

PROTEST ROUTE NEW C.N.R. LINE

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, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc36

MARCH 20 — Friday 8 p.m. Regular meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists at Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church. Mr. Robert Bateman will give an illustrated talk entitled "Tropical Africa". Visitors welcome. clw38

MARCH 21 — Saturday. First Richvale Scouts and Cubs are having a Paper Drive, for Newspapers only. Please leave bundles, tied securely at front of the house, for pick-up. clw38

MARCH 23 — Monday at 8.15 p.m. Charles Howitt Home and School Association general meeting. Speaker Mr. O'Beirn, vice-principal Thornhill High School to speak to parents and pupils of grades 7 and 8. Also Talent Review. clw38

MARCH 23 — Monday. Square dancing at McConaghy School, 8.30 p.m. sharp, with Richmond Hill Community Swing. clw38

MARCH 25 — Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., Mr. William Babcock of Richmond Hill High School will speak at MacKillop Home and School meeting on "Recreation for Our Children". clw38

MARCH 25 — Wednesday at 1.15 at Kingersfts House. Speaker, Mrs. Helen Tucker, president Peel County United Nations' Association. Art Group serving tea. clw38

MARCH 26 — Thursday 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall — the monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Speaker, Mr. W. H. Whatley, "Tuberous Begonias", illustrated. No admission charge. Refreshments. Everyone welcome! clw38

MARCH 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 Yonge St. at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission 50c. Lucky draw prizes, - raw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. tfc33

APRIL 1, 2, 3 — The Footlights Club of Thornhill present J. B. Priestly's delightful Yorkshire comedy, "When We Are Married" at Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill at 8.20. Tickets AV. 5-1320. c2w38

APRIL 1 — Wednesday, 5.30 to 8 Oyster Supper (cold meat and scalloped potatoes alternative), Carrville United Church, sponsored by the Young People. Adults \$1.25, children under 12, 75c, pre-school children free. c2w38

APRIL 4 — Saturday. Rummage Sale sponsored by the Young People of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, at 1 o'clock. c3w38

APRIL 6 to MAY 11 — Marathon euchre, sponsored by Doncaster Community Ladies Club. A donation from the proceeds will be given to 1st Thornhill Guides, for camp equipment. Everyone wishing to play please call AV. 5-5205. clw38

APRIL 8 — Wednesday. The St. Cecilia Choral Group of Richmond Hill will stage a repeat performance of their highly successful Concert and Variety Show, in the High School Auditorium, 51 Wright Street. Tickets will be available shortly and can be obtained at 50 cents from any of the chorus members. Advance reservations can be made by phoning PR. 3-5829, TU. 4-3493 or TU. 4-4007. You are guaranteed three hours of thorough enjoyment. clw38

APRIL 11 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage sale, Richmond Hill United Church under the auspices of Woman's Association. For pick up of donations, call TU. 4-1718 or TU. 4-1382. c4w38

APRIL 18 — Rummage sale sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild, in Wrixon Hall, at 2 p.m. clw37

APRIL 25 — Saturday. Daffodil tea and bake sale, sponsored by the afternoon branch of the W.A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church, will be held Saturday, April 25, in Wrixon Hall. clw38

MARKHAM: Tam O'Shanter Golf and Country Club has been selected for the chartering of the newly-formed Kinsmen Club of Markham, on March 20. The new club, organized and sponsored by the Agincourt Kinsmen, boasts 44 charter members.

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Rail Line May Mean Changes

Vaughan Appoints Planning Consultant In Preparation For Era Industrial Growth Expert Approves Rail Line Route

As a great new era of industrial, commercial and residential expansion in Vaughan Township appears imminent following the announcement this week that the C.N.R. plans to locate its \$90,000,000 railway marshalling yard in Vaughan Township and a Toronto by-pass for freight trains across it, the Vaughan Township Council is losing no time in meeting the challenge.

Monday evening it appointed Mr. Derek Little of Municipal Planning Consultants of Toronto to prepare an unofficial master plan of development for the township. The plan will be submitted to the council to form a basis for discussion of orderly growth.

Councillor E. W. Anstey proposed the motion of Mr. Little's appointment which was accepted by the council. "Mr. Little will estimate and bring in a synopsis of what we should do," said Councillor Anstey.

Services Vital
During his appearance before the council, Mr. Little stressed his belief services would be the key to the locating of industrial and commercial enterprises in this district, as well as residences.

Councillor Anstey had asked Mr. Little to attend the council meeting before the announcement by the C.N.R. of the marshalling yard along Keele Street, north of Steeles Ave. up to Maple. Mr. Little had been asked to give his views concerning the planning necessary for industrial development at Maple as a new water system of half a million gallons per day is expected to be in operation there this year.

Mr. Little believed Maple Village could benefit from a sewage treatment plant on its southern outskirts. However, now with the railway he favored locating a treatment plant at Concord as first choice. It could be on the Don River where it was advocated during the Ontario Municipal Board hearing of the proposed industrial development of the Fraserdale Farm last year. The hearing was adjourned pending approval of the Ontario Water Resources Board of the plant and its location. Councillor Anstey felt Metro should also approve such a plant now as the railway was put "out here."

Mr. Little believed the township could actually use two treatment plants. Erecting them with the future idea of abandoning them when a trunk line sewer connection with Metro Toronto proved feasible. He pointed out Don Mills had a sewer treatment plant which was later abandoned when trunk sewers were available.

The consultant believed the major problem was "organization." "Big expenditures such as treatment plants, etc., are not too expensive if groups are co-ordinated," said Mr. Little. He visualized the services extended in the first concession, benefiting areas already developed; he felt a master plan should set forth a program for major services.

Mr. Little believed the C.N.R. plans would change some development plans such as that of the rumored proposed Woodbridge residential subdivision to industrial usage.

Stewart to outline what is involved in changing over from the present two board set up to a Board of Education to administer the local educational system.

Commenting that he and Mr. Davies had come to answer questions and not do all the talking, Mr. Stewart explained that the York Central District High School Board had been established by-law of the York county council. He stated that the county council would have to pass a by-law if there was to be any change in the present set-up. That is if Richmond Hill council requested the town be detached from the district high school boundaries, the county council would have to decide whether it would be in the general interest of the four municipalities comprising the district. The county has the power under the School Act to establish a consultative committee to study all aspects of the problem, i.e. assessment, enrollment, etc.

The Minister of Education's approval is necessary. His decision could be expected to be given from the viewpoint of the general interest of the people involved. Mr. Stewart noted Richmond (Continued on page 11)

Skating Carnival To Be Gala Show

With only two weeks left until the fourth annual carnival is staged, the young members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club are in a constant state of excitement. There are fittings for costumes; scenery to plan and make; programmes to prepare and have printed; and all the details to co-ordinate before the show is presented to the public on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2, 3 and 4.

The carnival promises to be "more exciting than ever before" — particularly since the installation of the new speaker system in the arena by the figure skating club. It is hoped that it will make reception both at the carnival and hockey games much more enjoyable to the public.

The master of ceremonies will be the very able Mr. Ross Kerwin. There are 16 numbers in the programme, with the cast ranging from the small types of three years of age to the adult skaters. Group numbers, solos and specialty routines have been included and the club's instructor, Chuck Kiel, will solo in a selected number.

Leading Grower

H. H. Whatley To Be Guest Speaker, Horticultural Society

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will be held Thursday, March 26th, at the Lions Community Hall. In keeping with the time of the year for starting Tuberous Begonias, the program committee will present Mr. W. H. Whatley, a member of the Thornhill Horticultural Society and well-known grower of tuberous Begonias, as guest speaker. Mr. Whatley has participated in several panel discussions and members and friends may be assured of a very informative and interesting evening. Mr. Whatley will illustrate his talk with coloured pictures. Strangely enough,

C.N.R. "Dictatorial" Deputy-Reeve Dean

Termining the attitude of the "C.N.R. as dictatorial," Deputy-reeve W. Dean took a lone stand at Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council when he criticized the way in which the railway announced the route of its new line and marshalling yard.

C.N.R. President Donald Gordon announced the route of the new line which will extend from Pickering to Malton and the location of the marshalling yards in Vaughan Township, at a press conference held last week in Toronto. "It hasn't been handled in a democratic way," remarked Deputy-reeve Dean. "They are determined to put it through regardless," he added. Mr. Dean felt the C.N.R. should have informed the councils of the various municipalities concerned about their plans prior to making a public announcement. Both Councillors L. Mumberson and S. Watson supported the railway and disagreed with the deputy-reeve. "They couldn't tell every council and school board of their plans or they'd never have got it done," stated Councillor Watson. Councillor Mumberson maintained such a procedure would have only "played into the hands of the land speculators". Councillor J. MacNeil reported he had been informed that Doncaster people plan to make a 100 per cent protest, "and they hope council will act in a similar manner", stated Councillor MacNeil.

Councillor Mumberson disagreed with a suggestion by Deputy-reeve Dean that the line should have been located further north. "That would ruin their grade," said Mr. Mumberson, "the proposed grade is even."

Attend Mass Meeting

In reply to a question by Councillor MacNeil as to whether or not council plans to attend a mass meeting to be held March 24 in the Thornhill High School regarding the matter, Reeve W. L. Clark replied in affirmative. Mr. Clark qualified council's attendance at the meeting by stating they would attend the meeting in the same spirit as the ratepayers would, i.e. in order to gain further information regarding the proposal. "We'll be going to listen and not answer questions," stated Mr. Clark.

"The railway has spent three years investigating the route of the proposed line," stated Reeve Clark. "And I don't think council is qualified to say whether it's in the right or wrong location." Mr. Clark reported a good number of residents from the eastern part of the township have already viewed the map showing the location of the line. Termining what he called a "sensible attitude" Reeve Clark felt the majority of the ratepayers in the eastern part of the township were not planning any protest. He cited the case of one resident of German Mills who may have to move his business, but was not planning to

Opposition For C.N.R. Plan Expressed By Many Citizens In The Thornhill District

Large Window Smashed By Wind

Chief J. Davidson of Vaughan Township Police reports no accidents over the past weekend. The township suffered its share of damage caused by the gale force winds on Sunday.

Many telephone wires were down, and grotesquely hanging private TV antennas gave mute evidence of the wind's strength. Several windows were blown in, by far the worst being the huge plate glass windows at Rich-Hill Motors on Yonge St.

Public Meeting Will Be Held On Tuesday, Mar. 24

(By Doris M. Fitzgerald)

Though Metro Chairman F. G. Gardiner announced that the proposed C.N.R. by-pass was one of the greatest things that had happened for Toronto in the last quarter century, residents of Thornhill do not share his enthusiasm and there is a steadily mounting opposition to the scheme. Among those questioned were a few, who while not approving, took the attitude that you "can't stand in the way of progress."

"A man is a fool if he thinks he can buy property nowadays and feel safe," said one. Others intend to take all possible steps to protect their homes, and neighbourhood. On Sunday evening, March 15, 23 ratepayers representing such areas affected by the right of way as Bayview, Steeles, Highland Park, Doncaster, Crestwood Rd. and Concord, held an emergency meeting at the Thornridge Dr. home of Mr. R. J. Hubbard, chairman of the South West Thornhill Ratepayers' Association, for the purpose of forming a united Vaughan-Markham Ratepayers' Association, and considering a plan of action. When it was learned that Mr. J. L. Cann, Project Director of the C.N.R. had agreed to discuss, and explain the railway plans at a public meeting in Thornhill High School on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m., members decided to "try and keep calm," and take no further steps until they had heard the full details. A delegation from the South-West Thornhill Association did however attend the Vaughan Township meeting on Monday night to register their disapproval of the route chosen.

The meeting at the High School was arranged by Deputy Reeve Wilfred Dean who mentioned to Mr. Cann at the announcement meeting in Toronto that it would be a good idea to explain the plans to people in the area. The following day he received a letter as follows: "Dear Mr. Dean: As requested at the meeting in the National Club on Thursday, March 11, I am enclosing a print of the general plan showing the new C.N.R. yards and access lanes in the vicinity of Toronto. I shall be pleased to furnish any added information which you may require. Yours very truly, J. L. Cann." In a follow up telephone conversation Mr. Dean learned the date Mr. Cann would be available, and was able to arrange for the use of the High School auditorium. Contrary to expressed opinion, Mr. Dean says that neither he, nor other members of Markham Council knew the route planned, beforehand. In fact he says he lost a bet, believing that it would run north of Langstaff. He is not yet prepared to say how the railway may affect Thornhill. The railway favors industry but the area would have to

be rezoned, and Metro Toronto makes those decisions. Others with whom we were able to speak included Mr. Charles Clifford Sprucewood Rd., Mr. T. J. Bradbeer, Crestwood Rd. and Mr. J. P. Loughran, John St.

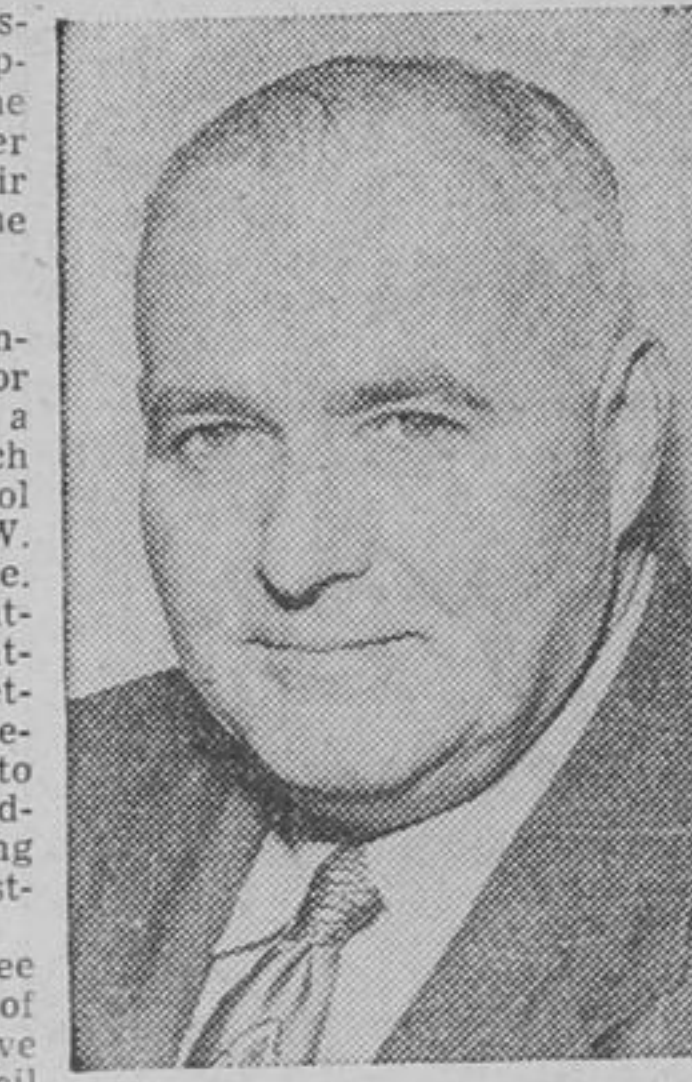
As a member of Metro Conservation Authority, Mr. Charles Clifford deplores an obstruction such as a bridge across the valley of the little Don, and as a neighbour he feels a bit resentful that the right of way seems to deliberately traverse some smaller homes (all owner occupied) in the district. Mr. Bradbeer has not yet seen the plan for Vaughan Township, but is concerned by rumours that the railway will pass within 590 feet of Powell Rd. School. It may also prevent the division of lots, on the north side of the street, which are all 300 feet deep. A member of the separate school board, Mr. J. P. Loughran's first thought was for the safety of the children. He is relieved that there will be no level crossing, and that the line will not be as close to the school as at first feared. (Continued on page 3)

Home & School Leads Move Exploring Advantages Of A Local Board Of Education Explain Details

Is a Board of Education feasible for the Town of Richmond Hill?

Some local members of the home and school association have been asking this question. In an attempt to find out more about the possibilities of setting up a local board to administer primary and secondary schools in the town, Mrs. Connie Matthews of McConaghy Home and School association wrote to the Department of Education. Wednesday two representatives of the department met with members from the town council, the public school board, the district high school board, and the local home and school associations to delve into the question.

Answers were inconclusive but the consensus of informally expressed opinions by the public officials present was that it was up to the ratepayers whether or not the question was explored further, or dropped. Only if there was a ratepayer request in favor of the move would it be feasible to assemble the necessary data. Mrs. Matthews presided. She



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register a protest. Councillor Watson stated he understood Vaughan wasn't planning to protest. Reeve Clark felt council's main interest should be in seeing that Markham property owners are treated fairly. "I think if most of the people get a fair price they'll be willing to sell," added Mr. Clark.

Vaughan Residents Ask Dissolution Thornhill Village

Vaughan Township Council was in receipt of a petition from ten Thornhill ratepayers regarding dissolution of the police village at Monday evening's meeting.

Addressed to Councillor E. W. Anstey, the communication read as follows:

"We from the Police Village of Thornhill, Vaughan Township, request an investigation be implemented into the advisability and possibility of dissolving the Police Village of Thornhill and having the Township of Vaughan take over that portion of the village which is located in the township.

"It is understood that the present service enjoyed by the village would continue, that is street lighting, road maintenance, sidewalk maintenance, sidewalk snow plowing and road plowing, and other services required from time to time, such as police and fire protection. "We, the undersigned, believe that we are representing many who would welcome such a change, because it would be instrumental in tax reductions and would be an all round advantage. Signed: Hal Harley, Wilfred Ball, J. Jackson, Morgan Boyle, E. Judges, F. J. Maw, W. R. Linton, K. Louise Davie, and M. A. MacNeill.

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