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Coming Events

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING — Starting at 8.30 p.m. The Western Jamboree at the York Farmers' Market in Thornhill. Country music at its best and an evening of entertainment for the whole family.

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

WEDNESDAY evening bingo held in Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road West at 7.45 p.m. prompt.

MAY 2 — Friday, Variety Concert to be held in Christian Education building, Maple United Church. Under auspices of the Sunday School, 8 p.m. Admission Adults 35c, Children 15c.

MAY 2 & 3 — Friday & Saturday, Open House at Stan Troyer's Lawn & Garden Equipment Centre, on Yonge St., 2 miles north of Richmond Hill, at the Big Snowman.

MAY 3 — Saturday, The Richmond Hill Kinetite Club is holding its annual rummage sale at McConaghy School Auditorium at 2 p.m.

MAY 3 — Saturday, R.H.S. Grade 12B presents "Charlie's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas, under direction of Miss Edna Izzard, at 8.20 p.m. Price 50c. At High School Auditorium. By permission of Samuel French.

MAY 3 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage sale at the Canadian Legion Hall, 6 Spring Garden Ave., Lansing, Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 66.

MAY 3 — Monday 8.15 p.m. Regular meeting of Richmond Hill United Church W.A. evening group will be held in the Sunday School room. A musical program has been arranged. All members invited.

MAY 7 — Wednesday 8 p.m. at the Lions Community Hall. Annual Daffodil Show of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Convenor, Mr. George Spratt. Judge, Mr. Ernest Kohler. No admission charge. Everyone welcome.

MAY 9, — Friday 8 p.m. Aurora United Church, General meeting of York County Temperance Federation. Guest speaker: Canadian Temperance Federation's General Secretary, Rev. John Linton.

MAY 10 — Rummage and Bake Sale 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Church Christian Education Centre, Maple.

MAY 14 — Wednesday 2.30 p.m. The Harriet Taylor W.M.S. of the Richmond Hill United Church will hold an Expense Fund Tea at the home of Mrs. Gordon Robinson, 76 Denham Drive, Richmond Hill. Free auto rides from Stop 22 to Denham Drive and return.

MAY 19 — Monday, Richmond Hill Lions Teenage Safe Driving Rodeo for girls and boys to be held on May 19, 1958 at Loblaw's parking lot. Applicants may obtain forms from Richmond Hill Police Department and must be 16 and under 20 years on June 1, 1958. Cups and cash prizes.

MAY 24 — Saturday, Richmond Hill 100th annual Spring Fair, Horse Show, midway and many feature attractions. Big dance in the arena at night. Write for prize list Mrs. Margaret Burton, Secretary, Gormley R.R. No. 2.

MAY 30 — Friday, Jumble sale under auspices of York North Liberal Women's Association, Newmarket Town Hall basement, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring small antiques, curio's, bric-a-brac and used clothing.

Hope To Form C. M. H. A. Branch

"I think this is a unique occasion in our community," Public School Inspector Maynard Hallman, Chairman of the nominating committee set up by the "steering" committee for Mental Health in York County in order to establish a branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association in the area, told an audience of about 200 men and women gathered in the auditorium of Richmond Hill High School on Tuesday night.

Introduced by William Oterbridge of Aurora, chairman of the steering committee, Dr. J. D. Griffin of the C.M.H.A., outlined mental illness — how it can be prevented — treated — and cured. And the part we, as individuals in our community play in ensuring the ultimate recovery of mentally ill relatives, friends or neighbours.

Inspector Hallman presented the following names for the York County board of directors, who were unanimously elected to office by the members present: Rev. J. Brennan, Schomberg; Dr. G. Burrows, Sutton; Rev. D. Davis, Stouffville; Mrs. W. Dean, Thornhill; Mrs. Fred Jackson, Richmond Hill; Dr. Stewart Johnson, Newmarket; Mrs. John Markham, Maple; Garnett McDermott, Richmond Hill and Mrs. Florence Murray, Aurora.

ACCIDENT RECORD RICHMOND HILL 1958

FATALITIES 0	
ACCIDENTS 56	INJURIES 11

Six Mill Increase Vaughan '58 Levy

The general tax levy for residents in Vaughan Township is increased by six mills this year, bringing it to 30 mills. The increase is the same for both rural and police village ratepayers in the municipality. Commercial and industrial properties will see a hike of 5.9 mills on their tax bills for general township purposes, or a total of 35.4 mills.

Heading the list of estimated 1958 expenditures approved by the Vaughan Township Council on Monday is \$271,000.00 budgeted for roads and bridges. Total estimated costs for all general purposes is \$540,964.00.

Township (General)	(Mills)	Welfare	26,500.
Residential	1957 1958 Inc.	Debt Charges	16,000.
Comm. & Indust.	24 30 6		
Police Villages (General)	29.5 35.4 5.9	Estimated Revenue - 1958	540,964.
Residential	15 21 6	Taxation	\$335,265.
Comm. & Indust.	20.5 26.4 5.9	Licences & Permits	12,720.
Estimated Expenditures - 1958		Grants & Subsidies	21,900.
Executive	\$12,000.	Hospital & Welfare	2,500.
Administrative sal.	65,000.	School Audit	600.
Administrative exp.	47,500.	Sundry	7,550.
Fire protection	20,665.	Fines	10,000.
Police protection	62,406.	Highway Receipts	144,250.
Road exp.	271,000.	(Prov. of Ont.)	8,000.
Debt debentures	20,013.	Int. & Penalties	8,000.
			\$542,785.

Dept. of Education

Approves Crosby School For Grant Purposes

Richmond Hill Public School Board learned Thursday evening of last week at their regular meeting the Department of Education has given final approval for grant purposes of \$240,000.00 in expenditures for 11 classrooms, kindergarten and playground for the public school to be built in Crosby Heights. This amount represents 80 per cent of the \$265,000.00 debenture issue requested by the board and given approval by Town council recently. The main item not eligible for a provincial grant will be the auditorium-gymnasium.

The letter from the department stated plans for the building must be submitted to the Ontario Fire Marshal's office for approval. It was also noted the fire marshal's approval was now needed for plans for the construction of portable classrooms.

Several members of the board wondered if there was any way to hurry the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board on issuing the necessary debentures for the Crosby School. Trustee Mrs. V. Sully wanted to ask council if the board could proceed with the construction pending the necessary O.M.B. approval. Chairman Robert Ross stated it was his understanding "The board is not supposed to do anything until final approval of the debenture by the O.M.B." The secretary, Mrs. D. Street, added Inspector W. J. McLeod had informed her the school board would have to obtain assurance from the contractor there would be no liability incurred by the school board if construction was begun and approval not obtained. "That's your answer," said Chairman Ross, closing the discussion. However, Trustees H. Sanderson and J. Rabinowitch will contact town solicitor J. D. Lucas, board solicitor, D. R. Steele, and Clerk R. Lynett in an effort to expedite the matter.

4 Youths Charged Over Gal. of Gas

Four young North York boys, aged 17 to 19, ranged a long way from home early last Monday morning. At 5 a.m. on that day Markham Township police, cruising in the area of the property owned by Mr. Renwick, a well-driller on the 5th Concession, Markham, discerned the four youths carrying what appeared to be a can of gasoline out of Renwick's driveway. Upon seeing the police cruiser the youths fled but were later apprehended and charged with theft.

School Named For Dr. Ross Doan To Be Officially Opened May 9

Chairman Roy Bick of the Board of Trustees for School District No. 1 Markham-Vaughan has announced that the official opening of the Ross Doan Public School will take place on Friday, May 9, 1958 at 8 p.m.

The Ross Doan School, which is on Mill Road, west from Highway 11 in north Richvale, was named in honour of Dr. A. W. Ross Doan, M.A., D.Paed, who was born on a farm near Queensville, York County, of United Empire Loyalist-Quaker ancestry. Following graduation from Newmarket High School, he attended the Model School in Newmarket where he obtained a Third Class Teacher's certificate. He taught in a rural school near his home for three and a half years and then attended Normal College in Hamilton, where he obtained a First Class certificate. In 1906 he entered the service of the Toronto Board of Education.

After a brief apprenticeship as a teacher, he served as principal

Large Audience Enjoys Music Night - Operetta

By Cicely Thomson
"Music Night '58" found a capacity audience last Friday at the Richmond Hill High School waiting in anticipation to enjoy the results of weeks of rehearsal on the part of Producer S. W. Atkinson, his assistant Miss M. R. Strathdee, and the youngsters who made up the Band, the Choir and the cast of Trial by Jury. The Operetta, by Gilbert and Sullivan, the first attempted by the school, took up the second half of the delightful program.

The usher, played by Bruce Wilson, with all the verve of a Gilbert and Sullivan veteran, set the pace and there was no slackening in the all-important tempo. The first song, From Bias Must be Free carried by the usher and jury as well as the chorus of Victorian ladies was very successful. Unfortunately the players were in the dark! Two over-bright lights on the judge's desk at the back of the stage only served to create silhouettes. Eventually the lights were turned up which brightened the whole proceedings. With two simple railings and a well-contrived "bench" for the judge, the atmosphere of a courtroom was cleverly achieved.

The judge, clad in his scarlet robes entered in a most dignified manner to try the case of the Plaintiff Angelina who had been left at the altar by Edwin and was very well sung and acted by Don Large. He soon lost his dignity however as he pranced through his musical account of how he fell in love with the "rich attorney's elderly ugly daughter." Touches of comedy mime were worked in most effectively throughout the operetta.

Suddenly a bouquet of bridesmaids burst upon the scene, closely followed by the lovely Angelina, Lois Perkins, whose clear voice and pure notes have already won her wide recognition.

The counsel for the Plaintiff, Peter Purvis, as well as having a mature voice, showed a nice gift for characterization. The bewildered, but unrepentant defendant, taken by Peter Smith was well acted and sung.

The evening opened with the thirty-five piece band giving a lively rendition of Promotion by Chennet and for contrast a more sombre and melodic work by

Markham Council And Police To Meet

Markham Township Council agreed Monday to meet with representatives of the Markham Township Police Association next week. The association is expected to ask council to again consider salary increases for the township force. Council has already turned down two previous requests for 1958 salary increases. If the police and council are unable to reach any agreement then the matter may go to arbitration.

The members of the township's police committee are Deputy-reeve W. Dean and Councillor L. Mumberson.

Fair Day May 24

President Gordon Atkinson presided at a meeting of the officers and directors of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society this week when plans for the 1958 annual Fair were discussed.

The 109th annual Spring Fair of the Society will be held at Richmond Hill Park on Saturday, May 24th. As in the past years the Horse Show will be the feature attraction and some of Ontario's finest horses will compete for the awards in the various classes. There will be competition for the usual classes of light and heavy horses and as well a thrilling program of jumping and hurdle events.

The midway this year will be bigger than in past years and will feature some new attractions in addition to the usual rides and games. There will be a Tractor Driving contest, Horseshoe Pitching Competition, and a Square Dance Contest.

All Community Mourns Sudden Loss Of J. Kurek

As the result of a fateful fishing expedition near Parry Sound, John George Kurek, popular Richvale resident, drowned on Sunday, April 27, 1958. Mr. Kurek who was in his 39th year, was fishing with a friend in a collapsible boat when apparently their lines became snarled and in trying to release them, the boat capsized throwing John Kurek, heavily clad in winter clothing, into the water. Despite a brave rescue attempt his friend George Rowswell of Thornhill was unable to save him.

Born in Poland the late Mr. Kurek came to Canada at the age of 15. He lived in St. Catharines and Toronto, before moving to Richvale in 1948, where he set up the well-known Richvale Auto Body shop on Spruce Avenue.

A veteran of the Second World War, when he served in the Navy, Mr. Kurek was a member of the Canadian Legion Branch No. 375.

Well liked by all who knew him, Mr. Kurek will be greatly missed in the community by all his friends.

He leaves his widow, the former Olive Penny, and four children, Judy 12, Dennis 9, Marie 8, and Barbara 6. Four sisters Rose (Mrs. M. Kolbusz) St. Catharines, Evelyn (Mrs. Neiglasski) and Mary (Mrs. Wengzynowski) both of St. Paul, Alberta, Jennie (Mrs. Petrie), Lefroy, Alberta, and two brothers Joe Kurek, Lefroy, and Steven of Shamrock Valley, Alberta.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Higginson at the Wright & Taylor Funeral Home, Richmond Hill on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Interment was in Maple cemetery and the pallbearers were, Jack May, Brian Bailey, Bert Douglas, George Wood, Stan Blizzard and Norman Lenton.

Richmond Hill's Mail Service Is Reduced By P.O.

Since April 1st Richmond Hill, Canada's fastest growing municipality, has had curtailed mail service. For more than fifty years people of Richmond Hill and district have had the benefit and convenience of incoming and outgoing mail service twice daily.

Since April 1st the outgoing morning mail service has been cancelled, and letters posted here leave town only once daily at 5.30 p.m.

Many citizens have complained about this curtailed mail service and it is likely a strong protest will be made to Ottawa and the Postal Department. It has been suggested that a petition may be circulated to protest the move, labelled as a backward one, and not designed to help the town.

Town Council, the Industrial Commission, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations have been working hard to promote industrial and commercial development here. It is pointed out their efforts will be in large measure nullified by a deterioration in the mail service. As one citizen said, "the Post Office Department is treating Richmond Hill like a whistle-stop community."

Markham Twp. To Study Thornhill Road Program

Markham Township Council in session Monday referred a request from Thornhill Village Trustees for council approval of a \$56,850.00 road paving program in the village to its road committee (Councillors S. Watson, L. Mumberson and J. MacNeil) and Solicitor J. D. Lucas for study. Chairman A. Sumner and Trustee F. Tucker waited on council to explain the program which will include the majority of the secondary roads within the village limits.

Mr. Sumner said of the total cost of \$56,850.00, Markham's share will amount to \$31,284.00 and Vaughan's to \$25,565.00. The trustees suggested the councils debenture the work over a five year period. He reported the work has already received the verbal approval of the Department of Highways. The province will share in the cost to the extent of paying its regular 50 per cent subsidy.

Once approved by the two townships the whole project will then be subject to review by the Ontario Municipal Board. Mr. Lucas who was present at the meeting suggested that once the townships have passed on the program then he and Vaughan's solicitor can determine just how the project can be financed. There was some question as to whether it could be financed through a township sponsored debenture issue, or whether it would have to be treated as a local improvement.

Deputy-reeve W. Dean and Councillor MacNeil, who are both residents of Thornhill, expressed some misgivings at starting the project when the township will be installing its basic water system in the same area. "I think you should defer the program for one year when we are planning to tear up the roads to install our water system this summer," contended Deputy-reeve Dean.

Both Trustees Sumner and Tucker suggested the preliminary details will take several months to complete and therefore work on the roads will not likely start until the installation of the water system has been completed. "According to the engineer we'll be lucky if we can call for tenders by August," stated Trustee Tucker. Chairman Sumner felt it would take at least three months before final approval can be secured from the Department of Highways and the Municipal Board.

The trustees will present the program to Vaughan Township Council next Monday.

Object To Billboard Signs
The trustees also tabled objections with council regarding two billboard signs which have been erected by Ontario Outdoor Advertising Company of Toronto on the east side of Yonge Street, adjacent to the post office. A Mr. Clark of the advertising firm also attended the meeting. Both Messrs. Sumner and Tucker raised strenuous objections to the signs and maintained they contravene Thornhill's land use by-law. "Somebody slipped their cog when they let those signs go up," stated Chairman Sumner. Mr. Clark stated that the Department of Highways had approved their erection and Markham had also issued a building permit.

In reply to questions Mr. Clark stated he had not approached the village trustees because he was not aware of their existence. Chairman Sumner criticized the Department of Highways for allowing the signs to go in at a time when they had promised to alleviate the traffic problem at the corner of Yonge Street and No. 7 Highway. Mr. Clark maintained the signs are not a traffic hazard or an eyesore. "I am surprised the Department of Highways would allow the signs to come so close to the road," remarked Councillor MacNeil. "With the information I have today I wouldn't approve their erection," stated Deputy-reeve Dean.

It was the general feeling that the advertising company must comply with both the building and land use by-laws. If the erection is contrary to the land use by-law then the issuance of a building permit won't correct the situation.

"Trial By Jury" Cast

The Richmond Hill High School Music Club presented the Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta, "Trial by Jury", before a capacity audience last Friday night at the school. Above are seen members of the cast who were warmly received by the delighted audience.

From left to right, Peter Smith, Joan Mitchell, Martha Skretterberg, Peter Purvis, Lois Perkins, Don Large, Jill Neufeld, Bruce Wilson, Anne Keith and Roger Wilson.