

RICHMOND HILL MAY BECOME CITY

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Coming Events

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

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo at the Legion Hall, King Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. *****

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT - 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tlc36 *****

MARCH 6 - Friday 8:30 p.m. Jefferson School Community Club Square dance at the school. Everyone welcome. clw36 *****

MARCH 8 - Sunday, Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 will hold a banner dedication in Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, at 7 p.m. All brethren invited. *1w36 *****

MARCH 9 - Monday, Square dance with Richmond Hill Community Swing at McConaghy School, at 8:30 p.m. sharp. clw36 *****

MARCH 9 - Monday, The 3rd Richmond Hill Scout Group Ladies' Auxiliary is holding its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. B. Tapps, 381 Palmer Ave., at which plans will be discussed for the card party on March 11. Please bring your gifts to be wrapped. clw36 *****

MARCH 10 - Tuesday, the 1st Richvale Guide and Brownie Mothers are holding a euchre in the Community Hall, Spruce St. *1w36 *****

MARCH 10 - Tuesday, 8 p.m. Annual meeting King Memorial Library, King City, Speaker Mr. Angus Mowat, Director of Ontario Public Library Service. Refreshments. Public cordially invited. clw36 *****

MARCH 11 - Wednesday, The regular meeting of 1st Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will be held in the Municipal Hall 8 p.m. A very interesting film will be shown by representatives of the Bell Telephone Co. clw36 *****

MARCH 11 - Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. the 3rd Richmond Hill Scout Group Ladies' Auxiliary is holding a St. Patrick's Day Card Party. This party will be held at the Bayview Plaza Restaurant with prizes and refreshments. Admission 50c. Please call Mrs. Strugnell TU. 4-3751 or Mrs. Weston TU. 4-2252 for ticket information. clw36 *****

MARCH 13 - Friday evening, Presentation and dance in honour of William Hodgson, Warden of the County of York at the Legion Hall, Oak Ridges. Lunch counter. Admission 75c. clw36 *****

MARCH 14 - Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Rummage sale in Parish Hall of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Maple. clw35 *****

MARCH 14 - Saturday afternoon, Pre-Easter showing of Children's Fashions by Judy's Children's Wear and Shields' Footwear in the Hillcrest Bazaar at the Hillcrest School. Sponsored by Evening Auxiliary. Admission 50c. Door prizes, refreshments. clw35 *****

MARCH 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 door prizes, draw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. tlc33 *****

MARCH 14 - Saturday 2:30-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend a Spring tea at Cranberry House, the home of Sir Robert and Lady Watson-Watt, Thornhill, sponsored by the Fortnightly of Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Proceeds for furnishings of the new church. clw35 *****

APRIL 2, 3, 4 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Fourth annual Richmond Hill Skating Carnival will be held in the Richmond Hill Arena. clw36 *****

APRIL 11 - Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage sale, Richmond Hill United Church, under the auspices of the W.A. clw36 *****

AURORA: Sgt. D. C. Stephens of the R.C.A.F. has been posted to the Allied Air Force base at Fontainebleau, France. He was formerly stationed at the R.C.A.F. station at Downsview. *****

AURORA: Officials have estimated that some 25 families in this town are affected by the Federal Government's sudden decision to cancel manufacture of the "Arrow" at the A. V. Roe in Malton. *****

AURORA: The town planning board has approved the new Coleson Shopping Centre to be built on Murray Drive. At the same time they turned down the Regency Acres Shopping Centre to be built by Consolidated Building Corporation. *****

Committee Will Report Town Council To Study Advantages Of City Status

Richmond Hill with a rapidly growing population which last December 31st stood at 14,210 may soon become a city.

A move to investigate the possibilities and advisability of incorporation was made at Monday night's town council meeting when Councillor W. J. Haggart presented a resolution asking the solicitor and auditor to make a complete report to council. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Paterson and carried unanimously.

Previously Mayor Tomlin mentioned the possibility of incorporation as a city which would mean separation from the County of York. Referring to Richmond Hill's dealing with the county, the Mayor said, "I am sick, sore and disgusted." He said in the earlier days of the county the administration was dominated by large municipalities around Toronto and other municipalities were taken for a ride. Now the same thing is happening only the county is dominated by the northern municipalities and we're going for another ride not to the benefit of Richmond Hill.

Reeve Perkins said the talk of seceding from the county doesn't do any good. "Maybe that's why the county doesn't want to build our road," he said.

Councillor Haggart in support of his motion said Richmond Hill this year pays a county levy of \$104,000. and receives questionable benefit.

The Mayor stated the population requirement for a city is 15,000, and the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required. A vote of the people is not necessary but sometimes is considered desirable.

Deputy-reeve Tinker said Richmond Hill's county levy of \$103,000, is the third largest, exceeded only by Vaughan with \$126,072, and Markham with \$117,168. He pointed out that Richmond Hill's association with other municipalities in the county is comparable to Toronto's position in the Metropolitan organization. "We all work together for the good of the larger community," he said.

Speed Limit Changes For Bayview And Yonge

Following a conference with a representative of the Ontario Department of Transport, Richmond Hill Police Committee reported to Town Council Monday night recommending a 30-mile limit on Bayview Avenue.

Council accepted the recommendation and will communicate with Markham Township asking that permission be granted for erection of the necessary signs.

Council accepted another recommendation of the Police Committee that permission be asked to extend the 30 mile limit to the town boundaries on Yonge Street.

Chairman Haggart said the Transport Department representative was favorable to "yield right of way" signs and he would give a complete report at the next meeting. The expert has expressed the opinion "the yield right of way signs" are superior to stop signs in many locations. The opinion was expressed that there are too many stop signs in Richmond Hill.

Allan-cott Ratepayers wrote council regarding the need for park playground in the area. Council has made arrangements to utilize the Walter Scott school grounds.

Council was advised a builder is contemplating a 23 suite apartment building on Benson Avenue. Suites will rent from \$65. to \$85 per month.

Don Butchard, operator of the Flamingo on Yonge St. was granted permission to stay open all night, six nights a week.

Water Resources Commission advised Council of plans for alterations and improvements to the sewage disposal plant to cost \$11,275. On motion of Councillor Haggart it was approved to be paid from the number two account.

On motion of Councillor Bradstock, Assessment Commissioner Johnston was granted \$200 for expenses to attend a convention of assessors in Ottawa.

Councillor Bradstock asked for a parking ban on Centre St. East at the Lions' Hall during the season of bad roads.

Councillor Bradstock, Parks Chairman, reported that at the next meeting he would present plans and estimates for the proposed addition to the Richmond Hill arena.

Mr. Bradstock said he did not

Discontinue Bus Poor Condition Bayview Ave.

Markham Township Council expressed concern Monday when notified by Deputy-reeve W. Dean that the Newmarket Bus Line has temporarily discontinued their city bus along Bayview Avenue.

The poor condition of Bayview between No. 7 Highway and Markham Road was given as the reason for the decision to cancel the service.

As of January 1 Bayview as far north as Markham Road became a county road and placed under the jurisdiction of the Toronto and York Roads Commission. Council felt the loss of the service would prove a definite handicap to the residents of both Markham Township and Richmond Hill.

Seek Joint Meeting On N. Yonge Bus

On recommendation of Deputy-reeve W. Dean, Markham Township Council Monday decided to press for an early meeting with Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township regarding the future operation of the North Yonge Bus Line. The line is owned jointly by the three municipalities and operated on their behalf by the T.T.C. Richmond Hill is the major shareholder.

The present T.T.C. agreement is due to expire in 1960. At the last joint meeting held sometime ago the municipalities decided to approach the T.T.C. regarding a new agreement. However, due to the internal disagreements in the T.T.C., the commission has been unable to meet with the municipalities.

If the municipalities are unable to reach an agreement with the T.T.C., Markham will then suggest they seek offers from some of the independently owned bus lines.

Mayor Expects Tax Rate To Go Up

Mayor K. W. Tomlin, guest speaker at St. Mary's Men's Club, Sunday morning predicted a slight increase in Richmond Hill taxes this year. He mentioned a raise of one to one and a half mills. The Mayor gave a very interesting and comprehensive talk on the municipal administration in Richmond Hill and predicted the town's population will double within the next five years. Dealing with the tax rate he said local ratepayers are fortunate to enjoy the existing rate which is low in comparison to many other municipalities.

An interesting question period followed the talk and queries covered a wide field of local activities. The Mayor did a fine job of supplying the information requested.

Eighty members were present as the Men's Club held their Lenten Corporate Communion, followed by breakfast in Wrixon Hall. The guest speaker was introduced by the Rector Rev. Jas. O'Neil, and welcomed by Rev. Edward Morley, former rector of St. Paul's Runnymede, where Mr. Tomlin was for many years a member.

Convened by Mrs. David Higgins, the ladies of the Evening Guild prepared and served a delicious hot breakfast for which effort they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Student Orators MacKillop H. & S.

The February meeting of the MacKillop Home and School Association featured the oratorical preliminary contest, the winner to represent the school March 4 at the inter-school oratorical contest, held in the Crosby Heights School auditorium. Assistant Principal Earl Orser explained that there would be a junior and a senior winner in each division - prepared and impromptu speeches.

Taking part in the prepared speeches were: Ricky Borgstrom, Dale Kinnear, Sharon Cowan, Mary Farwell, Joan Mabley, Patricia Morley.

The impromptu speakers were Sally Kay, Louise Puntz, Sharon Wilkinson, Judith Hook, Diane Andrews and Alan Howard.

While the judges were out, the regular business was conducted by President Keith Sully. This week, March 1 to 7, is Education Week, and featured open house at each school and the oratorical finals at Crosby School.

Mr. Newman complimented the talented children for their fine speeches & invited all MacKillop parents to visit the school on "open house" night, to see the work of the pupils - arranged under subject matter - and enjoy the school choir.

The capable judges for the evening were Mr. Gord. Cruickshank, Mrs. Newton-Smith, and Mr. Robertson who declared the winners to be for the prepared speeches - Sharon Cowan and Mary Farwell; for the impromptu speeches - Sharon Wilkinson and Alan Howard. Our members offer them our congratulations and best wishes for success in the finals.

Present Condition Deplorable Markham Road Subject Of Lengthy Debate By Richmond Hill Council Richmond Hill's Share County Rd. To Be \$300,744

Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker, Chairman of the Roads Committee, reported to Monday night's town council meeting that Richmond Hill faces a substantial expenditure of \$301,000, if Markham Road is improved as a Toronto and York Roads Commission project.

The report sparked a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion with some harsh words for York County Council and its Roads Commission. Total estimated cost of construction of a 48-foot roadway with storm sewers and sidewalk is \$438,244, of which Richmond Hill will be required to raise \$300,744.

If Richmond Hill does not agree to this project the County has expressed its intention of handing the road back to Richmond Hill as of March 31st.

Council Monday night took no definite action but instructed the Roads Committee to confer with the Ontario Highways Department and find out the subsidies payable by the province on the County project and also the possible subsidies on a modified plan which might be undertaken by Richmond Hill without County co-operation.

In the meantime Town Council will insist that the County which assumed the road on January 1st of this year put it in decent condition. The road is now in a "deplorable state" and Mayor Tomlin was sharply critical of the Toronto and York Roads Commission "for assuming the road on January 1st of this year but making no provision for its maintenance."

It was stated the County has done some work on the road this week. There has been some grading and 1,200 tons of gravel were placed on the worst spots. Mayor Tomlin said this was done only after persistent phone calls by the town.

Alternatives to accepting the County proposal include the construction of a 28 foot pavement of the type used on other town streets, with storm sewers and a sidewalk which would cost an estimated \$200,000.

There would be some provincial subsidy if the work had department approval but the extent is not known until a meeting is held with the provincial officials.

Councillor Bradstock was critical of the road conditions and the handling of the whole matter. He suggested the County should be asked to outline a definite policy as to taking over of roads so other municipalities would not have a repetition of Richmond Hill's experience. He asked if the whole matter was a "political dodge" Reeve Perkins said the road was taken over by the County under pressure.

Councillor Haggart said the whole thing is utterly ridiculous. The County insists on a 48-foot road but is willing to pay only 21 feet.

In reviewing the history of the negotiations, Mayor Tomlin said Richmond Hill council was under the impression the County had taken over the road on January 1st, 1958. However, half way through the year it was learned the County was not assuming the road until January 1st, 1959. It was critical of the fact that Richmond Hill council was not advised of County plans. The Mayor said it was one of the most flagrant instances of inconsistency that while

R. Truswell Killed In Car Accident

The untimely death of Mr. Richard Truswell, Felix Road, Richmond Hill happened on Yonge Street, just south of Richvale last Friday night when his light car ran into the back of a truck driven by George Cruickshank of Langstaff. Mr. Truswell was driving home alone from Toronto, where he was employed as an estimator for the heating contracting firm of Tulloch & Stephen.

Born in Saskatchewan in 1930, and after living for a number of years in Toronto, Mr. Truswell moved to Richmond Hill with his family in 1957. A keen sportsman, Mr. Truswell was a member of the Silver Buck hunting club. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Madeline Truswell and two sons, Michael aged three, and James aged five. Funeral services were conducted at the Wright & Taylor Funeral Home on Monday, March 2, by Rev. J. W. Newton-Smith, Rector of St. Gabriel Anglican Church, Richmond Hill Cemetery, the pallbearers were Messrs. Ken Laing, Jim Stephen, Hart Boyce, Doug Miller, Ed Boyce, Sam Wright.

Council Invited Watch For Floods

Concerned by the threat of flooding conditions in creeks and culverts, Mr. E. J. Sand, Chairman of School Area No. 1, Markham-Vaughan Safety Committee, would like to stress again that parents should supervise their children going to and returning from school.

At a recent meeting of Area principals, the motion was carried that children and parents should be asked to inform the school principal of any flooding detected, and he will notify the necessary authorities so that safety measures may be taken.

Groups of mothers are already on the watch and are taking turns, in some areas, guarding their children from danger.

Suggest Town Grant \$100,000.

Council Hears Service Clubs' Plans For Pool

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night accorded approval to the plan for an indoor swimming pool and boys' club building submitted by a joint committee of three service clubs. In giving general approval in principle to the plans submitted, council on motion of Councillor W. J. Haggart referred it to the finance committee for detailed consideration.

The estimated cost of the combined project is \$253,000.00. The town is asked for a grant of \$100,000., the service clubs will try to raise as much of the balance as possible, setting a goal of \$40,000. to \$50,000. It was suggested the balance might be raised by debentures issued by the town which could be paid back through operation of the pool.

Warren Davey acted as spokesman for the delegation representing the service clubs and was supported by Harold Sanderson, Lions Club President, Phillip Luth of Rotary Club and Ray Nugent and Ray Gemmill of the Kinsmen.

In proposing the erection of an indoor pool Mr. Davey said that with today's increasing interest in water safety and water sports it is essential that facilities be readily available for the instruction of swimming lessons and in promotion of swimming events. He said the three service clubs propose with the help of the town to erect an indoor swimming pool in the park. When completed it would be turned over to the municipality.

The proposed pool will have a standard Olympic size pool 75 ft. by 35 ft. with an appropriate area for changing facilities. Mr. Davey said investigation has convinced the committee the pool can be operated on a profitable basis, and the revenue derived would be enough to pay all operating expenses and show a profit for the town. It was suggested the pool would be of use to local school boards in physical education programs.

The overall size of the proposed pool is approximately 8,450 square feet and the cost would be \$175,000. Taking into consideration the need for a boys' club building suggested recently to council by the Kinsmen it was pointed out there were advantages in having the two projects combined. The estimated cost of the combined project is \$253,000.

In submitting the plans for the swimming pool and also for the combined project including the boys' club building the committee expressed the opinion they are worthwhile projects deserving the whole-hearted support of the town of Richmond Hill.

To Present Clerambard Hart House Next Week

Readers will undoubtedly remember the Curtain Club's success when their production of CLERAMBARD when it won top honours at the Central Ontario Drama Festival. They will also remember the fun the Toronto papers had by referring to "The Bridgit Bardot of Richmond Hill!" when writing their articles about Mrs. Sheila Seigerman's award for the best actress. Due to the fact that the play was never presented in the Hill, far too few residents were able to see and judge for themselves this controversial play. Apparently there were also a large number of theatre-goers in Toronto who only heard about the play and never got to see it, because by popular demand the Central Ontario Drama League has decided to arrange for a repeat run on March 9, 10 and 11, at HART HOUSE THEATRE in Toronto.

For several reasons we are very pleased to hear of this decision. In the first place, it is an honour for Richmond Hill. In the second place the chance of the Curtain Club being asked to represent Central Ontario in the forthcoming Dominion Drama Festival are rated as good and public performances are the best way of smoothing off any rough spots that make the difference between a good performance and an excellent performance. In the third place residents of Richmond Hill will now be able to see for themselves their own local talent which was described as "on a par with good professionals".

Many people have wondered why the Curtain Club decided not to run this play at their usual "theatre" the Lions Hall, and we have found out that it was considered unsuitable for Richmond Hill because parts of it were a little raw and near the bone and the theme dealt with a woman of easy virtue. The majority of the audience who saw the prize winning performance found nothing objectionable in its presentation and we would suggest that all our adult readers make a point of seeing the play and judging for themselves. In this way, they will not only spend a very enjoyable evening in Toronto, but they will also be supporting a group of local residents who have worked so hard to bring credit to the community.

Reserve Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening for theatre night in Toronto. Make up a party and meet your friends in Hart House Theatre. For further details, see the advertisement in this edition.

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