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Thursday afternoon
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Coming Events

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. tcf27

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tcf31

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. c3w30

FEBRUARY 14 — Saturday, 11 a.m. Walker's Store, Maple, Sale of baked goods and candy, also some miscellaneous articles by the ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. c2w32

FEBRUARY 14 — Saturday Euchre. Members of L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. will hold a euchre at the Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws on Yonge St. at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission 50c. Lucky draw prizes, draw prizes and euchre prizes. Lunch. tcf33

FEBRUARY 17 — Tuesday 6 p.m. An oyster supper to be held at the King City United Church, sponsored by the King City Lions Club. Tickets \$1.25. Tickets may be secured from members of the Lions Club. clw33

FEBRUARY 17 and 18 — Tuesday and Wednesday. Theatre Nights at the Richmond Theatre, sponsored by the Local Association of Guides and Brownies, Richmond Hill West Division. Tickets 65c, good either night. clw33

FEBRUARY 20th — McConaghy Home and School Association meeting this month is a February Frolic to raise money for a projector. Parents and friends please come and enjoy the fun. clw33

FEBRUARY 20th — Friday 8 p.m. Regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists, Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church. Illustrated talk by Dr. N. W. Radford, of Department of Biology, McMaster University, subject "The Importance of Muskog to Canadians." All visitors welcome. clw33

FEBRUARY 21st — Saturday, Olde Time Dancing, Claremont, Ont. Jim Fisher and Orchestra. Objectionable conduct not tolerated. Older dancers especially invited. 9 p.m. sharp. \$1.00. *2w33

MARCH 4 — Wednesday — An Easter Parade of Fashions is being presented on Wednesday, March 4, at 8:15 p.m. by the Evening W.A. of Richmond Hill United Church in the Christian Education Building. Tickets 75c. Refreshments and door prizes. clw33

MARCH 11 — Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. The 3rd Richmond Hill Scout's Group Ladies Auxiliary are holding a St. Patrick's Day Card Party at Bayview Plaza Restaurant. Prizes, and refreshments. Contact Mrs. Struggell, TU. 4-3751 or Mrs. Weston, TU. 4-2252 for tickets. clw33

NORTH YORK: Metro Parks Commissioner Thompson last week estimated that \$3,000 would be required to restore a family cemetery in North York after hoiligans had smashed grave markers and torn down a fence surrounding the grounds. The cemetery, owned by the family of Gordon A. Milne, is on a plot of land 75 by 150 feet, south of Lawrence Ave. E.

Car and Garage Burn House Saved

A car and garage belonging to Mr. Hackett, 51 McKay Drive, Richvale, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night but due to the promptness of the Richvale volunteer fire brigade — and the fact there was no wind blowing — the house was saved.

Mr. Hackett and his son Paul were watching a TV program at 7:30 p.m. when the fire apparently started — a gasoline tank exploded and ammunition made a terrific din as the fire consumed hunting and fishing equipment stored in the garage. The blaze burned along the hydro line — plunging the houses on that side of McKay Drive into darkness, except for the eerie light of the blazing fire. Mr. Hackett said his car, which went up in flames, had been in a repair shop earlier in the day — he had just put it away in the ill-fated garage a few hours before the fire broke out.

Chief Justice Buys King Twp. Farm

Ontario's Chief Justice McRuer, who for some time has had a summer home at Kleinburg, has purchased the 100-acre Beynon farm south of Temperanceville. A crown deed for the land was first granted the Beynon family in 1838 and it has remained in the family ever since. Maurice Beynon who sold the land to the Chief Justice will vacate the land this spring.

Estimated Cost \$315,000

Town May Share In Improvement Of Markham Rd.

York County Road Commission estimate for improvement of Markham Road with a 48 foot pavement, complete with curbs and gutters is \$315,000, and the proposal is that this cost be shared by the County Roads Commission and the Town of Richmond Hill. This was reported to town council Monday night by Mayor Tomlin who said a meeting had been held with the county engineer. He didn't specify on what basis the cost would be shared, but Councillor Paterson in commenting on the proposal mentioned Richmond Hill's share as \$157,000.

Reeve Perkins said he could press to have the necessary money included in this year's county budget. In regard to the immediate repair of the road the problem is how to improve conditions at this time of year. Council members expressed concern for the present unsatisfactory state of the road. It was reported the county engineer said he would fix it if he knew what to do. Cold patch, it was said, would come out as fast as you put it in.

A letter from Harold Matthews suggested council act on the petition of last summer and resume local control of the road. He suggested Richmond Hill should secede from the County.

Councillor Ross suggested council give consideration to banning heavy truck travel on the road from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Members expressed disappointment that the county program did not come up to council's expectations. "We pay a lot of money in county taxes said Councillor Paterson. Mayor Tomlin said the town's county levy this year would be \$100,000.

Dog Problem
An application by a Rumble Ave. resident for a kennel licence sparked a discussion of the dog problem. The kennel licence request was referred to the police committee. Until now the town has not issued kennel licences. The problem of controlling dogs running at large was one of the most troublesome he had encountered in his years of municipal life according to Mayor Tomlin. Of dog lovers he said he wished they would show their affection by keeping their dogs under control.

Vaughan Reeve Perry's suggestion of a county pound found some favor in the discussion. It will be renewed after a report from county representatives. On motion of Councillor Haggart, Richmond Hill will adopt Daylight Saving Time this year the same dates as Metropolitan Toronto. Council concurred in a request

Brotherhood Week

Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce as in past years are promoting Brotherhood Week in the community. They invite the co-operation of all religious and educational groups. The purpose of Brotherhood Week is to symbolize renewed dedication to the ideals of greater tolerance and co-operation among all our citizens.

Going Ahead With Shopping Centre

It was announced this week that Markham Township has issued a building permit for the new shopping centre on Yonge Street just south of Richmond Hill. The centre will include one large chain food store and a number of other shops. The permit was issued to Richmond Hill Shopping Centre Ltd. The large supermarket will cost \$200,000.00 and will be built first.

Three New Policemen For Town

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night approved a recommendation of the Police Committee that the strength of the local force be increased by three. Two new members will be appointed at once and police cadet March will be promoted to Constable in April. A new cadet will be sought to replace Mr. March.

When appointments are made the Richmond Hill Police Force will number nine constables in addition to a Sergeant and the Chief. The addition will increase the town's police budget from \$35,600. in 1958 to \$50,000. in the current year.

Councillor Haggart said the force was seriously hampered in its work by a shortage of men. "If we are to provide the necessary protection for our ratepayers it is important we have an adequate police force," he said. "Councillor Paterson said crime prevention was an important part of police duties and this could not be accomplished without an adequate staff."

It's A Boy

At Monday night's council meeting former deputy-reeve Donald Plaxton was appearing on behalf of a client and was handing out cigars. It was a boy, Drew Wilson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Plaxton at York County Hospital, Sunday, February 8th.

STOUFFVILLE: Mrs. Anne Couse, Stouffville, was runner-up in the ladies' division of the South Ontario Ski Meet. Her sister Helen Wortlett of the Alpine Club took top honors.

Reeve And Deputy Opposed Richmond Hill's Development Continues And Council Moves To Annex Additional 37 Acres

Lions Plan Town Swimming Pool

Richmond Hill Lions and guests representing Kinsmen and Rotary, last Thursday saw plans and a model of the community indoor swimming pool which it is hoped may become a reality. Demonstrating the model and answering the many eager questions was Mr. Ken Lawrie of the architectural firm of Clifford and Lawrie, who had been commissioned by the Lions Club to produce tentative plans. Representing Rotary and Kinsmen were Phil Barth and Ray Nugent.

The pool size under contemplation is 35 by 75 feet, the standard size for competitions, as large a pool as exists anywhere in Canada. There would be one three-metre and two one-metre diving boards. The building would be of concrete and glazed tile with a warped-plane cast concrete roof and extensive glass walls adding a distinctly modern appearance. The pool and floor area accommodate 135 swimmers and the gallery would accommodate 150 spectators. Outside the building would be a wading pool for the small children.

The service clubs visualize the swimming pool located at the east end of the Agricultural Society's Park. It is hoped that the land would be made available without cost. The plan proposed is that the pool operated the year round, would pay its own operating cost from moderate admission fees. What lies between the community and its swimming pool is approximately \$175,000, according to Mr. Lawrie's estimate. The Lions Club has pledged its support of the project and has offered to spearhead a campaign for funds. With the support of the other service clubs and the people of the community, they are convinced that the swimming pool can become a reality.

"Ted" Rowdon Dies At 65 Rose-Grower 40 Years

Ted, Ed. Thomas Rowdon, veteran rose-grower at H. J. Mills, greenhouse for 25 years, and previous to that associated with the Dunlop greenhouse in Richmond Hill, died suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday morning, February 10, 1959, following an illness of five weeks. Mr. Rowdon, a veteran of World War I, had been in poor health for the past five years, but he continued to work at the job he loved, as foreman of H. J. Mills.

Christmas night, Ted Rowdon was admitted to the Toronto General Hospital, where he remained for three weeks. He had been home two weeks when he was rushed back to hospital Monday night and died soon after midnight.

Born in Hertfordshire, England, October 21, 1894, he moved here to St. Catharines with his wife, the former Gladys Baker, shortly after he had come out to Canada after the war. They have lived in the same house on Carrville Road for 38 years and attended St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

Surviving are his widow, Gladys, and two sisters and four brothers, Nell (Mrs. E. Hales), Wynne, (Mrs. B. Tattersall), Perc, Sid, Reg and Arch, all residing in St. Catharines, and two brothers who predeceased him, Len and Stan.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, at the Wright and Taylor Funeral Home, 2 p.m. Interment will be in Maple cemetery.

"The Liberal" joins the community as well as Mr. Rowdon's late business associates in mourning his passing, and in extending deepest sympathy to his wife, in this time of sorrow.

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Approve New High School Site

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night gave unanimous approval for the proposed site for the new Richmond Hill High School. The site of 15 acres is located in Markham Twp. on the east side of Bayview. It consists of 15 acres and the purchase price is \$50,000.

High School Trustee Stewart Rumble who spoke for the trustee delegation said it was planned to have the school built for use in the fall term of 1961. Trustee Rumble was accompanied by Chairman H. W. Sayers and other members of the trustee board.

Mayor Tomlin and members of council agreed that Richmond Hill services should be available for the school. Deputy-reeve Tinker suggested it might be advisable to consider annexing the site.

NEWMARKET: This town has its first post-sub-station. Newmarket Sub-station No. 1 was opened on Tuesday, February 3, at Newmarket Drugs at the Davis Drive Shopping Centre.

60 Per Cent Of New Land To Be Commercial Area

Richmond Hill's phenomenal growth of the past few years shows no signs of abating, and pressure of demand for commercial development has once more caused a bursting of the seams, and a move for more annexation.

Town Council Monday night on a recorded vote with the Reeve and Deputy-reeve opposed, accepted a recommendation of the Planning Board for the further extension of town boundaries to annex an additional 37 acres north of the present Richmond Heights subdivision.

The proposed development by the Griffin Company will provide an additional acreage of about 37 acres, 125 new homes, some apartment buildings, 25 stores and an estimated new population of 700.

Among the planned projects is an 11,745 square foot addition to an existing chain store, and all told the estimated additional commercial and industrial assessment is estimated at \$952,210 compared with \$775,000 new residential assessment.

Mayor K. W. Tomlin gave strong support to the plan and said he was convinced it was in the best interests of Richmond Hill. The new development will be 60 per cent commercial and 40 per cent residential which will help gain our goal of balanced assessment. Reminded of his inaugural speech in which he said this would be a year of consolidation, the Mayor said, "Consolidation doesn't mean that we shouldn't take advantage of opportunities." He explained that by consolidation he had meant that council would be able to get things done this year which they had not been able to do in the last few years.

In the recorded vote Councillors Ross, Bradstock, Paterson and Haggart voted in favor of the proposed annexation. Reeve Perkins and Deputy-reeve Tinker voted against it. Asked by Councillor Haggart how he would have voted, Mayor Tomlin said he had no hesitation in stating that he was in favor of the motion.

Reeve Perkins and Deputy-reeve Tinker opposed the move as premature and undesirable at this time. It was suggested that further study should be given to reports by planning consultants and to the capacity of our services in relation to the potential needs of existing and possible development within the existing borders.

Reeve Perkins said there was a likelihood of 16 new stores on Yonge Street this year, and there was reason to give consideration to the extent of commercial development. There are drainage problems and a great many factors which should have very careful thought and study.

Deputy-reeve Tinker said that while in many respects the proposition was a most attractive one he was concerned about its impact on our school facilities and there were other factors which should have more consideration. He stated that within the town there is still a large industrial area undeveloped and he thought the project somewhat premature.

During the long discussion the possible annexation of another area south of the town was mentioned. The town is now in the midst of a controversy with Markham township over the development of a new deep well located a short distance outside the town boundaries. It was mentioned during the discussion that it might be advisable to settle this water controversy by annexation of the area. Any such move likely would extend the town boundaries as far south as Hillview Avenue, the southerly limit of the Richmond Hill school section.

John Griffin, developer of Richmond Heights and other areas in the town, who is planning the proposed development north of the existing limits stated that he hopes to proceed with the project this year. The Richmond Hill Planning Board recommended the approval of Mr. Griffin's proposal sub-



MAYOR KEN W. TOMLIN "Consolidation doesn't mean passing up opportunities."

ject to:

(1) Approval by Vaughan Township and the Municipal Board of the necessary annexation.

(2) Clarification of Ratcliff water requirements. (The Ratcliff firm has advised the town of plans for expansion which will require a greatly increased supply of water.)

(3) Completion of subdivision agreement and the engineering servicing and financial requirements pertaining thereto.

(4) An undertaking that residential development will progress in direct ratio to the commercial development.

(5) Dedication of 5 per cent of the land for parks.

(6) The number of single family dwellings be limited to 125, plus or minus 10.

(7) The west boundary be set on a line roughly northerly from the westerly boundary of the present Richmond Heights subdivision.

(8) That no further piece-meal development be permitted.

A communication from Proctor & Redfern, consulting engineers, advised that a survey of existing services revealed that there were no undue problems in the proposed subdivision. There was a possibility the Crosby sewer might have to be extended to Yonge Street.

Councillor Bradstock said that while he had agreed there should be no further annexation until the assessment picture was clarified the Griffin proposal which had a 60-40 ratio in favor of commercial assessment was so favorable that he had no objection to it. He thought the water situation as to Ratcliff's needs should be clarified, and he would like to get the cost figures on the sewer extension on Crosby which might be required. He would rather have had the proposal come next year but since it is now presented, he was in favor of it.

Councillor Paterson said this proposal is the only well-planned and well-proportioned development. (Continued on Page 4)

ACCIDENT RECORD	
RICHMOND HILL	
1959	
FATALITIES	0
ACCIDENTS	19
INJURIES	1

New Crosby Heights School Officially Opened



Four hundred people watched as Mr. George Noble, Inspector of Elementary Schools for the Township Area of North York, cut the ribbon at the new Crosby Heights Public School, Richmond Hill, to declare the \$265,000 building officially open, on Wednesday night of last week. Among those in the picture above are, from left to right: Mr. L. D. Clement, Chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board; School Principal E. F. Gooding; Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully; Board Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Street; Mr. W. J. McLeod, Richmond Hill Public School Inspector; Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell; Trustee Harold Sanderson, Trustee Mr. Cecil Williams; Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch; Mr. Irwin, of Hanks, Irwin and Pearson, architects of the new school; a former trustee, Councillor Robert Ross; Mr. George Gray, President, Crosby Heights Home and School Association; Mayor Ken Tomlin, and the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Noble.

Photo by Lagerquist