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Vaughan Nomination Meeting

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County Council he had been successful in sponsoring some township roads as part of the County Roads system.
Retiring Councillor
Councillor James Reid discussed the township's activities in trying to make the township a safer place to live through the extension of police and fire services. He also mentioned the safety programme being carried out in all schools in the township. Mr. Reid is retiring for the present from the municipal field following three years consecutive service to the municipality.

Councillor Robert A. Kirk who this year is seeking the office of deputy-reeve told his audience that last year he ran for council to see more equitable representation from all parts of the township. "This year I'm seeking to move up to deputy to see the same even representation on County Council from Vaughan," he said. Mr. Kirk said that he felt a measure of satisfaction in view of the fact that the township was now taking action to secure a resident engineer. He said that during the past year he had found it necessary to fight on almost every point with the consulting engineers to have done what was in the contract for the water system. For this reason, he contended that an engineer to look out for township interests would be important. As chairman of the water committee, he said that if the water system operation continues as successfully in the future there is the possibility that the three mill water rate may be off in two years.

Mr. Kirk concluded that he was pleased that one of his first projects on entering council, lights at street entrances along Yonge St. was now completed.

Contesting the seat of deputy-reeve, Councillor William J. Agar, was the next speaker. He touched on planning in the township and mentioned that the township now has a Planning Director and is making strides towards the completion and approval of the official plan. He said that building valued at approximately five million dollars had taken place in the township during the past year.

Contests Reeveship
Contesting the reeveship is John Perry, former Vaughan and Woodbridge Councillor. In a brief address, Mr. Perry offered his experience in "full time service of the municipality". "I have no desire to criticize the actions of the past. I only want to offer my future development," he said.

Many New Suggestions
With the unusually large number of candidates seeking the three councillor positions, there was a wealth of new suggestions and platforms put before the ratepayers this year.

The first speaker, J. N. Mulholland, Q.C., offered his legal experience to the municipality and pointed out that with the extensive control exercised over municipalities by the provincial government, almost every point of municipal action involves law in one form or another. Referring to the financial statement, Mr. Mulholland commented that the overdrafts seemed to be unusually high. He said that the province

should be urged to get all grants and subsidies in on time so that municipal governments would not have to borrow money to carry on and consequently pay high interest charges. "The province should be awakened to our problems now," he said.

Strained Relations
The speaker took strong exception to the strained relations between Markham and Vaughan townships. Referring to the recent controversial issue of School Area I, he said, "We don't want to become embroiled with our neighbours. Going further, he said, "I understand that Vaughan will be selling water to Markham for the big new Menpen plant to be built. I think it helps Markham's reeve to be little his neighbour with pica-yune thoughts." "What we need to get results with the province is a united front, not dissension," he added.

Education
Regarding education, Mr. Mulholland said, "We are only seeking our rights in wanting aid for schools and welfare". He pointed out that the federal government is planning substantial aid to universities. "This is the opportunity for the province to assume the entire administration of secondary schools, leaving only the responsibility of elementary education to the municipalities with their meagre resources", he stressed. "I'm interested in harmony between municipalities so that we can concert our efforts for more demands. Referring to the need for a survey of all township legislation to eliminate outdated by-laws and bring the whole by-law system up to date, Mr. Mulholland stressed in particular the need for night courts so that minor infractions could be dealt with. "A man who is busy and must be at work every day often must let his case go, whether it be a traffic violation or an assessment appeal in the court of revision, because he cannot take the time off through the day to present his case."

Karl Lund, a wholesale florist and a resident of the township for the past 20 years, promised full time service for the municipality.

"Satisfied Stockholders"
Roy H. MacDonnell, Vaughan Township farmer, said that he was offering years of business experience to the municipality. He said that the township was going through a difficult period and needed firm business methods to hold steady. He told his audience that all the township ratepayers are potential stockholders and he pointed out that "satisfied stockholders" are very important to a municipality.

Jesse Bryson, a lifelong resident of the township told the ratepayers that he was vitally interested in the future of Vaughan and was anxious to take an active part in helping to build the townships future.

A Kleinburg insurance broker, Victor Ryder, offered service and extensive business experience to the electors of Vaughan as a candidate for councillor.

"Let's Sell Industry"
A keen interest in the industrial development of the township was expressed by E. W. Anstey. "In addition to water and gas we have the prime requisite for industry - transportation. There are adequate road and railway facilities which should be publicized," he said. "Let's meet the customer, sell the product, and then ask for the order", concluded Mr. Anstey.

William Stephens, was disqualified at the meeting because he was not present and did not send proof of intention to stand for office.

Water Committee
The setting up of a water-committee to manage the Water Area 1 system and any others which may come into existence was one of the main suggestions of William Costoff. He pointed out that with water and gas now in the township he was anxious to see industry established. Referring to education, he said, "It is our biggest cost and I would like to see municipalities banded together to get some concrete assistance. Criticises Administration"

Fred Day was critical of the township administration. He said that there were not enough police, more road graders were needed and he said that snow ploughing service was poor. "Actually our taxes are not cheap," he said adding, "They don't even pick up my garbage."

Zoning for representation was the policy set forth by Thornhill lawyer, Bruce Ralph. He said he was interested in good municipal government and would like to see representation evenly spread over the township.

All the candidates have qualified with the exception of William Stephens.

Three candidates were put in by acclamation in Vaughan-Toronto Gore School Area. They are: Geoffrey Lynch-Staunton, Douglas Zimmerman and Walter McCabe.

Organize New West Vaughan Ratepayers

On Tuesday evening, November 13, a group of 30 local residents gathered at the new Kleinburg public school to consider a local candidate for the 1957 Vaughan Township Council. Councillors Bill Agar and Jim Reid were on hand to discuss the duties of the township council and how public business is transacted. The following consented to stand for election as councillor, Vic Ryder of Kleinburg and Carl Lund of Pine Grove.

The West Vaughan Ratepayers' Association was also formed. Mr. Tom Matthews chaired the meeting and was elected as president of the association and E. W. (Al) Snider of Kleinburg was elected as secretary. The next meeting will be held in the new Kleinburg School on Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m.

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Discuss Village Elections

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thing to be done to encourage industry to establish in the community. Several expressed the opinion that prospects found it difficult to obtain information and suggested that a central source of information should be established immediately. Peter Savage suggested that at future meetings representatives from the Industrial Commission and the Planning Board should be asked to speak. He felt more was being accomplished than appeared on the surface.

President Harley reported that final paving should be started by November 21 or 22, barring complications such as extension of the independent truckers' strike.

Ratepayers' Council
Harry Sayers reported on the preliminary efforts to establish a Central Council of Ratepayers' Associations of Richmond Hill. He pointed out there were a number of things which concerned all residents and that could be the subject of co-operation among the associations. He mentioned the possibility of mail delivery as an example. He also told of the Candidates' Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, in the L. M. McCaughey School being sponsored by the various associations as a co-operative effort and that all expenses involved would be paid

BELHAVEN: The entire 1956 council for North Gwillimbury Township was returned by acclamation at a nomination meeting here on November 18. Roy Pollock won an acclamation for a fourth year on council. Deputy Reeve Clark Martin was returned for a third term. Councillors are J. L. Doyle, a former reeve; William King and Frank Willoughby.

NEWMARKET: Expropriation procedures were started by town council on Monday night when a by-law was passed authorizing the action to expropriate a portion of land in the former Lewis farm for the construction of a well.

AURORA: Gas should be in Aurora by the end of November, say officials of the Consumers' Gas Company. Work on the twelve inch line from Richmond Hill has started. The pipe will terminate at Newmarket for the time being.

MARKHAM: The new 170,000 James Robinson Public School in Markham Village was officially opened on Tuesday night. The present enrollment, with a staff of 12 teachers and Principal L. J. Abernethy, is 385 students.

STOUFFVILLE: A former resident of the village, Bishop Oscar Burkholder, now of Brantford, died away in Waterloo hospital.

for by these ratepayers' associations.

One member urged all to request children to walk facing the traffic on their way to and from school. The lack of sidewalks was mentioned as one reason why children should be most careful when walking on the streets.

Members expressed their pleasure at the co-operation of the Public School Board in permitting pupils at MacKillop to carry lunches on days when the weather was bad. President Harley urged all parents not to abuse this privilege and suggested that when parents are unable to be home, they should arrange to have neighbors look after their children rather than send them to school with their lunch, unless the weather is bad.

Members again wondered if and when the gasoline standby engine would be placed in the pump house in the creek valley. It was reported that lifesaving equipment for the mill pond area was likely to be installed shortly. Considerable interest was expressed in having the Richmond Hill phone area incorporated in the Toronto calling area.

Presents Debating Trophy

On Friday evening last, at the Aurora High School commencement, Mr. T. A. M. Hulse, Q.C., of Aurora, announced that he was presenting on behalf of himself and family a handsome trophy for Inter-School Debating between the North York secondary schools of Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, and Thornhill. The trophy will be known as the J. H. Knowles trophy, in honour of Principal J. H. Knowles of Aurora High School, and Mr. Knowles will act as chairman of the committee in charge. Competition will start in 1957, under Inter-Collegiate rules and the Hulse family will provide replicas of the trophy for the annual winners and in addition, Mr. Knowles will receive a replica.

Village Council Candidate

Mr. Stuart Symington has announced this week that he will seek a seat on the Richmond Hill Council in the forthcoming municipal elections. He is a member of the Richmond Hill Industrial Commission and has taken an active part in the formation and activities of the East Elmwood Ratepayers' Association.

Lion Doings

Meeting of the Lions was held on Thursday, November 15, with Brigadier Carswell of the Salvation Army as guest speaker.

Brigadier Carswell spoke of "The Battle of the Standard", giving conditions in the world today and how the Salvation Army throughout 87 countries in the world was carrying on its good work under their yellow, red and blue flag - the standard of the Salvation Army.

Don Thurston, on behalf of the club, presented Brigadier Carswell with a dozen roses.

The Lions Club presented two stretchers - one to the Richmond Hill Police Force and one to the Richmond Hill Arena Association. Salute to Lions will be held on November 22 at the King Edward Hotel, with The Happy Gang, on Station CBL. All Lions are welcome.

Richmond Hill Lions Hockey team defeated Rexdale Lions 18-4 on Wednesday night.

First Woman To Seek Seat R. H. Council

This year for the first time in the history of Richmond Hill municipal elections, there will be a woman candidate for council. Mrs. Ruth Stocks of Arnold Cres. has announced her intention to seek election this year.

"The growth of Richmond Hill from a village to a town is accompanied by many problems of particular interest to the women of Richmond Hill in their role as mothers and householders. Their interest can best be served by a woman's voice in council," Mrs. Stocks told the Liberal.

A resident of Richmond Hill for ten years, Mrs. Stocks has been actively engaged in many community organizations, including St. Mary's Anglican Church W.A., the local association of Girl Guides and the Skating Club. Mother of two children, Mrs. Stocks is the current president of the McConaghy Home and School Association.

WILLOWDALE: North York may forfeit Edwards Gardens to Metro as a too-expensive luxury unless its economic possibilities offset its high operational costs.

Seeks Seat School Board



MRS. V. SULLY

Mrs. Virginia Sully has announced that she is a candidate for Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Mrs. Sully who is the mother of five children has lived in the district nine years and has taken an active interest in school affairs. She has been an active member of the Home and School movement since its beginning in Richmond Hill and is presently serving on the executive of the MacKillop Home and School Association.

Feeling that educational standards are increasingly threatened by rising costs and teacher shortages, Mrs. Sully pledges herself to resist any lowering of standards and to work toward continuing improvements in the Richmond Hill school system.

Rich-Hill Moors Draw Winners

The names of three lucky winners were drawn on Tuesday at Rich Hill Motors, Richvale, as part of the opening ceremonies of this new automobile dealership. First prize of a car radio went to Earl Lambert of Yongehurst Road. The second prize, a choice of windshield washers or a set of slip covers, went to Mrs. Garthwaite, of 131 Wright Street, Richmond Hill. A choice of wheel balance or alignment job was won by third place winner Robert Jackson of 158 Ruggles Ave., Richmond Hill.

MARKHAM: The old Markham high school has been sold to the Markham Union Lodge, it was announced this week.

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