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Community

## Coming Events

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

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. tlc27

JANUARY 20 — Tuesday, Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tlc29

JANUARY 20 — Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The 1st Jefferson Mothers Auxiliary January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Jackson, Mariday Farm, Yonge St. Cub, Scout and Brownie mothers are cordially invited. clw29

JANUARY 20 — Tuesday, 8.15 p.m. January meeting McConaghy Home and School Association. A panel of professional experts on social services. Please plan to attend. clw29

JANUARY 21 — Wednesday. Take notice that the annual meeting of producer members of the York County Hog Producers' Association will be convened at the hour of 10.30 a.m. E.S.T. at the Parish Hall in the town of Newmarket, for the purpose of the conduct of the proper business of the annual meeting, the election of officers and the election of voting delegates and alternate delegates. Guest speaker, Dr. Rowe on Swine Disease. D. M. McMillan, president; John Sytema secretary. clw29

JANUARY 21 — Wednesday. Take notice that the annual meeting of the producer members of the Ontario Hog Producers Co-operative in the York County Group will be convened at 3.30 p.m. E.S.T. at the Parish Hall in the town of Newmarket, for the purpose of the conduct of the proper business of the annual meeting and the election of representatives (delegates) to the District Hog Producers Committee. D. M. McMillan, Chairman; John Sytema, secretary. clw29

JANUARY 21 — Wednesday. Take notice that the annual meeting of the producer members of the Ontario Hog Producers' Market-Infir Board will be convened at 2.30 p.m. E.S.T. at the Parish Hall in the town of Newmarket, for the purpose of the conduct of the proper business of the annual meeting and the election of representatives (delegates) to the District Hog Producers Committee. D. M. McMillan, Chairman; John Sytema, secretary. clw29

JANUARY 22 — Thursday 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall, the monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Speaker, Mr. R. H. Keith. No admission charge. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. clw29

JANUARY 22 — Thursday 8 p.m. The Crosby Heights Home and School Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Crosby Heights School. The guest speaker, Mr. J. P. Brown of Canadian General Electric will talk on "Value of Education." A movie will be shown to illustrate the highlights of the talk. Everyone welcome. clw29

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. c5w25

FEBRUARY 11 — Wednesday, 1 p.m. A Valentine luncheon in the church hall under the auspices of the Women's Association Richmond Hill United Church. The guest speaker, Dr. Helen Hogg. clw29

FEBRUARY 11 — Wednesday, 8.30 p.m. sharp, Jefferson School Community Club euchre party at the school. Attractive prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome. clw29

FEBRUARY 13 — Friday at 2.30. All the women of all the churches in Richmond Hill are requested to keep this date open for the Women's World Day of Prayer in the Richmond Hill United Church. clw29

## Too Many Dogs Run In Town

Richmond Hill Police Committee will have a familiar item on its agenda at an early meeting. The item will be "dogs running at large." At the suggestion of Councillor Haggart, the committee will review the local situation and try to do something about it.

"Continue to get a great many complaints about dogs running at large in the town," said Mr. Haggart.

"Do we still engage a dog catcher?" asked Reeve Perkins.

"We do, but it's a question as to how effective he is," said Councillor Haggart.

Councillor Paterson said the only dog he ever saw caught was a tiny little cuddy thing, and that hundreds of big bruisers are running wild.

Councillor Haggart said some of our people had been attacked by dogs. "There are far too many dogs running around," he said.

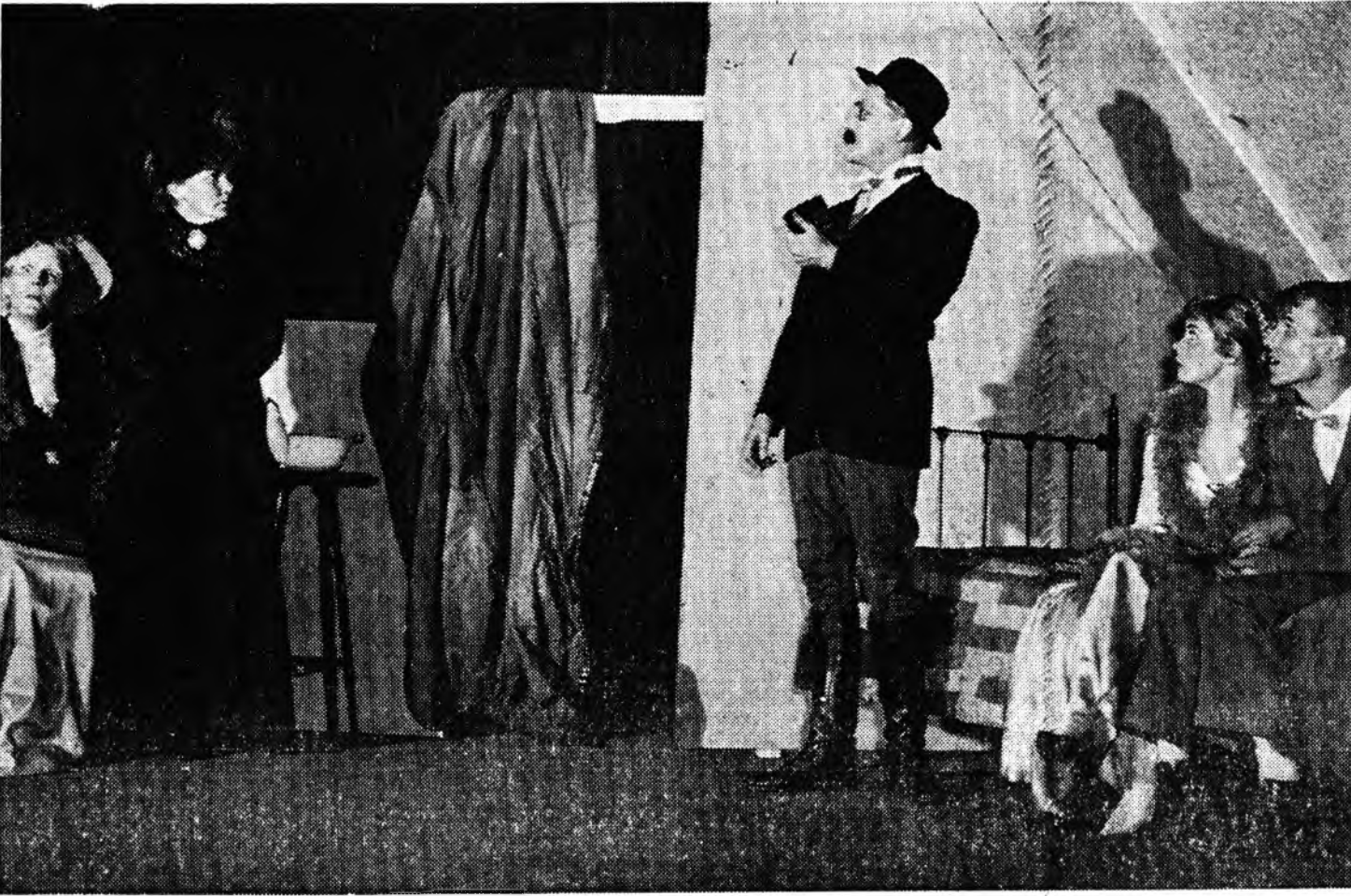
Deputy-reeve Tinker said he thought the majority of dog owners observed the law, but that a great many stray dogs come into town from the fringe areas.

Reeve Perkins said council should take action because the spread of rabies was a dangerous threat.

Councillor Haggart said he had a report of someone having been bitten by a cat.

## First Time Outside Toronto

# Richmond Hill Curtain Club Wins Top Award In Ont. Drama Festival



Interesting scene from "Clerambard", Central Ontario Drama Festival award winning production by the Richmond Hill Curtain Club. Shown in the photo left to right are Margaret Bergin, Margot Crack, Robert Peace,

(by Cleely Thomson)

The Richmond Hill Curtain Club carried off the Calvert Award for the best presentation of a full length play in the Central Ontario Drama Festival when adjudicator Richard Ainley announced the winners on Saturday evening at Hart House Theatre.

The slim tulip-wood figure carved by Sylvia Daoust as the symbol of the transitional scene to President Gerald Crack. Adding to the excitement for the members of the club in the audience were other hard-to-get awards . . . to Sheila Seigerman went the Best Actress Award for her portrayal of the Flounder, a girl who made her living in the world's oldest profession; and to Robert Peace playing the impoverished Comte de Clerambard whose life was altered when he began to follow the ideals seen in a vision, went the award for Best Actor in the Festival.

The Calvert Trophy has been the top award in the regional festivals since 1953, and this is the first time it has left the city of Toronto to the region extending north to Huntsville, west to Oakville, east to Oshawa. Of the city's many groups, the Playcraftsmen and the University Alumnae Dramatic Club have shared it almost equally for the past six years. With the award goes a cheque for one hundred dollars.

The Toronto festival opens the adjudicator's tour of the country where he will judge plays both in English and in French. Generally speaking the plays at Hart House had not come up to his expectations. While he praised in some areas he was severely critical in others, notably of the directing. Of the opening night play he said the "director's approach was wrong". Of the third play he felt the choice was poor. Only when the Harlequin Players' "Mrs. McThing" had been presented did he say "this is what we came to see," and he presented Jack Medhurst, the director, with the Edgar Stone Challenge Trophy for direction "awarded for interpretation of the play and constructive leadership of the actors".

On Thursday evening when the Curtain Club play, directed by Rex Sevenoaks was presented, Mr. Ainley called "Clerambard" a "nice achievement" and commented on the "spirited production". He felt that it was a play, difficult to grasp in English translation where just translating a French word into an English one doesn't translate the feeling of that word. He said, "I am still puzzled by the play" and proceeded to read a review of the London production two years ago which instead of a "bag of firecrackers had gone off like a wet squib".

There were many things in the Curtain Club's production of Mr. Ayme's "Ribal rat-a-tat-tat at the gates of heaven" that he liked. He offered up a special vote of thanks to Ruth Rabinowitch and Suzanne Sweeney for their set designs. (Old stone work in soft tones of greys and blended browns broken by ceiling-high windows stretched across the cyclorama to enhance the feeling of size in the chateau of the now-impooverished nobility. For the second scene a simple and effective inset of the Flounder's room was used, and for the third we came outside the mansion to see the old stone terrace wall and the

fabulous gypsy cart). Adjudicator Ainley led the applause for the set and for Miss Seigerman by loud table-thumpings . . . her performance was very nice to watch, he said, then added that he found her a little too flirty and active, "not enough of the bonne fille".

Robert Peace he praised for his vigor, and especially for his handling of the transitional scene in the Flounder's room, but in spite of "the good moments", on the whole felt the actor should have taken what he had and softened it. He liked the way Mr. Peace controlled his laughs.

The Galuchon family as a unit pleased Mr. Ainley particularly. He felt they had the most generally successful approach to their parts. "They realized the author's intent and they WERE French. Le maitre was absolutely the real thing" (Stuart Parker). The girls he felt might have shown a little more curiosity and awe at their first visit to the home of the nobility. B:th Jones played madame and Sylvia Grant, Pete Jackson and Gertrude Smith made up the bevy of giggly girls.

He enjoyed Margot Crack's performance as the wife, with special praise for her moments of tenderness. Margaret Bergin as the mother-in-law he liked, but felt there was over-emphasis. David Coon as the son "played delightfully", but with a tendency to go for the easy effects rather than to think the young man through and give us something "deeper".

Joseph Rabinowitch was praised for his profile of St. Francis, but Mr. Ainley felt he might have been more of the fuddled doctor in his second part. He praised William Ferguson's rich voice and even Denison Featherstonhaugh's one line part came in for comment when he said he was "splendid" although he was very disappointed that he had not brought his bicycle up the rickety (invisible) stairs and heard it go thumping down again.

Although the group was excellent in many ways there were things that disappointed him. He missed a feeling of family among the Clerambards, and found an overall monotony of tone. He felt the pronunciation of the French words should have been better.

The Regional Committee arranges for the winning group to present their play again in Hart House for three nights prior to the Dominion Festival, although winning a regional festival does not mean automatic participation in the Dominion Festival. Only after Mr. Ainley has crossed Canada and seen all the plays offered in the many regions will the invitations to the Dominion Festival be issued. This year Toronto is to be hosts for that Festival, which will be held at the Royal Alexandra Theatre the week of May 18.

In the meantime Clerambard will again be seen at Hart House Theatre April 23, 24 and 25.

## DECEMBER BUILDING SLOW

In his December report to Markham Township Council Planning Director R. Forrest stated a total of 13 building permits were issued during the month. Total value of the building was \$37,650.00. Total amount of building permit fees collected was \$100.00.

Markham Township officials has taken no action on the annexation proposal but unofficially it has been stated that terms for agreement with the annexation proposal will be that annexation include the residential area as far south as Hillside Drive.

Last week in a surprise move Markham Township accepted the well site from Mr. MacKay. Both Richmond Hill and Markham want the additional water supply. Mr. MacKay who originally owned the well site wants the water for the development of the land.

Town solicitor J. D. Lucas who was present suggested negotiations be started at once by the Richmond Hill Water Committee with Markham Township, and expressed the hope a satisfactory agreement might be reached with the Township and Mr. MacKay. He observed that any litigation in the matter might cause a great delay in developing the well.

Councillor Haggart asked the solicitor if the Water Resources Commission would have power to insist that Richmond Hill supply water outside the municipal boundaries. The solicitor said he

thought not. Councillor Haggart suggested Richmond Hill should make very sure of this point, as it might prove embarrassing, proceedings if necessary. "We have every hope of settling the matter amicably," said Mr. Tomlin.

In an effort to supplement the local water supply the town authorities carried out several months of exploratory test drilling throughout the area. A well which gives promise of an abundant supply was finally located on the MacKay property just south of the town limits.

The issue became somewhat complicated when Mr. MacKay asked for town services for his proposed new shopping centre in Markham Township just south of town. Council declared town water and sewer service would be available to the proposed shopping centre only if it was annexed to town, and made it clear that only the commercial area would be considered for annexation.

It was reported that in a discussion with Markham Township officials it was suggested some water be made available to the township until such time as it could develop its own water system.

The whole matter of developing this well to supplement Richmond Hill's water supply may be settled amicably by negotiation, or it may develop into a very controversial issue. Richmond Hill needs additional water supply. Markham Township needs a water system in the area. Mr. MacKay on whose land the well was found has plans for commercial and residential development of his 100 acre farm.

## Cy Laurin New Metro Appointee

Mr. Cy Laurin, a former chairman of the Markham Township Planning Board, has been elected to represent the four municipalities of Markham Township, Stouffville, Richmond Hill and Markham Village on the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the four councils concerned held Wednesday last week at Buttonville Mr. Laurin received the support of the Markham Township and Stouffville delegations. Markham Village put forward the name of Mr. Ken Thomas, while Richmond Hill moved the name of planning board member Mr. Ross Scrimger.

Mr. Laurin, a resident of Cedar Brae in Markham Township, will take office on January 13th, and will replace Mr. A. LeMasurier who recently resigned.

## Council Reviews By-Laws

Richmond Hill's 1959 Police Committee will review the proposal to establish a number of "Yield Right of Way" streets in the town. Last year's council asked a by-law be prepared and it was presented to Council Monday night, listing 64 locations for erections of the signs.

Yield Right of Way signs require a driver to slow down and only enter the designated street if there is no oncoming traffic. After it was indicated that Police Chief R. P. Robbins did not favor the "Yield Right of Way" signs Councillor Paterson questioned the wisdom of proceeding with it.

Councillor Haggart stated last night the council had passed a resolution asking the by-law be prepared after a recommendation from the Police Committee.

Councillor Paterson — "I have no recollection of the matter being considered by the Police Committee." He said the erection of 64 signs meant a considerable expenditure and there might be a storm of protest from the ratepayers.

Councillor Bradstock — "As I understand it, these signs are to eliminate a number of the frustrating stop signs." It was stated that the recommendation to go ahead with "Yield Right of Way" signs came from a Police Committee meeting attended by Chairman Haggart and Chief Robbins.

Mayor Tomlin suggested as there was some difference of opinion the whole matter be referred back to the Police Committee.

## Caribbean Cruise Award For High Standing Sea Cadets

Acting Chief P.O. Donald McCallum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D. McCallum, Pugsley Ave., flew to Halifax on Thursday last week and sailed on Monday last for a two and a half months sea cruise to the Caribbean and West Indies after passing his Sea Cadet exams among the "high 36".

Donald, who attends Richmond Hill High School, has been a Sea Cadet on the "Ontario" (at John Wanless School, Toronto) for the last five years, where he has received training once a week. Two years ago he stood second in gunnery, and later that year enjoyed a cruise to Newfoundland and Greenland as a reward.

On his return, Donald will try exams for the "Venture Plan" since he hopes to make his career with the navy.

Accompanying him on the trip among the 35 other Canadian Sea Cadets are three former high school companions from Thornhill High School.

## To Organize 2nd Fox Hunt, Vaughan

Despite the fact that the health department has said there is no more risk entailed from rabies by docking fox ears instead of fox tails, Vaughan township fell in line with surrounding municipalities on January 1st of this year and now pays a bounty of \$5.00 on the fox's plume—only in order to avoid double payments being made on Reddy Fox's pelts.

All told, Vaughan has paid bounty money on 90 foxes since last October, nine of these payments being made since the first of January.

Rabid foxes are still very much of a problem in Vaughan Township, and following a meeting held in Vellore Hall last week another fox hunt is to be organized.

## Community Mourns The Sudden Passing Of Well Known Citizen



LATE STANLEY A. RANSOM

The community was shocked by the sudden passing on Monday, January 12th, of Stanley A. Ransom, one of the town's best known and most highly esteemed citizens. "Stan" as he was familiarly known to his host of friends was a native son, who for thirty years operated the Barber Shop established here by his father in 1886.

He suffered a severe heart attack six years ago, but had made a splendid recovery and was about as usual working in his shop and greeting his friends on the day of his sudden passing. Death came suddenly and without warning shortly after noon Monday.

The funeral will be held this afternoon (Thursday) from the Wright and Taylor Funeral Home, and interment will follow at Richmond Hill Cemetery. Service will be conducted by Rev. C. G. Higginson, Minister of Richmond Hill United Church of which the deceased was a lifelong member.

The Ransom barber shop has been an institution in Richmond Hill since first established by Stan's father, the late Mose Ransom in 1886. "Stan" attended Richmond Hill schools and learned his trade in his father's shop, but before taking over in 1929 he worked for a time with the old Sterling Bank, and with the Robert Simpson Company. Taking over in 1929 he soon modernized the shop and outfitted it with the most modern equipment. He still treasured the old fashioned chair used by his father and the old pigeonhole case on which rested the individual shaving mugs used in the good old days. For a number of years, his son, Stanley A. Ransom has been associated with his father and will carry on the business.

Possessing a genial and pleasant personality "Stan" Ransom had a host of friends, and his shop was the mecca not only of those needing tonsorial attention, but of many who dropped in to chat and visit. He will be sadly missed by many people, young and old, who knew him well. He was particularly popular with the boys and many who are today young men can look back to good advice and inspiration given them by "Stan".

The late Mr. Ransom was a keen sportsman and took a lively interest in helping and promoting activities for the young people. Outdoor rinks for the children, hockey teams, baseball leagues, all found a staunch and generous supporter in Stan Ransom.

A member of Richmond Masonic Lodge, the Royal Black Knights, and the Richmond Hill Lions Club the late Mr. Ransom took an active interest in all these organizations. A masonic service was held at the funeral parlor Wednesday evening.

The late Mr. Ransom who was in his 56th year is survived by his widow, the former Mildred Dickinson, two daughters, Helen (Mrs. Harold Mabley), Betty (Mrs. W. S. Moore) of Fowler, Ohio, and one son, Stanley, also eight grandchildren: Danny, Billy and Sharon Ransom; Dawn, Lynn and Scott Mabley; Anne and Douglas Moore.

A large number of beautiful floral tributes were evidence of the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends and of the widespread sympathy extended to the bereaved family.

We echo the unanimous tribute heard on the street today — "Stan Ransom was a good citizen." He will be missed in the community he knew so well.

## Kinsmen Hear Fiery Speech

## Want Every M.P. To State Stand Flag Issue

In their continuing demands for a Canadian flag and national anthem, Mr. J. A. Picard, president of the Toronto Branch of the Native Sons told the Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club Thursday night of last week the association will shortly press their demands on parliament by checking with every M.P. regarding his stand on the matter. In a fiery address Mr. Picard told the meeting it was time to let every politician know, "that we no longer accept a foreign flag". "We shall demand a definite answer from every member of parliament not the usual evasive political answers". "Those that answer yes will be called patriots while those who answer no will be branded enemies of Canada," stated Mr. Picard.

Mr. Picard and his group have recently gained national prominence through their demands for a distinctive Canadian flag and national anthem. The speaker maintained what he termed the "British Empire Loyalists" are out to "crush and destroy" any attempts at Canadian nationalism. He contended this so called British Empire Loyalist element is "still using the well known Roman idea of divide and rule." Mr. Picard felt this was exemplified by the everyday reference to English Canadians, French Canadians and Irish Canadians.

In a biting attack against the Union Jack and the Red Ensign, as Canadian flags, Mr. Picard stated, "The old Union Jack must come down." The speaker suggested that only "brow beaten colonials have no flag or anthem." He further emphatically stated that the Red Ensign "never has been a Canadian flag. It's an insult to the Canadian people."

As the design of a new Canadian flag, Mr. Picard suggested it have neither English nor French symbols but instead have a green

Maple Leaf imposed on a red and white background.

In a strong protest against the proposed ceremonies marking the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway next spring, Mr. Picard said the "Canadian people are suffering from a miserable inferiority complex when we have to import British and American dignitaries to open our Seaway." Present plans call for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, Prime Minister Diefenbaker and President Eisenhower to participate in the ceremonies.

On the subject of the crown, Mr. Picard said that he doesn't oppose Royalty providing the Queen is also the Queen of Canada. "To be Queen of Canada we should have a Canadian flag and anthem," contended the speaker.

The Commonwealth as such he stated, has no legal status because there is no central government or flag.

The meeting was presided over by Kinsmen President Ray Gemmill, and the speaker was thanked by Bruce Murray.