

**Coming Events**

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY night — at 7.45 p.m. Bingo — Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 2 Yonge St. \*\*\*\*\*

EVERY SATURDAY — 9.00 p.m. — 12.00. Max Cameron's Orchestra, Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tcf36

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 on Yonge St. at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission 50c. Lucky draw prizes, draw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. tcf33

MARCH 31 — Tuesday. A card party being held at the Lions' Hall at 8 p.m. sponsored by the Kinetik Club. Excellent prizes, good food. Call TU. 4-1230 for reserve tickets. clw39

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

APRIL 1 — Starting April 1st, Bingo every Wednesday afternoon at 1.15 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carville Road West, Richvale. tcf39

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

APRIL 2 — Thursday at 2.30 in Richmond Hill United Church, the Harriet Taylor Auxiliary Meeting. M.S. Easter Thanksgiving Meeting. Speaker, Miss Etha Hart, deaconess at the Fred Victor Mission. \*\*\*\*\*

APRIL 4 — Saturday 1-4 p.m. Rummage sale and baking sale held in the Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Richvale. Held under the auspices of the Vaughan Women Workers. \*\*\*\*\*

APRIL 4 — Saturday Rummage Sale sponsored by the Young People of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, at 1 o'clock. c2w33

APRIL 7 — Tuesday at 8.15 p.m. Concert by the famous Accordion Orchestra, including the Canadian Champion, Ernest Manfredi, under direction of Professor E. Borgstrom will give a concert at Bloor Collegiate Auditorium, Bloor & Dufferin, 1141 Bloor St. W. The concert is sponsored by the Danish Lutheran Church in Toronto to the benefit of the Building Fund. Tickets \$1.25, Children 50c. For further information call TU. 4-1215. 62w39 \*\*\*\*\*

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. 4-1352. c4w33 \*\*\*\*\*

APRIL 22 — Wednesday, 1 p.m. Spring luncheon sponsored by the Women's Association of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Speaker, Mrs. Elsa Jenkins, manager of Women's Activities, Canadian National Exhibition. clw39 \*\*\*\*\*

APRIL 25th — Saturday, The 1st Richmond Hill Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale in the Presbyterian Church Saturday, April 25th, at 1 o'clock. For pick-up of any rummage, call either TU. 4-2617 or TU. 4-2688. clw39 \*\*\*\*\*

APRIL 29 — Wednesday evening. Music Festival by senior grades of Richmond Hill Public Schools, in Crosby Heights Auditorium. c5w39 \*\*\*\*\*

MAY 5 — Tuesday evening, Music Festival by junior grades of Richmond Hill Public Schools, in Crosby Heights Auditorium. c5w39 \*\*\*\*\*

MAY 9 — 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, May 9th, in Wrixon Hall. clw39 \*\*\*\*\*

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# The Liberal

"In Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity."

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## Skating Carnival Next Week



"The Circus Comes To Town", is one of the feature numbers to be presented at the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club 4th annual Carnival at the Arena Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2, 3 and 4. Taking part in this number will be the "Tigers," shown above: back row (left to right) Lynn Hamilton, Nancy McNaughton, Barbara Hayes; 2nd row (left to right) Susan Hannah, Catherine Walsh, Karen Hooper; front row (left to right) Susan Cofford, Loraine Barker, Cathy Maxwell, Kim Perdicaris.

There are sixteen numbers on the carnival program with the cast ranging from the small types of three years of age to the adult skaters. Group numbers, solos and specialty routines will be featured and the club instructor Chuck Kiel will solo in a selected number. — Photo by Lagerquist

## Public Meeting Shows Hostility To Rail Project

A crowd of almost 1,000 attended a public meeting in Thornhill High School auditorium Tuesday night called to allow citizens an opportunity to hear C.N.R. officials give details and explanation of the new proposed rail line which is to cross Yonge Street just south of Thornhill. The tenor of the meeting was plainly hostile to the plan and nothing good about the proposed route was heard from any but C.N.R. officials.

It was suggested organized opposition to the plan will come from Ratepayers' Associations and that a determined effort will be made to change the announced route for the rail line. The size and spirit of Tuesday's meeting indicated the opposition will have widespread support.

C.N.R. representatives explained the need of the new rail line to serve the expanding needs of the Metropolitan area and suggested the route chosen is the most economical both from the standpoint of construction and operation. They gave assurance owners of land required would be paid at fair market prices. It was likely it will be four to five years before the first train runs over the proposed line.

F. H. Brennan, Markham Township Planning Board Chairman presided at the meeting and in his opening remarks made it clear that while his board had some intimation of plans for a rail line they were not consulted as to the choice of route. Mr. Brennan said consideration must be given at once to further amendments to the Township Plan in the light of the new development. After hearing from C.N.R. representatives the chairman then opened the meeting for questions and every voice heard from the audience was in opposition to the plan and every jibe at the C.N.R., Donald Gordon, and "Big Daddy" Metro Chairman Gardner was loudly cheered.

Main criticism centred on the location of the line. Why it was asked was the line to pass through a highly desirable residential area. Many times it was suggested the line should have gone "farther north" at Langstaff. An official stated there were three possible Yonge Street crossings for the line. The one chosen, one at Langstaff and one at Richvale. All were carefully considered and the present route chosen because it was closer to Metro and more economical. The route through Langstaff, it was said, would cost an additional four million dollars.

There was criticism that local councils and planning boards were not consulted in the planning of the route and there was apparently hostility to the power of Metro in the matter of planning beyond its borders. C.N.R. officials denied there was any influence used by Metro in determining the route.

W. R. Finch directed many questions to the officials and declared that there was little hope of any compensation except for those whose property is needed for the line. Robert Cameron, Bayview Ave., questioned the officials and assured them there would be organized opposition to

## Caution Needed To Avoid Boost In Town's Taxes

At Monday night's regular Town Council meeting Mayor K. W. Tomlin warned members against making any substantial financial commitments until consideration could be given by the Finance Committee. All expenditures must be viewed he said in the light of the over-all budgetary position. "If we don't do this," said the Mayor, "we will have difficulty in keeping the tax rate from making astronomical leaps."

The Mayor was replying to Councillor Bradstock who was urging authorization of a \$2,500 expenditure for architect's drawing of arena addition and alterations. The estimated cost of planned arena improvements is some \$85,000, and the Mayor expressed doubt that the budget will permit the work to be undertaken this year.

Councillor Bradstock suggested that the time element is important and if it was found the work could be done this year, it would be good business and save time to have the drawings prepared.

In his words of caution as to the relation of expenditures to a possible tax rate boost the Mayor said the \$60,000 in the number 2 account is pretty well earmarked. "We now have a No. 3 account," he said, "amounting to \$107,000, but it is frozen. Expenditures must have Department of Municipal Affairs approval." The No. 2 and No. 3 account are funds from payments received from sub-dividers of new developments.

## Local Public Sch. Plan Two Nights Music Festival

The annual Spring Music Festival of the Richmond Hill Public Schools will have two performances this year, to be presented in the new Crosby Heights Auditorium. On Wednesday evening, April 29th, the senior grades will be represented by choirs from each school, and small instrumental and choral ensembles. On Tuesday evening, May 5th, a similar program will be given by choirs, folk dance groups and rhythm bands, from the junior grades.

There will be altogether over 500 pupils taking part in these unique and interesting events.

## Close Patterson School Influenza Outbreak

Pupils attending Patterson School located in Vaughan Township are enjoying an extra long Easter holiday due to an influenza outbreak. So many of the pupils were stricken with 'flu that when teacher Miss Sandra Hilliard fell victim, it was decided to close the school until after Easter.

One of the smallest schools in York County, Patterson is certainly the quietest right now!

AURORA — Town assessor for three years, Arthur Wheelock resigned his position recently.

## Grant Permit Apt. Building

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night unanimously agreed to grant a permit for the construction of a thirty-eight suite apartment building at the corner of Markham Road and Essex Avenue. The builder will be Joseph Meisner.

The permit has been pending for some time as the proposed building with a two apartment penthouse exceeds the height limit required by local regulations.

It was pointed out the building will be completely fireproof and the fire hazard was limited. There has been considerable discussion on amending the height regulation which it is claimed is out of date.

Apartments in the new building will rent at from \$100. to \$115. per month.

## Ask Public Co-Operation

### Town Works Department Battling Spring Floods And Muddy Roads

Advocating a policy to discontinue expensive overtime work in trying to do the impossible, Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker, Roads Chairman, said at Monday night's Town Council meeting that he was nearing the point of distraction in trying to satisfy the demands of ratepayers.

Unusual weather conditions have given the local municipal officials more than the usual spring quota of headaches. Road conditions have been very bad and the flooding caused by recent thaws has added to the difficulties. In the Harding-Elmwood area where roads were torn up for sewer construction last fall the conditions are particularly bad and many citizens have been inconvenienced and concerned.

The Works Department under Commissioner Whalen has made a valiant effort to cope with the extraordinary conditions, and men have worked around the clock trying to meet the emergencies as they arise. However, with a great deal of frost still in the ground and more flooding expected, conditions have reached the point where some roads will just have to be barricaded.

"I have found that there are several hundred people who know more about what should be done, than the roads department. By attempting the impossible we are not accomplishing much and we are spending a lot of money and getting little or nothing for it. The deputy-reeve said complaints were often bordering on the ridiculous. If they were not so tragic and expensive they might be amusing. A citizen complains one minute of dust and the next of mud. One ratepayer suggested boars be provided for evacuation in flooded areas.

"If we are not accomplishing anything I don't think it's good business to keep men working overtime until 2 a.m.," said Mr. Tinker, adding that he feared the works staff just couldn't stand up under the pressure for too long.

Works Commissioner Whalen said "we are doing the best we can." He said he is concentrating on trying to keep the culverts open, and making a ditch so the water can get away. "Once the road dries sufficiently we can do something towards making it passable."

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## Stick Neck Out Now Or Give Up Industry Race

At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Councillor J. W. Bradstock made a strong plea for immediate action on some program of industrial expansion. "Spring is here and we still have no constructive program. Industrial opportunities are passing us by and we have no land to sell while competing municipalities have cheap land to offer prospective industries," said the councillor. In urging council to "do something now," Councillor Bradstock said "the matter is urgent, so let's stick our neck out if necessary. We have to do something now or give up the race."

Mayor Tomlin and other members of council agreed with the urgency of the question and it was decided to hold a committee meeting Wednesday afternoon. A meeting time of 4 p.m. was suggested and Councillor Paterson urged an earlier hour as the discussion might be long and controversial. "I don't think it will be controversial," said the Mayor.

## Study Master Plan For Industrial And Residential Development

At the request of Vaughan Township Council, Mr. Derek Little of the Municipal Planning Consultants met with the township planning board and the council Monday evening to outline the scope of a Master Plan of industrial and residential development for the township, and the financial outlay required by the township for such a plan. Later Council decided to delay decision on acquiring such a plan until after consultation with the township engineering firm, Keith-Hopper Associates.

As "no terms of reference were established" by the council for the study, Mr. Little stated his proposals were modified to encompass township needs east of Highway 400.

The planner cited that it was his opinion development was dependent on water and sewers.

He pointed out the availability of the Don River Watershed, east of Highway 400. On this water course several sewage projects were possible, as there could be several on one system. Their strategic locations could be to the north at Maple, and to the south near the railway and the marshalling yard. Another potential site of needed services was the large tract of vacant land in the township south of Richmond Hill. A sewage plant near the latter location could aid in solving the development problems of the First Concession.

"Fairly Expensive" — Little

"While such a water system would be fairly expensive," said Mr. Little, "it could be done in stages."

Mr. Little stated that if his firm was chosen to act as planning consultant, the following would aid in forming a basis for development recommendations. First, the official plan proposals of Metro Toronto, future overall water supply and sewage system, existing land use, existing public school areas, residential areas, parklands, future development property and additional services required. He noted the planners would need access to all available township plans and records and township staff operation.

Estimated

Estimated cost of the master plan project would be between \$4,000. and \$6,000.

On a per diem basis senior consultants and engineers would be paid \$54.00; assistant consultants, \$36.00 per day; draughting staff, \$25.00 per day; and clerical help, \$20. per day. The payment schedule would not include printing, reproducing of material, telephone or travel expenses. However, the latter were included in the over-all estimate. Mr. Little said it was believed it would be more desirable to both parties concerned to proceed on a time basis rather than a lump sum basis.

"A complete report to guide future development," Mr. Little called the proposed Master Plan.

Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. D. McCowan said, "While planning board agrees with the procedure, it is a matter for council to decide."

"It is hard to estimate how hard and how fast industrial growth is going to hit us," was planning board member, Darrell Goulding's remark.

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## Expert Advice Needed

freezing action was similar to that taken in several municipalities pending court decisions respecting amounts paid by sub-dividers to municipalities under sub-dividers agreements.

Councillor Ross who represents town council on Planning Board asked if the Board could be assured of funds for its 1959 budget. "We've already assured them of that," said the Mayor.

On motion of Reeve Perkins the Planning Board will be given written notice council is providing a budget of \$7,000 for this year.

Councillor Haggart asked if it might be advisable to enlarge the membership of the Planning Board. Councillor Ross said he was considering making such a suggestion.

Councillor Bradstock said he didn't think it was a matter of numbers. He thought the trouble was the Planning Board was many years late in securing adequate professional help. "For too long we have been geared to the philosophy that it is a sin to spend money and now we are reaping the result."

"We might as well face the fact," said Councillor Bradstock, "that the day of easy tax rate is over. We've been told tonight the No. 3 account is frozen and the No. 2 account is all used. Our present plight is due to a continued short money policy with regard to planning." "When we want a job done in other lines we engage a specialist. We should do the same with our important job of planning," said Councillor Bradstock, confessing to a feeling of some bitterness and frustration.

Present members of the Planning Board are N. A. Todd, chairman; J. M. Brown, Ross Scrimger, Thomas Buchan and R. P. Ross, council representative.

## Short Money Policy For Planning Is Criticized By Councillor Bradstock



COUNCILLOR J. BRADSTOCK

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"We are on the horns of a dilemma," said Councillor J. W. Bradstock adding that council was faced with requests for building permits and finds too late it could do nothing about them. "Time is slipping past," said Councillor Bradstock, "and we already have missed the boat on some properties."

It was suggested Planning Board should consult more closely with Town officials, and Mayor Tomlin was critical of action last week by the Board in freezing all new sub-division. "Planning Board is an advisory body and a matter of policy such as this should be the decision of council," said the Mayor. The

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