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Coming Events

EVERY THURSDAY — Bingo, sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw, night. tfe28

DECEMBER 24 — Monday. Regular monthly meeting of Victoria L.O.L. 2368 in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. All members urged to attend. cw25

DECEMBER 25 — Tuesday. Christmas Dance sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers to be held at Vellore Hall. Dancing 9 to 1. Hollingheads' Orchestra. Everybody welcome. c2w24

DECEMBER 28 — Friday. Come and enjoy an Old Time dance at Buttonville Hall. Proceeds go to W.I. building fund. Lunch provided. Admission Ladies 50c, Gentlemen 75c. *1w25

JANUARY 18 — Scarborough Chapter Barber Shop Chorus sponsored by the Fellowship Group of Richmond Hill United Church. c6w24

JANUARY 7 — At Buttonville Women's Institute Community Hall, Don Mills Rd., a mammoth Bridge and Euchre. Proceeds to help cover cost of Christmas Gifts sent yearly by Buttonville W.I. to the Canadian Cancer Society for patients in outlying areas. c1w25

Next Week's Paper

As Christmas falls on Tuesday next week, your issue of "The Liberal" will be available Friday morning instead of Thursday morning as usual.

We thank readers, contributors, and advertisers for their co-operation in this change of publication day which will allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families.

Twelve Homes Robbed In Richvale

Twelve homes in south Richvale were broken into over the week-end. From Roosevelt Drive to Edgar Ave., within a three-quarters of a mile area, the homes were entered when the occupants were away for the evening. The intruder or intruders did comparatively little damage, aside from one broken window and a damaged door jamb, and seemed intent on locating petty cash lying around.

According to the Deputy Chief of Vaughan Township Police, Ernest Bone, there were no finger prints as the thief evidently wore gloves, but tracks leading to four homes were the same, leading police to believe it is the work of one person. On previous week-end homes in Weston and North York have been entered under similar circumstances, and indications are that someone is operating from area to area.

BRADFORD: Thieves stole more than \$900 from the Cousins Creamery here recently. Two Toronto men were arrested within two hours and the money was recovered.

SUTTON: When voters re-elected Reeve William Sellers, they accorded him a total exceeding the combined votes of his opponents.

Council Says Can't Afford It

Storm Sewer Project Would Cost Richmond Hill \$191,250

In a detailed report from the engineering firm of Proctor, Redfern and Loughlin, Richmond Hill Village Council learned last Monday night that the proposed storm sewer project in the north-west side of the village will cost \$191,250. The project would drain the following streets: Bridgeford St., Bridgeport St., Evahill Cres., Libby Blvd., Powell St., Wright St., Reaman Ave., Hall St., Elizabeth St., Centre St., Lucas St., Richmond St., and part of Mill St. The scheme would be paid for with debentures over a 20 year period and there would be a special sewer levy over the area affected. It has been estimated that at present the rate to directly benefitting properties would be approximately 50c per foot frontage. The rate would be subject to adjustment depending on the number of benefitting properties.

It was recommended by the engineers that the first half of the project, the trunk sewers, be installed first and the balance of the lateral mains put in at a later date. It has been estimated that the primary installation would be at least 75% effective. The project was proposed and the estimates called for because of the undue flooding of the land in the area and sewage of water into the sanitary sewer. Council felt that the project was needed but concern over the financing was expressed. Deputy Reeve Ken Tomlin felt that the municipality would be handicapped for the next two years, at

least, in handling such an extensive project as this. It was finally agreed to table the report for the time being.

Further to the matter of drainage, Council received notice of an alternate proposal by Markham Township engineers for a proposed drainage scheme for Beverley Acres. The new proposal involves more and larger culverts and would cost an estimated \$321,000, approximately \$100,000 above the first estimates. As this was the final meeting of the year the matter was deferred for consideration by next year's council.

Handle Routine Business At Final Board Meeting

Trustee Robert Ross served as Chairman of the regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board held at McCaughey School on Thursday. Past Chairman S. F. Tinker resigned from the Board at a previous meeting in order to run, successfully, for the 1957 Richmond Hill Town Council.

Supervising Principal Duard Rose was present at the meeting and was complimented by the Trustees on the new, comprehensive report cards, issued this month in the public schools. "We want the parents to really know what the child is doing," said Principal Rose. "We have instructed the teachers to spend more time in assessing the work of each child so that parents can know exactly how he is progressing, rather than the parent just receiving a 'general' idea. We feel, too, the teachers once they have initiated the system, will get a personal satisfaction from this type of report to the parent, which can be a real help to the child with the parent's co-operation," stated Mr. Rose.

The Supervising Principal told the Board the privilege of children remaining at school during the lunch hour in severe weather had been abused at MacKillop School. Neither the Supervising Principal nor the Trustees felt the weather had been sufficiently inclement to warrant children within three-quarters of a mile area remaining at school for the lunch hour. Henceforth the principal will have the authority to send the children home at noon if they are within walking distance and the weather is not deemed severe. Trustee J. Rabnowitch, seconded by Trustee A. Spence, moved a letter be sent

to the parents of the children at MacKillop School informing them of this matter.

Need Space at McCaughey School. Trustee Ross, Chairman of the Building Committee, informed the Board the McCaughey School was badly in need of extra space. The principal's office serves as Board, health, and remedial room. There is no teachers' room. Trustee Ross thought some space could be found by shutting off the front entrance and making use of the large hallway as an additional room. The Trustees on motion of Trustee L. Clement, seconded by Trustee A. Spence, authorized Mr. Ross to consult with the architects, Jackson and Ypes, and the Ontario Fire Marshall as to the advisability of utilizing this space. Former Chairman Tinker was present and stated he hoped in the coming year "there will be more liaison between Council, Planning Board, and the School Board." Mr. Tinker also said, "I am wondering if a partial solution to the need for recreation facilities especially in the summer would be possible by setting up temporary play areas in the school grounds." The Trustees agreed such a suggestion should be entertained at the proper time.

The Board learned the store rented in the Beverley Acres Bayview Plaza was now operating as a classroom for 35 children.

W. Middleton Appointed High School Board

By a majority decision Township Council Monday agreed to appoint Mr. Wesley Middleton of Headford as their representative on the Richmond Hill District High School Board. Mr. Middleton was appointed to a three year term. A veteran of municipal politics Mr. Middleton had a long and distinguished record of public service as a member of Richmond Hill Council. The new appointee compiled an unparalleled record of service as a member of municipal council extending from 1929 to his retirement in 1955.

An advocate of strict economy in public affairs, Mr. Middleton never hesitated to speak his mind on pressing issues of the day.

Mr. Middleton will replace Mr. Wilfred Dean, present Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A resident of Thornhill Mr. Dean has represented Markham Township since the formation of the present High School District in January 1949. During his seven years of service he has played an increasingly active part in the affairs of the Board. He is completing his first term as Board Chairman.

Markham's other two representatives on the District High School Board are Trustees Harvey Collard and Stewart Rumble.

To Seek Provincial Aid

In view of the present tight money situation Markham Township Council Monday decided to approach the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation which is an agency of the Provincial Government in the hope of borrowing some \$81,000 to finance the sale of debentures for the proposed extension of the Doncaster Water Area. The members opened three tenders for the Doncaster system but decided not to accept any as it was felt the prices quoted were too high. It is expected a new set of tenders will be called for in the spring.

On advice of Solicitor J. D. Lucas, Council set up a committee to seek Provincial legislation to extend the power of the municipality to prohibit and license gravel pits. Committee members will be Deputy-Reeve W. Clark and Councillor D. Deacon with a further appointment to be made by the 1957 Council.

The official inaugural meeting for the 1957 Council will be held on Monday, January 7, at 11 a.m. in the morning at the township offices, Buttonville.

O, Holy Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

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School Area Highest Enrollment

R. Tamblyn Reappointed High School Board

Markham and Vaughan School Area No. 1 Board of Trustees have the authority to appoint a member of the Richmond Hill District High School Board for the coming year, as it has the largest public school enrollment in the high school district.

According to figures released by Public School Inspector for York 3, Maynard Hallman, the aggregate attendance for 1956 in

School Area No. 1 was 14,842. For Richmond Hill Union School Section, the second largest, the total attendance was 12,267 for the same period.

Earlier this month, Mr. Robert Tamblyn of Thornhill was reappointed by the Board of Trustees of the School Area to be their representative on the Richmond Hill District High School Board. However, announcement was held up pending the release of official attendance figures by the office of the inspector. Until several years ago Richmond Hill Union School Section had the largest enrollment in the district.

Served For Past Two Years. Mr. Tamblyn has served as a Trustee on the high school Board for the past two years. During the past year he has served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Building and Planning Committee. In the latter capacity, Mr. Tamblyn has been responsible for reporting the progress of the building of the addition to the Thornhill High School, and for planning for the building needs for the increasing high school population in this area.

Sponsored Beverley Acres Ratepayers

Santa Claus To Visit Bayview Shopping Centre On Saturday

Saturday, December 22, will see the new Bayview Shopping Centre crowded with excited children and parents awaiting the arrival of Santa to distribute packages of candies, nuts, balloons, and candy canes.

The party has been arranged, organized and directed by the Beverley Acres Ratepayers' Association in an effort to provide the children of the development, and Richmond Hill with their own Christmas Party and Santa Claus.

Mayor-elect William Neal will officially open the party at 2:40 p.m. and will be followed by President Frank Murphy of Beverley Acres Ratepayers, who will briefly thank the many generous sponsors of the party.

Mr. Murphy will then turn the party over to Mr. D. Dingwall, who will M.C. till the arrival of Santa sharp at 3 p.m. Upon the arrival of Santa, he will lead a parade of the children, prior to distributing parcels to all children under 12 years of age.

Music will be provided by an accordion group and recordings under the supervision of Mr. S. Cameron.

The afternoon program will continue till 5 p.m. and the evening party will start at 7 p.m. and continue till 9 p.m.

On Sunday, December 23, a program of Christmas carol singing will also be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all those interested at the Bayview Shopping Centre.

Anyone desiring additional information should contact any of the following people: Mrs. Cowling, Mrs. Derrick, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Dingwall or Mr. Owen.

Appoint Library Representative

Chairman W. Ladell of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan announced this week the appointment of Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Thornbank Road, Thornhill as the Trustee representative on the Thornhill Library Board. Mrs. Edwards was appointed for a two year term.

The other School Area representative on the Board is Mr. R. H. Nell, Thornhill Solicitor.



Mayor-elect William Neal of Richmond Hill is seen above saying a few words at the recent very successful social evening and dance held in the Lions Hall by the Glenbrae Ratepayers' Association. With Mr. Neal, on the left, is television personality Dick MacDougal, who introduced him to the large crowd attending.

— Photo by Geoff. Dearling

The residents of Glenbrae Heights subdivision held a very successful dance on Saturday, December 14, at the Lions Hall, Richmond Hill. The event was organized by the social committee of the Glenbrae Ratepayers' Association, including chairman, Mrs. G. Gibb; treasurer, Mrs. Len Jones; Vern Thompson and Mr. Leavens.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was well known Tabloid personality, Dick MacDougal, who with his usual easy style insured that everyone present had a pleasant evening.

During the evening Mayor-elect William "Bill" Neal made an appearance and was introduced by the Em-Cee. It offered the people present an opportunity of meeting their first mayor.

As George Gourlay, president of the Association, was unable to attend, vice-president Len Jones thanked the Social Committee on behalf of the Association for all their efforts in making the evening a success.

A surprise ceremony was performed when the first residents of Glenbrae Heights, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sweinbeck of Conestoga Ave., were invited to cut a decorated cake to commemorate this first social venture of the Association. Refreshments were prepared by several of the ladies from the subdivision who had a special vote of thanks from the chairman of the social committee.