

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

WEDNESDAY evening bingo held in Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road West at 7:45 p.m. prompt. tfc44

MAY 9 - Thursday. It's still not too late to enroll in the St. John's Ambulance First Aid classes. Final date of enrollment is Thursday, May 9, at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Hall. For information, please contact Mrs. R. L. Gardner, 135 Richmond Street. TU. 4-3266. clw45

MAY 10 - Friday. St. Mary's Centennial Parish Social and Dance 9 p.m. Lions Community Hall, Centre St. E. Music by Al Como Quintet, refreshments. Admission \$1.00. clw45

MAY 11 - Saturday 3 to 5 p.m. St. Luke's C.W.L. Maytime tea bake sale and apron bar, in the parish hall, Church St., Thornhill. clw45

MAY 12 - Sunday 7 a.m. Richmond Hill Naturalists will meet at the Municipal Hall, Yonge and Wright Sts., then go to the Mill St. pond area for bird observations. The Warblers will be of great interest. Do come and learn how to identify these gaily-colored songsters. Everyone is welcome. clw45

MAY 13 - Monday. Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 meets in the Masonic Hall, Thornhill. clw45

MAY 15 - Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Sandwich-making demonstration, Carville United Church Hall. Door prize. Admission 25c. Sponsored by Carville W.A. clw45

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

MAY 29 - Wednesday. Annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Arena Association will be held in the library of Richmond Hill High School at 8:15 p.m. v2w43

JUNE 6 - Thursday. Reserve this evening for Richmond Hill Public Schools Musical Festival in the Arena, at 8:15 p.m. c4w45

JUNE 19 - Wednesday. Teston United Church Strawberry Festival. At the church. Watch for further announcements. clw45

Thieves Blow Safe

Week-end receipts of nearly \$1,000 were stolen by thieves who entered the premises of Edean Nurseries at Elgin Mills, last Sunday night.

Breaking their way into the office, the bandits blew open a large safe to get the money.

Vaughan Township police are investigating.

Still Room In First Aid Class

Sponsored by the Kinsman Club of Richmond Hill, the first in a series of St. John's Ambulance First-aid classes was held on Thursday, May 2, at the Municipal Hall with 15 in attendance.

These classes are under the capable instruction of two qualified St. John's instructors - Mrs. L. Gardner and Mrs. W. H. Bury, both Registered Nurses.

This first class covered basic outline of first aid, necessary qualifications of a first-aid-er, the structure of the body, and the application of dressings and bandages.

Both instructors were impressed with the good turnout for the first class, but advise that the double that number could be handled, and there is still time to enroll. The next class is to be held at the Municipal Hall on the 9th of May, at 8:00 p.m.

The sponsors state that it is advisable to remember that in the time of emergency, in the case of accidents or sudden illness, until the Doctor arrives, the St. John's First-aid-er is trained to render skilled assistance as will preserve life, promote recovery, and prevent aggravation of the injury or condition.

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AURORA: Heads of industry and residents of Aurora are speculating on the possibility that the new well, gorging more than 500 gallons per hour, could be responsible for the unprecedented shortage of water for this time of year. Pressure is at a low ebb with both industry and home owners complaining of the dribble from the taps at peak-load hours.

ACCIDENT RECORD RICHMOND HILL 1957	
FATALITIES 3	
ACCIDENTS 28	INJURIES 24

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Light Session

Richmond Hill Council Asks Parks Committee For Plan And Estimate

Plans for Richmond Hill Parks development were the subject of considerable discussion at a short meeting of Town Council Monday evening. Parks Committee Chairman Donald Plaxton asked council for a vote of \$600, for sodding a small parkette in Glenbrae subdivision but the majority of council thought it best to postpone any expenditure until an over-all plan of parks development for the whole town could be presented to council.

Councillor Plaxton asked for \$600 to buy sod for the Glenbrae park, a lot about 310 feet by 100 feet. He said the ratepayers had offered to lay the sod with volunteer labor and were anxious to get ahead with the work as quickly as possible.

Councillor Jones said he was in favor of making a start on parks development but suggested that an over-all plan should be submitted with a budget of planned expenditure in all projects.

Councillor S. F. Tinker thought council should have a recommendation on the adoption of the suggestion for a Parks Commission or a Parks Committee and that such a body should present a plan to council for approval.

Councillor Plaxton said there was a meeting next week of the Parks Committee with people interested in promoting Parks development in the town.

There was some discussion of the \$8,000 mentioned at a previous meeting as being available for Parks improvement. A conference with solicitor J. D. Lucas revealed that this amount in a special account is available only for purchasing new park land.

The fund which totals between \$7,000 and \$8,000 is made up of funds realized from the sale of land given for park purposes by sub-dividers. The provincial law requires however that these funds be used only for purchase of park land and all expenditures are subject to the approval of the Ontario Department of Planning.

"Then we have no money for Parks development," said Councillor Plaxton. He suggested however that although this money couldn't be spent on park development the council had an obligation to the ratepayers to use a similar amount for park purposes. He moved that \$8,000 from the number two account (proceeds of \$500 per lot levy) be set aside for park development. An amendment by Councillor S. F. Tinker and Councillor Jones asked that the program of Park Development for this year be presented by the Parks Committee, and when approved by council the expenditure be financed from number two account. The amendment carried with the support of the mover Perkins, Councillors Plaxton and Haggart voted against the amendment.

"It's high time we did something along the line of Park development said deputy-revee Perkins.

"When the committee brings in an over-all report with plans for the year I am sure it will

have the support of council," said Councillor Tinker.

Horticultural Grant
On motion of Deputy-revee Perkins and Councillor S. F. Tinker the usual grant of \$50 was made to the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society.

Planning Board
Mayor William Neal and clerk Lynett were authorized to attend a meeting Tuesday to discuss method of appointing members to the Metropolitan Planning Board representative of the fringe areas. It was suggested that one representative be named to represent Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville and Markham Township. Deputy-Reeve Perkins thought such a large area should have more than one representative.

All members of council were authorized to attend the fourth annual meeting of the Town and Village section of the Ontario Municipal Association in Whitby on June 7th.

Zoning By-Law
It was announced that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Richmond Hill's zoning by-law will be held Wednesday June 19 at 10 a.m. The council members were critical of the Board ruling which demanded that a copy of the by-law be mailed to every ratepayer. The by-law is a thirty-page document, and postage charges alone will amount to more than \$300. "It's a needless expenditure of money," said Councillor Plaxton.

Building By-Law
On motion of deputy-revee Perkins and Councillor Plaxton the Building Inspector was asked to bring in a report on bringing the Town Building By-Law up to date.

Parking Area
A report from the engineer estimated the cost of paving a parking lot at rear of Municipal Building at \$4,420. Councillor Tinker thought the estimate pretty high and council on motion of Councillor Jones and Perkins decided to invite competitive bids on the work.

Police Radio
Councillor Jones, chairman of the Police Committee reported that the new police radio signal system would be in operation within three or four weeks.

Councillor Haggart asked if Mr. Morrison had been contacted re possibility of reviving the bus service in town. It was arranged to see Mr. Morrison in the near future. Councillor Haggart also asked for progress reports on the opening of the new street through the Mills property north from Markham Road and the surveying of Station Street. It was stated both matters are in the hands of local officials.

Lovely Spring Luncheon At Presbyterian Church

A lovely affair of the late Chamberlain's colourful and interesting career.

Wearing a large spring chapeau of red straw decorated with big vari-colored flowers, Mrs. Chamberlain charmed her audience with her vibrant personality and wit. She appealed to the ladies to throw off any fear of other persons and for each person present to accept an individual responsibility for being cheerful and outgoing in their every day contacts with their fellow-men.

Mrs. Chamberlain pointed out that the world judges us on what it sees, hears, and feels about us. She emphasized that it is essential to our mental and physical health to create as good impression as we can. "It is our responsibility to be an asset to our community," stated the speaker.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Chamberlain's talk, Mrs. Garfield Yeret thanked her and presented her with a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Smith Welcomes Guests
Mrs. S. C. Smith, president of the Woman's Association, welcomed the guests and introduced the ladies at the head table. They were Miss Mabel Mackie, Mrs. Chas. Higginson, Mrs. Neil Mallory, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mrs. J. A. Latimer, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Yeret, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Smith.

In the centre of the head table was a beautiful arrangement of daffodils, tulips and flowering almond. The individual tables were decorated with exquisite sprays of flowers in pale pink and yellow. These were made by Mrs. Hugh Mackay.

The food convenor for the affair was Mrs. John Beresford. She was assisted by a group of ladies of the W.A.

Mrs. G. Hill Passes May 1

The community was saddened to learn last week of the untimely passing of Mrs. George Hill. She passed away in Oakville, Trafalgar Hospital on May 1, following a heart attack. She had been ill for five days.

Born in Alliston, Ontario, Mrs. Hill had resided in Richmond Hill for the past ten years. She was a faithful adherent of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and was an active member of the Catholic Women's League.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband George Hill, a son Allen, grandchildren Frederick and Donna Marie Hill and sisters Miss Josephine (Ena) O'Hearn of Richmond Hill and Mrs. Mary Vogue of Chicago, U.S.A.

Requiem High Mass was sung by the Reverend F. McGinn on May 4 and interment was in St. Luke's Cemetery, Thornhill.

The Liberal joins with the community in extending deepest sympathy to the family in their great loss.

Bill Brown Heads Lions

Lion Bill Brown was chosen on Thursday, May 2, to guide the activities of the Richmond Hill Lions Club for the coming year. A member of the club for a number of years, Lion President Bill Brown is an active member. He has headed a number of big projects and this year promises to be a banner one.

Other executive members are: 1st vice-pres., Harold Sanderson; 2nd vice-president, Dr. James Langille; 3rd vice-president, Don Little; treasurer, George Fenwick; secretary, D. Featherstonhaugh; Tail Twister, Bill Fahy; Lion Tamer, John Rush. Directors were elected as follows: for one year, Ed Butlin and Douglas Smith; for two years, Warren Davey and Ed Sackfield.

MARKHAM: The Kinsmen Club of Markham is holding a fireworks extravaganza at the Markham fair grounds, Markham Village on Monday, May

Hon. Paul Martin At Newmarket On Friday, May 17th

Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare for Canada will speak at a public meeting in the Town Hall, Newmarket, Friday evening, May 17th, in support of Jack Rye, Liberal candidate in North York.

Canada's Health Minister as the director of our social security program and architect of the national hospitalization plan is one of the key figures in the coming election and one of Canada's outstanding leaders and most gifted orators.

All citizens of North York are invited to this rally to hear an outstanding member of the St. Laurent cabinet, and Jack Rye the Liberal candidate in North York.

Thornhill Makes Offer Hurricane Hazel Damage

Markham Township Council on Monday received a new offer from the Thornhill Village Trustees regarding the controversial issue of repairs to roads and bridges damaged by Hurricane Hazel in 1954. For sometime now Thornhill has refused to participate in these extra costs, maintaining that by prior agreement they are only responsible for the upkeep of their own roads.

Thornhill Chairman A. Sumner and Trustee F. Tucker stated this village would be willing to participate in the township's share of the \$42,400 for the cost of repairing the bridges, but would not share in the cost of the road repairs. This bridge figure is not yet complete as the township has another two bridges to reconstruct. The province also pays a portion of the cost of this bridge work.

In addition Mr. Sumner offered to assume the cost of widening Job Street and the repairs to Dudley Avenue. Council will study Thornhill's offer before making any decision.

Markham will take steps to amend its official plan and zoning by-law to increase the commercial depth on Yonge Street in Thornhill to 350 feet. This move is necessary in order to accommodate the new Dominion Supermarket to be located at the corner of John and Yonge Streets. Planning Director R. Forrest reported he was experiencing some difficulty with the Department of Highways in his attempt to gain approval for Dominion stores to have an entrance into their property from Yonge Street.

In 1857 Over 500 Attended First Church Opening

This year will mark the centenary of the establishment of the Church of St. Mary Immaculate in Richmond Hill. In the spring of 1857 the first Roman Catholic Church was opened in the community. Over 500 persons braved the somewhat unfavourable weather to attend the memorable event. A report from the "Toronto Mirror" of that year reveals that friends of the congregation journeyed in carriages from as far away as Toronto to evince their interest in the opening of the church. It is said that the collection amounted to about \$240 on that Sunday. The original church was erected on Mill St., near Hall Street.

In the years before, the district had been visited only occasionally by missionary priests from York. The first Roman Catholic Church in York was erected in 1822 and the priests stationed there looked after the needs of the northern missions. A visiting priest would say the Mass and administer the sacraments in private homes.

Pioneer Workers
During these years, the Rev. Fr. Edward Gordon's name stood out as one who worked unflinchingly in serving these outlying townships. The Rev. John Baptist Proulx was another whose devotion to the mission at Newmarket was of great value in establishing permanent congregations in the district.

Petition For Church
On March 17, 1852, the Rt. Rev. Armand F. M. de Charbonnel, second Bishop of Toronto, received a petition from the Roman Catholic population of Richmond Hill requesting permission

Mayor Cuts The Ribbon



The ribbon is cut — and Mayor William Neal of Richmond Hill has declared the Birrell Motors Ltd., building officially opened. The ceremony took place last Friday night in the big new building as part of a full evening's programme. More than 1,000 persons visited the building, to look over the new cars, enjoy refreshments and entertainment and to extend congratulations and welcome to the Birrell family as Richmond Hill businessmen.

At the left of the Mayor is firm president Thomas Birrell Sr. and a representative of General Motors. At the right are vice-president Robert Birrell and secretary-treasurer Thomas Birrell Jr., along with a second General Motors representative. Behind His Worship is seen Mel Smith, Master of Ceremonies.

— Photo by Lagerquist

Meet Owner Markham To Confer On Sabiston Gravel Pit

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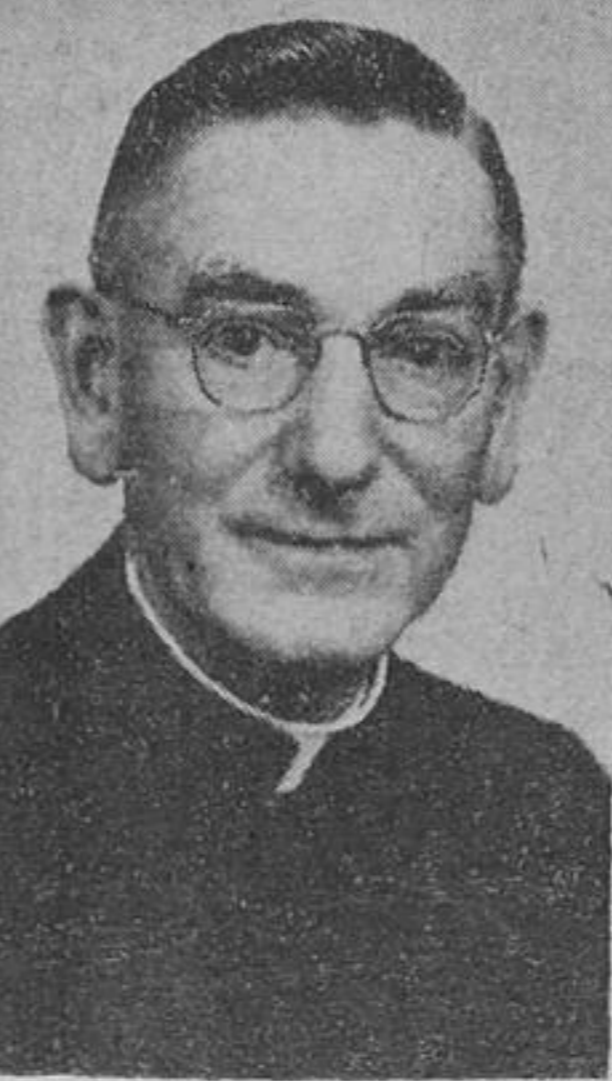
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Municipal Board Approves Subdivision

The Ontario Municipal Board has announced its approval of the 92-acre Meredith Subdivision. Located at Richvale in Vaughan Township, the property was originally part of the Scott farm. The matter of its development has been in discussion stages for several years.

A hearing was held recently by Municipal Board representatives to bring the matter to a conclusion. At that time, the Board deferred decision until a statement was received from the Trustees of Township School Area 1, Markham and Vaughan, regarding educational accommodation for such a development. It appears that the School Board has satisfied the Municipal Board that the development will not be an unusual burden on education in the area.

Vaughan council has given approval of the Renwick development at Kleinburg. The 40-lot plan will now be submitted to the Department of Planning and Development.



THE REV. F. MCGINN

to construct a church and engage a resident clergyman. The petition stated that the people were willing to purchase a rectory and land for a church and if necessary to construct a burying ground. Among the subscribers of the petition was Matthew Teffy, local postmaster and a man who had a great deal to do with the early development of Richmond Hill.

While the plan did not materialize at the time of the petition, by November 1857, the Rev. Fr. McNulty wrote to his bishop, "I have a new church . . . finished in good state and all painted." Most of the work was done by the congregation and the pews were made by hand and then owned and occupied by the peop-

Special Counsel For TTC Hearing

Markham Township in conjunction with Richmond Hill is expected to instruct their joint solicitor J. D. Lucas to engage special counsel for the T.T.C. Municipal Board hearing to be held on May 31st in Toronto. For some time now the T.T.C. has been trying to break the present 10-year agreement covering the operation of the North Yonge Bus Line. The line is under the joint ownership of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill.

"Our case has been weakened through the unfortunate decision of Vaughan Township to adopt a different attitude," said Reeve W. L. Clark. "Apparently Vaughan isn't interested in any profits," added Mr. Clark. Both Markham and Richmond Hill have presented a united front against any attempts by the T.T.C. to end the agreement before its legal termination of 1960. Reeve Clark and Councillor Mrs. K. James will represent Markham at the hearing.

Re-assessment Now Under Way

Representatives of Dominion Appraisals Ltd., the firm awarded the contract to make a complete re-assessment of the Town of Richmond Hill commenced their work this week. They plan to complete the job by September 30.

The co-operation of all property owners is invited to facilitate the work of the assessors. The big re-assessment task will start with the commercial property on Yonge Street.