

Inaugural Meeting

L. Clement '59 Chairman Local Public School Bd.

Richmond Hill Public School Board met for its inaugural meeting on Monday evening, January 5, in the attractive board room at the L. M. McConaghy School.

Secretary of the board, Mrs. Dorothy Street, presided for the election. Trustee Mrs. Margaret Soultwell was nominated by Mr. Clement as vice-chairman.

Rev. James O'Neil of St. Mary's Anglican Church opened the first meeting of the new year with prayer, calling upon God for guidance and assistance for those elected to head elementary education for the boys and girls of Richmond Hill.

There is now a total enrollment of 2,588 pupils in the five local schools with an average daily attendance in December of 2,165.

Members of the board which meets regularly the second and fourth Thursdays in McConaghy School board room are Chairman Clement; Vice-Chairman Southwell; Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully; Trustee Rabinowitch; Trustee Harold Sanderson; and new Trustee Cecil Williams.

Markham Township

Councillor Mumberson Heads Roads Committee

There will be little change in the makeup of the 1959 Markham Township Committees. In the one major shift Councillor L. Mumberson will take over the chairmanship of the largest government department at the municipal level, the road committee.

The committee appointments were announced by Reeve W. L. Clark at Monday's inaugural meeting. In announcing the change in the chairmanship of the road committee Reeve Clark stated he felt it was a good thing to rotate the chairmanship from year to year.

Councillor MacNeil will again head the important water committee. Serving with him will be Deputy-reeve W. Dean who like Mr. MacNeil resides in Water Area No. 1 and Councillor Mumberson.

The other committee appointments are as follows, (the first name is the chairman). Finance — Deputy-reeve Dean and Councillor Watson; Police — Councillors Mumberson and MacNeil; Fire — Councillor Watson and Deputy-reeve Dean; Property and Parks — Deputy-reeve Dean and Councillor Watson.

Appointments were also completed to the seven member planning board. The two new members will be Mr. Stan Richardson of Victoria Square and Mr. Alton Maynard of Thornhill. They will replace Messrs. A. LeMasurier and C. Laurin who recently resigned. The other members of the board are, H. Sissons of Box Grove, B. Brennan of Thornlea, and F. Brumwell of Victoria Square.

Metropolitan Conservation In a year end report to council Mr. C. Clifford of Doncaster one of Markham's two representatives on the Metropolitan and Toronto Conservation Authority stated a half a million people made use of the various parks in 1958. The expanded work of the authority which was an outgrowth of Hurricane Hazel in 1954 includes flood and pollution control,

R. H. Police Set Five Year Record

The Town of Richmond Hill has every right to be proud of its police force under the direction of Chief R. P. Robbins. Since Chief Robbins took over the force in 1954, it has set a record that has not been broken by any other police department. For the five straight years from 1954 to 1958, between December 24 and January 1 of each year, the force has not had to make an arrest or charge to do with over-indulgence or drinking and driving due to too much celebration of the holiday season.

From December 29 until January 6 this year, the department investigated 76 occurrences, including six minor thefts and five accidents. Again, most of these happenings could have occurred at any time of year; not just at New Year's.

At 1:00 p.m. on January 3, at the intersection of Yonge and Centre Streets, a two car collision occurred between cars driven by Gordon Varley, 30, of R.R. 1, Richmond Hill and William Wier, 18, of R.R. 2, Maple. There were no injuries and only minor damage, but Wier has been charged under the Highway Traffic Act with having a dangerous vehicle

and inadequate brakes. Sgt. Rainey investigated. Last Saturday, at 4:00 p.m., on Yonge Street near the Richmond Theatre, a car driven by Mike Roe, 17, of Richvale, struck young Glen Davis, 6, also of Richvale. The boy darted out from between the cars in one lane of traffic and into the path of Roe's car. He received minor bruises. Constable Ted Green investigated.

On January 5 at 8:45 a.m. a two car collision occurred in front of the High School on Wright Street. The drivers were Arild Anderson, 29, of Richmond Hill, and Fred Donaldson, 40, of Richmond Hill. There were no injuries and only minor damage. No charges were laid by the investigating officer, Constable Deyman.

On Friday, January 2, the department arrested three men on a charge of theft of two complete rear wheels from a car during the first part of December. Charged are Fred Brown, 18, and his brother, Carl, 19, both of Jefferson, and Ron Nash, 29, of Oak Ridges.

Jefferson School Election

Seven Return H. Betts To 2nd Term As Trustee

Eight ratepayers were present last Monday evening when Jefferson School Section trustees held their annual meeting. Later one more ratepayer put in an appearance, bringing the number of parents present to four.

Trustee H. Betts returned for a second three year term, in his remarks, mentioned the disappointment of the board, that their efforts were so poorly rewarded by the ratepayers. Almost two hundred notices were mailed to ratepayers as well as an advertisement being put in 'The Liberal' and the usual notices posted as laid down by the school act. Since each year the attendance at the annual meeting has dwindled, it was moved and passed that this practise (notice by mail) be discontinued, as it had proved to be a complete waste of money and effort.

The school inspector's report was most satisfactory. He stated that academically, the school was in first class condition, and that it was being run well within the average for Vaughan Township. Mr. Gibson also wrote that the hiring of a fifth teacher had allowed the principal adequate time for supervision of all grades. The enrollment to date is 148.

The financial picture was also satisfying in that the maintenance of the school had not risen over the previous year and a substantial balance was left on hand.

Then came the important task

of naming a new trustee. Mr. Jack Passmore was nominated but declined to let his name stand. Mr. Passmore, who has in the past served two terms on the board, had this to say, "School business is big business and I feel quite seriously that the position of trustee should be shared by all the ratepayers and not be imposed on a few old reliables."

Mr. Passmore spoke also of the lack of parental interest, and was appalled to think that so few parents were interested in who were to be the persons more or less responsible for their children's education. Mr. Francis Powell, withdrawing his nomination agreed with Mr. Passmore entirely stating that when school taxes account for more than half of the tax bill it is time people came out to these meetings to find out where their tax dollars are being spent.

Mr. Betts agreed to stand for a second term and his election was gratefully acknowledged by those present.

A vote of thanks was tendered by Mr. Carson Whalen, a present member of the board to Mr. Strom Leno, "not only for his time but the good hard work he has done around the school." Mr. Leno is beginning his sixth year as trustee and during his tenure has taken a personal interest in the maintenance of the school.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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He then covered the township water supply, street numbering, winter works program, administration and elections. In closing, Mr. Perry invited all those interested to be present at any council meeting, and to feel free to tour the township building.

Congratulations Fire Dept. At the end of his address, Reeve Perry, speaking for all the members of council, publicly congratulated the Maple and Richvale Fire Departments for their work in combating a serious fire Monday afternoon.

The other members of council each addressed the meeting and generally thanked the public for their support. New Electrical Plant The "Borinski Agreement", concerning the erection of an electrical plant across from Dalziel Park, had been prepared in accordance with the specifications laid down by the planning board, so it was carried by mutual agreement.

Street Name Changes A by-law was passed to change the names of certain streets within the township. Mill Road in Richvale is now Weldrick Road; Pemberton Crescent South is now Pemberton Road. Avenue Road is now Percy Crescent; Scott Drive west of the subdivision is now Bryson Drive (named after Councillor Jesse Bryson); and Garden Avenue in Concord is now Rockview Gardens.

Street Numbering Another by-law was passed standardizing the street numbering in the area bounded by Steeles, Bathurst, the 1st Concession and Yonge Street. Concession Roads will now start numbering at 700 at Steeles. Those running east and west will now number from 1 to 750 west from Yonge Street per concession. In other words, the numbering will be every 50 feet on main roads and every 20 feet on concession and side roads. This system conforms with that used by Metro.

Councillor Ralph, who was not familiar with the details of the by-law, asked that it be shelved for one week to give him time to study it. However, when he was told the 1958 council had taken eight months to prepare it, he agreed to its passing.

May Avenue Drainage A report on the May Avenue drainage problems was given to council by Clerk MacDonald, which stated the project was well underway.

Under the new items of business, Councillor Anstey mentioned the need of a new member on the Community Centre Committee in Thornhill.

Clerk MacDonald will get the necessary information for the appointment.

Councillor Bryson questioned council on the matter of Dutch Elm Disease control program. The general feeling was that the Conservation Authority was equipped to do it, so let them. And in preparation for the Rabbits meeting which will be held this week at the Velore Hall, Mr. Bryson asked if there was any report on the disease in the township. He was told no, and was informed by Councillor Anstey that fox hunting in this area must be a good business "since we pay a bounty on the ears and Markham pays on the tails."

"Give the Lady The Jackpot!" Wins \$300. The Richmond Hill Lions Club gave away another jackpot at the weekly bingo held last Monday night with the lucky winner Mrs. G. S. Bayer of Richvale really starting off the New Year in a "prosperous" way by taking home \$300.00!

Wins Diamond Ring



Councillor Elsie Gibbs smilingly announces that Ernest Marks of Benson Ave., Oak Ridges (on the right of the above picture) is the lucky winner of the diamond ring being presented to him by Alvin Di Salvo, owner of Di

Salvo's Credit Jewellers, Oak Ridges. Tickets for the lucky draw were given out over the holiday business season and Mr. Marks, who is a bachelor, probably wonders just what to do with his lovely prize. — Photo by Ronald Thomas

Anotha' Cotton Pickin' Yeah....



Well, easy come easy go!



Town Council Meeting

Police Ask For Salary Increase In Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill Police Association request for substantial wage increase and changes in working conditions was read to Town Council at its first session of the year Monday night. It was referred to the Police Committee on motion of Deputy-reeve Tinker and Councillor Bradstock. The only comment was by Deputy-reeve Tinker who said some conditions referred to applied equally to employees in the Works Department and if there were concessions to the police there would be echoes in other departments where employees are rendering equally essential services.

Police are asking pay increases of about 15 per cent. The suggested schedule of increases is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Now, Asked. Sgt. \$4,150 to \$4,760. Acting Sgt. 4,050 to 4,640. 1st Class Const. 3,950 to 4,530. 2nd Class Const. 3,750 to 4,350. 3rd Class Const. 3,450 to 3,860. Probationer 3,150 to 3,620.

The request for increased salary schedule asked also for regular rate of pay for overtime and an allowance of three hours pay for attending court in off-time.

Appointments The annual appointments by-law was passed making appointments as follows: Council's representative on Planning Board, Councillor R. P. Ross.

Planning Board Members re-appointed, Norman A. Todd and Ross Scrimger.

Library Board Members, Councillors Paterson and Haggart and Gordon MacLaren.

Recreation Commission: Reeve Perkins, Deputy-reeve Tinker, Mrs. Jean Thomson and William Ruttle.

Fence Viewers: Charles Graham, Frank Rumble and Robert Giles.

Council approved payment of an account from Richmond Hill Lions Club for \$271.08 for Christmas baskets sent to 27 Richmond Hill families.

Shopping Centre A letter from the York County Health Unit advised that John MacKay had applied for a permit

for septic tank installation to serve the shopping centre planned in Markham Twp., just south of Richmond Hill limits. The letter stated that the septic tank installation was not desirable as it would be detrimental to the adjoining area and suggested council give further consideration to the request.

Councillor Haggart moved that the Health Unit be advised of the details of Richmond Hill council action in the matter which was a resolution that the town's terms for providing water and sewer service to the shopping centre are the annexation of the commercial area. "We suggested to Mr. MacKay that he make that proposition to Markham Township Council," said Councillor Haggart.

Council members expressed the opinion that if council refuses to supply the services a permit will be granted for septic tanks.

Deputy-reeve Tinker said that at the hearing for re-zoning the area the owners had stated provision had been made for services.

Councillor Paterson observed that the water requirements of the proposed shopping centre will be substantial and that Richmond Hill council should keep in mind the ever growing demand within the town and the limitations of the existing supply.

Councillor J. W. Bradstock suggested council should at the earliest possible date give consideration to plans for providing roads in the industrial areas. He suggested an early meeting with the Industrial Commissioner.

Mr. Bradstock suggested the same early consideration for a program of parks development and a sidewalk construction program.

Councillor Haggart suggested the Finance Committee give consideration to a further grant to the Retarded Children's campaign. Council has already donated a school site on Centre Street East.

Councillor Haggart's recommendation that Acting Police Sgt. Rainey be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective January 1st, was adopted.

On motion of Deputy-reeve Tinker the meeting hour for council meetings was changed from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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