

Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 7:45 p.m. Bingo. Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St. t/c

WEDNESDAY evening bingo held in Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road West at 7:45 p.m. prompt. t/c44

OCTOBER 17 — Friday, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy some Square Dancing at Jefferson School, Yonge St. north. Everyone most welcome. c1w16

OCTOBER 17 — Friday 3 to 5 p.m. Autumn tea at the manse, under the auspices of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Women's Association. Everyone welcome. c2w15

OCTOBER 17 — Friday, Jefferson School Community Club Square Dance, at the school, 8:30 p.m. c1w16

OCTOBER 18 — Saturday — Boy Scout Apple Day. Look for your Boy Scouts and Cubs. c1w16

OCTOBER 18 — Saturday, The McConaghy and Walter Scott Home and School Associations are holding a Skate exchange in their schools between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. c1w15

OCTOBER 19 — Sunday, 129th Anniversary Service, Maple Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Stanley Ramsome, secretary of overseas missions. Music in morning St. Andrew's Church Choir — in evening, York Choraleers, Richmond Hill. c1w16

OCTOBER 20 — Monday, 8:15 p.m. The McConaghy Home and School Association will hold their October meeting on Monday, October 20th, at the school. The programme will be conducted by the teaching staff and will deal with curriculum. c1w16

OCTOBER 22 — Wednesday, Rummage Sale, 1 p.m. The Yorkminster United Church, Stop 3A, Yonge St. and Highway 401. c1w16

OCTOBER 22 — Wednesday, The MacKillop Home and School Association meets on Wednesday, October 22nd at 8 p.m. There will be a panel discussion on Education by Mr. Ken Tomlin, Mayor, Mr. Robert Ross, Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Robert Newman, Principal, Mr. McLeod, a school inspector and Pamela Stoddart, a graduate of MacKillop School. Refreshments. c1w16

OCTOBER 22nd — Wednesday, 8 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of the East Elmwood Ratepayers Association will be held at Walter Scott Public School on Wednesday, October 22nd at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Councillor J. Paterson. All in our district are cordially invited. c1w16

OCTOBER 22 — Wednesday, 2 p.m. General meeting in Kingcraft House. Reports of sale and annual meetings. c1w16

OCTOBER 23 — Thursday, 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall, Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, October Flower Show. Speaker, Mr. John F. Clark, Topic, "European Garden Tour of 1958." Illustrated with colour slides. No admission charge. Everyone welcome. c1w16

OCTOBER 23 — Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Richvale Community Hall, rummage sale, bake sale and pot plants — under joint auspices of 1st Richvale Boy Scout group committee and Mothers' Auxiliary. For pick up of above, plus pop bottles and 6-qt. baskets, phone AV. 5-3900, AV. 5-4098. c1w16

OCTOBER 27 — Monday 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy square dancing with Richmond Hill Swing in M. L. McConaghy School, on Yonge Street. Registration fee \$1.00. New members and beginners most welcome. c3w15

OCTOBER 29 — Wednesday, Turkey Supper 5-8 p.m. Admission Adult \$1.50, under 12 75c - no charge for pre-school children. Sponsored by the Carrville United Church Women's Association; also a bazaar table. c4w14

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Financial Campaign

OCTOBER 15 - 31

Retail Outlets Soon To Be Established Here By LCBO

Last June the town of Richmond Hill decided, by vote, to go 'wet.' On the surface there has been little action taken since that time.

Mr. E. A. Leech, secretary of the planning board of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario in Toronto, when questioned on this matter said "It is not true that our department has not taken any action. As a matter of fact, some of our representatives were in Richmond Hill last week.

"People don't seem to realize," he continued, "that ours is a business just like the drug store or the supermarket. We are in business to make money, and the sooner we open a store in Richmond Hill, the sooner we will begin making a profit."

At the present time, there are two possibilities to be considered. Since the LCBO operates both liquor stores and Brewers' Retail stores, the decision will apply to both. The board is interested in a piece of property on Yonge Street which is large enough to permit the construction of a building. They are also interested in renting premises at the north Yonge Street shopping centre. Normally it takes eight to twelve months to establish an outlet. In this case, the board is endeavouring to open one as soon as possible, but they are being held up to a certain extent by land owners who are asking exorbitant prices for land. To build a store costs the commission \$100,000 plus the land, which in this case would be around \$50,000. This sort of expenditure is not made overnight.

The other prospect is in the shopping centre. Mr. Leech says: "Loblaw's are going to put a new wing of stores into the north end of the centre. The LCBO can rent suitable premises there for about \$700 per month. Without the outlay of so much money, if the commission can get this site, they will. It will mean an outlet for this area much sooner than by building a store.

Final decisions in such matters are made by Mr. William Collins, Chief Commissioner of the LCBO. Mr. Leech says several surveys have been made in Richmond Hill and these are now being considered. He added: "I expect to have some news for you in two weeks time."

The licensing of hotels, bars and beverage rooms is under the jurisdiction of the Liquor Licensing Board, which is a separate body from the LCBO even though they have offices in the same building. It's chief officer is Judge Robb. Before a license is granted, applicants must write a letter to the board asking leave to apply for the permit. If they are granted leave, they then must appear at a public meeting of the board to be considered for the license.

A spokesman for the Board said "permission for the sale of liquor at public outlets such as cocktail lounges is not granted by the vote taken in Richmond Hill. No inquiries of this nature have been received by the Board since such a vote cannot be taken for another three years."

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Plan New School Retarded Children

The growing interest and concern of responsible citizens re the plight of retarded children in this area was marked by a capacity meeting at Thornhaven School last Wednesday, October 8th.

Heavily attended by representatives of local churches, council, service clubs and women's institutes, the meeting was chaired by Mr. A. R. Michell of Richmond Hill and followed the recent announcement of a fund raising campaign by the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children.

Brief outlines of the history and function of the association were followed by a moving coloured film, "Tuesday's Child". Then the meeting got down to a frank assessment of what the association has achieved to date and where ideally its future program can be broadened. Comments and suggestions from all sources were recorded; the next step is crystallization of objectives for the association, realistically tied to the potential financial support that can be raised in the community.

Keystone of the program is the plan to build a new, permanent, specially designed school for the retarded children in the community. The area served by the association embraces Oak Ridge, Richmond Hill, King, Maple, Willowdale, Agincourt, Milliken, Markham and Stouffville. Yet for all this territory and a school bus that must travel 150 miles daily, the only place at present where retarded children can get any training or attention is the parent-run Thornhaven School on Bayview Avenue, south of No. 7 Highway.

This tiny building, leased in 1955 at a generous nominal fee, must be vacated in 1960. It is already operating at capacity with some 30 students — children classed as "ineducable" and rejected by our normal public school system, whose progress in social well-being and academic studies has now advanced beyond their parents' wildest hopes.

Thornhaven has given these children love, patience, understanding and incentive, and when it goes unless the hopes and efforts of the campaign are realized, they will be cut off in the prime of their training. Not only they, but the added score of students expected by them will be doomed to lose their chance of happiness and will once more become "stay at homes".

The challenge cannot be ignored. This community cannot and will not turn its back on these children, denying them the right to live and learn to their fullest capacity as if they were something less than human beings.

The immediate need is for the new school. Beyond that lies the area in question includes the pond; a small strip of land to the west of the pond; a small strip on the east side to the old town limit; the corner of Wood Lane and Mill Street; the water tower and pump house; and the stream bed to Richmond Street.

In his opening address, Mr. Plaxton said, "This area could be developed as one of the most beautiful spots in the town. We do not want to turn it into an amusement park by any stretch of the imagination. Property on the east side must be acquired to form an entrance to the area. The proposed plan is not definite, but flexible. The purpose of this meeting is for us to hear objections and then proceed accordingly."

The proposed plan would include a "nature way" or footpath running counter-clockwise around the pond from the corner of Mill and Wood Lane to Sugar Maple Lane. There would also be a walk on the south side of Mill Street. No extensive landscaping is intended. The pond would be drained and cleaned first, then benches and picnic tables would be placed about the area for public use. "By this method," said Mr. Plaxton, "the large trees at the south-west corners of the pond

would then be on dry land and not under water as they are now. He also said that because of the limited facilities proposed, there should be no outside attraction, and that the plan could be of the greatest benefit to the town. Cost of the \$30,000 plan would be shared equally by the town of Richmond Hill and the Metro Conservation Authority, with the future maintenance and policing to be done by the town. "Regarding the land," added Plaxton, "the council can negotiate for purchase at a fair price to go along with the people in question. If the land is not acquired, then there will be no further discussion." He then pointed out that the pond would be stocked with fish and fishing docks would be installed. To refresh everyone present with the plan, a map of the development was circulated about the audience.

No Force

After his introduction by Mr. Plaxton, Mr. Sauriol of the conservation authority said, "We are not trying to force it (the plan) down your backs. I knew of this pond long before the authority was formed. We will undertake this project because this eyesore could be a beauty spot. We are trying to equalize our responsibility in the 950 square miles we control. After your first report

WILLOWDALE: North York Planning Board has approved the construction of more than 1,100 new low-rental apartment units to alleviate the township's shared accommodation problem. With rents ranging from \$65 to \$85 per month, 240 units will be constructed in the Finch-Markham area, with another 870 units near Baythurst and Finch

Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mr. Jesse Armstrong celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, October 11, at the home of his son Levi (Lee), Nottawasaga St., Orillia, where he is now making his home. Mr. Armstrong is in fairly good health after recovering from a severe case of pneumonia last spring.

He was born in Mariposa township and was one of eight children. Only surviving members are Mr. Armstrong and his sister, Mrs. Blatchford of Cambria. His wife, the former Florence Crawford, died some 36 years ago. He has three sons, Lee, William of Cavan and Joseph of Peterboro, and one daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Chas. Bewell of Swan River, Man. There are 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr. Armstrong is very alert and on Saturday thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing about his boyhood days. He can recall helping to carry wood to the Cambria station for the wood-burning locomotives, and recalling seeing the first train in that area.

Attending the birthday celebration from this district were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton and Gretta and Nancy, of Carville, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ash of Edgeley and Mr. and Mrs. R. Middleton and son of Doncaster.

Jr. Horse Show

Jefferson Riding School, 19th Avenue, Jefferson, two miles north of Richmond Hill, is holding a Junior Horse Show this Saturday, October 18, at 10 a.m. Proceeds are for crippled children. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NEWMARKET: Newmarket council has received reports on tannery waste treatment from the Ontario Water Resources Commission for study. Officials of the ORC and the Davis Leather Co. will meet to discuss the problem. The tannery will pay for treatment of its waste before it enters the town sewage disposal plant.

Police Chief Reports

Pass 25 M.P.H. Speed Limit For R. Hill School Zones

Candidate For R. Hill Council



Who this week announced he is a candidate for the 1959 Richmond Hill Town Council. A resident of Richmond Hill East Mr. Murray has displayed a keen interest in community affairs. Active in local sports he is a member of the Beverley Acres Recreation Committee. This will mark Mr. Murray's first venture into municipal politics. He is also Secretary of the Board of Stewards of St. Matthews United Church, 26 years of age and a native of St. Mary's Ontario. Mr. Murray is married and the father of a daughter.

—Photo by Lagerquist

At the meeting of Richmond Hill Council last Tuesday evening a great deal of business directly concerning the citizens of the town was discussed. Generally, it could be placed into three classes; police business; Rosedale Manor Apartments Limited Subdivision business; and the Richmond Hill Community Centre business.

In discussing the various subjects at hand, several members of council were very adamant in expressing their views, particularly when they felt council's decision may adversely affect the lives and welfare of the residents of the town.

First item on the agenda of the Richmond Hill Town Council meeting last Tuesday night was police business presented by Councillor J. Haggart. After reading a report of the meeting of police officials with the Richmond Hill school board, Mr. Haggart made a motion based on recommendations from that meeting. He moved that a speed limit of 25 m.p.h. in school zones be adopted along with a crossing guard at Church and Markham streets. Seconded by Councillor S. Tinker, the motion was carried.

During the period of discussion Mayor K. Tomlin advised the council he had met with the Toronto and York Roads Commission and discussed this resolution. They had agreed with him that it was a good thing, and passed a resolution giving permission to install a manual signal at Church and Markham. As soon as the road has been paved, work in this direction will proceed.

Street Signs

The next item of police business presented by Councillor Haggart concerned pedestrian crossing signs to be placed on Markham Road, and the painting of crosswalks on Sussex Street, as requested by the school board. Mr. Haggart moved that this work be done immediately, and was seconded by Councillor J. Paterson. At the vote, the motion was carried.

Stop signs were involved in the third motion to be presented by Councillor Haggart for the police department. He stated that although Chief R. P. Robbins disagreed with him on the subject, he was going to make the motion that stop signs at 58 intersections be changed to 'yield of right of way' signs. The intersections in question generally involved streets that are now 'stops' leading to others not so travelled. For example he mentioned Starlight Crescent into Tareyton Road; and Maple Avenue into Paliser Crescent. The second section of this motion regarded the reversing of stop signs at Essex and Elmwood Avenues; Sussex and Elmwood Avenues; Under this proposal the stop street would be Elmwood in both cases. The last part of this motion concerned the painting of a pedestrian crossing on Church Street at the parking lot at the rear of the Richmond Theatre because so many children passed through the parking lot on their way to school. Before Mr. Haggart moved that the motion be adopted, he added two more sections: the reversal of a stop sign at Fernleigh Circle and Maralim Road, where Maralim is now the stop street; and lastly, that pedestrian crosswalks be painted on Church Street at Rosevear Avenue; on Beaverton Road at Fesserton Road; and children's crossing signs to be erected on Fesserton Road. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Paterson, and carried at the vote.

Court Here

In a move that met with council's hearty approval, Council of J. Haggart made a motion based on a request by Chief Constable R. P. Robbins. He moved that efforts be made on the part of council to have a magistrate's court held in Richmond Hill, and that the town acquire the appointment of another Justice of the Peace for the community. Seconded by Councillor S. Tinker, the motion was carried.

Chief R. P. Robbins was present to assist in the discussion of the next motion concerning the building of a police compound for impounded cars. At the request of Mayor K. Tomlin, Chief Robbins said that sometimes cars were impounded for as long as six months. At the present time, the force had twelve cars on its hands with no place to put them. As a result, they were having to store them in garages all over town. He also explained that the town was responsible for the impounded cars, but not if proper precautions were taken. Therefore, Councillor J. Haggart moved that a fenced in compound large enough for 18 cars be constructed near the municipal garage. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Paterson, and carried at the vote.

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ACCIDENT RECORD	
RICHMOND HILL	
1958	
FATALITIES 0	
ACCIDENTS	INJURIES
121	27

Scout Apple Day



The first contributor to Boy Scout Apple Day in Richmond Hill was Mayor Kenneth Tomlin, on behalf of the town. He is shown here with Geoffrey Toogood, Senior Sixer, of the Third Richmond Hill "A" Pack. Apple Day is this Saturday, October 18. — Photo by Lagerquist