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## Local Option Vote

Citizens of Richmond Hill on Saturday, June 21st, will have the opportunity of voting for, or against the establishment here of retail stores for the sale of beer and liquor. The vote was requested by the Municipal Council of the Town of Richmond Hill after receiving a request from the Beverley Acres Ratepayers' Association.

Government sale of liquor through outlets authorized by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario has been legal in Ontario for some twenty-five years, but recognition of the Local Option principle gives municipalities the right to decide whether or not such outlets are to be opened within their limits.

Files of "The Liberal" record that liquor was first sold in Richmond Hill in 1806 when the first hotel opened for business. The files reveal that by 1856 there were here six hotels and six grocery stores all legally selling liquor. One hundred years after the opening of the first hotel, in the year 1906, citizens of Richmond Hill voted 99 to 78 for local option and the village became dry. Unsuccessful attempts to repeal local option were made in 1909 and 1912. The last unsuccessful attempt was in November 1935 when Richmond Hill citizens voted 538 to 175 against a proposal to grant a license to beverage rooms.

There have been many changes in Richmond Hill since Local Option was first carried in 1906, and since it was last confirmed in 1935. This now is a town with a population of more than 11,000 and as most centres in the province of comparable size have legal outlets for liquor we think council was quite justified in granting the request of a Ratepayers' Association that people be given an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the question.

Now that arrangements have been completed and the question will be submitted to the people, the decision rests with the voters.

All persons residents of the Municipality prior to April 21st, Canadian citizens, over the age of twenty-one years, are entitled to vote.

Town Clerk Russell Lynett will act as Returning Officer, and the town has been divided into seventeen subdivisions, and polling places have been established in convenient places. Voting hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The procedure of voting is simple.

Each qualified voter on application to the deputy-returning officer will be given two ballots.

The questions on the ballots are as follows:

Are you in favour of the establishment of government stores for the sale of liquor?

Are you in favour of the establishment of government stores for the sale of beer only for residence consumption?

The voter will indicate with an X, whether he votes "yes" or "no" to the questions.

For the convenience of those who may be out of town on June 21st an Advance Poll will be open today.

The questions are ones on which there is and always has been a difference of opinions. We hope our readers will give calm and reasoned consideration to the questions, and go to the polls on June 21st to register their votes.

There is no need for bitterness or hard-feelings. We should be tolerant of the views of others who may differ from us, and we should credit others with the same sincerity we claim for ourselves.

There are many good people who will vote "no" and they are entitled to their views and opinions without being called narrow-minded and cranks. There are many good people who will vote "yes" and they are entitled to their views and opinions without being labelled as public enemies or tools of the liquor interests.

We believe the people of Richmond Hill are reliable and responsible people and that all are capable of making their own decisions. Our policy is to present the information to the people and leave the decision to them. We discouraged a lengthy discussion of the issue in our "Letters to the Editor" column because in our experience such discussions tend to contribute more heat than light to a campaign.

As Mayor Tomlin said at a recent meeting of council, "the issue is one for the people of Richmond Hill to decide in the accepted democratic manner". We are content to leave the decision to the good judgment of the people and whatever the result we are confident Richmond Hill will continue to be a law-abiding town and a good place in which to live.

## R. Hill Senior Citizens Plan Tea For June 17

Mrs. B. L. Anderson has offered her charming garden at 136 Centre Street West, Richmond Hill, for a Tea on Tuesday, June 17th, and the W.A. Afternoon Branch of the Richmond Hill United Church is providing the refreshments. The members of the senior citizens' club are hoping to make this a real get-together of all older people in the Richmond Hill area.

They are making a special effort to bring out to the party, residents whose health does not allow them to get out very often. It is hoped that pleasant weather at the kind offer of the "Inner Wheel" (Rotarian's wives) to pick up who need a drive to the party, will make it possible for many to come and enjoy meeting friends, old and new.

If you need transportation — please call Mr. and Mrs. Tilley at TU, 4-1024 — or the friends at the library, TU, 4-3563. Invitations are being sent out to all people whose names have been suggested to the committee. If you would like to add your name, or to ensure that someone else has not been overlooked, please call the library, as it would be

a pity to miss this delightful party in such a lovely garden! If the weather is bad, the party will be held the next day, but it is expected that the weatherman will co-operate as everyone else is, to make this a memorable fête.

At their May 21st meeting, the seniors decided to continue their monthly meetings in the Lions Hall during July and August. While many will be away on vacation, those remaining in town can continue to enjoy meeting together and can get on with the planning of interesting activities for their fall program. Mr. A. E. Plewman, a valued member of the local committee and at present travelling in Europe, has already forwarded some interesting ideas from the British clubs that he has visited, and will doubtless bring back many more.

The club welcomes all suggestions and hopes to select a new executive, a club name, and a varied continuing program of activities by early Autumn. Mr. A. J. McLatchy is planning the program, and will be happy to have your ideas. Meanwhile — come along to the party on June 17!

## Loyalty Soiree For St. Gabriel Toronto Bishops Send Greetings

250 members of the recently formed St. Gabriel Anglican Church of Richmond Hill East were present at the Loyalty Soiree held in Wrixon Hall on June 4. Following the dinner, plans were outlined for Richmond Hill's newest Anglican church. Bishop F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto, and Bishop Snell, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto had written messages of congratulations in the brochure. Chairman of the evening was Mr. James Haggart, Rector's Warden and General Chairman of the Canvass, who introduced Archbishop Walter Gillings, and the Rev. J. F. O'Neill.

In recognition of their efforts in organizing and conducting this dinner event, the chairman presented Mrs. Audrey O'Neill and Mrs. Jean Whitman each with a plaque engraved "The World's Greatest Pal". Of the speakers of the evening, Mr. George Taylor outlined the history of the church. Mr. Les Smith discussed the needs

of the parish. Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Lou Reid, outlined the first steps in the building program which is to erect a Parish Hall, with seating capacity for 300 people, a permanent chapel, study and office for the Rector. Work on these projects is expected to start on August 1, 1958. Mr. Robert Fountain discussed the present canvass, and Mr. Jack Hedman spoke on making the pledge. The Rev. J. Newton-Smith stated in his closing remarks that in the building of the Parish Hall, parts from St. James Cathedral were being utilized, tiles from the fireplaces, some of the etched glass from the doors, and stone frescoes which will be used as a font. A pulpit Bible was donated by Archbishop Gillings. The Rector extended his personal thanks to the Rector of St. Mary's, Rev. J. F. O'Neill, members of the clergy, ladies of St. Gabriel W.A. and all those who contributed to making this Loyalty Soiree such a success.

## Need Teachers For Handicrafts

The members of York Manor Home Auxiliary, Yonge St., Newmarket were greatly encouraged by the interest of those who attended the tea and bake sale on May 9th, at which time over \$150 was cleared.

Mrs. M. Smith, supervisor of Homes for the Aged Branch, will conduct classes this month (see Coming Events for dates), for those who would like to teach suitable handicrafts to the residents of York Manor.

Co-convenors of the Handicraft Group are Mrs. H. H. Proctor, Kettleby and Mrs. Max Smith, Newmarket. Those interested, please bring sewing accessories. Other convenors are Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Home Requirements; Mrs. George Calver, Cutting; Mrs. E. Robson, Library; Mrs. J. L. Smith, Lunch and Mrs. W. G. Turner, Ways and Means.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 26th, 1.30 at York Manor, and we will welcome any resident of York County who is interested in the work of the Home Auxiliary.

## 800 Players At Lions Club Bingo

The Richmond Hill Lions Club held its final bingo of the season at the Arena on Monday evening, with an attendance of over 800 players. Of major interest was the draw for the fine fibre-glass boat, trailer, and 35 H.P. outboard motor, which was won by Janet Mills, year old daughter of Dick Mills of the local plumbing and heating firm.

The "Jackpot" of \$900 was split between two winners, Miss Betty Duncan of Newmarket taking home \$300, and Mrs. Leveiler of Doncaster the same amount. Other fortunate winners were: Top Line, \$100, Mrs. Al Brown of Newmarket; Silver Dollar Special, \$50.00, Victor Sutton of Richmond Hill.

The Lions report that financially both the boat draw and the evening's bingo were very successful, and they are grateful to the people of the surrounding communities and Richmond Hill, who, with their patronage, have enabled them to carry on their extensive welfare work. This sentiment was expressed by Lion President Bill Brown at the close of the evening as the chairman of the Boat Draw Committee, Lion Doug Boyd, presided at the draw.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Gravel Trucks Menace To Community

Dear Mr. Editor: Our child's pet dog Jeff died almost instantly this morning under the wheel of a heavily loaded gravel truck. Jeff was a beagle, two years of age, the most loving and gentle animal friend a child could have. His devotion led to his death because the accident occurred while he waited for the school bus with two young masters. He died before their eyes.

If you do not live on the route to a gravel pit you do not realize the perpetual menace such a business foists on a community. Heavily loaded trucks pass our door constantly, often two or more a minute day & night. They rattle back empty at the same rate. Speed and weight of load are of the essence to the truckers who operate from every point of the compass and employ whatever drivers they can find to do this work.

Nobody wants to kill a dog. Nobody wants to kill a child. A confused little child or a confused little dog could not help but suffer Jeff's fate. Actually, driving conditions this morning seemed perfect. The driver had a hard, dry road, a bright, clear day with the sun behind him, the green fields of May on his left scattered homes with children waiting at their gates along the right. He was not driving fast for he had just crossed a railway track and was only beginning to accelerate on the slight downgrade. Why did it happen? Probably, after all, it was only a dog. The thing is, next time when it is a child will conditions be different or will the load and the pressure to get there fast prove too heavy again?

Somebody must be found to bring home to the owners of gravel pits their moral responsibility for the manifold nuisances and dangers they create. Among other remedies a heavily fenced private road direct to a highway must be made a prerequisite to a permit to operate a gravel pit.

Yours truly, Mrs. A. E. F. Wright, John Street, Thornhill

## Appreciates Home Paper

Dear Mr. Editor: As a newcomer to the community I want to tell you how much we appreciate your weekly newspaper. We formerly lived in a large centre and did not have the advantages of a good community newspaper.

We appreciate and enjoy the community news and have found your advertising columns very informative and helpful. We have used the classified section on several occasions with very gratifying results. There were more than twenty answers to one small advertisement.

We find Richmond Hill a delightful community in which to live and among the many advantages we are pleased to list an excellent weekly newspaper.

New Resident

## Urges Patronage For New Bus Line

Dear Mr. Editor: I was delighted to read in your last issue that the municipal council has arranged for a local transportation service to commence July 1st.

Richmond Hill now covers a very considerable area, and the distances between the various areas and the main centres of business are such as require some kind of public transportation. Not many of us are in the two-car class, and when the bread winner has the family car away the housewife is left rather isolated.

I hope all your readers noted that the future continuance of the line after the trial period depends on patronage. Let us show our appreciation of a needed public service as much as possible. Remember this will be our second try at a local bus service and it might be the last.

## Correction

A communication from N. Roy Clifton in our last issue quoted the final report of the Select Committee on Air Pollution as follows: "Mr. Average Citizen should buy a home incinerator."

The report says the opposite, "Mr. Average Citizen should NOT buy a home incinerator."

## Car Hits Truck 6 Go To Hospital

An accident at the corner of Don Mills Road and the townline, Gormley on Sunday night, involving a car and truck sent six people to hospital.

Driver of the car, Louis Middlebrook of Schomberg and his wife Carolyn were travelling west on the townline in their 1954 model car. Mr. Middlebrook stopped at the stop sign before entering the throughway, then proceeded on his way driving right into the path of the truck proceeding south. The Middlebrook car was whirled completely around and landed on its roof but the driver and passenger were only shaken up. The car is a total wreck.

Occupants of the two ton stake truck however, were driven by Joseph Rinella of Toronto, went by ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, following the accident. Damage to the truck was in the neighbourhood of \$1,000.

Mrs. Lucy La-Rocca, 71, and Lucy Rinella, sister of the driver and riding in the cab, were badly shaken up and Lucy received lacerations to the right side of her face. Riding in the back of the truck, Joseph Cappella received concussion and was admitted to hospital overnight; Josephina Rinella and her son Gus were also treated for shock but later released to their homes. P. C. John McCague of the Markham Police investigated. Charges are pending.

## Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

June is a misnamed month. The very sound of the word makes us think of lazy days and romantic weddings. It rhymes with moon.

June is a month of so many things. It is the month for mowing the lawn more often than any other month of the year. At the same time it is the month of demoting all the woolen clothes that aren't to be put away until after the "last frost". In June we fight the dandelions, with one type of spray, we fight the bugs on the roses with another, we strew bone meal and fertilizer on the garden, we hoe the vegetables, we hoe the weeds.

June is the time for Sunday School picnics where the first real honest to goodness sunburn of the year is inevitably acquired, and the first real swim of the year is enjoyed by the children, small sized, middle sized and large under water swimming size. Sometimes it feels as if these annual events were like spontaneous combustion or measles or something . . . they just seem to happen every year. If you're still a school child once the year has reached the point of the Sunday School Picnic Day, summer holidays are almost within grasp.

To those of us who go as parents it is a day for relaxation and chatting with other parents and looking for Billy who was just on that rock a few minutes ago and you told him not to go into the deep water. Just as you're beginning to be really worried because nobody has seen Billy, except those who said they saw him wading out towards the raft, up he turns and asks for money to buy an ice cream cone!

For the teachers who organize them these annual picnics are by no means a relaxation. The children that have been overflowing their indoor Sunday morning accommodation seem to have doubled in number with the attraction of the picnic with its sandwiches, races and swimming. The teachers have the refreshments, the buses, the prizes, and the races and games to organize. And though I've never asked them, I have a feeling that as the last bus pulls away from the picnic grounds with its loads of happy fire-red faces, the Supervisor must have that gnawing sensation that one child somehow has been LEFT BEHIND and no one will realize it for hours.

In June we tidy all our clubs and committees up for the summer. We have annual meetings to prepare for with their tedious reports to compile and make bearable for the listeners. Our clubs have extra special get-togethers to celebrate the end of the season. The schools have sports events and closing parties too that involve parents. And for the teachers there are exam papers, pile upon pile to be marked and considered before the holidays begin.

In June we feel we must rush up and get the cottage ready for the summer . . . known as opening it up. Then we rush down again to mow the grass again and tie up the tomato plants.

June has the longest days of the year . . . but sometimes it feels as if they're the shortest.

## Markham Wants More Consideration In The Conservation Projects

Mr. Charles Clifford, of Doncaster, one of Markham Township's two representatives on the Metropolitan and Region Conservation Authority waited on Markham Township Council Monday in order to describe the work of the conservation authority since its inception just over a year ago. Markham's other representative on the authority is Mr. E. Harper of Unionville.

The authority's 1958 budget has been set at \$987,198.00. Markham's share will be \$3,987.60 or 31.23 cents per capita. The authority has grown greatly since its inception. In April 1957 it employed five people, today it has a staff of 67, including two full time car-equipped patrol officers. Last year it planted 41,000 trees and this year plans call for the planting of 358,000 trees. Its program includes a flood control warning system, educational projects in the schools and plans designed to encourage farmers in reforestation and the construction of farm ponds. This year the authority will carry out a \$24,000.00 program of surveying and spraying of Dutch Elm Disease.

As to the area of responsibility, the authority covers all of the County of York and parts of the Counties of Simcoe, Peel and Ontario.

Says Markham Neglected Council was critical that nothing was being done to develop conservation projects in Markham. Referring to two projects in Vaughan Township totalling 200 acres plus a 40 acre project in Woodbridge Village Deputy-reeve W. Dean maintained Markham was being neglected by the authority. "We are certainly hoping our area is given some consideration", stated Deputy-reeve Dean. Mr. Clifford agreed that the east part of the authority

NORTH YORK: Three sites, each large enough to contain a 25,000,000 to 30,000,000-gallon water reservoir have been authorized to be bought by the Metro works committee. The sites will be within a five mile distance of the Metro boundary.

## ADVANCE POLL

If you expect to be away on Saturday, June 21 (the regular voting day) you may vote at the ADVANCE POLL.

LOCATION — At the Town Hall

DATE — Tonight, June 12

HOURS — 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

If you are going to the cottage the weekend of the 21st, make sure you and others in your family of voting age attend the Advance Poll.

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