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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. *tc28

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 8 p.m. Bingo, Community Hall Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge. *tc27

MARCH 15 - Friday, Vellore Old Boys St. Patrick's Dance and Euchre, Vellore Memorial Hall, 8:30 p.m. Sally Lloyd's Orchestra, Modern and Old Time dancing. Admission \$1.25. Lunch provided. *c3w35

MARCH 15 - Friday, Maple Flying Club St. Patrick's Dance, Old Time and Modern Dancing, Kit Davis and His Country Rhythm Boys will do the "pickin'", and the "singin'" and the "callin'". Guesting will be Josh King, Canada's Dean of Country Music. Refreshments available. Prizes given out. Maple Community Hall, \$1.25 per person. *c2w36

MARCH 15 - Friday 8 p.m. St. Andrew's W.M.S., Maple, presents an illustrated travelogue on Scandinavia by Mrs. M. E. Burke at the church. Admission Adults 50c, Children 10c. *c2w36

MARCH 15 - Friday 8 p.m. The Richmond Hill Naturalists will meet at MacKillop School, Lucas St. Mr. A. L. Helmsley, Department of Lands and Forests, will speak on "Integration of Provincial Parks." This vital topic is of special interest to all. Everyone welcome. *c1w37

MARCH 15 - Friday, St. Patrick's euchre and bridge to be held in St. Mary's Separate School, Richmond Hill, under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League. Refreshments, good prizes, 20 Door prizes to be drawn. Cards start at 8.15. *c1w37

MARCH 15 - Friday, Jefferson School Community Club square dance at the school 8:30 p.m. *c1w37

MARCH 20 - Wednesday, Oyster Festival sponsored by Carville United Church Young People, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oysters or Cold Roast Pork. Adults \$1.25, children 12c and under 75c. *c1w37

MARCH 22 - Friday 9 p.m. Dance at Uplands Golf Club. *tc27

MARCH 22 - Friday, Annual Meeting York North Progressive Conservative Association, Richmond Hill High School 8 p.m. Speaker, Michael Starr, M.P. *c2w37

MARCH 22 - Friday, Vellore Junior Farmers and Junior Institute are holding a Parents and Ex-Members Night in Vellore Hall at 8.15 p.m. All ex-members and parents welcome. *c1w37

MARCH 22 - Friday 1 p.m. Willoughby Sale to be held at the Willowdale United Church, Stop 8B. *c2w37

MARCH 22 - Friday, Dance - Dance to the Downbeat Orchestra at Uplands Golf Club, sponsored by Charles Howitt and Langstaff Home and School Association. Phone AV. 5-3207. *c2w36

MARCH 25 - Monday 8:15 p.m. Charles Howitt Home and School Association is pleased to present Mr. Gordon Delaney, Toronto Better Business Bureau representative as guest speaker. Subject "Rockets that Bloom in the Spring Tra-La!" *c1w37

MARCH 26 - Tuesday, FIRE! Vaughan Federation of Agriculturalists at Vellore Hall at 8:15 p.m. Jim Davidson, guest speaker. Theme "Fire Protection and You." *c1w37

Oratorical Winners



Richmond Hill Public School Board Chairman Robert Ross is seen above with a group of winners from the annual oratorical contest held last Wednesday in the local high school auditorium. The evening of prepared and impromptu speeches, which has been a popular event in the community for many years, was well attended and received many favourable comments. In the picture are left to right: Pat Fulton, winner of the Richmond Hill Home & School trophy for prepared speeches Grades 4, 5 and 6; Suzanne Higgins, holding the Perkins Trophy, prepared speeches Grades 7 and 8; Supervising Principal Duard Rose; Craig Sully with the Harold Mills Trophy for impromptu speaking, Grades 4, 5 and 6; Chairman Robert Ross; and David Sims, winner of the Langstaff Cup for Grades 7 and 8 impromptu speaking. Craig Sully received the shield for the best speech of the evening. This award is made by the Richmond Hill Public School Board and was presented by Mr. Ross. — Photo by Lagerquist

Other contestants in the competition were as follows: prepared speeches, Grades 4, 5, 6, Peter Hiscott, James Macanuel, John Wilson, John Sykes, Kendall Wainman, Jean Bayler and Ellen Derry, prepared, Grades 7 and 8, Iva Bovard, Natalia Luckysy, Douglas Shaw, Suzanne Cartier and John Clement; impromptu 4, 5, 6, Michael Howard, Robert Newbold, Yvonne Link, Carina Schmanowski, Darlene Whitaker, Suzanne Patterson and David Deighton; impromptu Grades 7 and 8, Rosemary Gross, Sandra MacDougall, Bill Turner, Mary Ann Donald and John Perkins. Books were presented to all the contestants. During the evening, choirs under the direction of H. Fowler and Graham Schantz, representing the four schools in the Richmond Hill system sang several delightful numbers. In addition, a number of athletic awards were presented.

Supervising Principal Duard Rose was chairman of the evening and the awards were presented by members of the Board, including Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Trustee Chairman Robert Ross and Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch.

Judges were the Reverend J. N. Heppburn, Public School Inspector W. J. McLeod, Home Economist Marjorie Elwood, and Donald Leno, Associate Editor of "The Liberal."

Richmond Hill May Expect Re-assessment This Year

Richmond Hill Taxpayers can expect a re-assessment in the town this year. At a meeting last Monday evening, Reeve W. J. Taylor suggested that council make plans to meet with representatives of several assessing firms in the near future to discuss the matter. The final contract would be let under tender, however.

Late last year the 1956 council agreed in principle to the assessment as there is a need for greater equality in the assessment of the municipality. The new assessment would likely be on the measured plan, one being adopted by many municipalities and one which is closely related to the Provincial Assessment Manual.

During the brief discussion, Reeve Taylor and Deputy-revee Floyd Perkins insisted that all buildings must be entered during the re-assessment. Every building will be measured before the new assessment is set.

Industry

On a motion by Councillor James Haggart and Deputy-revee Perkins, it was agreed to hold a meeting in the near future between council, the Industrial Commission, representatives of the Metropolitan Industrial Commission and the C.N.R. and Mr. J. Bailey to discuss industrial development in the town.

Garbage

Following a short conference with Mr. Buchanan of Aurora, it was agreed to pay him \$1.50 per capita and \$2718 labour for the collection of garbage in the town. Mr. Buchanan explained the increased difficulty in handling the garbage as burning was no longer permitted. He said that it had become necessary to purchase a bulldozer to cover the garbage.

Reeve Taylor said that it depended on Mr. Buchanan to handle the garbage and urged that the municipality has not been in the habit of buying used equipment, the fact that the equipment is presently used by the township roads department on a rental basis caused council to agree to the purchase.

Need Good Roads

Reeve John Perry commented that while there was a great need for economy, there was a definite need for improvement of the roads. Councillor Ryder noted that rentals last year were unusually high. For this reason, some consideration was given to the purchase of a back-hoe and possibly a pick-up truck.

A culvert in Concord and several on the 6th concession were approved and council agreed that the township should handle the contracts directly rather than have an engineer supervise the projects. It was felt that considerable money could be saved here. Some work is also being planned for Carville Rd. and the Richvale area. Mr. Ryder commented that the roads are "a terrible mess there and need attention."

Buy Equipment

Council agreed to purchase \$2500 worth of used equipment from Fred Shaw. The deal includes two dump trucks, a hydraulic snow plow and a tractor.

In Radical Move

Perry Suggests One Chief For Police & Fire Depts.

Continuing his stringent economy drive, Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township, this week presented a suggestion to council to amalgamate the heads of the police and fire departments into one. Mr. Perry said that the system had been employed successfully in the United States and felt it could be suitably adapted for Vaughan and at the same time would cut down administration costs. "I feel that there is too little work to warrant two men as chiefs of the police and fire departments", said Mr. Perry. "It's easy enough to create new jobs but there is no sense in having the jobs if there isn't enough for the people to do", continued the Reeve. In discussing the matter, Mr. Perry strongly urged council not to consider personalities but to look at the question from an efficiency and economy standpoint.

Deputy-revee Robert Kirk has the first to reply to Mr. Perry's statement, which is more or less a new and radical approach to the problems of the municipality. Mr. Kirk suggested that the idea had merit but asked that members of council be allowed time to give the matter some serious thought before being called to make a decision. Mr. Perry added that in his frank opinion there was not enough in the two departments to keep two high salaried men busy. "Now that we

have radios in the fire and police vehicles, it shouldn't be too difficult for one man to manage both departments", he said. It was agreed to give members of council an opportunity to mull over the matter and it will be on the agenda in the near future again.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce advised council that it would have to take a 4 1/2 percent discount on the \$275,000.00 debture issue being sold in the United States for the new office building.

Although there will be another meeting between the northern municipalities and the Toronto Transit Commission, Richmond Hill's stand on the controversial agreement remains the same. At last Monday night's meeting of town council, it was agreed that the present arrangement should run until its termination in 1960.

The T.T.C. has proposed that if the agreement is sacrificed, they will guarantee no increase in rates until 1960. In addition they would promise no decrease in service, an express bus to Steeles during rush hours and would pay any deficit. At the beginning of 1961 they would be willing to sign a five year agreement for the operation of the bus line at a cost of seven percent to the owners. No deficit would be paid and there would be no profits paid either. In addition there would be no guarantee of service.

Criticizes Audit

Councillor Donald Plaxton objected strongly to the T.T.C. method of auditing to show a constant loss in this area. Reeve W. J. Taylor cited the time when the agreement was signed. He said that Mr. Tait of the T.T.C. said it didn't matter to the T.T.C. whether or not the line paid as the owners of the line would pay any deficit anyway.

Mayor William Neal said that T.T.C. Chairman Allan Lamport had said that he wouldn't care about breaking an agreement as long as he could give increased service to the North York area. "They can put feeder lines on in North York if they wish", said Mr. Taylor. "But the whole matter amounts to the fact that feeder lines never pay and they expect this line to help out in case of losses in North York Feeder lines," concluded Mr. Taylor.

Deputy Revee Floyd Perkins summed up his feelings when he said "It's definitely the profits the T.T.C. wants—if the line was losing money, they wouldn't be interested."

Richmond Hill's Stand On TTC Issue Remains Same

In a comprehensive review of the road situation in Vaughan Township last Monday, Councillor Victor Ryder, chairman of the Roads Committee presented an over-all policy for the township roads this year. Approved by council, the roads programme will include as many 80 percent grant projects as possible, as much ditching as possible and as much graveling on the better road beds as finances will allow. The whole scheme is designed to give the best for the least money.

Mr. Ryder pointed out that the maintenance cost on roads was high because the road beds are poor. "The beds are poor because the ditching is poor because the roads are suitably drained and consequently more solid. Then we can gravel them, but not before", he said.

Industrial Comm. Recommendations

In a report to Richmond Hill Town Council, Richmond Hill Industrial Commission has presented a number of recommendations to aid in the more rapid development of the town's industrial area and thereby an increase in local industrial assessment. Members of the Commission include: D. C. Smith, pres.; B. Brent, sec.; M. Williams, Councillor D. Plaxton, K. Tomlin, S. Symington and W. Whitehead.

One of the leading recommendations was for an ample water supply for industry. It was pointed out that in many enquiries, not only in the quantity of water but the chemical analysis are questioned. It was suggested that added treatment would also be necessary.

Re-assessment was another important item requested. It was suggested that an entire re-assessment would give a more equitable distribution of the tax load between residential, commercial and industrial areas.

The proper handling of enquiries from industrial projects was also considered and it was the opinion of the Commission that a member of the Town staff should be instructed in the proper handling of such enquiries.

Activities

In a list of activities of the Commission, it was pointed out that recently, a labour pool survey has been conducted and that 26 industrial projects had been personally interviewed.

Estimate \$638,000 For '57

High School Budget Back To Committee

Hope To Reduce Share Paid By Local Taxpayers

Following a lengthy discussion the Richmond Hill District High School Board Monday decided to request its Budget Committee (M. Kinnee Chairman) to reconsider its proposed 1957 Budget and attempt to increase that portion covered by provincial grants and decrease the part borne by the local taxpayers. The resolution requesting the Budget Committee to take this action was moved and seconded by two of Richmond Hill's representatives H. Sayers and R. Wood. It is expected a revised budget will be presented at a special meeting scheduled for March 25.

The Finance Committee had earlier estimated the 1957 budget at \$638,000 which is a \$109,400 jump over the 1956 budget. The 1956 budget was set at \$528,600. Only 41 per cent of this year's total budget would be covered by provincial grants.

Before reaching its final decision to refer the budget back to the committee the members by majority decision defeated both an amendment and a motion on the same subject. An amendment by Markham Township representatives S. Rumble and W. Middleton to have the committee reduce the share to be borne by the local taxpayer to 50% was defeated decisively. A motion moved by Vaughan representative M. Kinnee and seconded by Woodbridge representative J. Howes to approve the budget as presented with only a provincial grant of 41% was also defeated. In 1956 the provincial grant paid on the budget amounted to 39% and in 1955 was only 27%.

"Taxes Undue Burden"

In opposing the budget Trustee Rumble objected to the fact local taxpayers would have to pay 59% of the total cost and the province only 41%. Mr. Rumble maintained the educational system is a partnership between the province and the municipalities and that Queen's Park should assume a greater share of the overall cost. "Real estate taxes have become an undue burden on our people", concluded Mr. Rumble. Trustee Sayers stated he was "as anxious as anyone to see the budget reduced". Turning to Mr. Kinnee he asked, "has the committee done everything possible to reduce the budget?" in reply Mr. Kinnee said, "I feel education is the first responsibility of a trustee and the dollar is only secondary." "If the dollar is to become the main concern of this Board, then I don't want to be a member of it," stated Mr. Kinnee emphatically. "This budget has been prepared so closely there is nothing left for us except to rely on contingencies," he concluded.

Chairman R. Tamblin, who is the public school representative on the Board said to carry out Trustee Rumble's suggested reduction of the portion to be paid by the local taxpayer to 50% would entail lopping \$100,000 off the estimates. Trustee Howes felt any move in this direction would reduce the "standard of education". "I have never opposed the quality of education. Teachers are the heart of our educational system. What I have opposed are all these extras," stated Trustee Rumble.

County representative M. McMurphy felt the Board required more information on the income part of the budget before the members could pass approval. "Study Budget Item by Item"

Following official tabling of the budget a careful study of it item by item was made. Trustee Middleton objected to the fact the estimates for maintenance of the Richmond Hill property had been secured from the caretaking staff instead of the Property Committee. "I feel an important principal is involved here as the Finance Committee should have made it a point to consult the various committee chairmen when preparing their estimates," remarked Trustee Middleton. In reply to questions Richmond Hill Property Committee Chairman R. Ender, stated, "I have sat on the committee for two years and

Trustee Rumble objected to the expenditure of \$4,500 for physical education. They advocated a saving be made by requiring students to provide their own sport equipment with the exception of football equipment and standard equipment for the field and gym. Chairman Tamblin said the Board was proud of its sports teams and that in the case of football and track shoes they are passed around among 200 students. The Middleton-Rumble resolution was voted down.

Trustee Rumble objected to a \$112 item for additional office equipment and extra staff for the Richmond Hill school.

Mr. Kinnee said this expenditure was included in anticipation of the proposed Richmond Hill addition. On motion of Trustees Rumble and Sayers and carried by the Board this \$112 item was struck from the budget. As the item was in the budget of the Richmond Hill addition has yet to be approved it was considered premature to list an expenditure for new office equipment and extra staff.

Will Change Padlock Purchases

At the next meeting the members will consider the advisability of having the students either purchase or pay a deposit on padlocks for use on their lockers. A figure of \$650.00 was included in this year's budget for the purchase of padlocks. Last year the Board spent \$1,200 on padlocks. It was reported that such a move had been opposed in the past on the grounds it would involve extra bookkeeping duties for the office staff. The majority of the Board agreed some change should be made in the present arrangement whereby the Board is bearing the whole expense. Trustee P. Macfarlane suggested the Students Council could be hired to handle a deposit system for the padlocks.

In the matter of the transportation costs Trustee Rumble objected to what he termed an unrealistic estimate in last year's outlay for transportation. He reported the Board had budgeted for \$90,000 for transportation in 1956 but actual expenditures had only amounted to \$32,000. "This is a nice way to get extra money to juggle around in the budget", retorted Trustee Middleton. This year's transportation costs have been estimated at \$55,000.

Trustee Middleton objected to the fact the Board has to supply the pupils with their musical instruments for the band and orchestra. "Students should provide their own instruments instead of having them purchased out of public funds", advocated Mr. Middleton. Trustee Sayers said the matter had been discussed before but no change had been made in the present system. Chairman Tamblin said any policy by which the pupils had to purchase their own instruments could be classified discriminatory as some pupils could afford to buy their own while others would be unable to.

During the evening members also agreed to a \$8,420 cut in the commercial department estimates and \$1,120 in the industrial department.

\$6,258 Surplus

In reply to questions by Trustee Rumble on the general financial condition of the Board as of the end of 1956, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. R. McAllister replied that the Board had finished the year with a \$6,258 surplus. Although the Board received a bill in January from the Weston School Board for \$40,000 to cover tuition fees for children attending Weston Collegiate from the western part of Vaughan township.

Meet Ratepayers Liquor Outlet

Representatives of a group of local businessmen who are supporting the establishment of a retail beer and liquor store in Richmond Hill are scheduled to meet with the executive of the Town's Central Ratepayers Association next week.

The businessmen are very hopeful of receiving the support of the ratepayers in their plans to establish a beer and liquor outlet. If the public will support the proposal and sufficient names can be secured on a petition it will then be forwarded to the Town Council and the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

President of the Central Ratepayers is R. W. Bell, of Richmond Acres. Vice-President is Harry Sayers, of Pleasantville and Secretary-Treasurer is Vincent Hanna, of Beverley Acres.

Archie Little Named to Markham Court of Revision

Mr. Archie Little of Markham Township, farmer, is the new member of the Court of Revision of Markham Township. He was selected to take the place of Mr. William Champion, Unionville Real Estate Agent who had resigned.

An invitation to members of council to attend a Giant Hockey Night being sponsored by the Minor Hockey Association on March 22 brought hearty commendation from the Mayor, William Neal, and members of council.

The membership of this year's Court of Revision came a controversial issue following objection by Councillor Mrs. K. James, Mr. Lawson Mumberson, and Reeve W. L. Clark to having a real estate agent on the Court. Deputy-Revee Donald Deacon and Councillor Howard Cosburn, both felt a man of Mr. Champion's experience would be of value to the Court. Mention was made of Mr. Champion's great interest in Markham township affairs.

Reeve Clark in nominating Mr. Little said, "Mr. Little was a valuable member of the Markham Township Council for some years and has served the municipality well."

Other members of the Court of Revision continuing for this year are Messrs. W. J. Speers, F. Robb, C. Clifford, and C. Russell. The list was given third and final reading on Monday evening. The first sitting of the Court is scheduled for the end of March.

Town Council Deeds Site To Library Board

Last Monday night, Richmond Hill council agreed to deed the westerly 75 feet of the municipal property at the corner of Yonge and Wright Streets to the Richmond Hill Library Board for the future erection of a library building.

Although it is not probable that the library will be built for a few years, the land is being turned over while the transaction is still eligible for a provincial grant.

In presenting his recommendation, Parks chairman Councillor Donald Plaxton said that the site would still allow for a sizeable extension to the firehall and still leave a large parking area. He suggested that it would not be long before the town would have to set up a separate roads department storage yard elsewhere. At present the land in question is used for storing some road equipment.

Council made it clear that the municipality was in no position at present to build the library. But the hope was expressed that the Library Board would look into the matter of raising funds.

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