

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

## The Liberal

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### Coming Events

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

JANUARY 8 — Thursday. Beginning January 8 and every Thursday thereafter, Bingo 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws.

JANUARY 12 — Monday — Vellore Euchre Club is holding its annual Open Night in Vellore Memorial Hall on Monday, January 12, 1959, at 8 p.m. Good prizes will be given. Lunch provided. Everybody welcome. Admission 50c.

JANUARY 24 — The Honourable Kelso Roberts, Attorney General for Ontario, will be guest speaker at the North York Progressive Conservative Association Annual Meeting to be held at Newmarket Town Hall, 2:30 p.m. January 24, 1959.

### Choraliers Invite More Members

The Fall season of the York Choraliers is now over but the winter and spring seasons lie ahead. Already two engagements have been made, and if feasible an Easter Concert is planned. The loyalty of this volunteer group is amazing. It is usual to have over 85 per cent in attendance at all rehearsals. Considering weather, distance, sickness and numerous other personal engagements, this can be considered outstanding.

It is the hope of the Executive Committee many other folk who love singing will join up. At the present time there is room for three first sopranos, three second sopranos, four contraltos, four tenors, four baritone and two or more second basses. If these vacancies can be filled the total of the chorus would be over 50, an ideal at which we have been aiming since the inception of the chorus. From the comments received the Christmas concert was successful, although the members themselves are sure they can do better. But considering the group has only been together in rehearsal for eight months, the results are most creditable. We hope these results will produce more members.

We suggest anyone interested should telephone Richmond Hill A.V. 5-2237 or T.U. 4-3042, Maple 125W, or Gormley 5520. Singers will be welcomed from King, Maple, Gormley, Victoria Square, in fact anywhere in York County. Practices are held each Monday at 8 p.m. in the High School.

### Fortieth Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES B. BOYNTON

On Saturday, December 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Boynton held an Open House at their home on Kirk Drive, Thornhill, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

About 300 friends and relatives called during the afternoon and evening to tender their congratulations to the happy couple. Miss Ellen Boynton received with her parents and she was assisted at the doors by her friends Miss Jean Muirhead and Miss Wilma Hunter. Many old time friendships were renewed. On this happy occasion pictures were taken before the guests arrived of the bride party of 40 years ago. With Mr. and Mrs. Boynton, were the best man, Mr. David Howard, and the bridesmaid, Mrs. Jean Hayman, sister of the bride, and soloist Mrs. Myrtle Endem.

Mr. and Mrs. Boynton were the recipients of many beautiful flowers and gifts. On Friday evening, a surprise party of about 40 directors and their wives of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society arrived at the Boynton's home and presented them with a beautiful flower arrangement, a painting for Mrs. Boynton and to Mr. Boynton a lazy boy chair and stool in toast colour.

dean, Mrs. Olive James, Mrs. Ina Middleton, Mrs. David Howard, Mrs. Garnet Francey and Mrs. Harriet English.

Assisting in the tea room were Miss Emma Barker, Miss Bertie Carruthers, Miss Betty Empringham, Mrs. Geo. Hooper, Miss Margaret Brodie and Miss Margaret Peacock, Mrs. Jack Berry, Mrs. C. H. Devey, Mrs. Douglas Ogden, Mrs. George Boynton, Miss Cora Brodie and Miss Dorothy Hood, Members of Group 4 of the Thornhill United Church W.A., of which Mrs. Boynton is a member, catered for this occasion.

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### Up By \$60,000

## Water Treatment Plant Cost Over First Estimates

Richmond Hill's water treatment plant will cost \$300,000, instead of the estimated \$240,000, and for which approval has been received from the Water Resources Commission and the Ontario Municipal Board. This was revealed at the regular town council meeting last Monday evening, the last of the year, when tender for the first phase of the project was awarded to Kedrosky Construction Co. of Galt for \$191,031.

When the tenders were opened two weeks ago Engineer Redfern thought the prices were high and said, "I didn't expect tenders that high". At that time council asked the engineer to review in detail the tender price with the lowest bidder.

Last Monday night after consulting with the contractor Engineer Redfern recommended accepting the low tender. "I think it's a fair price," he said. Commenting further on the tenders he said, "Our estimate was too low. It's just one of those things. We don't like to get in this position but it does happen sometimes."

The engineer explained that part of the increased cost is due to an increase in the capacity of the plant, and part to the fact that the work is to be done in winter. He said council might be eligible for government unemployment assistance on a portion of the work.

Council members discussed the matter at some length and finally agreed to award the contract to the Galt firm. Mayor Tomlin said the project had been delayed too long already and pressed for a decision and action by council. The Mayor said council had three alternatives, to accept the lowest tender, act as its own contractor, or recall for tenders. In any event he said council must immediately seek permission of the Ontario Municipal Board for any expenditure over the \$240,000, already approved.

Engineer Redfern said he did not recommend recalling tenders. Undoubtedly a lower tender would be received as the low tender amount is now known, but it would hardly be fair. Deputy-revee Plaxton expressed the opinion it would be foolish for the municipality to act as its own contractor in a project this size.

In addition to the \$191,031 tender price for the first phase there will be expenditures for pumps, equipment and mains which will bring the total cost to \$300,000.

Engineer Redfern said "it is the first time in over two years

that prices have been over our estimates".

Councillor Paterson suggested a few days to consider the matter of increased costs but later voted for the motion by Councillors Tinker and Bradstock that the tender be awarded to the Kedrosky Company. Councillor Haggart opposed the motion, explaining he still thought council should call for tenders for more than one method of treatment.

Deputy-revee Plaxton supported the motion saying, "I don't think any further delay is desirable".

Questioned by Councillor Paterson as to the possibility of a long delay in obtaining Municipal Board approval, both Mayor Tomlin and Engineer Redfern expressed the opinion that it should not take very long. "We must try to see the board right away," said the Mayor.

In seconding the motion to let the contract Councillor Tinker said the delay had been a matter of a great deal of concern. "A great deal of time has been spent talking, let's have less talk and more action," he said.

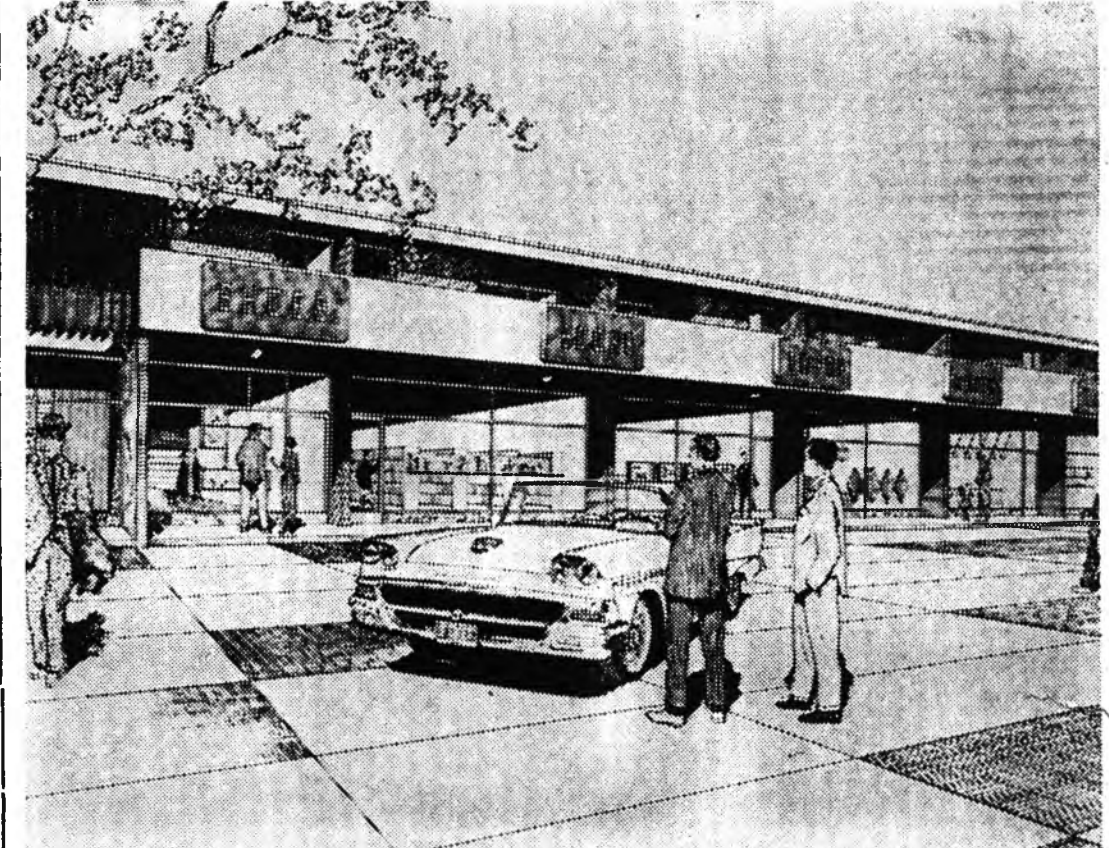
### Liquor Store At Yonge and Crosby

A spokesman for the L.C. B.O. told "The Liberal" Monday that property had been purchased by the board at the corner of Crosby and Yonge for the establishment of a retail liquor store.

A house that once was a nursing home now sits on the property. The board will take possession of the property as of January 1. As soon as they do, the existing house will be demolished and an architect engaged to design and construct a new building. The site of the new liquor store is the former Moyle property.

The provincial division of the Brewers Warehousing Company Limited said they are negotiating for property in Richmond Hill to build their own store. It is not known as yet whether the store will be near the liquor store or not.

## 6 Store Shopping Centre Opposite Municipal Bldg.



Starting in March construction will begin on a new block of stores and offices on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill, opposite the Municipal Building.

Containing six stores on the main floor and office space above, the building will be 130 feet long and 72 feet deep. It will be set back 60 feet from the street for parking, and will occupy the two lots between Herridge Electric

and the Hillcrest Beauty Salon. The stores themselves will be 21 by 70 feet with storage space in the basement about half that size. On the second floor, two areas are available for the offices. One has 3,915 square feet and the other has 3,750 square feet.

Mr. Sorbara of Sorbara Real Estate Ltd. on Eglinton Avenue West in Toronto is the owner, builder and exclusive rental agent

for the building. Though as yet no space in the building has been rented, construction will begin in March so the first store may open its doors by June 1st.

A wide canopy will cover the front of the stores and serve a balcony for the offices also. The offices at the rear will have their own small balconies at back.

### Policy Clearly Defined

## Council Refuses Services Outside Town Boundaries Shopping Centre Must Be Annexed Part Of Bargain

Richmond Hill Town Council at its final meeting of the year refused a request of John MacKay, owner of the proposed new shopping centre on Yonge St. south of the town limits for water and sewer service. A resolution by Councillor James Haggart carried by council stated that the only conditions on which such services will be extended will be the annexation of the commercial area.

The commercial area includes some ten acres in Markham Township immediately south of the town limits on Yonge Street. Mr. MacKay expressed his intention of proceeding at once with the building of a large chain store. He intimated that if he cannot get Richmond Hill services he will install septic tanks, although he has not yet received permission from the York County Health Unit for such installation.

Mr. MacKay owns the property immediately south of Richmond Hill extending from Yonge St. to Bayview. On his property the town has drilled for water and struck a good well needed for additional supply for Richmond Hill. Asked what he would do about this if he is refused Richmond Hill services Mr. MacKay said he would develop the well for use of his own subdivision.

Mayor Tomlin quickly stated however that the Town has rights beyond its limits in procuring necessary water supply and said Richmond Hill will not hesitate to take necessary steps to appropriate the necessary land for well and connecting water mains. In a case of expropriation the price to be paid will be fixed by the courts.

Mayor K. W. Tomlin made his stand on the request for services beyond the town limits very definite and clear. He said the condition for extension of the services would be the annexation of the commercial area.

Deputy-revee Plaxton agreed annexation was the ideal solution but he said he was fearful that installation of septic tanks would be detrimental to residents

of Richmond Hill living close to the development. A letter from the York County Health Unit was read which did not either grant or refuse Mr. MacKay's application for a permit for septic tanks.

Councillor Tinker said Richmond Hill had opposed the development from the start, and he was critical of Markham Township authorities sponsors of the re-zoning. "Markham Township has re-zoned the area with no thought at all of providing any services," said Councillor Tinker. Mr. Tinker said he is opposed to the development because it would be in direct competition with Richmond Hill commercial areas, and he is opposed to extending town services beyond the borders of the municipality.

Councillor James Haggart said the purpose of the proposed development was to attract business from Richmond Hill and would be in direct competition with local taxpayers. "I cannot support any move to extend Richmond Hill services outside our boundaries," said Councillor Haggart.

Deputy-revee Plaxton said he had opposed the proposal for rezoning when it was considered by the provincial government. However he said our position now is different. "If we cannot prevent the development maybe we should make the best of our position and try to have Mr. MacKay bear some share of the cost of sewers on Harding Blvd. We should try to eliminate the possible health hazard." Mr. Plaxton pointed out that the Health Unit recommends the connection to sewers.

Councillor Haggart argued that while the Health Unit did not grant the application for septic tanks it did not refuse the permit.

Councillor Paterson said that in view of the fact that the town had located a water supply on Mr. MacKay's property the municipality was in a poor bargaining position. Directing a question to Mr. MacKay he said "What will be your attitude in regard to this well if the town refuses to give you services?"

Mr. MacKay — I will develop the well and use the water myself.

Mayor Tomlin — I would make it very clear that the municipality has rights even beyond its boundaries in the matter of a necessary water supply.

Deputy-revee Plaxton — It seems to me Mr. MacKay is in the position of having just filled an inordinate straight. (For non poker players, this means holds a strong hand).

"Do I get the service or do I not?" asked Mr. MacKay.

"I think Mr. MacKay should have a definite answer," said Councillor Haggart, in moving the resolution which declared Richmond Hill council policy that the condition for granting services will be the annexation of the commercial area. This motion was supported by all members except Deputy-revee Plaxton.

Mayor Tomlin suggested Mr. MacKay contact Markham Township council with his problem, and if the annexation of the commercial area is not opposed, the problem might be solved.

Mr. MacKay suggested that Markham's terms for annexation would be for Richmond Hill to take in the residential area as far south as Hunt Lane.

In the discussion council members expressed interest only in annexation of commercial land.

Councillor Bradstock expressed concern that the development should be allowed with septic tanks. The land is water-logged he said.

Mr. MacKay left the meeting with the definite answer from council that services will not be extended to the proposed shopping centre unless it is annexed by Richmond Hill. He expressed the intention of proceeding at once with the erection of the one large chain store, but will require a permit from the York County Health Unit if he uses septic tanks. He may approach Markham Township council with the proposal that annexation of the commercial area by Richmond Hill be not opposed by the municipality.

### Former Chairman Honoured

## R. Hill Public School Board Presents '59 Councillor, Ross With Inscribed Scroll As Token Of Their Esteem

When the Richmond Hill Public School Board held its final meeting for 1958 on Monday evening of last week, retiring Chairman Robert "Bob" Ross attended as an invited guest.

To Mr. Ross, who was a successful candidate for the 1959 town council, the new Board Chairman, Lou Clement said, "We have asked you back again, Bob, because at our last meeting we didn't have a chance to say goodbye to you properly. We are pleased that the electors of this town liked you so well on the school board that they wanted you on council."

"We have all worked with you on the board for some time," the chairman continued, "and for your steady hand as a chairman and your honesty and integrity, all the board members join with me in wishing you the best in the future. We have known many problems over the years," (Mr. Ross served five years on the school board) "but you were never afraid to face an unpopular issue."

In conclusion, Mr. Clement presented Mr. Ross with an inscribed scroll, "as a tangible and visible token of our esteem".

Mr. Ross thanked the board and said, "We have had to pave our path ourselves through the years, and I hope that the progress for the educational system in Richmond Hill proceeds as well in the future as it has done in the past."

Trustees Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Joseph Rabinowitch, Mrs. V. Sully and Harold Sanderson added their farewell messages in turn. With Trustee Sanderson saying, "We'll be up to see you on council."

No '59 Representative on H.S. Bd. The Richmond Hill Public School Board has been advised by Inspector W. J. MacLeod that according to the Secondary Schools Act, Section 23-2 and Section 27-2, the appointment by the public school board of a trustee to the district high school board for 1959 will be based on the 1957 attendance figures and not on the 1958 figures, therefore Richmond Hill will not have a representative on the high school board in 1959, since "the largest school enrollment" is the governing factor.

Trustee Sully remarked, "I don't understand that", to which Trustee Southwell replied, "the appointment has to be made at the last meeting of the board in 1958, on the preceding year's figures. We haven't the highest enrollment, so we can't quarrel with it. I expect we will have a representative in 1960 though" she predicted. Thus the appointment will continue to be made by School Area No. 1 Markham - Vaughan.

To Repair 13 Pianos. Thirteen pianos "played by all sorts and conditions of people," as Chairman Lou Clement put it, which belong to the Richmond

Hill Public Schools, are to be put in good repair by Mr. Al. Pyle, Beaverton Road, who last week was awarded a contract for \$1,368, for this purpose.

By request of the board, Mr. Pyle appeared at the meeting to explain what this figure covered — and members learned, among other interesting facts, that although the pianos were from 25 to 30 years old at least, they are well worth an average expenditure of \$100, each to repair. Mr. Pyle told the board that as far as he could ascertain from preliminary examinations of the various pianos, they had not received any attention, other than tuning, since 1942.

He explained that after such a long period without being vacuumed out and checked, some of the pianos had flat hammers; moth-eaten felts, and in one case at least the leather bridges or strappings were broken with neglect. Describing just what can happen to a neglected or abused piano, Mr. Pyle said if the ham-

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### School Area Inaugural

The inaugural meeting for School Area No. 1 Markham - Vaughan will be held in the Thornhill Public School on Tuesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m., when a chairman for 1959 will be elected.

Also at that meeting the 1959 representative to the York Central District High School Board will be appointed, since School Area No. 1 has the largest attendance of public school pupils in the area, based on figures for 1957. John Honsberger of Thornhill, the area's representative in 1958, who served on the board last year will be asked to fill this office again in 1959.

Mrs. Ralph Edwards has been appointed as representative from the school area for another term on the Thornhill Public Library Board.

## Appoint Markham Civil Defence Co-ordinator

Markham Township will have a Civil Defence Co-ordinator in 1959. In the most important action in the closing days of 1958, Council Monday appointed Mr. Ian Grant of Gormley as the new head of civil defence. In moving Mr. Grant's appointment, Reeve W. L. Clark spoke highly of his qualifications as Markham's new co-ordinator. He did similar work during World War II. It is hoped to get civil defence organized on a county basis. Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township is the County Co-ordinator. Council will make no appointment to its executive committee until Reeve Perry has conferred with the various municipal co-ordinators.

Councillor S. Watson advocated more young people should be encouraged to enter civil defence. Councillor J. MacNeil suggested the executive committee when appointed should be representative of the whole township.

Metro Planning Board Council expressed little hope that a recommendation by Richmond Hill that the province permit the fringe municipalities to make individual appointments to the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board would be accepted. At present such appointments are made by groups of municipalities. Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Markham Village and Markham Township all have one representative.

"Although Richmond Hill's recommendation may be a good one, I don't feel there is much of a chance of securing its implementation," remarked Reeve Clark. "If every individual municipality inside, and outside, Metro were allowed to make individual appointments, the board would be unwieldy," added Mr. Clark. "Does Metro ever listen to the fringe municipalities?" asked Councillor MacNeil. In reply Reeve Clark felt Metro had always co-operated with council. Councillor L. Mumberson felt the

fringe representative should act as a liaison between the municipalities and Metro. The four councils concerned will meet in the first week of January to decide on a new representative to replace Alfred LeMasurier who recently resigned.

The Municipal Board has approved the installation of water-mains (main trunk and lateral mains) in Water Area No. 1. The property owners will pay the cost of the six inch main abutting their property while the balance of the cost will be charged against the area on a mill rate. Only three objections were filed with the Municipal Board. Council will call for tenders at once with the work to start in either January or March. If the tender price for the winter work is satisfactory council hopes to get the project underway as an aid to winter unemployment.

This marked the final meeting of 1958. The inaugural meeting of the 1959 council will be held next week at 11 a.m. in the council chambers at Buttonville.

### And Thereby Wags A Tail

Versatility is the word for the Classified Page in The Liberal: since here you may find just about everything and anything to fill your needs.

This week under Livestock we have an interesting little "Ad" that should bring results fast — since the advertiser is giving away — FREE — 10 cunning little spaniel puppies, just for the asking! There are no strings or gimmicks attached, the advertiser said, "We'd like to keep them all ourselves, but we already have two dogs and that's about all we can handle around here."