

# Inaugural Meetings Municipal Councils

## 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

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 8 p.m. Bingo, Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge. tfe27

JANUARY 14 — Monday, Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 meets in Masonic Hall, Thornhill. clw28

JANUARY 14 — Richmond Hill Community Sing meets in McConeghy School at 8.15 p.m. \*1w28

JANUARY 15 — Tues., 8.15 p.m. Euchar in Victoria Square Community Hall. Everyone welcome. clw28

JANUARY 17 — Thurs. 8.30 p.m. Jan. meeting Thornhill Home and School Association, Father's Night. A forum and open discussion of "What a Boy Expects of His Father." clw28

JANUARY 17 — Thursday, 8.15 p.m. Rev. Walter McCleary of Grand Valley, Ontario, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children, which will be held at the Thornhill School on Bayview. Rev. Mr. McCleary has been associated with the summer camp for retarded children at Grand Valley for the past few years and will speak on this subject. He will also show a color film of the activities there. Members are urged to attend, and visitors will be welcome. clw28

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

FEBRUARY 20 — Wednesday evening. Reserve this date for 4th Annual Concert by Richmond Hill United Church Junior Choir and popular assisting artists. c6w28

JANUARY 21 — Last date to enter Marathon Euchre, starting week of January 28. Finals March 1, Henderson Ave. School. For entry information AV. 5-2288 or AV. 5-1556. Proceeds for Doncaster Community Ladies Club. c2w28

## High School Reps Meet Council

Representatives of Markham Twp. who are sitting on the Richmond Hill District High School Board for 1957 will be meeting this week with members of Markham Township Council to discuss general policy with regards to high schools. The representatives are Stewart Rumble, Harvey Collard and a new appointee Wesley Middleton.

Markham Township has followed a policy of close liaison with its representatives on the high school board in order to keep well informed on secondary school education and to promote good public relations.

## Beverly Acres P.O. Proving Aid To Newer Districts

The opening of the new Beverly Acres Post Office, located in the Beverly Pharmacy at the new Bayview Shopping Centre, on December 12th, has proved very beneficial to residents of that eastern subdivision, in addition to assisting in relieving the load from the Richmond Hill Post Office.

Mr. F. C. Elphinstone, Postmaster at Beverly Acres, advises that during the two weeks of the Christmas "peak period", it was necessary to employ additional staff to cope with the huge volume of mail matter — letters, cards and parcels.

While complete statistics are not yet available as to the thousands of pieces of mail matter that passed through the Post Office during that period, the Postmaster states that mail is being handled for some 500 families.

Mr. Elphinstone advises that, in order to expedite delivery, all persons who will be receiving mail through this new Post Office are urged to notify correspondents of their new postal address, which should be as follows: NAME, NUMBER AND STREET, BEVERLY ACRES, ONTARIO.

## First Meeting R. Hill Board

The inaugural meeting of the 1957 Richmond Hill Public School Board will be held this evening (Thursday) in the Board Room at the M. Lillian McConeghy School at 7.30 p.m.

A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and committees will be elected for the coming year. Members of this year's Board are Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Mrs. Virginia Suljy, Mr. Robert Ross, Mr. Lewis Clement, Mr. Joseph Rabinowitch and Mr. Arthur Spence. Secretary-treasurer is Mr. James Grainger.

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## LeMasurier Appointed Planning Board

## Markham Twp. Names Committees For 1957

Markham Township Council held its inaugural meeting Monday morning with the full Council in attendance. Following the opening ceremonies at which the Rev. J. D. Tiller of St. Phillips Anglican Church, Unionville, asked for spiritual guidance in the coming year, Clerk Charles Hoover officially swore in Reeve W. L. Clark, Deputy-Reeve D. Deacon, and Councillors Mrs. K. James, L. Mumberson and H. Cosburn.

Council reconvened in the afternoon and held its first business session of the new year. The most important matter to be dealt with was the formation of the 1957 committees. The following appointments were moved by Reeve Clark and accepted unanimously by Council. The first person named in each case is the committee chairman.

**Property and Parks** — Mrs. James and L. Mumberson.

**Fire** — H. Cosburn and L. Mumberson.

**Police** — L. Mumberson and H. Cosburn.

**Roads and Bridges** — Mrs. James, D. Deacon and H. Cosburn.

**Finance** — D. Deacon and L. Mumberson.

**Water and Sanitation** — D. Deacon and Mrs. James.

**Industrial** — D. Deacon and W. L. Clark.

The appointment of someone to the post of Civil Defence Co-ordinator will be made at a later date. The Reeve is automatically ex-officio member of all committees.

Mrs. James who is the representative of the most populous Ward will head the Road Committee assisted by Deputy-Reeve Deacon and Councillor Cosburn. The Road department is the largest department at the municipal level. In the important matter of the proposed municipal water system, Deputy-Reeve Deacon will head the committee, assisted by Mrs. James, Mr. Mumberson who is a former member of the Toronto police force will head the Police Committee. Reeve Clark and Deputy-Reeve Deacon will combine their efforts in the search for industrial assessment.

**LeMasurier Appointed To Planning Board**

The only controversial matter to be considered was the appointment of former Reeve Alfred LeMasurier for a three year term to the Planning Board. Reeve Clark and Councillors Mumberson and James favoured the appointment while Deputy-Reeve Deacon and Councillor Cosburn were opposed. Deputy-Reeve Deacon advocated the re-appointment of Mr. Alvin Gamble of Unionville who resigned from the Board in order to seek a seat on Council in the December elections.

"The circumstances of Mr. Gamble's resignation were unusual in that he didn't intend to resign until he thought there was going to be an acclamation in Ward 2," stated Deputy-Reeve Deacon. Councillor Mrs. James replied, "If a man resigns in order to seek election then I feel he should be prepared to accept the results of his own actions". Councillor Mumberson felt the best interests of the township could be served by Mr. LeMasurier, "who has served on Council and in addition he has lived in the municipality for a number of years, and also operates a business in Markham".

Other members of the seven member board in the coming

year will be H. Sissons, Box Grove, 2 years; H. Brennan, Thornlea, 2 years; F. Brumwell, Victoria Square, 1 year; C. J. Laurin, Box Grove, 1 year; and Council representative Mrs. K. James.

**Incinerator Would Cost \$55,000**

Council took no action on a report from Consulting Engineers Babcock and Scrivener for the erection of a proposed municipal incinerator for use in the disposal of garbage from township residents. The total cost of constructing the incinerator, plus land would be \$55,000. The annual cost of operating it would vary between \$40,000 and \$50,000. This figure would include the cost of collecting the garbage. The engineers suggested the plant be located on a ten-acre site somewhere in the southwestern part of the township. The plant could handle two tons of garbage per hour and would require three to four men to operate it each shift. The plant would be built to handle a population of 12,000 and could be expanded to handle 18,000 people. It is expected that any action on the report will be delayed for the time being at least due to the excess cost.

A suggestion by former Reeve LeMasurier that the members consider raising their remuneration from the present \$7.00 per meeting to \$8.00 per meeting was tabled until budget time. The statutory provisions provide that members of a council in a municipality the size of Markham can receive a maximum of \$10.00 per meeting.

A request from the caretaker of the Township Offices, Robert McConeghy, for a \$300.00 increase in his annual salary was referred to the Property and Parks Committee for consideration. At present he receives \$1800 annually.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas expects to have an agreement for the maintenance of the town lines serving Richmond Hill and Markham ready for ratification very shortly. Under the terms of the agreement, it is expected that Richmond Hill will be responsible for Bayview Avenue and Markham for the Elgin Mills side road.

The only delegation to appear before Council was Mr. L. Neekler, proprietor of the Newmarket Bus Lines, who sought Markham's support in his application before the Ontario Highways Transport Board for permission to operate a bus line between Sutton and Toronto. The line would afford a daily service using Highway 48, the Gormley side road and Bayview Avenue. Solicitor J. D. Lucas questioned if the bus line would in any way interfere with the charter of the T.T.C. The North Yonge bus line is operated by the T.T.C. on behalf of the municipalities of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill. "I feel no decision should be made which would in any way jeopardize the operation of the T.T.C. along Yonge Street," remarked Mrs. James.

## Highways Dept. Suggests "No Parking" For Rush Hours In Richmond Hill

Due to the increased traffic the Ontario Highways Department in a letter read at Town Council meeting Monday night suggested "no parking" regulations on Yonge Street through Richmond Hill during the morning and evening rush hours. It was suggested council consider the advisability of "no parking" restrictions on the west side from 7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and on the east side from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Reeve Taylor vigorously opposed the suggestion and moved that no action be taken. Councillor Tinker thought the suggestion should have consideration. "What hardship would it be?" he asked, pointing out that there was a traffic jam well below the Hill every evening.

"It would just hit the business on Yonge Street," said Councillor Jones.

The letter also suggested that the timing of stop lights be altered to give more time to the north and southbound traffic. "I think the timing of the lights is quite satisfactory as it is," said Reeve Taylor, "the pedestrians have some rights too."

# Richmond Hill Town Council Held Historic First Meeting Monday

## Hens Stolen In Markham Twp.

One hundred laying hens were stolen from the farm of Mrs. MacGimpsey, who lives on the Fifth Line, North of No. 7 Highway, Markham Township during last Friday night. As it was late in the afternoon before Markham Township Police were informed, most of the leads had been obliterated, however the theft is thought to be the work of two men who killed many of the hens on the premises.

## High School Bd. First Session

The inaugural session of the Richmond Hill District High School Board is to be held on January 14, at 8 p.m. in the Board Room at the Thornhill High School. At this meeting the executive and committees will be selected for the coming year.

Those sitting on the board for 1957 include M. J. Kinne and Dr. P. Macfarlane representing Vaughan Township; Wesley Middleton replacing retiring chairman W. R. Dean; Harvey Collard and Stewart Rumble, all representing Markham Township; Robert Edean, Harry Sayers and Ralph Wood representing Richmond Hill; Robert Tamblin (1956 vice chairman), School Area 1 appointee, and Joseph Pateron replacing V. P. McMullen representing the Separate School Board. Yet to be appointed are representative from the County of York (replacing Harry Charles who is retiring), a third representative from the Township of Vaughan to replace retiring member James Maw of Nashville, and an appointee from the Village of Woodbridge. Mr. J. Howes, past representative of Woodbridge is up for retirement. Secretary of the board is Mrs. J. R. McAlister.

## Richmond Hill Committees for The Year 1957

Two ballots were required to determine committee memberships at the inaugural business meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night. Nominated for membership on the Police and Fire Committee were Councillors Jones, Haggart and Plaxton. On the first ballot to name the two man committee Councillor Jones was elected and the other two nominees were tied. On the tie-breaker ballot Councillor Haggart was elected.

Other committees were elected as follows: Parks and Building Committee: Councillor D. Plaxton, Chairman, Councillor S. F. Tinker.

**Water and Sewage Committee:** Deputy-Reeve F. R. Perkins, Councillor Harold Jones.

**Streets and Sidewalks:** Councillor S. F. Tinker, Chairman, Deputy Reeve F. R. Perkins.

**Finance Committee:** Mayor William Neal, Chairman, Reeve W. J. Taylor, Councillors D. Plaxton, James Haggart and S. F. Tinker.

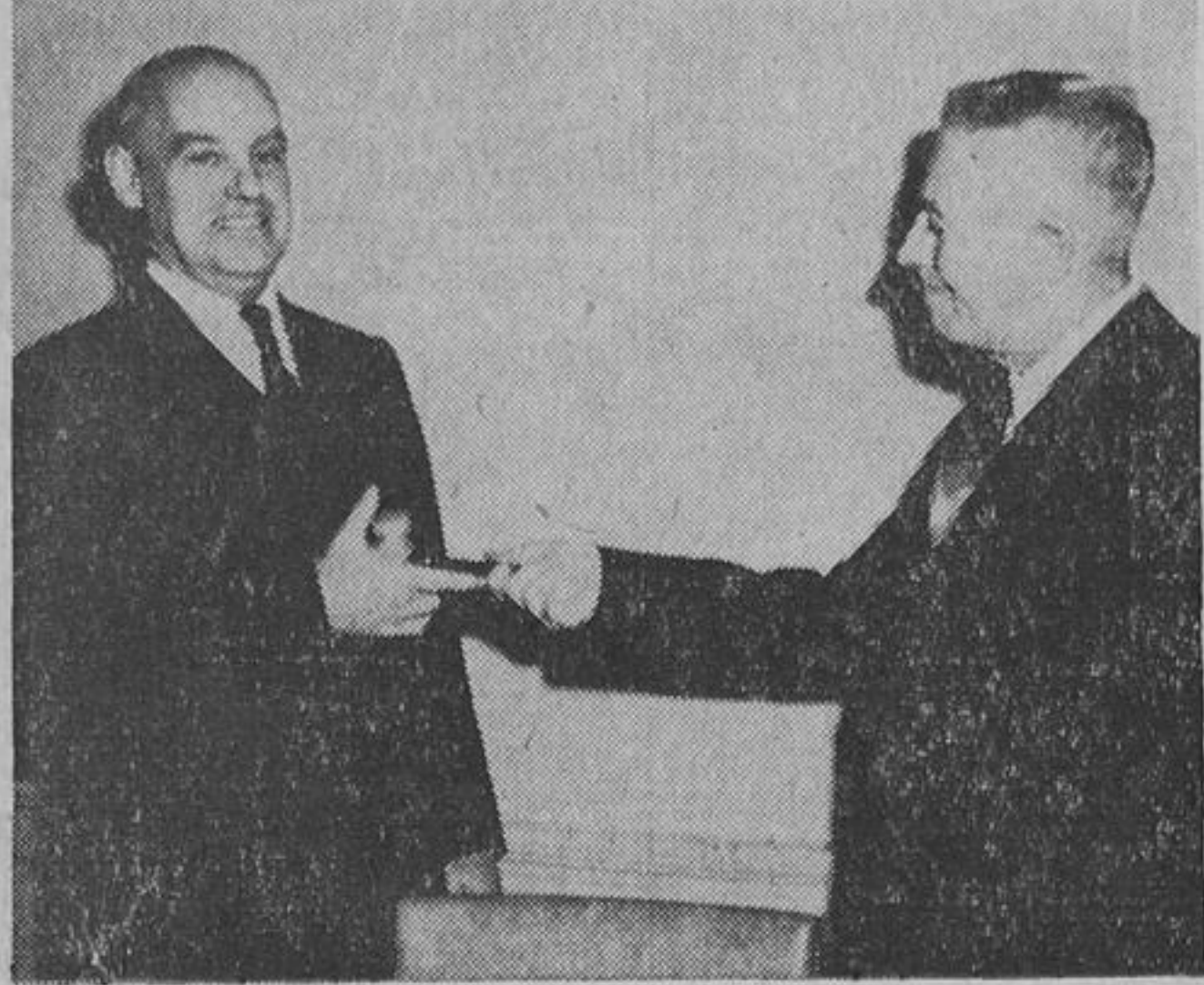
**Personnel Committee:** Councillor S. F. Tinker, Chairman, Councillor Harold Jones.

The Personnel Committee is a new one this year set up on the suggestion of Councillor Tinker. He pointed out that as the municipality grows the number of employees increases and he thought a personnel committee to deal with all staff problems would be useful. Council members agreed. Mayor Neal is a member of all committees.

## County Council Meets Tuesday

The inaugural meeting of York County Council will be held at the County Building, Newmarket, next Tuesday, January 15 at 2 p.m. The first business will be the election of Warden, which honor is expected to be accorded to Richmond Hill Reeve W. J. Taylor.

## Mayor Assumes Gavel



Reeve W. J. Taylor presents new gavel, symbol of municipal authority, to Richmond Hill's first Mayor, William Neal, at inaugural ceremonies at the Municipal Hall on Monday.

## Over 100 Ratepayers Attend Vaughan Inaugural Meeting

More than 100 interested ratepayers witnessed the inaugural ceremonies of Vaughan Township Council when they were held at the Maple Community Centre last Tuesday night. This is the first year that a formal inaugural ceremony of this type has been held and it received many favourable comments. During the evening, many of those present expressed the feeling that the meeting gave an added dignity and a certain prestige to municipal government.

Among those present were Kirby Brock, Andrew Snider and John Neufeld, Maple Trustees, a number of township officials and James Robson who has served the township for 25 years on council.

The oath of office was administered by clerk of the township James McDonald, following which devotional exercises were taken by the Rev. C. H. Bowman of Maple and the Rev. W. French of Kleinburg.

**Warden Speaks**  
Marshall McMurchy, Warden of York County and former Reeve of Vaughan, extended congratulations and best wishes to the 1957 council. In giving a challenge to the council, he first cautioned ratepayers against unfair criticism. He said that in almost every instance, elected representatives are not in office for personal gain and added that they make decisions which they feel are honestly for the good of the municipality.

**Watch Finances**  
Turning to the council, Mr. McMurchy said they would probably find financing the biggest problem of 1957. "We have had unprecedented prosperity the past three years but now municipal officials will find the pinch of a slight tightening in financing". The Warden pointed out that municipal representatives must endeavour to provide legislation which is a benefit to the whole municipality and not just one segment. He said that Vaughan was a particularly diversified township and council decisions should be made for the whole municipality whenever possible.

Concluding, Mr. McMurchy said that the application of the "Golden Rule" was a very solid standard in municipal affairs. In acknowledging Mr. McMurchy's challenge, Reeve John Percy said that he hoped at the conclusion of 1957 it could be said that 1957 was Vaughan's greatest year.

Deputy Reeve Robert Kirk expressed satisfaction over the good over-all representation on council and said that with a continued spirit of co-operation, he was sure that the problems could be met.

Councillors Bill Anstey, Victor Ryder and Jesse Bryson were unanimous in their feeling that the spirit of co-operation that has prevailed in past Vaughan Township Councils will continue to work for the benefit of the municipality now.

**Guest Speaker**  
Pierre Berton, editor of Maclean's Magazine, was the guest speaker of the evening. In an interesting and humorous address, he took his audience on an imaginary trip through the Canadian North, touching on Dawson City, built for 30,000 people and now housing only 300, the barren lands and Baffin Island. In describing the country, Mr. Berton said that in some parts it was very fertile but added that the great shortage of water made agriculture a problem. In concluding his address, Mr. Berton complimented the council on the fine inaugural meeting and expressed the hope that it would be the beginning of a tradition in inaugural meetings.

The speaker was introduced by Councillor Victor Ryder and thanked by Deputy Reeve Robert Kirk.

Following the official ceremonies a buffet lunch was served to those present by St. Stephen's W.A.

## Initial Meeting Markham Court, 200 Summonses

There were 200 cases on the docket at the inaugural meeting of the Magistrate's Court in the Markham Township Municipal Offices, Buttonville, Wednesday morning.

Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake of the Newmarket Magistrate's Court, who intimated the move to hold police court sessions in the place more convenient for the police, was on the judge's bench. He invited Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township and Reeve Joe Fry of Markham Village to sit on the bench with him at the initial meeting. Rev. A. C. Huston of Browns Corners United Church opened the court with prayer.

Chief Clarence Wideman of the Markham Township Police commented the new court adjacent to the police offices would be "a wonderful help to us. Every Wednesday, heretofore, six to nine members of our force have had to spend the day at Newmarket Court waiting for their cases to appear, now they can be called from the office at a moment's notice and then be free to return to their work until summoned again later," concluded Chief Wideman.

## Fitting Ceremonies Mark Inaugural Of County's Newest And Largest Town

Richmond Hill, incorporated as a village in 1872 with a population of about 750, on January 1st, 1957, was incorporated as a Town with a population of nearly 8500 and the inaugural meeting of the first Town Council was held Monday. His Worship Mayor William Neal was sworn in with fitting ceremony, and after taking the oath of office along with other members of council appealed for co-operation of council members and citizens in making 1957 a successful year for Richmond Hill.

The oath of office was administered by Clerk Russell Lynett, officiating at his sixteenth inaugural meeting. Council members sworn in included, in addition to Mayor William Neal, Reeve W. J. Taylor, deputy Reeve Floyd R. Perkins, and councillors Don Plaxton, Stanley F. Tinker, Harold Jones and James Haggart.

Reeve W. J. Taylor presided for the opening ceremonies and called on Rev. C. G. Higginson, Minister of Richmond Hill United Church, who read a passage of scripture, delivered an appropriate and inspiring message and led in prayer for blessing and divine guidance in the coming year.

Reeve Taylor thanked the clerk and all municipal officials for devoted service and co-operation during his years in office. He referred with pride to the remarkable growth and development of the municipality in the past few years and expressed the hope it would continue to grow and prosper. He pointed out that expenditures amounting to more than \$300,000, had been paid in cash to provide a new disposal plant, and equipment to meet the needs of the expanding community. He said it was hoped to occupy the new municipal offices next month. The village had received splendid co-operation from the subdividers and he saw no reason to stop the development now under way and which has been so successful and satisfactory. The Reeve said he was assured by the municipal auditor that the municipality is in a sound financial position.

**Presentations**  
Reeve Taylor presented a gavel, symbol of authority, to Mayor William Neal, and asked him to assume the position of Mayor to which he was elected by the people at the municipal elections in December. (The gavel was made by building inspector W. Hollowell and presented to the town.)

Mayor Neal took his place at the head of the council table and expressed his sincere appreciation to the ratepayers of Richmond Hill for electing him as the Town's first Mayor. "This," he said, "is an important milestone in our history" and extended congratulations to fellow members of council and asked their co-operation in administering the affairs of Richmond Hill. "We have grown into a Town," said the Mayor, "and with the growth have come many problems which we must face this year". He said there are many problems to be solved and asked for patience of the ratepayers until things get stabilized. As a town we face the necessity of re-organizing several departments and have to make very sure we have the necessary services for our expanded development.

Deputy-Reeve Floyd Perkins said it was a real honor which he deeply appreciated to be elected deputy-reeve in the first Town Council. He looked forward to a successful year and said that both in town and county affairs the municipal business would have his best attention. He referred to two contentious matters coming up at County Council, the issuing of debentures for Richmond Hill High School, and the dissolution of Richmond Hill Public School Section.

Councillor Harold Jones said it was a pleasure and satisfaction to be back at the council table. There are some problems facing the town, he said, but none which cannot successfully be met by earnest work and co-operation of the members. He said last year was a very busy one but he felt the enlarged council would help in getting municipal business transacted with despatch. He appealed for harmony and co-operation. "We will have our differences beyond the council chamber," he said, "but let's not carry those differences beyond the council chamber."

## Heart Seizure Takes Life Of Leslie Reardon

The community was shocked to learn on Monday morning of the untimely passing of Leslie J. Reardon who died suddenly at his home after suffering a heart seizure. Mr. Reardon had felt ill at work during Sunday night and had been sent home. When he suffered the attack, the resuscitator was sent for but the doctor was unable to save him.

Mr. Reardon was born in Orillia, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Reardon, and had been a resident of Richmond Hill for the past 20 years. In the past he had been active in local sports and had assisted in the coaching of a boys' baseball team in the district. In 1928, Mr. Reardon married Loretta Robinson of Richmond Hill. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. For the last nine years he had been with the maintenance department of the Toronto Dominion Bank, City Hall branch.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, daughters Barbara and Constance and sons Paul and Michael. A daughter, Virginia, predeceased him. Also surviving him are sisters Mrs. Leslie Ironside and Miss Irene Reardon of Toronto and Mrs. Thomas Chambers of Orillia.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Father Breen in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 10 o'clock. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

pallbearers were: Stanton Moriarty, William McQuillen, Vincent McCullough, Ned Hill, Frank Gibbons, Fred Stapley.

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