

Will Take Over Municipal Administration At Inaugural Meetings Next Week



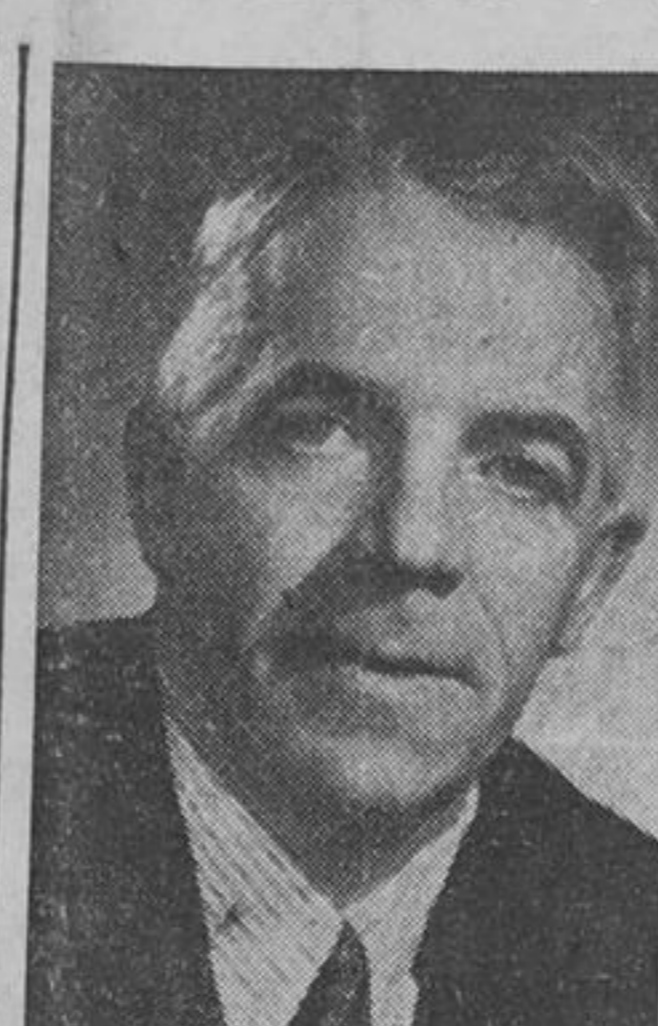
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Reeve of Markham Twp.



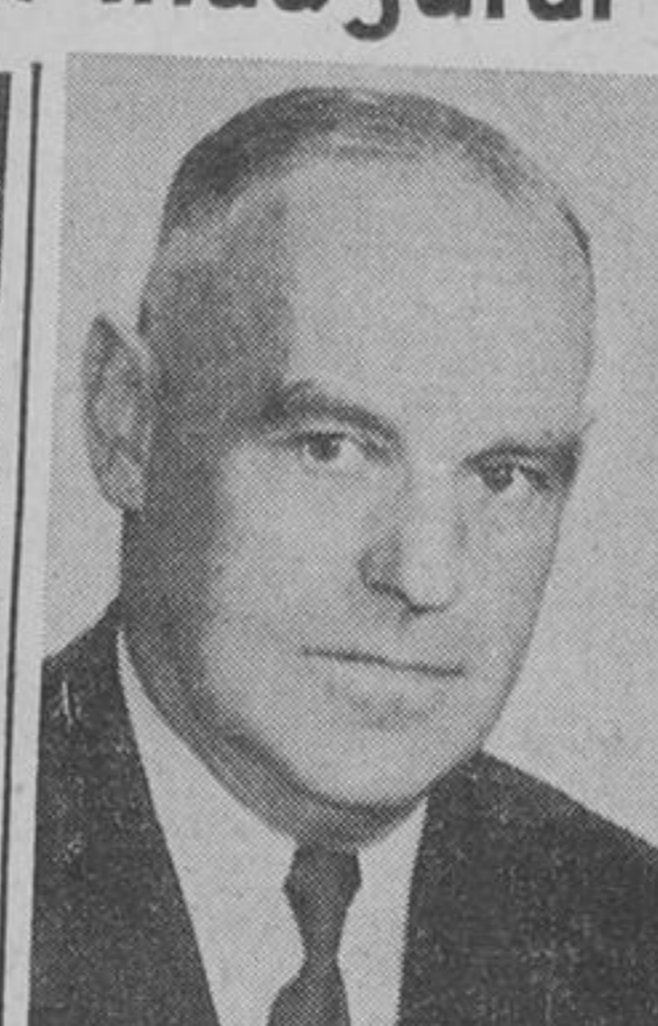
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Deputy-Reeve of Markham



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Richmond Hill Deputy-Reeve



WILLIAM NEAL
Richmond Hill's First Mayor



W. J. TAYLOR
Richmond Hill Reeve



ROBERT KIRK
Vaughan Deputy-reeve



JOHN PERRY
Reeve of Vaughan



WILLIAM HODGSON
Reeve of King Twp.

So Little Interest, May Disband Doncaster Assoc.

The unprecedented lack of interest shown by members of the Doncaster Ratepayers' Association at the recent nomination meeting has caused considerable concern to the executive. At the meeting which was scantily attended, it was decided that the present executive consisting of president, James Mason; secretary, A. E. Picton and treasurer, John Barbour, would remain in office until the January general meeting. At this meeting it will be decided whether or not to continue the organization.

In a statement to the members, the executive said, "Most of us realize that it has only been due to the fact that the people of Doncaster were banded together that we have been able to achieve some recognition from council and that we do have some rewards to boast of due to our continued efforts. There is no doubt but that situations will arise in the future that the people of this community should cope with collectively. If only to protect those gains which have been made, every effort should be made to continue on with the association."

If it is decided to disband the

association at the next meeting, a decision will have to be made regarding the funds in the association treasury. As the future of the association is in the balance, the present executive has urged all members to attend this important meeting which is to be held in the Henderson Avenue School on Tuesday, January 8, at 8 p.m.

Back To School

School bells summoned the pupils back to school this morning (Thursday) throughout the district. Regular classes reconvened at both Richmond Hill and Thornhill High Schools and pupils returned to the three Richmond Hill public schools and Our Lady of Fatima Separate School following the traditional ten-day Christmas vacation. Other elementary schools in the district are following the same pattern. The next long holiday the school children can look forward to does not come until Easter.

Vaughan Break-ins Continuing

Early evening break-ins are continuing in Vaughan Township occurring every few days and following a pattern of hit and miss in the front and in the back concessions of the township. Chief R. C. Mosher of the Vaughan Township Police force is convinced the robberies are the work of two men and has his men putting in extra time and in plain clothes attempting to apprehend them. "The only lead so far," says Chief Mosher, "is a certain car seen in suspicious circumstances."

"Money seems to be the object of the thieves; little else is taken, giving us nothing to trace. This is the season for robberies; in the cold weather neighbors are apt to be inside, and a dark house usually indicates the occupants are away at a show or visiting," Chief Mosher continued. "Money should not be left in the house. We hope everyone will take due precautions. We certainly hope to apprehend the thieves soon," the chief concluded.

Solves 3 Break-ins

2 Men Apprehend Armed Thief After Local Holdup

The apprehension of Marcel Legace, 23, of Adelaide St., Toronto, and the Province of Quebec, by two passers-by has led to a charge of armed robbery and pending further charges in connection with three robberies in Richmond Hill during the past week. It was following an armed holdup at Mary's Variety Store on Yonge Street North, last Friday night, that M. J. Norman of Richmond Hill and W. R. Chapman of Queensville captured Legace when he had run only a few hundred yards from the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Russell Denby, proprietor, told "The Liberal" that she was alone in the store at the time of the holdup. She said that Legace came into the store and stepped up to the cash-register and mumbled something indistinctly. She said he then pulled the gun and pointed it at her across the counter. Legace then produced a knife with the money. "I didn't offer any resistance when he pointed the gun at me," said Mrs.

Denby. The thief escaped with \$49.

Refutes Stories

Refuting statements appearing in the Toronto daily papers, Mrs. Denby said that her son did not enter the picture at all. She said that Ronald Cosgrove, employed at the store, had gone next door to the Dairy Bar. He returned just as the thief left and he rushed back to the Dairy Bar to call the police. Chapman and Norman were in the Dairy Bar at the time and noticed a man running out Crosby Ave. opposite the Variety Store. They gave chase and captured the man, holding him until police arrived.

Mrs. Denby said that several attempts were made to contact the Richmond Hill Police Department without success. Markham Township Police were then called and Constable Hood of Markham Twp. and Richmond Hill's Police Chief R. P. Robbins arrived at almost the same moment. The two men who originally gave chase to the thief held their captive until police arrived. It was found that the thief carried a fake gun fashioned out of wood. Legace was lodged in Newmarket, charged with armed robbery and there are further charges pending in connection with break-ins during the past week at Foam Plastics Ltd. on Crosby Ave. and I. D. Ramer and Son, Centre St. E.

A great deal of credit is due to Norman and Chapman for their important part in the capture of Legace. Had it not been for them there is a chance that the thief might have escaped.



P. S. LEGGE
Whitchurch Reeve

100 License Plates Sold First Day

Mayor William Neal, local license agent for the Ontario Department of Highways reports that over 100 new 1957 license plates were sold on Wednesday, January 2, the first day the new markers went on sale. The new plates and drivers' licenses went on sale at 250 offices throughout the province on Wednesday. About 2,000,000 new plates — white numbers on black backgrounds — will be issued.

Electrical Short Burns Car

Charles Hooper, well known Buttonville farmer, and former Markham Township councillor suffered the loss of his late model car early on New Year's Eve. He had stopped at the Stewart farm on Markham Road at Bayview and left the motor running, and had only been in the house a few minutes when the horn of the car started blowing. Mr. Hooper rushed out to find the car a mass of flames. It was completely destroyed. Richmond Hill fire brigade attended and Chief Alf Stong reports that a short in the car's wiring system is suspected as the cause of the fire.

School Area Bd. Meets Jan. 8

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees of School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan, will be held on January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Thornhill Public School. Trustees serving on the Board for the coming year are William Ladell, Nathan Hicks, Allan G. Parker, Roy Bick and Jackson Taylor. At this first meeting of the new year, a chairman and vice-chairman will be selected from among the members. Secretary of the Board is Mrs. Norman McDermott.

York County Soil-Crop Assoc. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Assoc. will be held in Newmarket Town Hall on Wednesday, January 9, commencing promptly at 10:30 a.m. with the business session and panel discussion.

Following lunch as guests of the Association, two popular speakers will be featured in the afternoon. Dr. B. C. Matthews of the Soils Dept. of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has had a wide experience in soil survey work, will speak on practical approaches to soil problems and Mr. Lawrence Kerr of Chatham, a former Assistant Agricultural Representative in York County will speak on the subject "Time is Money". Those who took the Soil and Crop bus tour to Western Ontario will recall visiting this exceedingly well managed large farm which Mr. Kerr owns and operates. He has always been a popular speaker at the Ontario Convention.

Reports on Association activities of the year, illustrated by slides and a discussion panel on how one might pick up an extra dollar through soil and crop management will make up the morning program. Several valuable door prizes will be open to those present before 10:30 so plan to be early and bring along a neighbor.

Stealing Car To Get To Work

Chief C. Wideman reports an odd case of car stealing in Markham Township which indicates someone is taking a car not belonging to him, each day a different one, and riding to work in it. Chief Wideman is holding a man for questioning in this regard. New Year's Eve in Markham Township was "very quiet" as far as the police were concerned. Chief Wideman also stated there had been no wave of break-ins in Markham Township such as Vaughan Township had been experiencing. "And we hope they don't come to us," added the Chief.

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Roblin Sr., Baker Street, Richmond Hill, are seen cutting the cake at their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration held on Saturday, December 29th. Friends and relatives joined the happy couple in marking this important occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Roblin Sr. of Richmond Hill, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 29, at their home on Baker Street.

Among over 60 guests were some who attended their wedding on December 19, 1906: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Frizzell, Toronto, aunt and uncle of the bride; Byron Alcombraek and Mrs. Lou Peel, cousins, and Dr. A. Alcombraek, Toronto, a brother of the bride.

Many relatives from Moscow, Napanee, Orillia were present, as well as one of their former ministers, Rev. Mr. Trimble, of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto. Among local guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dolan, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Higginson, Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bawden and Mr. and Mrs. W. Trench.

The happy couple have four children living: Squadron Leader A. S. Roblin, R.C.A.F., Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ted, at present in Florida; Helen (Mrs. V. Shetler), Palace Rd., Napanee; Edwin Jr., of Richmond Hill. The children were all present with the exception of Ted and his wife who sent a telegram. Telegrams were also received from Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, Hon. Leslie M. Frost, Premier of Ontario. A memento containing congratulations was also received from the Provincial Secretary.

Among the many beautiful gifts received was a picture taken about 75 years ago, of the home where Mr. Roblin was born, and a golden purse for each containing a substantial sum of money, from the family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roblin are of United Empire Loyalist stock, born in the old settlements of Adolphus town and Fredericksburg, Ontario.

Trustee A. H. Johnson Re-elected

Maple Enrollment 20% Ahead Estimate

Maple public school enrollment is 20 per cent ahead of the figure estimated for this year. One hundred and seventy pupils occupy four rooms in the new George Bailey Public School and one grade is taught in the old school building. According to a survey conducted by the Maple Public School Trustees in 1955, the prospective enrollment figure for 1956 was 143.

This fact highlighted the report of the Chairman of the Maple Public School Trustees, A. H. Johnson, at the annual meeting held in the George Bailey Public School on last Thursday evening. Twenty-eight persons were present, a smaller gathering than in the past several years.

Chairman Johnson further commented that the new school was built with complete facilities, plumbing and heating, to expand to from one to eight rooms as the need for accommodation arose. "We are watching the maintenance cost of the old school operation to see if it is feasible to continue to use it or to begin expansion soon," Chairman Johnson stated. With the official maximum of 33 pupils to a classroom, the Board is already entitled to another room for the new school. "Our grounds were laid out last spring and this coming spring they will be landscaped and a baseball screen and football posts will be installed," continued Chairman Johnson.

Other remarks of the Chairman recalled the official opening last March attended by 350 persons; the hiring of a new teacher; the fact only one serious accident, a broken leg, occurred on the school grounds; the inauguration of a parents' "open house" to examine their children's work; and a list of the extra curricular activities of the students undertaken as part of the school program.

Mr. Andrew Snider, who presided at the meeting, called upon Secretary-treasurer H. A. Constable to give the annual treasurer's report. Balance of \$1,157.16

A balance of \$1,157.16 remains in the treasury after disbursements amounting to \$17,904.92 for the year. Mr. Constable reported. In breaking down these figures Mr. Constable listed: \$12,057 for salaries; \$1,335 for supplies; \$345 for administration; and \$3,124 for operation. In reporting on another account, the proceeds from the debentures issued for the new school, Mr. Constable stated that from a \$21,318.31 balance, left after paying out \$62,928.44 in 1955 for the new school, \$16,405.43 was spent in 1956. These expenditures were for land improvement, \$3,942.51; finishing building \$10,650.07; architects' fees \$469.67; and equipment \$1,349.18, leaving a balance in the

debt account of \$4,912.98.

Mr. Kinnee Speaks on Work of High School Board

Mr. Morley Kinnee, who has represented the Township of Vaughan on the Richmond Hill District High School Board since its inception in January 1949, gave a detailed talk on the formation of the District High School Board and the problems facing it today with the tremendous growth of the high school population.

He recalled the days when Maple students desiring secondary education caught the train daily to attend Aurora High School, the building of the present high school at Richmond Hill in 1925 and its extension in 1951. Mr. Kinnee told his audience the budget for the Richmond Hill District High School Board was \$528,600 for last year. He pointed out in the last eight years the equalized assessment of the district has risen from between \$11 and \$12 million to \$19 million.

The speaker asked "Is education costing too much?" then called attention to the fact on a \$2,000 assessment the school tax would be only \$83. (\$30 for high school, \$53 general school tax and \$45 public school tax). "The cost," said Trustee Kinnee, "of a half pack of cigarettes a day, a box of candy a week, or car insurance for a year."

"The test of the success of high school education in the district is the product we are turning out," commented Mr. Kinnee. "We want our students truly and properly fitted for life."

Trustee G. S. Sanderson thanked the speaker. Mr. Jackson, a ratepayer, commented with wages today we should not be critical of our tax bills, if anything they are too small," he stated.

Johnson Re-elected Trustee By Acclamation

After serving the past three years on the Board, A. H. Johnson was re-elected by acclamation for a new three year term. He will serve with Trustee Sanderson and Trustee J. James.

Trustee James in a few closing remarks commended the ratepayers present for their attendance.

Attendance Poor

S. Leno Returned Second Term Jefferson School

by Mrs. H. G. Robertson

Stanley Leno accepted his second three-year term on the Jefferson School Board, having been returned to office by acclamation at the Annual Ratepayers' meeting for Union School Section No. 21 Vaughan and No. 4 Markham, at Jefferson School last Thursday evening, December 28. Attendance at the annual meeting (which, according to a ruling of the Ontario Department of Education for rural schools, is always held during the Christmas holidays), has been dropping off from year to year at Jefferson, as the population rate in the school section rises.

Thursday night saw an all-time low, when 16 people, including the existing board members, Chairman Stanley Leno, Ross Kerwin and H. C. Betts; the board secretary, Norman Burnett and three former trustees, Jack Passmore, Dickson Miller and Mrs. Mary Terry, along with seven other ratepayers turned out to hear the reading of the annual financial report and to elect a school trustee.

What is the reason behind the apparent apathy of the absent ratepayers? The trustees of Jefferson School have done a fine piece of work during the past year and proof that the school board has been taking a real interest in keeping down the expenses of the school section was apparent in the financial statement which

showed a "Balance on hand" of over \$10,000. Just how this credit balance will be utilized, as it must be in order to receive any further Provincial grant in 1957, will now be chiefly up to the board, but it could have made interesting "pop-wow" if more ratepayers had turned out for discussion.

Old School Rented

The old school has now been rented to the Richmond Hill Separate School Board and according to reports is not only bringing in additional revenue but is being kept in "apple pie" order by the new tenants, who also supply their own heat and light.

Chairman Stanley Leno said, "Thanks to Trustee Ross Kerwin's efforts the original offer of \$600.00 from the Province of Ontario — re the widening of Yonge St. — has now been upped to \$1,000."

Financial Statement

During 1955, with only two rooms in use at the new school and one room across the highway at the old school, hydro costs were \$238.54. This year's financial statement revealed only \$245.12 went for hydro usage, "which is very reasonable for the additional rooms and extra lights", Mr. Leno stated.

The financial statement, copies of which were given to each ratepayer present with an explanation of the various items being