

Warm Welcome For Santa Claus In Richmond Hill Last Saturday



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Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 7.45 p.m. Bingo, Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St.

NOTE that the monthly meeting of the York Manor Home Auxiliary welcomes one and all. The meetings are changed to the fourth Friday of the month instead of the Thursday. It starts at 2.30 sharp. clw24

DECEMBER 12 — Friday at 8.30 p.m. Christmas bridge and euchre sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill, to be held at Our Lady Help of Christians School, Bayview Ave. Choice poultry prizes and draw. Transportation will be provided from the post office at 8.15 p.m. c3w22

DECEMBER 12 — Friday, Euchre at the Victoria Square Community Hall at 8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Ladies please provide lunch. c2w23

DECEMBER 12 — Friday — Jefferson School Community Club Christmas party, euchre, square & round dancing, Carol singing, refreshments. All welcome at Jefferson School, Yonge St. Admission 50c. c2w23

DECEMBER 13 — Saturday, Optimist Club Turkey Shoot, Keston Arena, 10 a.m. clw24

DECEMBER 13 and 20 — Saturday, 1 p.m. Come out and win your Christmas Turkey. Turkey shoot to be held at Baker's Farm, 1 mile north of No. 7 Highway on Bathurst. Guns and shells supplied, or bring your own gun. \$1 per shot. No chokes or compensators. c2w24

DECEMBER 16 — Tuesday, Meeting of L.O.L. 2368 held in new hall, 1st house north of Loblaws on Yonge St. All brethren welcome. clw24

DECEMBER 20 — Saturday, Members L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. will hold a euchre and turkey draw at 8 p.m. sharp, at Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws on Yonge St. Admission 50c. Good prizes. Lunch. c2w24

DECEMBER 21 — Sunday, The Choir of St. Matthew's United Church, under the direction of Norma Jackson, will present at 4.30 p.m., "Carols at Twilight," a Carol Service featuring music new and old, with congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. c2w24

DECEMBER 25 — Thursday, Annual Christmas dance in Vellore Hall, sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers. Admission \$1 and dancing 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. clw24

Crowds Jam High School For Official Opening At Woodbridge

At the official opening of Woodbridge High School last Friday night a capacity crowd of almost 700 persons attended. Anticipating a good attendance, Principal Morrison had provided for the overflow with additional seating in a room off the auditorium where 60 people were accommodated.

Gas Station Is Refused

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night turned down for a second time the request of an Oil Company for permission to erect a gas station on the north side of Markham Road, east of the C.N.R. David McLean, owner of 24½ acres of industrial land east of the C.N.R. between Markham Road and Centre St., was present and offered to give the land needed for opening of Sneedon Rd., conditional on the granting of the gas station permit. Value of the 3 acres needed for the 86 foot road was estimated at \$20,000. Council members felt a gas station in the area would dampen industrial development. Councillor Haggart said to agree to the proposal "would be selling Richmond Hill down the river." He said the gas station is not needed and is not desirable in the industrial area. Councillor Tinker questioned galleonage figures previously submitted in support of another gas station and pointed out one service station in town is still without a lessee. Deputy-reeve Plaxton observed that the granting of a permit for the gas station is a high price to pay for acquiring the road. However, if the industrial land is let stand vacant for another year it may be more expensive. He said the blockage of the industrial area through lack of access roads has already cost the town a lot of money.

Thousands Welcome Santa In Big Saturday Parade

Santa Claus came to Richmond Hill last Saturday, and though their parents froze in 15 degree weather, the children were out in full force to give old Saint Nick the welcome he deserved. All along the parade route, spectators seemed surprised it was exactly on schedule. One reason for this was the work of the police department. They increased their force to 17 men for the occasion from Vaughan and Markham Township forces. By directing traffic and parking, they enabled the mile long parade to pass each intersection without trouble. The Richmond Hill High School Band, the first in the parade, had trouble with their instrument valves sticking in the cold weather. The Boy Scout band used their famed scoutfulness, and when their instruments wouldn't play, they whistled the tunes. The Markham Girls Band had the right idea; they stayed in their bus for the parade and played

with the windows open. The Clown Band from Aurora, however, were the bravest souls of the lot. They played without gloves all the way. Another band was perched precariously on the rear end of the fire truck and were accompanied by the siren. Many of the businesses in town entered floats: Birrell's; R. D. Little; Rose Garden Supplies; Planters Peanuts; Roselawn Dairy; Scanlon Bakeries; Pepsi Cola; Retarded Children; Bayview Business Men; and the Richmond Sod Company used their long tractor trailer for the Queen of Hearts float entered by the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association. When the parade arrived at the park, Santa was swallowed by a sea of rosy-cheeked young faces staring in awe at the Spirit of Christmas. When "The Liberal" thanked Santa for posing for one of the pictures above, he said "Just leave something on the

table Christmas Eve." Considering the more than 500 people who were at the park and the many hundreds more along the route and at Bayview Plaza, this parade certainly was the very best in the history of Richmond Hill.

Town Council Meeting Water Treatment Tenders Higher Than Estimates

Ten tenders were opened at Town Council meeting Monday night for the Water Treatment Plant, and all were considered high by Engineer Redfern. The lowest tender was for \$191,031, and this price does not include pumps, equipment and mains. This was some \$60,000, in excess of engineer's original estimates and Mr. Redfern said he would have to check to see the reason for increased costs. He said one factor might be that it was figured on winter construction. Tenders ranged as high as \$256,045. The lowest tender of Kedrosky Construction Co. of Galt and second lowest of Varamae Construction will be reviewed by the engineer who will report to council at an early date. "I didn't expect tenders that high", said engineer Redfern.

The engineer reported that tenders had been received in his office for equipment and lowest was \$10,306. Councillor Haggart contended all tenders should be opened at the council table, and not in the engineer's office. Mr. Redfern said this could be done but it was standard practice for engineers to open the equipment tenders.

Resignation
Council received with regret the resignation of Alfred LeMasurier as district representative on the Metro Planning Board. A letter of thanks will be sent to him on behalf of the municipality. Mayor Tomlin said in expressing appreciation of Mr. LeMasurier's service, "it will not be easy to replace him."
Mr. LeMasurier represented Richmond Hill, Markham Twp., Markham Village and Stouffville on the Metro Board. Council

Lucky Draw December 19

The draw will be made December 19, for the TV set and other prizes offered by the York County Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Tickets may be obtained from the Town Inn, Dalley's, Main-prize's, Village Gift Shoppe, Consumers Gas, Dr. Bloom's office, Richmond Bowl, The Liberal Office and from Mrs. W. C. Cowan. Local boys will be calling at homes during the week end. The prizes which include a set of dolls have been on display in The Liberal office window. Lucky number tickets are 25c each or 6 for \$1.00.

DON MILLS — Construction will begin next spring on the area's first bilingual high school. It will have ten classrooms, a science room and a girl's residence.

Looking To The Future The Planning Bd. Studying Further Annexation Plan

Looking to the future growth and development of the Town of Richmond Hill the Planning Board has engaged a qualified firm of professional Planning Consultants to report on various aspects of possible extension of municipal borders and annexation of additional acreage. In a communication presented to Council Monday night and signed by Planning Board Chairman Norman A. Todd and Secretary J. M. Brown the Board reviewed the local situation and outlined the Board's reasons for giving study to the problem at this time.

Deacon, Arnett and Murray, Architects and Planning Consultants, have been engaged and Mr. W. F. H. Adams of that Company, who has extensive municipal experience, is now conducting extensive studies. Initially the studies will involve the preparation of a preliminary report covering population, water supply, sewage disposal, vacant land, financial and assessment considerations as well as several special local factors. It is pointed out in the findings brought out in this report will assist the Planning Board and the Council to determine whether or not annexation of additional lands would be desirable. It is pointed out that any further annexation of adjoining areas is subject to agreement of other municipalities concerned and to the approval of the Metro Planning Board and the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Planning Board letter stated that some six years ago following the annexation of a part of Markham Township to the town, it was generally agreed among the members of council and the Planning Board of that time, that once the annexed area and the land within the old part of Richmond Hill had been developed to their full potential from a residential, commercial and industrial standpoint, the next step in the orderly development of the town would be the annexation of land to the west so as to square off the boundaries. This would mean the annexation from Vaughan Township of that area in the first concession bordered on the north by Elgin Mills sideroad and on the south to include the north half of lot No. 44. The communication to council states "the Planning Board feels the time has arrived to take a look at what is involved in any further development of the town. This should not be construed that such a step is imminent, but simply it will afford the council and the Board sufficient time to study the problems involved and to take steps to avoid them."

Danger From Foxes Now Passing Critical Stages?

Conservation Officer Geo. Armitage of the Department of Lands and Forests, Maple, reports that only 29 men turned out for the fox hunt held in Whitchurch township last Saturday and that no foxes were seen or killed during the hunt. C. O. Ellis of the Department told The Liberal foxes are pretty well run to earth in Whitchurch and Markham townships and very well cleaned out, since not even tracks are seen following the recent snowfalls. However, reports still come to the department, and to Vaughan township police, regarding apparently rabid animals seen or killed around Maple or King. C.O. Armitage said two foxes were shot and killed by a fox-hunt organized at the Canada Packers farm, Maple, after a farm dog was attacked and bitten. And E. Hadwen, of Maple is reported to have shot an apparently crazed fox at the doorway of his barn last week.

AURORA — Department of Highways are investigating the possibility of reducing the grade of the subway at the south end of town.

Close Reeveship Race Only Thirty Per Cent Vote In Richmond Hill Election Floyd Perkins Is Next Year's Reeve Council Re-Elected



FLOYD R. PERKINS

They do come back. Defeated a year ago in contest for Reeve's chair by 107, he was elected this year with a majority of 39 votes.

In the hope of encouraging a larger vote in the municipal elections Richmond Hill Council this year experimented with a Saturday vote, but the results were disappointing. Slightly more than thirty per cent of the electors went to the polls last Saturday, which is ten per cent below the 40 per cent mark set a year ago.

In a keenly contested race Floyd R. Perkins was elected Reeve with a majority of 39 votes over Deputy-Reeve Donald G. Plaxton, Councillor Stanley F. Tinker was elected deputy-reeve.

Councillors Haggart, Bradstock and Paterson were re-elected and former public school trustee Robert P. Ross was chosen as the new man on council. Trustees Joseph Rabinowitch and Mrs. Virginia Sully were re-elected and Cecil Williams was elected to take the seat vacated by Mr. Ross.

Police Ask Pay Increase

Councillor James Haggart, local Police Committee chairman, informed Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night that the local police have made a request for a fifteen per cent pay increase. He said he knew it could not be dealt with by the 1958 council but that it would have to be considered early next year. Council members agreed that it be referred to the 1959 council and there were no comments by the members.

NEWMARKET — This town has spent \$121,719, in test drilling for water supply in the last 10 years. A suggestion that water be piped from Lake Simcoe brought the information such a project would cost 2 million dollars.

The reeveship race provided the keenest contest. Donald G. Plaxton, elected deputy-reeve by acclamation a year ago, and former deputy-reeve F. R. Perkins were the contestants and it was late in the evening when the last poll was counted that the result was shown. During the evening the lead switched from one candidate to the other many times. Although Mr. Plaxton led in seven of the thirteen polls the rather substantial Perkins majorities at McCowanly School were decisive. Reeve-elect F. R. Perkins was born at Victoria Square and attended the local High School. He taught school for several years, and 21 years ago took over the Farm Implement business established here by his grandfather, the late Jacob Lunau, who was reeve of the village for seven years. Mr. Perkins is married, the father of three children and lives at 110 Church Street. He formerly served eight years as councillor and deputy reeve, is an active member of Richmond Hill United Church, the Lions Club, the Horticultural Society, the Agricultural Society, and was recently re-elected head of the local branch of the Cancer Society. Councillor Stanley Tinker who headed the poll in the council race a year ago and is completing his second year as a councillor sought promotion to the office of deputy-reeve and was accorded an impressive endorsement by the members expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Butlin and his wife, Mrs. Ede Butlin for their outstanding contribution to the community through their work with the committee.

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Committee Chairman W. E. Butlin Will Retire At Year End

W. Ed. Butlin, chairman of the Richmond Hill Recreation Commission since its inception presented a report on 1959 activities and 1959 budget to town council Monday night. At the same time Mr. Butlin announced he is retiring at the end of the year. Mayor Ken W. Tomlin and all members expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Butlin and his wife, Mrs. Ede Butlin for their outstanding contribution to the community through their work with the committee.

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Hands Out Bouquets Mayor Deplores Electors Apathy

Richmond Hill Town Council, meeting for the first time since the election Monday night, was featured by the passing of several verbal bouquets. Mayor Ken Tomlin congratulated the members who were re-elected and stated he was pleased they were returned to office. Paying tribute to Deputy-Reeve Plaxton who lost out in a close race for the Reeveship he said "We are going to miss you at the council table."

The Mayor thanked Mr. Plaxton for his splendid service to the town and expressed the hope that he would return some day. The Mayor also expressed regret that Reeve Taylor is retiring at the end of the year, and paid tribute to his long years of service as councillor, Reeve and Warden of the County of York. Having passed the bouquets to two retiring members of council Mayor Tomlin had some harsh words for the electorate at large. "Some sixty to seventy per cent of our ratepayers who didn't vote in the recent election should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves," he said. "When only thirty per cent of the people take the trouble to go out and vote it is a reflection on those who offer themselves in public service said the Mayor. He expressed regret that such apathy was not peculiar to Richmond Hill but according to election results was widespread.

Deputy-reeve Plaxton said it had been a pleasure to serve on Council, and while there may have been violent clashes of opinion at times, he assured all that there was nothing personal. He extended his congratulations to all members elected to the 1959 council and wished them every success. As to whether or not he would return to the municipal field he said he had some reservations.

Reeve Taylor said it had been a real privilege to have served the people as councillor, reeve and warden, and that in conducting public business he had never dealt in personalities. "We may have had our differences, but those differences were forgotten when the meeting ended," he said. Members jocularly remarked that when the smoke of another election starts to gather both the Reeve and deputy-reeve would find it hard to resist.