

Officially Open Richvale Fire Hall



Councillor J. A. Bryson, chairman of the fire committee for Vaughan Township is seen above about to cut the ribbon officially opening the new Richvale Fire Hall on Spruce Avenue. Shown from left to right: Reeve John Perry holding ribbon; Councillor Vic Ryder; Fire Chairman Councillor J. A. Bryson, wearing the district chief's helmet; Deputy-reeve Robert A. Kirk

and Vaughan Township Fire Chief James W. Davidson. The Richvale Fire Hall will service the area north of Steeles to the Jefferson town line and extend two and a half miles west of Yonge to Dufferin St. Equipped with two pumps, the hall, which cost \$22,000, will have a staff of 25 volunteer firemen under the direction of District Chief Lloyd Palmer of Maple. Telephone number of the new hall is TU. 4-2111.

The Sale

by Aline E. Bayley

There's a Bill of Sale on the old stone house of the late Matilda Brown — Her treasures are all duly listed on the handbills posted in town: Lovely china and crystal heirlooms of a bygone yesteryear; Gifts that her seafaring husband had brought from far and near. The weeds have grown o'er the pathways, the lawn's all withered and dry. The porchlight is unlit now — no welcome to passersby. Matilda's last years were not lonely, she welcomed her friends with a smile — There were stories to tell of her treasures, to those who would sit for awhile. The little Dresden flower girl, came from Italy, you would guess, Matilda then would rock awhile — and softly answer "Yes". Some coral brought from India, from Shanghai lovely jade; The quaintest clock from Switzerland, the finest ever made; Miniatures from Paris, from Vienna vases rare; Handsome English silverware, that shone with loving care — Soon now the auctioneer will come, and say, "Who'll bid who'll buy" — Then I think Matilda's spirit will be hovering near — and sigh.

Gord Schottlander Guest Speaker At R. Hill Jr. Chamber of Comm.

The Richmond Hill Jaycees met at the Theatre Grill on Thursday, October 9, 1958 at 7 p.m. It was a packed evening — packed with members, guests, enthusiasm, colour, information, seriousness, and fun. Chairman and President Cec Williams called the dinner meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The guests were introduced and head table: a fines master was chosen and dinner began. Two Jaycees were awarded Jaycee of the month, Colin Burgess for August and Peter Penning for September.

When coffee was served Don Plaxton introduced the distinguished guest speaker, Mr. Gord Schottlander, president of District 6, of which Richmond Hill Jaycees are a unit. After warming up the fellows Gord spoke on the four requirements of a Jaycee: public relations; learn by doing; say no when you can't give your all; and be active. The capable secretary, Ted Duffy thanked Gord for his warm and informative speech. The chair was then handed over to the jolly membership chairman John Turner who with a aloft of mystery in his eye set four candles on the now cleaned-off table. Two candles were blue and two were white. John, one at a time, called up the new members. The lights were turned off and then John Turner lit one candle at a time giving the four Jaycee purposes: (1) leadership training, (2) community betterment, (3) Canadianism, and (4) fellowship. President Cec said a few words, then District President Gord Schottlander presented the newly inducted members with their membership cards and a fine year booklet prepared by Leadership Chairman Bernie Crane was given to each man. There followed a round of handshaking. Announcements came next, membership, leadership training, conference and convention. Bob Frater enlisted support for the V.O.N. canvass. Jim Sinclair announced diaries going on sale. Councillor and Jaycee Jack Bradstock is chairman of Civic Affairs and he, with Deputy-reeve and Jaycee Don Plaxton gave the fellows a picture of what the town council is doing for Richmond Hill. The meeting then adjourned for the effective speaking course which George Nablo deftly ran. Everyone seemed to be looking forward to the next meeting to be held October 23, 1958, same time, same place.

Pope Pius XII

261st Roman Pontiff Laid To Rest—May Become Saint Services Held Monday After 9 Days In State

Tomorrow will mark the end of an official nine day mourning period for His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who passed away peacefully at 10:52 p.m. EDT, October 15. Popularly known as "The Pope of Peace", the aging pontiff had been subject to many illnesses of late, and died of complications brought on by a stroke at his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo just outside Rome. The hearts of the whole world, including some five hundred million Catholics, are heavy at this sad news. This man who was a direct successor of Saint Peter, was more than a figure-head of the world's greatest religion; he was humble by birth, gentle by nature, and indomitable by belief.

Throughout the world for the beloved Bishop of Rome who now lies in state under the mighty dome of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. More than three million faithful took a last lingering look at his earthly remains during the nine day mourning period. Never before has such vast homage been paid a departed sovereign of the church. The Sacred College of Cardinals will begin a conclave October 25 to choose a pastoral pope to succeed Pius XII, who was a diplomatic pope. No hint has been given as yet to his successor Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli became Pope Pius XII at the last conclave in 1939. Though this reverent man, to whom all living things were part of God's work, lived many miles away from Richmond Hill, his death is counted as a great loss to the parishes of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church here, and to St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Thornhill. He will be long remembered.

A constant fighter for world peace, the late Pope experienced a vision of Christ on December 2, 1954, and performed many healed miracles, which may result in his becoming a saint. Solemn pontifical mass was offered yesterday in churches.

50th Anniversary Of Rural Mail

600,000 Canadian families and the Post Office Department celebrated a special birthday on October 10, the 50th anniversary of rural mail delivery. 181 families having rural mail boxes in this local area are served from Richmond Hill post office, stated Mr. E. T. Willis, local postmaster. This route is 17 miles in length, and is dependably served by Courier James Grainger. Canada's first rural route was placed in operation on October 10th, 1908, between Hamilton and Ancaster, Ontario, introducing a postal service whereby country dwellers had their mail delivered to their homes. The contractor on R. R. No. 1 Hamilton, the official name of the pioneer, wended his way for the seven miles from Hamilton to Ancaster, and returned each day, serving householders along the route of travel. When the system was introduced, it was confined to existing stage routes, but strong claims were made by those on other roads with the result that by 1912 under improved regulations, all persons residing along well defined roads over one mile long, became eligible for rural mail delivery. Another advantage was that Rural Route couriers were permitted to sell postage stamps, take applications, and accept money for Money Orders and Postal Notes. By November of that year, over 25,000 boxes were being served on 900 routes.

business with the courier. At White Horse, two connecting services branch off, one following the Alaska Highway to the Alaska border — 300 miles — while the other runs over 400 miles to Dawson, Y.T. Although the ideal rural route is about 25 miles long, forming a circuit and serving 100 or more patrons, local conditions often demand certain deviations from the perfect route. Victoria R.R. No. 2 on Vancouver Island in B.C. is over 90 miles for the round trip, and runs daily except Sunday, serving 441 boxholders and four Revenue Post Offices. The largest number of boxholders are served on Riviere des Prairies, R.R. No. 1, in Quebec Province. On this 25 mile daily journey, over 1,100 householders are served in addition to the two Revenue Offices. To good provide Canadians with good postal facilities, the country is divided into fourteen postal Districts in charge of District Directors. In reporting to Parliament this year, the Honourable William Hamilton Postmaster General, indicated that some 600,000 householders are now served by 5,500 rural routes, and that over 37 million miles are travelled annually by the R.R. couriers. He also stated that over 4,000 group mail boxes now accommodate 40,000 patrons. The group boxes are an interesting development of rural service introduced after World War II. At one stop, a courier may serve 10 to 50 more patrons — using the device of nests of boxes erected at central points in the borderland areas between cities and rural districts. The system is a boon in new development regions where conditions are not favorable to either rural mail or letter carrier delivery. 534 lock boxes are served from Richmond Hill post office, in Leasdale east of Yonge St. to Bayview Avenue. Although the style of the mail box has changed somewhat over the years — as did the mode of transportation — the determination of the Post Office Department remains the same, to give good dependable postal service to all Canadians — especially to those in country areas where the arrival of the mailman is often the highlight of the day.

School Area Expresses Concern Over New 45 M.P.H. Speed Limits

Concern was expressed at the School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan School Board meeting last week over the increased Yonge Street speed limit to 45 miles per hour through Richvale. Safety committee chairman Trustee A. G. Parker stated that letters had already been sent to the Township of Vaughan and Markham and to the Department of Highways concerning the matter. Two representatives from the highways department had met with the Supervising Principal E. J. Sand, observed and discussed the problem and suggested the installation of a manually operated traffic light for the crossing. The department representatives had implied that it would be installed shortly but, said Mr. Parker, "don't expect it this week or this month. It took two years to get one at Crestwood Road." The feeling of the board on sending one of the special classes teachers to the Ontario Federation Council's Conference for exceptional children being held in Ottawa October 23, 24 and 25, was expressed by Trustee Jackson Taylor. The board will pay the registration fee of \$15.00, hotel and transportation with the feeling that the first hand report of that teacher will be an advantage to the whole area. The term exceptional applies to children at both ends of the scale.

Finance committee chairman, Trustee G. A. Chandler, congratulated Treasurer A. W. R. Doan and Mr. Sand on the area being within its budget. To September 30, \$336,622.78 had been expended, while the budget for that period was \$354,641.25. Teachers' salaries for October, November and December will equalize this. A hydrant that for six years has been in the middle of the road near Henderson Avenue School was the subject of some concern. Two hydrants, one at the north of the school and one at the south will both be within hosing distance once the mains are in operating shape, and the secretary is sending a letter to Markham Township, authorizing the removal of the roadway hydrant as soon as the others are in operation. (The offending hydrant is on school property.) Property committee chairman, Trustee N. Hicks, reporting on the use of the schools, after hours, said that for regular home and school club meetings there was no charge; for children's activities, such as cubs and brownies the rate was \$2.50 for four meetings. For outside activities a charge was made of \$5.00 for the first three hours and \$2.00 per hour or part thereof after that. Regular meeting permits were issued to the end of May only. June meetings were handled on an individual basis. For home and school fund raising activities the charge was eased by deducting one hour, as the benefits were for the children. Board chairman Roy Bick asked if the financial situation were improving on these activities as they previously ran in the red. "Other than the children's activities, they



3RD RICHMOND HILL TROOP Last Saturday afternoon this troop played a soccer game with 1st Oak Ridges troop and won four goals to two. This was the first game of a series with various other troops. Next Saturday, October 18, the troop will play 2nd Thornhill in their second challenge. If the series is successful it is hoped to form a Boy Scout Soccer league for next year. Meantime the 3rd will accept any challenge to soccer from other troops within the district. Next Saturday's game will probably be played at the Walter Scott School in the afternoon.

Bank of Montreal Opens R. Hill Branch With Manager W. D. Ross

A new branch of the Bank of Montreal opens in Richmond Hill on Monday. W. Donald Ross, manager of the new office, announced this week. Located in a recently built, two-storey building near the corner of Yonge and Centre Sts., the B of M will be open on Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 6. The new B of M will offer a complete range of banking services to the residents of the Richmond Hill district. Savings accounts, joint accounts, personal chequing accounts, children's accounts, low-cost personal or business loans and safekeeping facilities are some of the services available. Five tellers' wickets, set in a low, sloping-front counter, have been installed and two coupon booths are available for the convenience of safety-deposit box customers. A steel-and-reinforced concrete vault, located on the ground floor of the new B of M, is supplemented by additional fireproof storage space in the basement of the building. Staff facilities and rest-rooms are also in the basement.

The modern interior features a vinyl-tile floor, light, polished woodwork and colorful plaster walls which have been painted in pastel tones, while a fluorescent lighting system has been set in the acoustic-tile ceiling. The exterior of the office, which was designed by Bruce H. Wright, chief architect of the bank, is constructed of brick and the front is styled in aluminum and plate glass, set in glazed brick. Total floor area of the office exceeds 2,500 square feet. Mr. Ross, the manager, is a native of Bracebridge, Ont., and joined the B of M in 1931, at Midland. He subsequently served at several other Ontario branches including Midland, Meaford, Owen Sound, Napanee and Kingston until 1942 when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, in which he served as a lieutenant. After the war, he returned to the B of M at Owen Sound, and in 1953, was appointed accountant at Hespeler. He became manager at the bank's Elora office in 1956, the appointment he leaves to open the new Richmond Hill office. Of course, since it was sponsored by the York Temperance Federation, this is the only proper stand that can be taken with young people. There comes a time when young men and women have to make a moral decision about liquor. But that time is not while they are going to school. The federation is quite dogmatic that alcohol has no place in the life of a teenage boy or girl. There are adults who dispute this. There is always the person who has read in some Saturday paper about the French or Italian youngster who gets wine with his meals from birth on. And of course it did them no harm; one would almost think from the description that it did them good! These people ignore the fact that alcoholism is France's number one domestic problem, and that public health in Italy could be a lot better.

Youth and Drinking

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PICKERING: Township council has asked for a report on the actions of a bailiff employed by Murray and Co. to collect delinquent taxes. Mr. and Mrs. John Head appeared at the council meeting to complain that the bailiff had taken action with them even though their tax arrears had been sent in. They also said they had not been notified that such action was being taken. A similar report was received a short time ago from Mr. and Mrs. Wardwell. Deputy-reeve Sherman Scott contended the final tax notice should be sent out by registered mail and that Murray and Co. should submit a complete report on their actions in both cases originating the complaints.

Beamish Firm Awarded Contract For The Paving At Lake Wilcox

Beamish Construction Co. Ltd., was the successful tenderer for the contract of paving the South Lake Wilcox Road and the price will be \$23,628.10. Five tenders were received for paving the 1.31 miles, the highest price being asked was \$32,000. A meeting of the Newmarket Council, Whitchurch Council and Whitchurch Planning Board will be held at Newmarket this week in order to discuss the request of annexation of Block A and C, by the Town of Newmarket.

That she must not accept any amount in excess of \$900. Council replied congratulating her on the ability shown. As next student in line, the award will now go to John McTaggart. The new dog catcher for the township is showing results that should soon eliminate his position. Report for the month of September is as follows: Taken in pound, 16; number destroyed, 13; number claimed, 2; retained for observation, 1. Traveled a distance of 498 miles at 8 cents per mile; time employed, 27 1/2 hrs at \$1.00 per hour. Care for four weeks at \$10 per week — total for month \$197.09. Council awarded Wilford Lundy the sum of \$25 for damage to the vulvator in making the award. It was disclosed the dog responsible had since been shot.

WILLOWDALE: North York M.O.H. Dr. Carl Hill says that the water supply to Forest Glen Crescent and Doncliffe Drive is now pure. Some four months ago contaminated water from the Don River found its way into the township system through a private water system from a golf course. Residents were forced to boil water before drinking. A recent week long check has shown the water to now be bacteriologically perfect.

Men Teachers Present Cheque



Mr. Wesley L. Jeans, principal of Oak Ridges Public School is seen above (right) being presented with a cheque by Mr. Hugh Grant of Newmarket, President of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, following a dinner meeting of the federation at the Town Inn on October 27. Mr. Jeans recently lost his home and furniture in a fire. Mr. Duard Rose, Supervising Principal of Richmond Hill Public Schools is seen in the centre of the picture. — Photo by Lagerquist