

**Coming Events**

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tfc31

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. tfc27

EVERY FRIDAY night — at 7.45 p.m. Bingo — Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A, Yonge St. tfc36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9.00 p.m. - 12.00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richmond Hill. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc36

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. c2w36

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. Door prizes, refreshments. c3w35

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. tfc33

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-Wait, Thornhill, sponsored by the Fortnighters of Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Proceeds for furnishings of the new church. c2w36

MARCH 16 — Monday. Meeting of McConaghy Home & School Association. Guest speaker, Mr. Vernon Trotter, psychologist with Forest Hill Board of Education. Film "Are People Sheep?" — followed by buzz session and question. Do come and give your viewpoint. c1w37

MARCH 18th — Wednesday. Dr. G. M. Arnott, chief of staff of the Branson Hospital will give a health lecture at the Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road West, there will also be a short talk on nutrition by Miss June Bishop, dietitian of Branson Hospital. The meeting is under the auspices of the Toronto Vegetarian Association. Visitors welcome. c1w37

MARCH 20 — Friday, 8:30 p.m. Jefferson School Community Club Easter party. Euchre and square dance. Prizes and refreshments. Everyone welcome. c2w37

MARCH 20 — Friday. Presentation dance for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boynton, nee Ruth Clarke in Veldore Hall. Ladies provide. c2w37

MARCH 22 — Sunday at 8.15 p.m. at Thornhill United Church, the Sunday School staff and the choir are presenting a dramatized sermon "Did You Know Jesus?" Everyone invited. c2w37

MARCH 23 to FRIDAY, MARCH 27 at 8 p.m. — Holy Week Mission (Interdenominational), in the new Thornhill Presbyterian Church (on Centre Street). Missioner Professor Allan Farris, M.A., M.Th., of Knox College. Topics — Monday, God With Us; Tuesday, God For Us; Wednesday, God In Us; Thursday, God Against Us; Friday, God Over All. Special music. c1w37

APRIL 2, 3, 4 — Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Fourth annual Richmond Hill Skating Carnival will be held in the Richmond Hill Arena. c2w36

APRIL 11 — Saturday, 2:30-5 p.m. Second Richmond Hill Scout Group, Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show will be held at our Lady Help of Christians School, Bayview Ave. c1w37

APRIL 18 — Rummage sale sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Evensing Guild, in Wrixon Hall, at 2 p.m. c1w37

MAY 13 — St. Mary's Anglican Evensing Guild sponsoring a night of "Spring Thaw." Tickets available. Call AV. 5-2705. c1w37

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### Crown Lovely Thornhill High School Prom Queen



Her smiling attendants look on as Mary Lou Fugler is crowned the 1959 Queen of Thornhill High School's annual Prom held at the school last Friday evening. Miss Fugler, who is a grade 13 student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fugler of Thornhill. Popular radio disc jockey Al Bolisha of radio station CHUM Toronto, is seen crowning the pretty winner. The Queen's lovely

escorts are (left to right) Aline Simpson, Peggy Heaton, Yvonne Renton and Christa Gelke.

A gala crowd of beautiful ladies and their handsome escorts enjoyed a wonderful evening of dancing to the music of Art Hallman and his orchestra.

— Photo by Lagerquist

### Oratorical Results

## Patricia Fulton Grade 8 Of Walter Scott School Wins Trophy And Plaque

The activities marking Education Week in Richmond Hill Public Schools, culminated in the annual Oratorical Contest held at the new Crosby Heights School on Wednesday evening of last week, when about 250 parents and students had the pleasure of hearing for themselves the highest level of practicing-education — the oratorical essay.

Twenty youngsters participated, from Grades 4 to 8, and each and every one of these youthful speakers was commended by the judges for the effort and interest they put into their speeches; whose subjects ranged from biographical to scientific; with travelogues and history interspersed with legends and fantasies. Such topics as summer holidays, and a birthday party vied with imaginary trips to the moon, and a very real trip to Alaska — to make up a most entertaining evening.

Speeches were arranged in four different classes, Senior and Junior — Prepared, and Senior and Junior — Impromptu. During the brief intervals between hearing each class, various students favoured the audience with musical selections.

In extending a welcome to the audience Duard Rose, Supervising Principal of the town public schools said, "For the benefit of the children and parents present who have just come to live in Richmond Hill, this oratorical contest is becoming an annual event in the life of this town."

Mr. Rose then explained that each of the five public schools in Richmond Hill had two representatives present, in the prepared or impromptu sections, but that owing to the fact that the judges marked the speeches by the contestant's number only, names could not be announced.

Mr. Rose then called on the following participants by number:

Senior Prepared — Patricia Fulton, Walter Scott, winner of Perkins trophy and school board plaque; Leonore Fleming, Crosby; Suzanne Patterson, McConaghy; Mary Farwell, MacKillop; Carol Scott, Beverley Acres.

Senior Impromptu — Paul Murray, McConaghy, winner of the Langstaff trophy; Barbara Haldane, Crosby; Ann Thomas, Walter Scott; Allan Howard, MacKillop; Ellen Derry, Beverley Acres.

Junior Prepared — David Kerr, Walter Scott, winner of the Home and School trophy; Cheryl Edwards, Crosby; Linda Donaldson, McConaghy; Sharon Cowan, MacKillop; Michael Wilson, Beverley Acres.

Junior Impromptu — Brian MacGregor, Beverley Acres, winner of the Harold Mills trophy; Jennifer Cone, Crosby; Michael Orpen, Walter Scott; Nancy Munroe, McConaghy; Sharon Wilkinson, MacKillop.

During the intervals between the various groups of speeches, the following entertained the audience, John Seddon, piano solo; Renate Kamper, accordion solo; Deryk Adams, two euphonium solos and a vocal duet by Deryk Kerr and Deryk Adams.

In summing up and announcing the winner, Mrs. Robertson said, "The three judges for this evening are as diversified as the speeches you have heard tonight, since they represent the clergy, radio and the press." Judges of the contest were, the Rev. William Patterson of St. Matthews United Church, Mrs. Ruth Stocks of Richmond Hill Radio Station CJRH and Mrs. Mona Robertson, Associate Editor of "The Liberal."

"We, as judges, had a very difficult task to decide the winners, and wish to commend all the contestants who are to be praised for their good efforts," Mrs. Robertson then announced the winning senior prepared speech was that delivered by Patricia Fulton, Grade 8, Walter Scott School. Her subject was "The Life and Works of Charles Dickens." Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell of the Richmond Hill T.T.C. terminates in 1960. (Continued on page 5)

### Discuss Formation Board of Education

A meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Trustees Wednesday night heard a representative of the Department of Education outline the steps necessary to form a Board of Education for the town to administer primary and secondary schools in the municipality.

At present public schools are administered by the elected trustees and the High School as a part of the York Central High School District administered by the appointed High School Board.

The meeting was called by the Public School Board following a communication from the Department of Education, advising of local enquiries regarding a Board of Education for the Town of Richmond Hill.

### Thornhill Trustees Seeks Approval Of Road Paving Program

Chairman A. Sumner and Trustee P. McTaggart-Cowan of Thornhill Village Trustees waited on Markham Township Council Monday to request the members to approve their 1958 road paving program. Chairman Sumner said the trustees planned to hard surface the majority of the unapproved streets within the village. The total cost of the work has been estimated at \$56,850. Markham's share will be \$13,700.00 and Vaughan's share \$43,150.00. The trustees put forward a similar program last year but it was turned down on the grounds a police village can't de-benture for roads.

Working through the two townships in which the village lies, Chairman Sumner stated the work could be done under section 64 of the Local Improvement Act. Each township would then be responsible for the work done in that part of the village lying within its boundaries.

Work will not start on any roads in Markham until the water installations are completed. Deputy-reeve W. Dean reported the water will be in by the end of July with exception of Elgin Street which won't be completed until fall. Reeve W. L. Clark said Markham had no objection to the project provided it receives the sanction of the Department of Highways and Markham's consulting engineers. Engineer E. Jorgensen said the drainage problem in the area required study but it shouldn't hold up the paving program. The roads committee and engineer were requested to prepare a report on the village's proposal for council.

**Spring Valley Drainage** — In a preliminary report on the effect of the drainage on Markham from the proposed new Spring Valley Subdivision located just south of Thornhill in Vaughan Township, Engineer Jorgensen reported the whole development requires careful study. Mr. Jorgensen said the south-east corner of Vaughan will experience extra run-off from this subdivision. He felt Markham sewers requiring storm and sanitary sewers in the east branch of the Don River. This branch of the Don crosses Bayview Avenue at Steeles Avenue. Mr. Jorgensen plans to discuss the matter further with the water and sanitation committee.

**Metro Conservation** — Representatives of the Metro Conservation Authority waited on council to outline their \$4 million proposed plan of water conservation and flood control for Metro and fringe areas. Authority Chairman Dr. R. Lord acted as spokesman for the delegation which included Markham's two representatives, Messrs. C. Clifford and E. Harper. It is hoped to have the Federal and provincial governments bear the major share of the total costs. Each of the two senior levels of government will be asked to bear 37½% of the total cost. In dol-

ars and cents this would amount to \$1,297,785.00 each for a period of ten years. The balance of \$865,190.00 would have to be borne by the municipalities served by the authority. In order to qualify for Federal assistance Dr. Lord stated the project would have to be national in scope. The Federal government has refused to subsidize any project of a purely local nature.

The Metro area has a population of 1½ million people and by 1970 it is estimated it will have jumped to two million people. The authority covers 21 Federal constituencies. The residents of Metro pay 25% of all the corporate and income taxes collected by the Federal government. Markham's share of the total cost will be \$4.10 per capita over a 10 year period based on the township's present population.

Markham is served by the Rouge River which runs through the township from north and south and drains almost 90% of the municipality. Markham is also served by the east branch of the Don River and the west branch of Duffin Creek.

For some time now council has been insisting that the authority include Markham in its conservation and recreation projects. The members have been critical of the fact both the neighbouring townships, Pickering and Vaughan, have public projects while Markham has none. In this respect Dr. Lord assured Reeve Clark that the former Bruce Mill property located on the sixth concession will be purchased and developed this year.

**Elect G. McLaren Library Bd. Head** — The regular monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Public Library Board was held on March 4th, with Mrs. Robert Johnston acting as chairman. The annual election of officers was held with Mr. W. Gordon McLaren being elected chairman of the board for the coming year. Dr. G. K. Martin was re-elected chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Lynn Evans was elected as chairman of the personnel committee, and Miss Katherine Ball chairman of the building committee. Miss Ball, along with the members of her committee, was asked to remain for the duration of the building program.

Mr. Fred Israel, librarian, was appointed secretary-treasurer of the board. Mrs. Johnston was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her splendid leadership of the board during the past year. Miss Ball reported that the building was now well under way and the architect had suggested that it will be ready in June.

**Scott McNair To Celebrate 97th Birthday** — Mr. Scott McNair, a former resident of Elgin Mills, who served as reeve of Vaughan Township Council for many years, will be celebrating his 97th birthday next Saturday, March 14. Mr. McNair now lives in Brampton with his daughter.

He still enjoys good health, with a remarkably fine memory and takes great pleasure in his favourite recreation, reciting poetry.

"The Liberal" joins with his many friends throughout the district in wishing him a very happy birthday with continued good health for the coming years.

## Result Of Unusual Weather Sewers Overflow Flood Basements In Beverley Acres

The heavy rain and thaw last Friday, March 6, caused considerable flooding in Richmond Hill and kept the Works Department staff busy around the clock coping with emergencies reported throughout the day. Hardest hit were some eighteen homes in the Taylor Mills-Neal Drive section of Beverley Acres where flooded sewers caused the water and sewage to back up into the basements, some to a depth of three or four feet.

At least eight householders have submitted accounts to town council for damages to furnishings and equipment ranging from \$70. to \$884. The accounts will be referred to the insurance company but it was stated it was doubtful if the claims will be paid, as the insurance company would pay only if it could be proven the town was negligent.

Mayor Tomlin and members of council at Monday night's meeting expressed sympathy for those who suffered loss and damage but stated that the flooding was due to the very unusual weather conditions and not to negligence on the part of the municipality.

The Mayor and members of council praised Works Commissioner Whalen and his staff for their splendid work in handling the emergency. Works Commissioner Whalen modestly gave all the credit to the workmen who toiled untiringly until a late hour without stopping for meals.

Calls of flooded basements came to the town office early Friday morning and it was late at night before relief was given to some householders by the town workmen. Works Commissioner Whalen said he was sorry some of the people were left with their problem until such a late hour, but with his men and equipment he had concentrated on preventing a spread of the flood. "It was unfortunate," he said, "but a few had to be left to suffer so that we could prevent flooding to forty or fifty homes."

Council decided to submit the bills for damages to the insurance company, but in the meantime on motion of Councillor Bradstock, it was decided to have an independent adjuster investigate all claims.

Councillor Haggart pointed out that the flood emphasized the need for a local civil defence organization to take care of such emergencies. Many homes were without heat for several hours and motors and heating equipment suffered extensive damage. In most cases it was stated individual insurance coverage would take care of the losses.

Some householders had no insurance on contents, and loss in some cases included men's and women's clothing as well as furniture.

Councillor Haggart said he hoped council would assist in setting up a local civil defence organization this year. Such an organization should be prepared in an emergency when lives and property are endangered.

Mayor Tomlin said that a report in a Metropolitan paper had quoted someone as implying the council didn't care about the people's plight. Nothing could be further from the truth, he said, pointing out that council and the town staff had done everything possible to meet the emergency.

Councillor Bradstock took exception to any slur on the good name of the works department or any suggestion that the steps taken to meet the emergency were not the proper ones. He thought the steps taken by the works department to meet the situation were proper and logical.

Deputy-reeve Tinker, Works Committee Chairman, had only praise for the work of the men in his department. Works Commissioner Whalen said the situation which arose was unforeseen. It was caused by the unusual weather conditions and the sewers were flooded by an unusually large amount of seepage through the weeping tile. He could give no other explanation for the flooded sewers. "It might never happen again," he said. While he had to leave a few people with water in the basements until 10 or 11 o'clock at night while he concentrated on pumping the manholes, he felt flooding was thus prevented from spreading to 30 or 40 homes. The works department staff, numbering more than 20, had every available pump pressed into action throughout the day, and valuable assistance was rendered by the fire department.

"No effort was spared to meet the emergency," said Commissioner Whalen who pointed out that he had the whole-hearted co-operation of the works committee and town council.

Council members and officials after a considerable discussion were still somewhat perplexed. That was the only explanation was that the sewers were overloaded due to excess seepage around the weeping tile.

In closing discussion, Mayor Tomlin declared little could be gained from post-mortems, but emphasized again that the town had exerted every effort to provide assistance and relief and would take whatever steps might be necessary to avoid a recurrence.

Mayor Tomlin advised council that plans for the Beverley Acres box drain project are proceeding. The survey east of Bayview has been completed and an overall plan outlining damages has been submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board. He said the Municipal Board would hold a hearing in the very near future. He hoped it would be within a few weeks.

Deputy-reeve Tinker said he hoped the Municipal Board would speed up their consideration of the project as "this is a real emergency".

**Otto Pick Passes On Suddenly His 55th Year** — The community was saddened by the sudden passing of Mr. Otto Pick of Elgin Mills last Saturday, March 7. Mr. Pick suffered a fatal heart attack while a patient at the Doctors' Hospital in Toronto. This followed a slight heart attack at his home on Thursday. Mr. Pick had been bothered by heart trouble since 1951. He was in his 55th year.

A successful seed merchant, the late Otto Walter Pick was well known and highly respected among farmers both in this province and Quebec. A native of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Pick emigrated to Canada in 1938. The son of a farmer he had studied at various agricultural colleges in Europe before coming to Canada. The Pick family moved to Elgin Mills from Toronto in 1950.

**Bayview Bus Still Operating** — Mr. Larry Needler, popular proprietor of the Newmarket Bus Lines which operates a daily service to Toronto via Bayview reports that the service has not been discontinued due to bad road conditions, but has merely been re-routed.

Spring road conditions on Bayview made a detour necessary, but the service is continuing as usual, which will be good news to the many hundreds of people in this district who use the bus line and find its service convenient and most satisfactory.



LATE OTTO PICK

He is survived by his wife, the former Marie Jakes and three children, Thomas 20, Martin 19, and Catherine 18, all at home. The funeral service was held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Wright and Taylor with interment at Aurora Cemetery. The Rev. C. G. Higginson of the Richmond Hill United Church conducted the service. The pallbearers were, John Dobrensky, Frank Lowdick, Stanley Thornton, Alan Rumble, Frederick Broadhurst and Edward Kadrnka. "The Liberal" joins with the people of the community in expressing deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

ACCIDENT RECORD	
RICHMOND HILL	
1959	
FATALITIES	0
ACCIDENTS	INJURIES
29	2

### District Ministers Attend Clergy Workshop Alcoholism

On Wednesday, March 4th, nine members of the Thornhill-Richmond Hill Ministerial Association attended a clergy group workshop at the Alcoholism Research Foundation, 9 Bedford Road in Toronto. The session chairman was Wm. J. Wacko, the Educational Director of the Foundation. Rev. John McConaghy, spiritual counsellor to the foundation, gave a case history presentation, with the focus being upon pastoral counselling of the alcoholic. He was assisted in this presentation by Miss Helen Marshall, a social worker at the foundation.

The district ministers were guests at the workshop, which is regularly attended by representatives from various churches. Denominations represented were Anglican, Baptist, Free Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and United.

The presentation was most informative and was followed by a very interesting discussion. The men from the local association were agreed that the workshop had been very beneficial to all, and Rev. Charles Higginson, the district president, expressed the appreciation of the entire group for being allowed to be present at the meeting. A vote of thanks goes to Rev. James O'Neil, who made the arrangements which opened the way to attend the presentation.

### Town Council Meeting

## Estimated Cost Arena Addition Is \$85,000

A recommendation for an \$85,000 addition to the arena was presented to Richmond Hill Council Monday night, and while approved in principle was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Bradstock, Parks Committee Chairman said he would like a decision from council as to whether or not it is planned to go ahead with the project this year. In any vote on the project in council Mr. Bradstock said he would refrain from voting as Mr. King, the architect for the proposed addition, is a client of his firm.

Councillor W. J. Haggart, in moving that the recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee said council should be careful before making any commitment to go ahead with the project this year. "We have had a large number of requests and we must tread carefully in deciding just what projects we can afford this year," said Councillor Haggart.

Mayor Tomlin said that any funds for the arena project would have to be paid for by issuing debentures.

Councillor Bradstock said he thought the arena addition was more urgent than the project of a swimming pool.

The Mayor said he felt there was a definite need and a strong demand for the swimming pool.

Councillor Bradstock said the present condition of the boiler room at the arena was something of a hazard.

In concurring in the motion to refer the recommendation to the Finance Committee Mayor Tomlin said, "We have to consider the project in the light of our financial position and its impact on the tax rate."

Councillor Bradstock pointed (Continued on page 13)