

## Tree Poachers Active Again In District - Owners Warned

There has been a wave of tree thefts during the past week and a number of district residents have lost fine evergreens to these tree poachers. In the Dufferin Street district, back of Carrville, a number of incidents occurred when some one entered private property to cut a number of trees and then left them lying on the roadside. A farm owner on the Maple sidewalk however, was successful in nabbing the culprits and action will likely be taken to recover the value of the trees.

It seems appropriate at this time to point out a number of pertinent facts in connection with this unpleasant business. To begin with, the act involves trespassing on private property and then it is a serious offence to cut trees from private lands without permission. At present, the matter is under study by legislators who are seeking a way to deal more effectively with the nifty type who thinks he has the privilege of cutting anyone's trees. In some instances which have been reported to district police forces, and forestry officials, trees

which have taken ten and fifteen years to grow have been cut from lawns and landscaped settings. And when one considers the cost of purchasing full grown evergreens from a nursery or the time and trouble in growing them from seedlings this type of thievery becomes just as important as stealing money or property and should be punishable in the same way.

One case reported to The Liberal dealt with a man who pleaded poverty as the reason for stealing a tree, however, closer investigation revealed that he was transporting the stolen tree in a truck rented from a car rental agency.

Police throughout the district have announced that they are keeping a close watch on areas where parked cars may indicate tree poachers and residents who have evergreens in easily accessible spots are to be on the lookout for these people.

**MARKHAM:** An employee of the railway in this district since 1932, Harvey Rose is now retired after 40 years continuous service.

## Entire Orange Home Guests Of Local Restaurateur

Probably one of the finest things about Christmas is its inspiration to give. This year a man who is well known through the district for his generosity, not only at Christmas but throughout the year, brings to our attention the pleasure of giving. Mr. Bing Lew, Richmond Hill restaurateur, has always responded generously to appeals in the community and in addition has taken the initiative to do many kind gestures, many of which go unnoticed and unsung.

On Wednesday night, of this week, Bing Lew played Santa Claus to a group of children — not the mythical Santa, but the

real Spirit of Christmas Giving. He was host to the entire group of children from the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home. Not only did he serve a wonderful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, but each child received a gift. In addition, he chartered a bus to bring the children to his restaurant dining room and to take them safely home.

Modest about these gestures, Bing Lew only comments that he likes people and he likes to see them happy. What a wonderful example he sets in his concern for his fellow human beings — it is worth following with pride.

## Richmond Hill Council Deals With Many Small Matters

The meeting of Richmond Hill Council last Monday night marked the last session of Richmond Hill Village Council as in the

new year the municipality will have stepped up to town status. There were a number of small items to be cleared up for the new year and Council attended to a number of these smaller items in a three hour session.

Reeve W. J. Taylor called to the attention of the meeting that there was a motion on the books regarding the holding of some meetings of council in the daytime. Council agreed that this matter needed serious consideration in the light of the fact that both the municipal engineers and solicitor were finding it increasingly difficult to attend night meetings. "My time at night is just as valuable to me as is the daytime to the people who are protesting about some day meetings," said Reeve Taylor. It was pointed out that if some meetings were held in the daytime, there would still be the regular meeting held in the evening affording the ratepayers an opportunity to observe council sessions.

Approval was given for test borings prior to the excavating for sewers in the Elmwood Ave. area. The approval was for an amount up to \$1,000 and will be charged under local improvement with the project itself.

**Roads**  
The engineers for the village asked for initial acceptance of the asphalt roads in Glenbrae subdivision but pointed out that the shoulders needed more attention. Initial acceptance was also requested for roads and sewers in Richmond Acres. Council declined acceptance in both instances and pointed out to the engineer present there was little point in asking for this type of partial approval when there were still points to be settled and work to be done. Deputy Ken Tomlin and Councillor Harold Jones moved that the letters be tabled and also recommended that when these engineering inspections are made the Road Committee be in attendance.

The request for the extension of a watermain south on Bayview outside the village limits was sought by five residents was laid over until the new year. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$3,400 to do the work. The request was made by residents who are having trouble with domestic wells.

The planning Board was instructed to start preparing a brief on the proposed level crossing in the industrial area.

**Street Rights**  
A letter from a resident of Richmond Street, sent to the Police, was referred to council. The writer protested the poor street lighting on Richmond St. and urged action to make walking safer at night. Council ordered a check into the matter.

A letter from the Department of Education said that the council's request for an improved grant structure for education would be considered along with similar requests from other municipalities.

**Compensation**  
Council carried Deputy Reeve Tomlin's motion to increase the workman's compensation for the fire brigade to the maximum of \$4,000.

Approval was given to an account for \$3620 from Kenneth Cooper, architect for the new building. This was for the designing of the addition to the municipal hall. The contract did not include supervision. In passing the account, Council expressed satisfaction at the speed with which the building was progressing. Council also agreed to go up to \$700 for the redecorating and refurbishing of the council chamber.

**Dog Problem**  
Councillor Donald Plaxton recommended that council try to arrange a dog pound with Markham and Vaughan Township in the coming year. He said that the problem was still serious but added that the trouble stemmed from the fact that people were more willing to complain to the municipality than they were to actually lay a charge in the instance of dogs running at large. Reeve Taylor and Councillor Perkins favoured the raising of dog licences and stricter enforcement of the dog bylaw.

It was learned during the meeting that the parking meters which were installed in September have produced \$1,533.41 revenue up until last Saturday. This averages \$250 a month for the village. Satisfaction was expressed by all over the success of the meters.

**GEORGINA:** Voters turned down the sale of liquor in the municipality, in the referendum.

## No Agreement High School Site

At a joint meeting of representatives of the municipalities of the Village of Richmond Hill, and the Townships of Markham and Vaughan and the Richmond Hill District High School held Tuesday no decision was reached regarding a possible site for the proposed new District High School to primarily serve Richmond Hill children.

Representing Richmond Hill at the meeting was its Planning Board and Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin. Markham was represented by its Planning Director R. Forrest and Deputy-Reeve William Clark and Vaughan by its Planning Director J. Swalm. High School Trustees attending included Chairman W. Dean, and Messrs. V. P. McMullen, R. Tambllyn, H. Sayers and S. Rumble.

There is no land satisfactory for a site available in Richmond Hill proper at present. Earlier the High School Board had recommended locating the school in Markham Township close to Richmond Hill. Markham felt any such decision should first be referred to the Metropolitan Planning Board for approval. Any move to locate the school in Vaughan will have to be first referred to Vaughan Township Council for study.

The present High School District already has schools in Richmond Hill and Thornhill and is planning another new school for Woodbridge for 1957.

## Expect Tomlin May Seek Re-election

When Richmond Hill Council met for its final session last Monday night, Deputy Reeve Ken Tomlin announced that he would likely seek a seat on council again next year. Mr. Tomlin was unsuccessful in his bid for the honour of being the first mayor. At the meeting he said he would continue to be interested in Richmond Hill's municipal affairs even though he would not be a member of the 1957 council and in addition said that he would be anxious to return to municipal service.

**MARKHAM:** A village resident, Walter Percy, has recently celebrated his 95th birthday.

**SCHOMBERG:** Dr. M. K. Dillane, a general practitioner in the district for the past 56 years, passed away recently.

## Anglican Rector Accepts New Post



**Rev. A. A. Chote**  
The many friends of the Reverend Arthur Chote, B.A., L. Th., Rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Richmond Hill since early 1953, were sorry to learn this week that he and Mrs. Chote and their son Paul, will soon be leaving the community. The Rev. Mr. Chote has accepted a call to the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, and will conclude his rectorship in this community on January 31.

In a message to his congregation, Mr. Chote said that he and his family will treasure the deep friendships and happy memories of Richmond Hill. The congregation and the community at large too, will also remember with a certain pride, the active contributions made to the community by Mr. Chote and the interest in and wholehearted support of the community.

A graduate of Wycliffe College, Mr. Chote was rector of the parish of Cavan and also of Port Whitby before coming to Richmond Hill. During the war he achieved an enviable record both with the Toronto Scottish regiment and later with the R.C.A.F. where he became a Squadron Leader.

In Richmond Hill as in other parishes where he served, Mr. Chote has led active programmes to make the church not only a spiritual but a cultural and social centre of the community. Certainly, here in Richmond Hill, St. Mary's Anglican Church has taken great strides ahead under his leadership.

In addition he has been a willing and understanding spiritual counsellor, not only to his own congregation but to the many friends he has made here and those in need have always received his personal and unbiased attention regardless of station. He will, indeed be greatly missed.

The Liberal joins with the community in wishing Mr. Chote and his family Godspeed and success in their new home and work.

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