competition held at the MacKillip Home and School meeting Gail's speech on "Happiness" was judged the best of three. Second place went to John Perkins for his speech on "Canada" with Jacqueline Bettles taking third place. As the winner, Gail will compete in the York County public speaking contest on November 14 in the County Chambers at Newmarket.

Before announcing the judges' decision, Mr. Gordon Crutcher commended all three contestants for their fine efforts and commented briefly on each of the speeches giving both praise and constructive criticism.

For the second half of the Home and School program, the speaker was Mr. Duard Rose, who explained the Level System. This is a subject of great interest at the present time and one which has led to much confusion on the part of parents. Mr. Rose gave a clear picture of the "hows" and "whys" of the Level System and answered all questions, spoken and unspoken, for a most appreciative audience.

Refreshments and a social hour completed a very worthwhile evening for the 140 teachers and parents who attended.

## First Visit Lyric Choir

Richmond Hill will score another "first" next Tuesday evening when the Lyric Male Choir will visit Wrixon Hall under the auspices of the Evening Guild. This well-known 20-voiced choir will sing many old favorites such as "The Lost Chord", "Road To The Isles" and "John Peel" to mention only three. There will be Winifred Reid and H. French as vocal soloists and Cliff Bryant will lend sparkling wit and humour to the programme. This will be the only appearance locally of this talented musical group which comprises men in all walks of life voluntarily giving their time to bring happiness and enjoyment to many people. The Conductor is W. John Thomas and the Accompanist is Winifred L. Thomas. Everyone is invited to hear this interesting and varied programme.

BOLTON: It may cost ratepayers an additional \$13,000 to have a basement under the two room addition to the Public School here. The Department of Education does not pay any grant on basements.

## Safety Essay Winners



Vaughan Township Deputy Police Chief Ernie Bone is seen above presenting prizes to (l-r) Mary Ann Baker, Karen Whaley and Sherry Sissons. The prizes were for the best essays on safety written at the school. Deputy Chief Bone spends many hours among the children in township schools discussing safety practices and at the recent graduation banquet at which the presentations were made he said that there have been no serious accidents to and from Vaughan Township Schools in the last five years. — Photo by Lagerquist

## 9 Witnesses Testify

# Inquest Jury Suggests Thorough Inspection All Substandard Housing

A five-man jury last Thursday night recommended that all substandard buildings inhabited in the district should be thoroughly inspected by the proper authorities to insure that they are safe for human habitation. The recommendation was brought in after 45 minutes deliberation following an inquest into the death of Sandra Slighte and Michael Ball who died in a fire on October 12 in Richvale. Presiding at the inquest were Assistant Crown Attorney Harold Sanders and district Coroner, Dr. J. P. Wilson. Members of the jury drawn from the Vaughan Township voters list were George Richards, Robert Strigley, Robert Scott, Ernest Pike and Donald Stephens. Robert Scott acted as foreman of the jury.

The verdict stated that the two victims had died at or about 3 a.m., October 12, 1956, in a cabin at the rear of 48 Edgar Ave. The cause of death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning induced by smouldering debris piled near the stove.

Dr. W. Cameron Cowan who performed an autopsy on the body of Sandra Slighte said that the examination showed that death had probably been caused by small amounts of carbon monoxide in the blood stream rather than burning. Dr. Cowan suggested that the positions of the bodies in the burned building and marks on the bodies indicated that some attempt had been made to escape. However, he said that he was sure they were in a stupor when they became aware of the smoke. The doctor told the jury he felt that the two persons were dead before the fire actually broke out.

**Police Report**  
P. C. Wood of the Vaughan Township Police Force testified that he was on duty at Thornhill when he received a call from the police dispatcher to investigate a reported glow in the sky in the Richvale area. He said that he found a "converted shed" at the rear of 48 Edgar Ave. with two-thirds of the exterior in flames. P. C. Wood told the court that the owner of the main house, Mrs. Blanche Facer, told him she did not know if there was anyone in the house but that it was rented. He said that as he returned to the police cruiser to investigate a reported glow in the sky in the Richvale area. He said that he found a "converted shed" at the rear of 48 Edgar Ave. with two-thirds of the exterior in flames. P. C. Wood told the court that the owner of the main house, Mrs. Blanche Facer, told him she did not know if there was anyone in the house but that it was rented. He said that as he returned to the police cruiser to investigate a reported glow in the sky in the Richvale area. 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