

Coming Events

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

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King St. East, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot.

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

FEBRUARY 23 — Monday. Come to the regular square dance of Richmond Hill Community Swing in McConaghy School at 8:30 p.m. clw34

FEBRUARY 23 — Monday. Euchre at Thornhill School, Yonge St., opposite Farmers' Market, Stop 15, in aid of burned-out Bonnici family, sponsored by the Doncaster Community Ladies Club at 8 p.m. sharp. clw34

FEBRUARY 24 — 8:30 p.m. Parents of 1st Richvale Cubs meet with the Legion and Group Committee at the Legion Hall on Carrville Road East, to decide future of 1st Richvale Cub Pack. This meeting is important. clw34

FEBRUARY 24 — Tuesday, York North Young Liberals Meeting, 8:30 p.m., 367 Botsford Ave., Newmarket. Guest speaker Mr. Royce Frith, vice-president of the Ontario Liberal Association. Topic: "Even a politician should have a code of ethics." All young Liberals between 18 and 35 invited. *1w34

FEBRUARY 24 — Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. Euchre to be held at the Richvale Community Centre, Spruce St., under the auspices of the 1st Richvale Cubs and Scouts Mothers' Auxiliary. Admission 50 cents, door prizes and refreshments. Cash prizes for euchre. clw34

FEBRUARY 25 — Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. Kingcrafts general meeting will be addressed by gardening columnist Margaret Dove. clw34

FEBRUARY 25 — Wednesday, February meeting of McKillop Home and School, will be held at the school at 8 o'clock. Come and hear pupils participate in oratorical eliminations. clw34

FEBRUARY 26 — Thursday, 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall. The monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Speaker, Mr. R. Wain. No admission charge. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. clw31

FEBRUARY 26 — Thursday, Crosby Heights Home and School Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Crosby Heights auditorium. The finalists in the school public speaking competition will speak during the meeting. A panel of judges will choose one prepared speech, and one impromptu speech champion, who later on will compete with champions from other public schools in Richmond Hill for the championship crown. The school choir will sing. Everybody welcome. clw34

FEBRUARY 28 — 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 King St. at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission 50c. Lunch, door prizes, draw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. ttc33

MARCH 4 — Wednesday 1 p.m. Bowl for the March of Dimes at the A.B.C. Bowling Alley. All proceeds to be donated to the March of Dimes. Sponsored by the Richmond Hill Kinette Club. clw34

MARCH 5 — Thursday, The Presbyterian Evening Auxiliary's March meeting has been postponed from Wednesday to Thursday at 8 p.m. clw34

MARCH 10 — Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. sharp. The first Jefferson Mothers' Auxiliary euchre and bridge party at the school. Attractive prizes, door prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome. clw34

MARCH 14 — Saturday afternoon. Pre-Easter showing of Children's Fashions by Judy's Children's Wear and Shields' Footwear in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Sunday School. Sponsored by Evening Auxiliary. Admission 50c. clw34

SCHOMBERG: A \$100,000 collection of books including original Shakespeare folios were lost in a fire that gutted a nine room 104-year-old brick house here. Mr. A. R. Gray was the owner of the property.

Mr. Fixit Guest Speaker Jaycees

At the Jaycee dinner meeting of February 12, 1959, guest speaker was the well known Mr. Fixit, Chairman for the evening was Les Buckler.

Peter Whitall, who was introduced by Jaycee Earl Roberts, started off by telling how he got into TV, how he took a program which he knew very little about and gradually came to know a lot about. He recalled the days he first started on CBLT, when he bought all the power equipment (CBC paid for) and then, because so many viewers wanted to know how to do it without power equipment, he changed his program so that only the five basic tools were all that he used. He continued his talk, telling of some of their mishaps and reactions. His speech was both interesting and entertaining. Jaycee Joe Machnik thanked him on behalf of the Jaycees.

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Members Unanimous Town Approves Modified Plan For Pond Park

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night gave unanimous approval for the development and beautification of the Mill Street Pond area. Subject of some controversy during recent months the matter was settled with complete harmony when Parks Committee Chairman J. W. Bradstock submitted a report outlining a modified plan of development by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Councillor Bradstock presented council with a detailed report of negotiations and consultation with Metro officials and local organizations. It was stated that the modified plan is pretty generally accepted as satisfactory.

The development will not be called a "park." It will be named Richmond Hill Community Conservation Area. The rather extensive provision for parking in the original plan has been modified to provide parking for 25 cars. A nature trail will be developed in the north section. Park benches will be provided throughout the area, but there will be no picnic tables. The waterworks building on Mill St. will be renovated to provide toilet facilities. Fishing will be confined to the shore and under jurisdiction of the Town of Richmond Hill.

Some members of council who previously had misgivings about the requirement that the land be deeded to Metro Authority withdrew their objections. Mayor Tomlin said he would have preferred to have had an agreement rather than deeding the land to the Authority, but was willing to go along with the recommendation of the Parks Committee. Councillors Bradstock and Haggart thought the vesting of the ownership in the hands of the Authority was preferable. The Mayor agreed it would place it in a position beyond the influence of politicians. "I hope," he said, "this is just the beginning of the development of the whole stream valley."

Reeve Perkins pointed out that the modified plan was generally acceptable and deeding the land to Metro was the only way to get the improvement done now.

Councillor Bradstock reported that at a recent meeting at which 30 ratepayers were present including representatives of Naturalists and Horticulturists the question was submitted to a vote and 25 voted in favor and 5 against.

Reeve Perkins — "I think the proposal now meets with the approval of most people in the area."

Mayor Tomlin — "The plan presented by the Parks Committee seems to represent the majority opinion of the people of the town as to the kind of development which should be undertaken."

It was pointed out that the acquiring of the necessary land will be done by the Metro Conservation Authority. It was stated no difficulty is anticipated in this regard as most of the owners are willing to sell. It is planned to acquire a strip of land on the

east side of the pond to a depth of about 75 feet.

The original estimate for the pond park development was \$30,000, to be shared equally by the Conservation Authority and the Town of Richmond Hill. No figure was mentioned Monday as the estimated cost of the modified plans but it is expected it will be considerably below the \$30,000 figure.

Present plans do not call for the draining and cleaning of the pond.

It is planned to make a start on the project this year.

\$500. Donation For Pool

Following last week's front page story in "The Liberal" of the swimming pool project we received many messages expressing approval of the idea. Most heartening of all was a letter from Mr. Irving Papoff, proprietor of Powell Furniture Warehouse Sales, Yonge St., Richmond Hill, who makes a generous donation of \$500.00 to the building fund.

Mr. Papoff, well known local business man announced this week that he has sold his building at 33 Yonge St. South to an undisclosed Toronto purchaser. He plans to continue in business here and is busy with plans for a new building at another location.

Ward System Under Study

Councillor Joseph J. Paterson was appointed chairman of a special council committee to report on the advisability of adoption of the ward system for election of municipal councillors in Richmond Hill.

At a recent meeting Councillor Haggart urged that the ward system be adopted. At Monday's council meeting Mayor Tomlin appointed Councillors Paterson, Bradstock and Ross a special committee to study the proposal and bring in a report.

Proposed New Indoor Swimming Pool



The above photo shows plans for Richmond Hill's new proposed indoor swimming pool.

Complete and modern in every respect the pool will be a community project sponsored under the leadership of the three service clubs, Lions, Rotary and Kinsmen.

The committee will present detailed plans at an early date to Richmond Hill Town Council. It is hoped that this will be a real community undertaking with support from municipal council, local organizations, citizens and business people.

With today's trend to increased interest in boating, swimming, water-skiing and other kindred activities, there is a growing need to have all children properly

trained in the latest swimming and life-saving techniques.

The proposed new swimming pool will fill a long-felt need in the community and when completed it will be a great asset for people of Richmond Hill and surrounding district. The pool will be operated as a non-profit recreational facility and services will be made available to all at lowest possible rates. Necessary charges will be no more than to efficiently operate the pool.

The three service clubs hope to have the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the people of the district in this major project of community betterment.

Seek Levy Of \$9,225

Large Increase In Budget For Town Recreation

Richmond Hill's recreation bill promises to be substantially increased this year. The Recreation Committee's 1959 budget was presented to Town Council Monday night and covering the requests of some twenty-one activities totals more than \$34,000. Provincial grants anticipated amount of \$2,200 and the amount asked from the municipal treasury is \$9,225, compared with \$1,200, last year.

The budget this year provides \$2,000.00 for playground supervision which if passed by council will be an innovation in the community. Activities seeking financial assistance include the Softball Association, Figure Skating Club, Track and Field Assoc., Lawn Bowling Club, Boys' Club, Senior Citizens, Richmond Hill Grads Basketball, Police Boys' Band and many others.

The budget was presented and explained by Mrs. Cicely Thomson and Mrs. Jean Thomson. They stated that the work of the committee has been expanding and there are prospects of further additions to the number of activities.

Organizations seeking financial aid from the Committee have prepared budgets for the year and their needs were itemized in the request to council.

Largest item was for the Softball Association which is asking for \$2,000.

Other items include:

Police Boys' Band	300.00
Little NHL	350.00
R.H. Minor Hockey	1900.00
R.H. Figure Skating Club	433.00
R.H. Adult Skaters	60.00
R.H. Track & Field	875.00
R.H. Football Club	717.00
R.H. Lawn Bowlers	50.00
R.H. Day Camp	631.50
R.H. Lawn Bowl Club	280.00
R.H. Senior Citizens	680.00

Grant Markham Police \$150 Salary Increase

Markham Township's police committee (Councillors L. Mumberson and J. MacNeil) tabled its 1959 police agreement with council Monday. The report recommended all ranks with the exception of probationary constables receive a \$150.00 increase in the coming year. Council unanimously accepted the agreement and it will now be presented to the police association for ratification by the 13-member force.

Police officers will work 40 hours during a five day week. After 10 years service their annual vacation will automatically increase from two to three weeks. Two important new departures in the agreement were the establishment of a system of good conduct for constables and the introduction of accumulated sick leave.

Sick leave is allowed at the rate of 1 1/2 days a month with a maximum accumulation of 180 days. In the matter of good conduct after eight years satisfactory service a constable will automatically receive an extra 10 cents a day for a five day week. After each five years thereafter he will receive an additional 10 cents a day. Committee Chairman Mumberson stated this system of good conduct is used by the larger forces. It is designed to grant a seasoned constable some small remuneration for his experience.

A breakdown of the salary schedule is as follows:

Chief	\$4,300	\$5,000
Sergeant	\$4,400	\$4,550
Patrol Sergeant	\$4,200	\$4,350
1st Class Const.	\$3,900	\$4,050
2nd Class Const.	\$3,700	\$3,850
Probationary	\$3,300	\$3,300

The police committee refused to agree to a request from the association that the township supply each man with boots, shoes and gloves.

Hopes To Have Commission Include Markham Road

Although Markham Road is not included in the 1959 budget of the Toronto and York Roads Commission, Reeve Floyd Perkins who with Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker represents Richmond Hill on York County Council told "The Liberal" this week that he is still hopeful the commission will include the road in the 1959 works program.

Reeve Perkins is to meet with representatives of the roads commission on February 24 and will have something further to report after the meeting.

The county has suggested that Richmond Hill and the commission share the estimated \$315,000.00 cost of the work.

Plan Modern New Building For Boys' Club

Richmond Hill Kinsmen's Club is planning a \$50,000.00 building to house activities of the Boys' Club, and Monday night appeared before town council requesting co-operation and if possible the provision of a suitable site. The town park was mentioned as a possible location.

William Snow who headed the Kinsmen's delegation told council the proposed building would be 73 feet by 105 feet, and provide for a gymnasium, five shops for crafts, a library and other recreational and educational facilities.

The \$50,000.00 estimate is for the building only, and does not include the land or equipment. The Kinsmen plan to raise the total money required.

It was pointed out that the Club will be for girls, as well as boys, and would provide accommodation to handle 250 a night. The Kinsmen now promoting the Boys' Club have a registration of about 50. Last year there was a registration of 140 when activities included craft classes as well as sport projects. It is proposed that the club will operate six days of the week and the fees charged would be only nominal.

Mayor Tomlin and members of council expressed interest in the proposal, and agreed on a joint meeting of the Council Parks Committee with the Kinsmen.

Deputy-reeve Tinker pointed out that tentative plans for the area included facilities for community centre activities which might meet the needs of the Boys' Club. Councillor Paterson emphasized that it was important plans be co-ordinated and that there should be no overlapping in community effort.

Councillor Bradstock, Parks chairman stated he would arrange a meeting at an early date with the Kinsmen to discuss the project.

Hear Five Delegations Vaughan Wants Services In Exchange For Land

Five delegations waited on Vaughan Township Council at its regular meeting last Monday night, for advice, financial assistance or building permits. Reeve John Perry remarked it was the first time council had received so many people, during his term of office with the township.

Members of council were unanimous in stating they would be unable to attend a meeting of fringe municipalities being held in Richmond Hill (last night) February 18, to discuss further representation on the Metro Planning Board.

Reeve Perry said, "I can't support that." Councillor William Anstey agreed and Councillor Bruce Ralph stated, "Too many people cause confusion." After the reeve had declared three members were enough he stated further, "Some day Metro is going to ask for money because of representation on the board." Ralph said the council should make a motion that the municipalities drop the whole thing, but no action was taken on this remark.

A discussion then arose regarding the annexing of part of Vaughan Township, north of the Richmond Heights Plaza, following which the reeve asked the clerk to arrange an appointment for the Griffin Construction to meet with him.

The reeve said the area north of the land in question could be serviced with water and sewers as part of the annexation program. Councillor Jesse Bryson asked if Richmond Hill could annex if it wanted to, to which Clerk McDonald replied, "You could tie it up".

Chairman Roy Bick of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan, accompanied by board members Alan Parker, Jackson Taylor, Geo. Chandler and Supervising Principal E. J. Sand, brought a petition for a right-of-way from Garden Ave., to Roosevelt Drive, in order that school children could then walk along Pearson Ave., to Charles Howitt School. Mr. Bick said, "We have been advised by the Department of Highways that a four-lane extension is going through and we wish to have a safe right-of-way for children attending Charles Howitt School."

The reeve asked if the board had any idea if the farm could be purchased, but Mr. Bick replied that the board didn't want a travelled road through the property, just an access. Councillor Bruce Ralph asked "What you want is a footpath through this property?"

Reeve Perry: "We just don't have money to buy property."

Mr. Bick: "When the highway goes through we just can't send children over a four-lane highway."

Reeve Perry: "You have made us aware of this."

Board Member Geo. Chandler asked, "What about a footpath?"

Council then decided to write to the owner of the property in question and ask for an access through the farm for a footpath. Reeve Perry said council would look after maintenance of such a path.

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Emergency Meeting High School Bd. At Thornhill

Fifteen to twenty parents attended an emergency meeting called by the York Central District High School Board on Tuesday night of this week when three members of the teaching body appeared in support of Principal A. S. Elson. A motion by Chairman Harry Sayers passed unanimously by the parents, read as follows: "Realizing that the students may have been ill-advised in the action they took, we recognize that they were not intentionally insubordinate. We regret that the matter assumed proportions not warranted, and while supporting Mr. Elson and his staff in all matters of discipline, we are pleased that Mr. Elson has seen fit to withdraw the objectionable phrase in his letter and has agreed to review the physical education set-up."

We would like to assure the parents that no further disciplinary actions are contemplated in this matter and that no entry will be made on any of the personal records of the students concerned.

This Board regrets any misunderstandings that have arisen and feels that with the support of parents, pupils, and staff alike, we can once again enjoy mutual co-operation and respect." A copy of this motion was sent, by letter, to each of the parents concerned the following day.

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