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Support Softball Campaign

The newly organized Richmond Hill Softball Association will shortly be seeking the support of everyone in its drive to raise \$5,000 to install floodlights in the Town Park. This energetic group of young men have assigned themselves a formidable task but they are confident once the public realizes the need enthusiastic support will be forthcoming.

The erection of floodlights will prove a real boon to both local softball and hardball. It will mean that this game which has such a great appeal to all ages can be played well into the evening without the necessity of having to end a game abruptly due to darkness. Plans call for children of all ages to be organized into a town league.

The pressing need for lights was very clearly shown last fall when Richmond Hill's entry in the York-Peel league had to finish its playoff series at King City where lights were available. If a small community such as King City can provide facilities for night ball, surely the largest town in the county can provide similar equipment.

Dr. W. C. Cowan has been elected the first President of the association. Serving with Dr. Cowan on the execu-

tive are Vice-President A. White, Secretary S. Steffan, Treasurer M. Clement, and Director V. Dynes.

A general campaign for funds is due to get underway on Monday, April 8. The important fund raising committee is under the capable chairmanship of Stan Ransom Jr., who has been actively engaged as a player for a number of years. Associated with Mr. Ransom on the campaign committee are W. Dodds, C. Rowntree, G. Gourlay and W. Ellis. The actual request for funds will take the form of a general canvass of the town. The Kinsmen Club have very generously offered to organize and direct the canvass which is in itself one of the main functions of the whole operation. A systematic and well organized canvass is of the utmost importance if everyone is to be reached and given an opportunity to participate in the project.

Dr. Cowan has expressed his thanks to both the Kinsmen Club and the Richmond Hill Women's Institute for financial donations already received from these two organizations. It is hoped the general public will see fit to follow the example of these two local groups.

Vaughan Police To Take Demands To Arbitration

Following refusals on the part of both the Vaughan Township Council and the Vaughan Police Association to accept the other's salary proposals, the matter will now go to arbitration. This was announced this week at a meeting of council. For some time now, the two groups have been negotiating for a salary agreement but in both cases, there have been points of disagreement. Under the provisions of the Police Act, both sides will now choose an arbitrator, and if agreeable appoint a third man to act as chairman to decide the issue. In the event they can't agree on a chairman, the Attorney General's Department will make the appointment.

A breakdown of the requests and alternate council offer makes an interesting study point by point. The following is a resume of these requests and alternates.

Salaries
The salary schedule is as follows:

Rank	Present Salary	Police Request	Council Offer
Staff Sgt. and Det. Sgt.		\$4600	
Patrol Sgt. and Det.	\$3800	4400	
Sergeant		3800	\$4000
Acting Sgt.			3900
1st Class Const.	3600	4200	3800
2nd Class Const.	3400	3900	3600
3rd Class Const.	3200	3500	3400
Probationary	3000	3000	3000

service. Council however did not favour an additional request for 21 days for patrol sergeants and detectives.

Court Time
Court time was reduced from three hours as requested to two hours as it was felt the establishment of a traffic court at Maple will cut the need for three hours. **Holidays**
It was agreed that an employee who is on duty on a statutory holiday would be entitled to one day off duty. However, council only sanctioned seven statutory holidays compared to 11 requested.

The Association asked for a 40 hour week while the municipality proposed a 42 hour week.

Council agreed to the sending of one representative to the annual convention of the Police Association with time off and full pay.

A request for \$150 annually for civilian clothes allowance for those who perform duties in plain clothes was turned down in the council's offer.

Clerk's Office To Be Open Once A Month

On a motion by Councillor James Haggart and Councillor Stan Tinker, Richmond Hill Council agreed last Monday night by a slim majority to hold one open night a month at the municipal hall for the trial period of three months. Mr. Haggart claimed that many subdivision residents cannot get to the offices during the day to discuss assessment and other matters. He proposed that the deputy-clerk and either the assessor or his assistant be in attendance from 7-9 p.m. one night a month. The date will be set later.

Councillor H. Jones pointed out that the employees would have to be paid to which Mr. Haggart agreed. Councillor Plaxton noted that the system might eliminate some of the deputational attending council meetings. He felt that in many instances the town staff could answer many of these questions which are brought to council meetings.

Mayor William Neal, Reeve W. J. Taylor and Councillor H. Jones were opposed and voted against the motion.

Kinsmen To Sponsor St. John's Ambulance

The Kinsmen Club of Richmond Hill are organizing and sponsoring a local Brigade of the St. John's Ambulance. A committee consisting of Kinsmen Jack Williams, Dalton Hicks, J. Hardy, B. Pyle, Sandy Neal and Tom Porter, met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Gardner, 135 Richmond St. Mrs. Gardner, an instructor, with Mr. Harry Hammond, a field representative of St. John's Ambulance, attended. Mr. Hammond outlined the 8-point program, as: (1) Public Duty, (2) Training or Service in Home Nursing, (3) Highway First Aid, (4) First Aid Training for Civil Defence, (5) Service to all, (6) Training, and Child Welfare, (7) St. John's Cadet Training boys and girls, (8) Training and Service in First Aid.

Mr. Hammond stated, because of the great growth in population, and of the many uses that can be performed—Arenas, sports, Fair Day—that a Brigade in Richmond Hill is a real necessity.

Mr. Hammond congratulated the Kinsmen for their efforts. As Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Kinsman Jack Williams will appreciate those interested in the formation of the Brigade in Richmond Hill, contacting Mrs. R. Leslie Gardner, 135 Richmond Street, TU. 4-3266, or Mr. Jack Hardy, Scott Drive, Richvale, AV. 5-4188.

Reeve Insists On Proper Drainage

Reeve W. J. Taylor of Richmond Hill has insisted on the engineer's assurance that the drainage in the proposed extension of the Allencourt Subdivision will be adequate. Mr. Taylor emphasized the need for this last Monday night when representatives of Allencourt Estates and their engineer, Donald Redfern, met with council to discuss the development of the balance of the property. Mr. Redfern's company is also engineer for the sewer.

Mr. Taylor continued that there would be definite drainage problems in extending the subdivision and cited drainage difficulties already being experienced due to incomplete provision for water. "We need definite assurance from the engineers that adequate plans have been made for the handling of surface drainage," he said.

Councillor James Haggart was in accord with Mr. Taylor's views and he added that he had many matters to discuss with the engineers before he would be agreeable to the proposal.

It was finally decided that further consideration of the proposals will be held over to a future meeting.

NORTH YORK: School construction costs have jumped 35 per cent in the period from March 1955.

LAKKE SIMCOE: Two young men nearly lost their lives when the pickup truck they were driving along the ice on the Pefferlaw River went through the ice and became half submerged. With the doors jammed shut, they had to crawl out the windows. In the darkness, they finally managed to find their way to Port Bolster.

AURORA: Plans are being formulated for the construction of a new school at Kennedy and George Streets. The site was purchased in 1950.

First Rector Appointed To New Anglican Parish

The Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Toronto, has been pleased to announce the appointment of the Very Rev. W. Bruce Jennings, B.A., D.D., as rector of the newly established Parish of All Saints Church, King and St. Stephen's Church, Maple. Dr. Jennings is at present Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, in the Diocese of Algoma. His appointment to the new position becomes effective on May 1.

Dean Jennings was born at Penetanguishene, Ont. He graduated in Arts and Theology from Trinity College, Toronto, in 1928. The same year he was married to

Miss Margaret Dick, daughter of former Court Attorney W. I. Dick of Milton, Ontario.

His first assignment took him to the Diocese of British Columbia as superintendent of the Prince Rupert Coast Mission, where he covered 200 miles of coastline containing 30 missions. After five years on the West Coast, Dean Jennings was appointed rector of St. Mark's Church, Port Hope, where he served for six years before going to the Parish of Port Credit as priest in charge.



The Very Rev. W. Bruce Jennings

Dean and Mrs. Jennings have two children, a daughter, Mrs. K. I. Towlesy, who is teaching school in Toronto, and a son, Bruce, aged 17, who is attending high school in the Soo. Last month Bishop Wilkinson acted in favour of a petition from the rector and wardens at Maple and King requesting the old Parish of King be divided into two new parishes. This change was felt necessary due to the pressure of church expansion. The present incumbent, the Rev. D. C. H. Michell, will continue to serve the other half of the former Parish of King as rector at St. John's, Oak Ridges and St. Mark's Chapel at Wilcox Lake.

Enjoyable Progame Ladies' Night United Church Men's Club

"Ladies' Night" proved to be a gala event on Monday evening, when almost 100 members, their wives and guests, gathered to celebrate this annual dinner meeting of the Men's Club of the Richmond Hill United Church. The table settings were enhanced by the artistic arrangement of roses, snapdragons and lilies, to which an appropriate amount of "Irish Green" was added.

Following the dinner, the toast "To the Ladies" was proposed by Mr. Ralph Kerslake, and responded to by Mrs. G. K. Martin. Club president Dickson Miller called for a hearty vote of thanks to Afternoon W.A. president Mrs. A. R. Phipps, Convenor Mrs. Robert Miller and to the Ladies of the Afternoon W.A. for their efforts in preparing and serving the excellent dinner.

Following a brief business session, musical entertainment was provided by Mrs. John Wynne, who, appropriately attired in green, sang three Irish numbers "Leprechaun", "I'm not Myself at All" and "Shuld Agra". For her encore, the vocalist delighted the audience with her spirited singing of "Romance from the Desert Song", with Mrs. F. W. Morrow as pianist. Mrs. Wynne is well known for her concert and TV name, Patsy O'Day. In introducing the speaker,

whose topic was "Let's Rescue Our Past", Mr. Peter Savage, as a descendant of one of Richmond Hill's oldest pioneer families, did the honour. The speaker, Mrs. R. H. Neil of Thornhill, historical consultant for the creation of the Pioneer Agricultural Museum at Dalziel Park in Vaughan Township, was thoroughly conversant with all phases of her subject, and supplemented the showing of her color films with a running commentary. These pictures graphically showed the amount of time and effort already expended in the collecting and preserving of implements and articles used in pioneer Canadian life. Pictures also showed the exterior and interior of the speaker's own home, built and furnished from beautiful wood, sawn from logs removed from an ancient barn. In conclusion the speaker invited all to become interested in the Dalziel project and to assist in its development. Mr. Lauder Glass thanked Mrs. Neil for her interesting and informative address. Bouquets of red roses were presented to Mrs. Neil and Mrs. Wynne by club president Dickson Miller. The benediction by the Rev. C. G. Higginson brought to a close another meeting of the Men's Club of the Richmond Hill United Church.

Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

Mr. A. L. Helmsley, Parks Division of the Dept. of Lands and Forests, was the speaker at the Richmond Hill Naturalists' meeting. He gave an over-all picture of the plans that the department is working on to provide many more recreational areas for public use in Ontario. "Parks" was defined as a tract of land, in its natural state, set aside for the public use and for recreational purposes. This does not necessarily mean picnic and camping areas or forested sections but also swamps and sand dunes. In this way, the fauna and flora of every description, according to its environment, are set aside for the people to learn and enjoy. Another appropriate name could be "Provincial Primitive Areas". In the Peterboro district, "Serpent Mound Park" has been chosen because of its Indian burial grounds. Through digging, more information is compiled each year about the early Indian history of our country. Most of Mr. Helmsley's pictures were taken at Algonquin Park because he has worked there for several years, building up its nature programme to its present excellent level. The museum is well equipped and arranged to catch

FORWARD MARCH
The warmth within the sun's bright rays,
And ever lengthening out of days,
May be that hoped for welcome taken
That Old Man Winter's back is broken.
The robins, down in Georgia now,
Are gathering along the bough,
Preparing for their northern flight
When instinct says the moment's right.
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The crows are calling in the park;
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Daylight Time April to Oct.

This year Richmond Hill may have Daylight Saving Time from April 28 until October 27. Final decision rests with Richmond Hill Town Council, but in the past local councils have followed the lead of Toronto and the City this year will have fast time for a month longer than last year.

Toronto City Council Monday by a vote of 15 to 3 voted to have the Daylight Saving Time period extended from April 28 to October 27. It was pointed out this will be the practice in most Ontario and Quebec municipalities.

NORTH YORK: Members of the North York Board of Education have expressed concern over an application for a \$317,303 administration building. "We'll have to watch these officials," said Trustee Dorothy Bishop.

Mrs. K. James Questions Representation Hearing

Councillor, Mrs. K. James, of Markham Township raised strong objections Monday to Deputy-Reeve D. Deacon's attendance at the C.B.C. hearing held last Friday, in Ottawa, for a proposed radio station to be located in either Richmond Hill or Newmarket. Mr. Deacon appeared in support of Mr. J. Graham, the Richmond Hill applicant.

"Did you attend this hearing because you are personally interested in the Richmond Hill radio or were you directed to do so by Council?" queried Mrs. James. "I didn't go on the authority of Council I went because Mr. Graham asked me to go," replied Mr. Deacon. "Did you take part in the discussions," asked Mrs. James. "I told the meeting we had earlier written a letter supporting the Richmond Hill application," stated Mr. Deacon.

Councillor Mrs. James contended if Council had intended to send a representative to the hearing then they should have passed a resolution to this effect. "I don't think it's fair to the other

members of Council to suddenly read in the press that this Council has been represented at a hearing without its prior knowledge," contended Mrs. James. "I am probably at fault," stated Mr. Deacon, "but I felt in view of our letter we had already given an expression of opinion." "There is a difference between sending a letter and a member of Council making a personal appearance," replied Mrs. James. "Mr. Graham should have made it clear what he wanted."

"Mr. Graham was at fault, if he wanted a personal representative at the hearing, then that's what he should have asked for in the first place," stated Reeve Clark.

INNISFILL TWP.: The Local Businessmen's association has protested the township council's action in letting a garbage contract without putting it out to tender. The protest is also being forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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