

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. **tfc28**

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 8 P.M. - Bingo, Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge. **tfc27**

APRIL 5 - Friday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Rummage sale, also home baking, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Branch 375 Canadian Legion held in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill. **c2w39**

APRIL 6 - Saturday at 1 p.m. Rummage sale at the Army and Navy Hall, Yonge Street and Steeles Avenue, under the auspices of the North Group of the Order of the Order of the Eastern Star. **c2w39**

APRIL 8 - Monday 8:15 p.m. The Richmond Hill Community Swing will hold the final Square Dance of the season, a birthday party in the auditorium of the McConaghy School. Refreshments. All members and friends invited. ***1w40**

APRIL 8 - Monday, Thornhill L.O.L. 91 meets in Masonic Hall, Thornhill. **c1w40**

APRIL 9 - Tuesday 8:15 p.m. Legion Hall, Carrville Rd., W., Richvale, Euchre sponsored by Richvale Cubs and Scouts Mothers Auxiliary. Everybody welcome. Come and help the boys. ***1w40**

APRIL 10 - Wednesday 8:45 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of the First Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will be held at the Scout Hall. An interesting feature of the evening will be a talk and demonstration by Helen Piper on the Art of Make-up. ***1w40**

APRIL 10 - Wednesday, Euchre in Victoria Square Community Hall at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. **c1w40**

APRIL 11 - Thursday. East Vaughan Ratepayers' Association meeting in Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Richvale at 8:30 p.m. Agenda: Fire Hall, Roads and ditches. **c1w40**

APRIL 11 - Thursday at 1 p.m. In North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St. Rummage sale, sponsored by the Lansing United Church W.A. **c1w40**

APRIL 12 - Friday 9-11 a.m. Dance to be held by the Vellore Junior Farmers and Junior Institute in the Vellore Hall, Sully Lloyd and her orchestra. **c1w40**

APRIL 17 - Wednesday 7:45 p.m. sharp. Bingo to be held by Canadian Legion Branch 375 at the Legion Hall, Carrville Road West. To be held each Wednesday, starting April 17. All are welcome. **c3w39**

MAY 1 - Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Richmond Hill High School the Keswick Karolers presented by the O. M. Mac, Killop Home and School Association. Proceeds to furnish books for the school library. Come and bring the children. Admission 50c. **c4w40**

MAY 14, 15 - Tuesday and Wednesday, The Footlights Club of Thornhill is presenting "Cuckoo Time", a one act comedy, and also Gilbert & Sullivan's musical comedy "Trial by Jury". Tickets Mrs. E. Lean. AV. 5-1320. **c1w40**

MAY 25 - Saturday, Richmond Hill Spring Fair, Horse Show, Midway, many feature attractions. For information, apply to the secretary, Mrs. Margaret Burton, Gormley R. R. 2. **c8w40**

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2 Industrial Sites Sold

Two industrial sites have been sold in Richmond Hill "The Liberal" learned recently. A one and one-half acre tract in the industrial section of Centre Street has been sold by David McLean Ltd., Realtors, Thornhill, for the John A. Bailey Development Co.

Although the name of the purchaser has not been disclosed it is reported that the new firm will manufacture electrical equipment and likely will employ 40 people. It is expected that work on a 5,000 sq. ft. plant will commence in the near future.

A second site has been sold on Markham Road near the railway tracks. A manufacturing firm of ammonia products in Toronto plans to use the site as a distribution centre because of its location at the railway and its nearness to the highway.

Ratcliff's (Canada) Ltd., one of the town's largest plants, announces that an additional seven acres of land have been purchased, giving them forage on the railway. This brings the Ratcliff company's holdings to 20 acres.

Issue Share Of Debentures

Following discussion, Monday, Markham Township Council is expected to agree to float its share of debentures covering this year's program of the Richmond Hill District High School Board. The immediate goal of the trustees is the erection of a new school at Woodbridge and an addition to the Richmond Hill school. Total cost of the work has been estimated at over a million dollars.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas, questioned if the township has the right to enter into such an agreement with the other municipalities in the high school district. If such an arrangement is possible, Mr. Lucas suggested Markham should first ascertain if the other municipalities are both willing and financially able to enter into such an arrangement.

The usual procedure is for the municipality in which the school is built to float the necessary debentures issue. Following the county's refusal in January to float any more high school debentures, Vaughan suggested each municipality finance its own share of the total cost.

J. A. Bailey To Install Services

Development Of Richmond Hill Industrial Area To Go Ahead

Costs Already Over \$20,000

Markham Twp. Loses Selkirk Case Decision May Appeal To Cabinet

If Markham Township Council decides to act on a suggestion of Deputy-Reeve D. Deacon it will attempt to get the Ontario Cabinet to pass legislation over-riding the Supreme Court of Canada decision in favour of the Selkirk subdivision at Thornhill. In a ruling made public over the week-end the nation's highest court ruled in favour of Mr. Selkirk.

Mr. Deacon's suggestion came during a lively debate at Monday's council meeting, as the members debated as to what action they should take in face of the Supreme Court ruling. Councillor Mrs. K. James strenuously opposed any move to prolong the case any longer. Mr. Selkirk has now defeated the township on three different occasions. First the Ontario Municipal Board ruled in his favour, followed by the Supreme Court of Ontario and now the Supreme Court of Canada. The Municipal Act provides that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council can change or alter a decision of the Municipal Board. If the provincial cabinet decided to interfere in the case they could set aside the Municipal Board ruling, which body is their creation.

"A great deal of the taxpayers' money has been wasted on this case to date and I certainly wouldn't be a party to wasting any more," remarked Mrs. James. A question by Councillor H. Cosburn as to what the litigation has cost the township to date brought an incomplete answer. Reeve W. L. Clark stated all the bills were not in to date. "The cost to the taxpayers has already been estimated at \$20,000," said Mrs. James. To appeal the case to the Ontario Court cost \$4,500 alone and our special counsel charged us \$2,000 for pleading the case before the provincial court," remarked Mrs. James. The township engaged Mr. Donald Fleming, Toronto M.P., to present its case to all three bodies.

Negotiate With Subdivider

Councillor Cosburn felt these "unfinished subdivisions are a black eye to the municipality," questioned the wisdom of taking any further action in the case. "The township hasn't been hurt by this subdivision except to the extent of the cost of the fees," replied Deputy-reeve Deacon. "It's certainly an eyesore as far as Ward 1 is concerned," retorted Mrs. James. Council should enter into negotiations with the subdivider to get this whole thing cleaned up before it costs the taxpayers more money," suggested Mrs. James.

"Our dealings with Mr. Selkirk have been unsatisfactory in the past and I don't think any forced

dealings we might have with him in the future would be any better," stated Reeve Clark.

Township solicitor, J. D. Lucas, who was present at Monday's meeting, reviewed the case to date. The 206 lot, Selkirk Subdivision was approved by Council on June 10, 1954. Following disclosure that 60 homes in the subdivision were being built without permits, Council on December 21, 1954 requested the Minister of Planning and Development to revoke the subdivision agreement and registration. Subsequently, the Langstaff Land Development Company, which is Mr. Selkirk's firm, was charged with a breach of a township by-law and fined \$700 for building without permits.

When the Township refused to take action to have the subdivision agreement reinstated Mr. Selkirk appealed to the Municipal Board for a ruling. The Township contended the Municipal Board had no jurisdiction to hear the new applicant. The township's appeal to both the Supreme Court of Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada were made on points of law, as you cannot appeal a decision of the Municipal Board if it is acting within its clearly defined powers.

As the members were unable to reach any decision as to what their future policy will be, it is expected they will consider the case again very shortly.

Committee To Study Position Of Fringe Municipalities

As a result of a meeting held this week in Aurora, under the sponsorship of the Aurora Planning Board, a committee is being set up to study the position of the fringe municipalities with regards planning. The committee composed of C. J. Laurin, Markham; D. Richardson, Aurora; Elmer Daniels, Stouffville; Lorne Evans, Whitechurch and Robert Kirk, Vaughan, will meet with the Department of Planning and Development and the Metropolitan Planning Board to discuss the matter of the municipalities around the Metropolitan Area.

The committee was formed as the direct result of the fact that Deputy-reeve, Robert Kirk, of Vaughan Township, took exception to the suggestion of the guest speaker C. J. Laurin, Chairman of Markham Township Planning Board, that the fringe municipalities in the county be excluded from York County Planning Board Committee. Mr. Kirk protested strongly, contending that it was unfair that the fringe municipalities would have no representation on either a county planning committee or the Metro Planning Board.

Host of the meeting which was called for the purpose of forming the county planning organ-

'Observe Curfew' Says Reeve

At eleven-twenty last Monday night, Reeve W. J. Taylor strongly urged Mayor William Neal to stick more closely to the ten-thirty curfew on municipal meetings. He said that it was not necessary to keep the meetings so late and recommended that all members of council keep closely to the business at hand in order to expedite the handling of the town's affairs.

He also recommended that a few morning meetings be held to catch up on the agenda.

Past President Honoured



BOYNTON WELDRICK Immediate Past President of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society who was honoured with the presentation of a gold headed cane at the recent annual banquet. Sincere tribute was paid to the outstanding service rendered to the Society by Mr. Weldrick during his two years as president and his many years as a director of the Association. Mr. Weldrick who lives at Thornhill is an ex-reeve of Vaughan Township.

President Gordon Atkinson presided at the banquet when the guest speaker was Mr. Lance Rumble. Plans were discussed for the annual spring fair which will be held here on Saturday, May 25th.

Debentures Still Not Sold

Richmond Hill councillors learned last Monday night just how tight the debenture market really is when a representative of the J. L. Graham Co. appeared before council to report that the \$125,000 hydro debenture issue still had not sold. The firm has received several extensions on the option in the hope of being able to sell the issue but without success.

With no other prospect or alternative, council agreed to give a further option to the firm with a drop in value to the town from 95.05 cents to the dollar to 94.

Approve Townline Agreement

Markham Township Council, Monday approved the final draft of an agreement between Markham and Richmond Hill for the maintenance of the townline between the two municipalities. Richmond Hill will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of Bayview Ave. and Markham will be responsible for the Elgin Mills. This division of responsibility was decided upon following a series of meetings between the road committees of the two municipalities.

Fire Marshal Comments On Proposed Changes In L. M. McConaghy School

The Richmond Hill Public School Board was in receipt of a letter from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office regarding McConaghy Public School last Thursday. The letter stated the Fire Marshal was agreeable to reducing the front exit of the school from a two door exit to a one door, as there were exits within 50 feet each way from the middle of the school. Therefore it was felt reducing the size of the front exit would not be a fire hazard.

The Board is proposing to remodel certain portions of the McConaghy School to provide extra space for a teacher's room, principal's room, board room, etc. The letter also referred to a previous report of February 29,

"Let's Get Some Action" Says Reeve W. J. Taylor

Following months of delay and procrastination, Richmond Hill council decided last Monday night to take positive action to facilitate the servicing of the extensive tract of industrial land at the north end of the town. After a lengthy discussion during which John A. Bailey, owner and developer of the land, presented several proposals, council agreed to give a necessary letter to permit the opening up of the area. The matter has been before council for several months now, but on the recommendation of the town solicitor and in keeping with the feeling of members of council, the matter has been delayed.

The big problem holding up the development on the industrial land has centred around two principal points, the obtaining of a crossing over the CNR tracks and the closing of the Broderick Road right-of-way. The former has been more or less settled following a recent meeting with railway officials and representatives of the Department of Transport. It was concluded that a railway crossing will not be permitted at present to join the two industrial areas, east and west of the tracks. The question of Broderick Road has also served as a stumbling block, coupled with the fact that the majority of the town council along with the solicitor, J. D. Lucas, were reluctant to take the risk of a damage suit over the closing of the right-of-way.

Urges Take Chance Several months ago, some members of council urged that the town risk the possibility of damage charges to facilitate the opening up of the industrial area. The difficulty here lies in the fact that the Department of Highways will not permit the opening of Industrial Road, onto the highway, until there is a letter from the council stating that Broderick Road, also fronting on Yonge, will not be opened up. Council has repeatedly stated that it has no intention of opening the road allowance but at the same time would not give the required letter until there was a definite statement from Imperial Oil Co. located on one corner of the allowance. Ratcliff's owners on the opposite corner are agreeable to the closing of the right-of-way.

Mr. Bailey will construct an 86 foot road north to Elgin Mills Sideroad. In the event that council can retrieve the cost of this road from the property owners if they are permitted to develop at a later date, then Mr. Bailey will donate \$10,000 for improvement of the Crosby Ave. crossing or other suitable purposes. The purpose of this is so that the town will receive a comparable amount of municipal contribution to the original agreement which is not feasible because of the rail difficulties.

It is expected that work will commence as soon as possible on the additional residential property of Beverley Acres to bring the services west to the industrial land according to his original agreement. Reviewing his construction schedule briefly, Mr. Bailey told council that the services would start first in the residential area while the roads would be started in the industrial area initially.

Amend Agreement As the servicing of the industrial area depends on bringing them west from Beverley Acres, council members agreed to amend the existing subdivision agreement with Mr. Bailey. On a motion by Councillors Plaxton and Tinker, it was agreed to delete the level crossing in the industrial area. In addition, the town will provide, through negotiation or expropriation, a right-of-way from a projection of Newkirk Road (north-south road east of railway and parallel) on which Mr. Bailey will construct an 86 foot road north to Elgin Mills Sideroad. In the event that council can retrieve the cost of this road from the property owners if they are permitted to develop at a later date, then Mr. Bailey will donate \$10,000 for improvement of the Crosby Ave. crossing or other suitable purposes.

Urges Set Policy Mayor William Neal made an attempt to further delay the matter last Monday night by suggesting that the matter should be again taken up with the solicitor. Mr. Bailey contended that as it was purely a matter of whether or not the road was to be opened at any time; the matter was not a legal one but one of policy which was the responsibility of council alone. He emphasized that council had repeatedly pointed out that it had no intention of opening the right-of-way.

Makes Motion The matter was brought to a head when Reeve W. J. Taylor

Vaughan May Hire Dog Catcher

Vaughan Township Council is considering entering an agreement with Walter Lowe of Bayview Ave., Markham Township, for dog catching in the municipality. It is expected that Mr. Lowe would maintain a pound similar to the system Markham Township and do a certain amount of patrol in the township. The Township solicitor is drawing up a tentative agreement to be presented to both parties for consideration.

ACCIDENT RECORD RICHMOND HILL 1957

FATALITIES 3	
ACCIDENTS	INJURIES
29	23

Assists Boys Camp Work



Big medicine is seen being worked by Allan Bathurst wearing a Medicine Man's mask and ceremonial wand. The big medicine is the \$480 cheque being received by Bill Babcock, left, from Stuart Harwood of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club, (centre). The presentation took place at the Rotary Club meeting on March 25 and the cheque is the club's contribution towards the Richmond Hill Day Camp which is to be operated by

Mr. Babcock and Mr. Bathurst. Mr. Harwood represents the club's Youth Activities Committee.

The camp which is to be an experiment in summertime activities for local boys will get under way in July and run through till the end of August in four periods. It is under the central organization of the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee.

— Photo by Lagerquist

BE GENEROUS! SUPPORT THE R. HILL SOFTBALL CAMPAIGN FOR FLOODLIGHTS DRIVE STARTS MONDAY, APRIL 8