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

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

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.

NOVEMBER 23 - Jefferson School Community Club Square Dance at the school at 8.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23 - Dance, modern and old time at the Friday Night Fiestarama, Lions Hall, Centre St., Richmond Hill, 8.30 p.m. Door prizes. Spot dances. Refreshments.

NOVEMBER 24 - The Richmond Hill Kinettes Rummage Sale, Masonic Hall at 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 24 - Saturday Tea and bake sale 2-4 p.m., 2nd Richmond Guides' Auxiliary, Mrs. Ken Hall, Westwood Lane.

NOVEMBER 24 - Saturday, 1 p.m. Turkey Shoot will be held on farm of William Baker, 1 mile north of No. 7 highway on Bathurst Street. Sponsored by Concord Gun Club, 12 gauge shot guns only.

NOVEMBER 26 - Monday 8.15 p.m. Charles Howitt Home and P.M.O. Association meeting held at the school.

NOVEMBER 26 - Monday, Regular monthly meeting of Victoria L.O.L. 2368 in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. All members urged to attend.

NOVEMBER 26 - Monday 8.15 p.m. Richmond Hill Community Swing will hold a Square Dance in auditorium of M. Lillian McConaghy Public School on Yonge Street.

NOVEMBER 28 - Wednesday, 1 to 5 p.m. St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges, "Christmas Tree Lane" bazaar, cake walk, Tom Thumb pie for children, tea, gifts, etc.

NOVEMBER 28 - Wednesday, Jefferson School Community Club Card night at the school, 8.15 p.m. Attractive prizes. Everyone welcome.

NOVEMBER 28 - Wednesday, The annual meeting of Kingcraft at Kingcraft House at 2 p.m. Mrs. Gordon Phippen and Mrs. J. R. McArthur will give a demonstration talk on Christmas Decorations.

NOVEMBER 28 - Wednesday, 8.15 p.m. Home and School Dedication programme postponed due to illness of Mrs. M. Lillian McConaghy. Programme for this meeting includes children's choir. School Board candidates to speak. Review on children's books. There will be no December meeting of the Association.

NOVEMBER 29 - Thursday, 8.30 p.m. Public meeting to hear candidates for Vaughan Township Council and Maple Village Trustees at Maple Community Centre, sponsored by Maple and District Ratepayers' Association.

NOVEMBER 29, 30 - Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m. Canada Packers cooking school, sponsored by the Inner Wheel of the Rotary Club of Willowdale at the North York Community Hall. Admission 50c. Prizes. Proceeds to be used for welfare work in the community.

NOVEMBER 30 - Friday, Opening at 3 p.m. the annual Christmas Bazaar of Eversley Presbyterian Church W.A. in King City United Church. Tea adults 35c, children 20c.

NOVEMBER 30 - Friday, A dance and euchre to be held in Vellore Hall in aid of the Hope Boys' Ball Team. Sally and Her Musical Mates. Admission 75c.

DECEMBER 1 - Saturday, St. Stephen's W.A. Annual Christmas Bazaar, Aprons, Bake Sale, Dolls, Candy, Christmas Decorations, Tea, 2-5 p.m. Maple Community Centre.

DECEMBER 3 - Monday, 1st Jefferson Brownie Pack will be presenting a carol singing evening at the St. John's Anglican Church Hall 7.30 to 9 p.m. for the purpose of raising funds for the 1st Jefferson Pack. Everybody welcome.

DECEMBER 7 - Friday, Marian Guild Annual Christmas Bridge, euchre and turkey draw in Our Lady of Fatima School, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. Refreshments served.

WILLOWDALE: "Temporary" sewage treatment facilities built by Metro to service the Victoria Park and Bayview Village subdivisions must now be considered to be "Permanent" facilities, according to a report prepared by Mr. R. G. McQuillan, M.A.Sc., North York Board of Health Engineer.

STOUFFVILLE: J. E. Allen, assistant assessor in Whitchurch Township, has taken the position of Police Officer for local by-laws, relief and truant officer. There were four applicants for the job. He replaces the late Richard Mulholland.

Reeve Taylor Candidate

Richmond Hill May Have First Warden Since 1891

A large crowd of ratepayers is expected to attend Richmond Hill's annual nomination meeting which will be held in the Masonic Hall Friday evening November 23rd. Ratepayers will be asked to nominate a Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-reeve, and four councillors to serve in 1957. Also to be nominated will be candidates for Hydro Electric Commission, Public and Separate School Trustees.

Reeve W. J. Taylor has announced that he will stand for re-election to the office he has held since 1952. Mr. Taylor is regarded a sure choice for the office of York County Warden for 1957, and if he should be elected to this high office he will be the first York Warden from Richmond Hill since 1891 when W. H. Pugsley was accorded the honor. Reeve Taylor has served Richmond Hill continuously since first elected as councillor in 1928.

Deputy-reeve Ken W. Tomlin will stand for the honour of election as Richmond Hill's first mayor. He served as councillor in 1948, 1949, and 1951 and was elected deputy-reeve in 1952.

Councillor Perkins has announced he will stand for deputy-reeve and Councillor Jones who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for this office Monday night announced that he would be in the field for some municipal office. Councillor Plaxton completing his first year on council will stand for re-election.

New candidates in the municipal field include Jack Rice, a former member of council, Stanley F. Tinker, present public school board chairman, James Haggart, past president of the Richmond Acres ratepayers Association, Ken Flynn, Stuart Symington, and Mrs. Ruth Stocks.

For the Public School trustees Robert Ross and Jos. Rabinowitch present trustees are standing for re-election and new candidates include B. D. Brent and Mrs. Virginia Sully.

On the School Board of Our Lady of Fatima School three trustees are to be nominated to fill vacancies left by the expiry of terms of A. Reinhardt, Urban Hughes and Vincent Hanna. Both Mr. Reinhardt and Mr. Hughes have expressed their intention to seek re-election, however, Mr. Hanna has stated he will not be a candidate again this year.

There are rumours of several other candidates for council and school Board but to date the above are the only ones to have made declarations of their intention to The Liberal.

The formal nomination proceedings are from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. after which a public meeting will be held when the candidates will address the ratepayers. Clerk Russell Lynett will preside.

Draw Tickets Aid Hospital The draw for a lovely doll and her wardrobe is to be made at the opening of the Gift Shop at York County Hospital, Newmarket on December 1, 1956. Invitations are also available for this event - call Mrs. Cowan, TU. 4-1303.

Tickets are on sale at the following business places: The Liberal office, Consumers' Gas Co., Dynes' Jewellers, Dalley's Variety Store, Town Hall, Minerva's Beauty Shoppe, Clarke's Pharmacy, Savage's Ladies' Wear, The Village Gift Shop, Mainprize Drugs, Thurston's Men's Wear, Mansbridge Meat Market, Yerex Electric, Birrell Motors, Yonge St. N., Hall's Service Station, Yonge Street, Marley's Groceries, Mrs. W. C. Cowan, 47 Church St. N., Richmond Hill, TU. 4-1303, Canadian Tire Corp., Associate Store, Williams' Sunoco Service Station, Hollies Ladies' and Children's Wear, Murray Cycle and Sport Shop, Mrs. (Dr.) Glen Sawyer, King, Ont., Mrs. (Dr.) Ray Bigford, Maple, Ont., Mr. Frank Shorter, 51 Palmer Ave.

Next year it is likely most of Richmond Hill Council meetings will be held in the morning or afternoon rather than in the evening. Municipal business has grown to the extent that business cannot be handled by evening meetings without making too great a demand on the evenings of council members. While unanimous in favouring daytime meetings for next year council agreed one meeting per month should be held in the evening. It was felt that this one meeting per month would be sufficient to handle delegations which could not come during the day. Final decision on the proposal was left to the newly elected council.

Council To Meet In Daytime

Large Turnout

Every Seat Contested Vaughan Twp. Election

Nine Candidates Contest Three Councillor Seats

Considered to be one of the best nomination meetings held in Vaughan Township in a decade, there were more than 150 township ratepayers gathered at Vellore Memorial Hall last Friday night to hear a record number of candidates seeking office on the 1957 municipal council. Every office is to be contested - with keen competition for the office of reeve, deputy and three councillors. While there were three nominations for reeve and two for deputy reeve, the biggest surprise came when there was a total of ten nominations for the three councillors' seats.

Chairman of the evening was Lt. Col. J. A. McGinnis, who expressed congratulations to the ratepayers for their excellent turnout and keen interest in the nomination meeting. Before the candidates spoke, Col. McGinnis extended his personal thanks and that of the ratepayers of Vaughan Township for the fine work done by the incumbent council.

The first speaker of the evening, incumbent reeve, Marshall McMurchy, declined to accept nomination for re-election. Mr. McMurchy said, "I have sat in all the chairs there are to sit in, in the municipal field, from councillor to Reeve and now Warden of York County. I feel it is time to step down now for the present." Concluding, he said, "I hope I have been of some service to the municipality during these past years."

Deputy-reeve Albert Rutherford who is seeking to step up to the reeveship this year, gave a quick resume of the past year's work in council and referred to the roads in particular. He said that in 1955 the majority of the township's road appropriation had been spent in repairing hurricane damage and this year the main project has been the roads in the front end of the township. He pointed out to his audience that during last year while he was chairman of the police and fire committee, he had been able to successfully introduce the police radio system and had worked for expansion of the police and fire departments. He said that during his service on

Storm Sewers For New Subdivision

Richmond Hill's newest subdivision, the re-zoned area of Beverley acres, will have 26 ft. pavements, curbs and storm sewers. J. A. Bailey, through his engineer Grant Duff made this offer to the Village at Monday night's council meeting and it was given council approval, subject to an O.K. from village engineers. The wider pavement, curbs and storm sewers will be provided by Mr. Bailey at no extra cost to the municipality.

Reeve Taylor and members of council expressed satisfaction with the Bailey proposal. Firstly they said it will make a more attractive subdivision, secondly it will eliminate the ditches and drainage complaints which have come in the past from other subdivisions, and thirdly the plan will help alleviate conditions which are now the subject of some complaint in the already developed areas.

At a recent meeting of council complaints were heard about the open drainage ditches in the new subdivisions.

Maintain By-law Being Violated

A delegation of residents from the German Mills area attended last Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council in connection with the operations at the Sabiston Sand Pits. Through their solicitor, M. DesBrisay, they expressed concern at the fact that they had evidence that Sabiston was continuing to violate the By-law prohibiting the removal of gravel, sand, top-soil etc., and that it appeared that the Township was not taking steps to enforce the By-law.

Mr. DesBrisay reported that a member of the Township Police Force had ignored his suggestion that incriminating evidence could be obtained by paying a visit to the site, saying that a report by the Chief of Police was to the effect that the operations were not in violation of the By-law.

Mr. Des Brisay had then secured the services of a private investigator who had no trouble obtaining evidence.

Council advised the delegation that the Police Committee would be instructed to take the matter up and that there were already resolutions in the books that the present council, for whom this was the second last meeting, was opposed to any establishment of a cinder block plant or any extension of the pits.

Eliminate Inequalities

Clark Seeks Reeveship

LeMasurier & Griffin Retire from Public Life

A major shake-up in Markham Township Council is forecast for 1957 with announced retirement this week of two members of this year's Council. Both Reeve Alfred LeMasurier and Councillor Vern Griffin, the Ward 1 representative have stated their definite intention to retire from public life at the end of December. Both are self-employed business men and gave pressure of business as the reason for their decisions.

The retirement from active political life of Reeve LeMasurier will mark the close of a stormy but very successful political career. Often the centre of controversy Reeve LeMasurier held very strong views on how the local government should be carried on. During his five years as a member of Council he maintained an unbeaten record and never lost an election.

of the Road committee. In terms of dollars and cents the chairman of the Road Committee is the most important portfolio at the municipal level. With Reeve LeMasurier he represented Markham on County Council.

Ward 2 representative Councillor D. Deacon and Ward 3 representative Councillor A. Little are expected to vie for the position of Deputy-reeve. Mr. Deacon resides on the Deacon Farms just north of Unionville and is associated with family business of investment brokers in Toronto. He is completing his second term as a member of Council.

Councillor Little is completing his third term as the representative of Ward 3. A native son, Mr. Little was born and raised in Markham Township. He has been a dairy farmer all his life. During the past year he served as chairman of the Road Committee.

The annual nomination meeting will be held tomorrow evening (Friday) at the Buttonville Hall and nominations will be received between 7 and 8 p.m.

Four Candidates Nominated School Area

At the Vaughan Township nomination meeting held on Friday evening last, four candidates were nominated to fill the three vacancies on the board of trustees for Township School Area 1, Markham and Vaughan. Those nominated were Ronald Dempster, Nathan Hicks, Jackson Taylor and Allan G. Parker. Of the three candidates, only Jackson Taylor spoke. In a short address, he expressed sincere interest in the affairs of School Area 1 and pledged himself for smooth-running, efficient management of school business.

It was revealed later that although three candidates did not appear on the platform, they made their intention known to the clerk of the township and all four candidates have now qualified to stand for office. The term of office is two years.

Stress Responsibility

Elections Main Topic Of Pleasantville Ratepayers

The forthcoming municipal elections were of considerable interest at the regular meeting of the Pleasantville Gardens Ratepayers' Association held last week in MacKillop School. Members heard Jim Haggart, past president of the Richmond Acres Ratepayers Association speak briefly on "Citizen Responsibility". He compared a municipality with a big business, with the taxpayers its shareholders, the annual shareholders' meeting being the nomination meeting. He, as did other speakers during the meeting, urged all to attend the nomination meeting and also the Candidates' Night on Tuesday, November 27, and to vote on Monday, December 3.

Representation on a regional basis was suggested by some members with regret being expressed that there seemed to be some apathy this year with only a few candidates apparently standing for election. It was suggested that the inauguration of a ward system would be of value.

Parks President Al Harley reported on a Parks Committee meeting he attended. He reported that it was hoped that some budget would be set up by the 1957 Council to allow for improvement and establishment of park areas on a progressive basis. Cleaning up the scum on the Mill Pond was mentioned as something that needed doing.

The association is planning a concerted Christmas decoration program for the area. In addition to the association's own efforts, householders are urged to do all they can to decorate exteriors of homes for the festive season. Peter Whittall, Mr. Fixit of TV fame was presented and made some suggestions.

It was announced that members wishing to have their driveways paved could do so through the association at \$2 a square yard provided a sufficient number signified their willingness.

Industry Industry occupied a considerable part of the evening's discussion. It was urged that every

Staff member Mrs. McWhirter won the award for having present, the most parents of children from her schoolroom. The cup and saucer shower proved very successful, securing 36 cups and saucers for use by the association's entertainment group. The evening was further enlivened by the staging of a "Baby Picture Contest". Displayed on a board, were photos of ten of the executive taken when they were infants. The contestant who guessed the most photos correctly, was Mrs. C. Loverock.

Being the final meeting of the year, Mr. T. Buchan, on behalf of the association, made a "pre-Christmas" presentation to Principal and Mrs. C. N. Davidson, also to caretaker Mr. T. Elliott.

The teaching staff of the Walter Scott School will be entertained at a Christmas luncheon on December 13, by the Executive of the association.

Walter Scott Home & School Hear Talk On Children's Books

Despite the inclement weather prevailing on the evening of November 15, the Home & School Association of the Walter Scott School held a very successful meeting, at which over 50 members were present. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. Arnold Price, assisted by a very willing executive, an interesting and educational program was provided.

Mrs. E. R. Clifton of the York-Simcoe Home and School Council, enlightened the group with her talk on the choice of books suitable for children. She supplemented this by a display of books of various types.

The showing of the film "Pre-fact to Life", depicting the various phases of a child's life, was of such interest and educational value to the members that it was decided to arrange for future film presentations. A "panel buzz" on the highlights of the film by the executive resulted in discussion of further interest to those present.

Christmas Lighting Council unanimously agreed to co-operate again with the village merchants in erecting lighting for the Christmas season.

Gordon Mortson, operator of the local bus system asked the municipality for an eight year franchise. The request was referred to the solicitor for advice.

Council accepted an option from J. L. Graham & Co. on a \$78,000 school debentures at a bid of \$92.11. Although considerably below par it was the best offer received. Debentures are for twenty years and bear interest at 5 per cent.

Councillor Jones asked for action to improve conditions at the Yonge Street bus stop at Vaughan Road. Councillor Perkins said he hoped for action by the TTC soon.

Councillor Plaxton congratulated Mr. Flynn who presented a petition for sewers in the Elmwood area signed by 74 per cent of the owners. "It's been a one man effort on the part of Mr. Flynn," said Mr. Plaxton, "and he deserves credit." Mr. Flynn asked that action be taken on the petition as quickly as possible. Council agreed.

Complete Re-assessment Richmond Hill Likley 1957

The Town of Richmond Hill which will be born January 1st will very likely be treated next year to a complete re-assessment. Reeve W. J. Taylor at a recent meeting suggested the necessity for such a move and Monday night representatives of E. Fraser and Associates, assessment specialists made a proposal for a complete re-assessment which council members viewed with favor.

If the re-assessment plan is adopted every property in the municipality will be re-assessed according to the provincial manual based on 1940 values. The cost of the proposed re-assessment will be about \$14,000, and will take about eight months to complete.

Deputy-reeve Tomlin speaking in favor of the move said that there is no doubt a re-assessment is needed. "We have," he said "many unrealistic assessments in Richmond Hill."

Councillor Plaxton pointed out that home owners are now taxed to the hilt and he wouldn't want to take any action which would put on them any additional burden.

Mr. Fraser pointed out he is just completing re-assessment of the Town of Newmarket and the Township of East Gwillimbury. In these municipalities the adoption of the new system has increased the assessment by two to three hundred per cent. In Newmarket for instance commercial frontage was increased from \$50 to \$125 per foot. It was intimated that if the new plan is adopted in Richmond Hill "property in the commercial area will get an awful bump".

It was pointed out that although assessments are increased it would not necessarily mean increased dollar tax payments by ratepayers. As the assessment goes up the mill rate should come down. The advantage of the proposed re-assessment are that everyone is assessed on the same basis eliminating any inequalities, and the larger assessment would improve the borrowing position of the municipality.

Councillor Perkins sounded a warning note. "If our tax rate drops from 79 mills to 40 mills there might be an inclination to be more free in council spending. We don't want that to happen," he said.

Councillor Jones said that as far as he could see the only one to be hurt by a re-assessment is the one who now is under-assessed.

No action was taken but council favor for the idea indicated that the proposal will be one of the first on the agenda for the 1957 council.

High School Debentures Council refused the request of the District High School Board to issue debentures for \$425,000 for the proposed new addition to Richmond Hill High School. High School Board Chairman Wilfred Dean appeared before council making the request, following the recent action of County Council in deferring action on the request until 1957. County Council deferred action until after the January sitting of the Ontario Legislature when it is hoped the Ontario Government

will revise its policy of grants. Chairman Dean pointed out the High School Board now has a firm tender good until the end of this month. It was almost certain he said if new tenders have to be called for that costs will go up ten per cent. He stressed the urgency of the situation in the face of the rapidly growing population, and said delay until 1957 would be costly. "I'm sorry to say we're in a tight corner," said Chairman Dean.

Reeve W. J. Taylor said every member of council sympathized with the Board in the problem it is facing and recognized the urgent need for the new addition to the school, but had to recognize the credit limitations of the municipality.

Deputy-reeve Tomlin said the point at issue was whether or not Richmond Hill should issue debentures of \$425,000 on the credit of the municipality when the village had really only an 18 per cent responsibility.

Reeve Taylor and Deputy-reeve Tomlin both stated they are reasonably sure the County will issue the debentures as soon as the position of the province is clarified as to the amount of grants to be paid.

Supporting Chairman Dean, High School trustee Robert Enowat appeared before council on behalf of the Library Board and requested use of the present office of the village clerk for library purposes when the new offices are completed. They pointed out that library circulation has increased to such an extent that present accommodation is quite inadequate. Council readily concurred in granting the request. It was agreed that thought should be given now to securing a site and making plans for a new Library building.

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