

Coming Events

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

BINGO every Wednesday afternoon at 1.15 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd. West, Richvale. tfc39

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

EVERY FRIDAY night - 7.45 p.m. Bingo - Com - Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 53c36 Yonge St.

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

APRIL 24 - Friday 1 p.m. Rummage Sale, North York Veterans Club, 6321 Yonge St., South of Steeles Ave., Willowdale. White elephant table, bargains galore. Auspices Northminster United Church Womens Federation. c2w42

APRIL 24 - Friday, Columbian Players present 3-act comedy, "Nobody But Nancy" in Victoria Square Community Hall, 8.15 p.m. Adults 50c, Children 35c. Sponsored by Victoria Square Couples Club. *2w42

APRIL 25 - Saturday, Rummage and baking sale, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m., sponsored by St. Matthew's United Church W.A., Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill. Afternoon tea will be served. Rummage contributions may be left at 270 McConvey Drive. *3w40

APRIL 25 - Campfire Variety Night at Buttonville Hall, presented by the Unionville Junior Farmers. Proceeds for charity. Tickets from members or at door. c1w42

APRIL 25 - Saturday 1 p.m. Mammoth rummage sale at St. George's Church Auditorium, Willowdale, clothing, household articles, garden tools, furniture, wonderful bargains. c1w43

APRIL 25 - 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. A mission 50c. Lucky door prizes, draw prizes and good euchre prizes. Lunch. tfc33

APRIL 27 - Monday 8.30 p.m. Last chance this season to square dance with Richmond Hill Community Swing. Come early, dancing starts 8.30. McConaghy School. c1w43

APRIL 27 - Monday 8.15 p.m. Charles Howitt Home and School Association. Presentation of prizes to winners of Reading Club. Guest Speaker, Miss Jane McLaren, Thornhill Public Library. c1w43

APRIL 28 - Tuesday 8 p.m. Demonstration on uses of dairy products by Silverwood Dairy at the Crosby Heights School auditorium. Sponsored by the East District Local Association. Proceeds for Girl Guides camp equipment. The ladies of the Richmond Hill Health & Beauty will give a display before the close of the evening. c2w43

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

APRIL 29 - 8 p.m. The Women's Progressive Conservative group will meet at the home of Mrs. Norman Bone, 34 Elizabeth St. All young people interested in joining the Young Conservatives are cordially invited. *1w43

APRIL 30 & MAY 1 - Music Night '59 presented by the Richmond Hill High School Music Club, featuring the Junior Band, Senior Band, Choir, and excerpts from H.M.S. Pinafore. Admission 50c. c3w41

MAY 1 - Friday - Annual Spring Dance, Thornlea Home and School Association, at Buttonville Women's Institute Hall. Door prizes. Refreshments. Tickets \$1.00. c1w43

MAY 1 - Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hope Community & School Club are holding their annual tea and bake sale, also a miscellaneous table, at Marg. Walker's Store, south-east corner Vaughan Road and Keele. Mrs. Cosie will be present to read your tea cups during the hours of sale. c2w43

MAY 2 - Saturday, Rummage sale, sponsored by St. Gabriel's W.A. at Bayview Plaza, north side, next to LeFevre's, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For pick-up, please call TU, 4-4294. c2w43

MAY 2 - Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage and bake sale at North York Veterans Club, 6321 Yonge St., under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliary. c2w43

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

MAY 13 - Wednesday 8 p.m. St. Michael's Concert Band and Crosby Heights Sr. choir, present an evening of music and song in Crosby Heights Auditorium. Tickets 50c and 75c reserved. Sponsored by Crosby Heights Home and School. Tickets available by phoning TU, 4-4609. c1w43

MAY 23 - Saturday, Richmond Hill Fair Day, featuring Horse Show and many other attractions. For full information regarding events write William Neal Jr., Richmond Hill. c5w42

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High School Music Night '59



The Richmond Hill High School Music Club is presenting its annual music night next week entitled Music Night '59. The demand for tickets has been so great in past years that for the first time it will be held on two evenings, Thursday and Friday, April 30th and May 1st.

Above are seen several of the performers with the High School's Music Director Mr. Warren Atkinson. The musicians are (from left to right): George Croft, Lois Perkins, Peter Maddeaux, Sara Gibson, Monte Wagner, Ann Fletcher and Mr. Atkinson.

Increase in Speed Limits Reduces Accident Record Thornhill & Richvale Area

Does a low rate of speed spell fatality for pedestrians? Corporal Askew of the Ontario Provincial Police and a Mr. Drew of the Department of Highways told Vaughan Township Council at their weekly meeting Monday night statistics prove that since traffic speed signs were changed from 30 to 40 or 45 m.p.h. at Thornhill and Richvale on Highway 11, the accident rate is down, also down are infractions of the speeding law. Mr. Drew said, "Raising the speed limit and cutting down accidents has been claimed by theorists on the North American continent for some time. It seemed hard to swallow. But the idea behind it is this - Richvale is a fast highway and when zoned at 30 m.p.h. the pedestrians took it for a "Safe Zone." Now that the speed limit is up, the pedestrians take more care, realizing it is a "Danger Zone."

"If we go too far with safety," Corporal Askew said, "it is bad - we engender too much safety in the population." Councillor Wm. Anstey then asked for Vaughan Police Chief J. Davidson's comments and Chief Davidson replied, "The accident and fatality rate is up, yet you tell us it isn't." Corporal Askew replied they were referring to Highway 11. Mr. Drew and Corporal Askew had appeared before council to obtain their approval of the Department of Highways plan to change the speed limit from 30 to 40 miles per hour on Highway 7 approximately 500 feet west of the boundary of Thornhill village. The department claims such a changeover will save drivers using the area from losing "2 or 3 points." Chief Davidson claims it is being changed to accommodate a few drivers who exceed the limits no matter what they are and that it will cut down police fines, and revenue.

With the exception of Councillor Anstey (who had earlier said it was premature) council agreed to accept the proposal. Mr. Anstey said, "If you can show me on a map that it (the 40 m.p.h. zone) will not start for 500 feet beyond the pond or the new Presbyterian Church at Erica Rd., I'll buy it." A map was then brought forward and Mr. Drew said the zone of 40 m.p.h. would commence west of Erica, not 500 feet west of Oak Bank Ave., as he had stated earlier. Erica Rd. is 500 feet west of the village boundary. Mr. Anstey joined in approving the new zoning. Thornhill Trustee A. R. Sumner, Chairman of Trustees for the Police Village of Thornhill, appeared before Council regarding paving of roads in the village, stating that the trustees had been "trying to get some where with roads for the past two years." Following a lengthy discussion of how such a program would be financed, Reeve John Perry said the people concerned with paying for it would have to present a petition - which Vaughan Council could set before the Municipal Board and the Department of Highways. The reeve said that Deputy-reeve V. Ryder, road chairman, would make an appointment and arrange a meeting between the trustees and the department as soon as possible. To Widen No. 7 Highway Vaughan Council heard a proposal from the Department of Highways to widen Highway 7 from the 400 to Highway 27. The department is now in process of acquiring land in this area for a four-lane highway, which will eventually do away with the narrow bridge at Woodbridge.

Education Costs Up Council Slashes All Estimates In Battle Of Budget

Mounting education costs were under fire at the Town Council meeting Monday night and Councillor W. J. Haggart suggested a most careful review of both public and high school budgets before they are passed by council. Keeping up with the Metro scale of pay was criticized and Reeve Perkins who presided at the meeting remarked, "if we continue to try keeping up with the Jones' to the south of us, we'll land in the poor house to the north."

A letter from H. P. Matthews was sharply critical of the High School budget and salary scale and suggested serious consideration for the proposal to form a Board of Education. Councillor Haggart agreed the matter of teachers' salaries was for school board and not for council, but expressed disapproval of a policy which geared salaries to keep pace with Metro. "It's just too great a load for the taxpayer," he said. Councillor Bradstock contended that education is one of the most important of services and if we wanted the best possible teachers this was one place we would have to keep pace with Metro. He agreed with Mr. Matthews' letter that if we paid top salaries we should get teachers with top qualifications. Councillor Haggart - Too many people confuse the best available with the best we can afford. We simply can't tax people out of Richmond Hill. Councillor Ross suggested council members before being too critical should look into the whole matter. He said the school board was forced to raise salaries to get good teachers. If you want a second rate school system you have to be satisfied with second

rate teachers. Reeve Perkins said school board representatives will be asked to meet with council finance committee before the budgets are approved. Councillor Haggart said, "we appoint high school trustees and should meet with them to let them know how we feel". His motion to ask for such a meeting was seconded by Councillor Paterson and carried. Reeve Perkins revealed that tax increases needed for high school, public school and County of York already totalled 6.23 mills. These are all increases over which council has very little control. The finance committee is having several meetings this week and hopes to have the budget ready soon. "Could we have a copy of the budget as it is now," asked Councillor Ross. Reeve Perkins - When it is ready it will be submitted to council and all will have a chance to go over it. It has been well pared, and I think there will be more paring. The Reeve intimated that estimates for all departments had been slashed in an effort to keep the increase down.

Vaughan Reps. Tour York Central Yard

A tour of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania marshalling yard has been arranged for today, Thursday, on the invitation of the Public Relations Department of the C.N.R. Among those attending are Vaughan Township Reeve J. Perry, Deputy-reeve V. Ryder, Councillors Jesse Bryson, William Anstey and Bruce Ralph; Vaughan Planning Board members, Dugal McCowan and Dr. Allan Hogg; Clerk James McDonald; Building Inspector and Planning Board Secretary, Thomas Gillings; Township Engineer, Keith Hopper; Planning Consultant, Derrick Little; Maple Trustee John York; Maple Ratepayers representative, Mr. Mendelson; and Concord Ratepayers' representatives Henry Nordin and John Pepper. The tour has been arranged to give these representatives of Vaughan Township an opportunity of observing the marshalling yard, viewing nearby townships (the yard is 23 miles outside of Pittsburgh), noting subdivision growth, and meeting with various ratepayers and planning members adjacent to the marshalling yard. Among the press members covering the tour will be Mona Robertson, Associate Editor of "The Liberal".

Spring Work Now Started

Farmers throughout the district are busy on the land this week. Seeding operations are well underway, and the start this year was about one week later than last year. Land is working nicely but a good warm rain would be welcomed.

Need Fortitude To Say No Council Meeting Like Give-Away Program On T.V.

Pleading for co-operation between council, school boards, planning board and all local bodies, Kenneth G. Smith, representing the Crosby Heights Ratepayers Association suggested at Town Council meeting Monday night the appointment of a fact-finding committee to curtail spending and ease the load on the over-burdened taxpayer. Mr. Smith was directly critical of a proposal to "spend \$85,000 on a broken down arena - just to put a front on it" but didn't limit his criticism to the present council. "No one in the past years has apparently had the intestinal fortitude to say "no", he said and he compared a recent council session to a "TV give-away program". In speaking for the ratepayers delegation Mr. Smith said, "we are not belligerent, we have no axe to grind, we have no chip on our shoulder, but we are extremely worried and we're dead serious". Critical of high levies for education Mr. Smith said the school board couldn't take all the blame. If the council goes ahead with residential subdivisions the school board has to provide for education of the children. The speaker said that last December all candidates for office said this should be a year of consolidation but the first thing that happened was more annexation. "We've missed the boat", he said, "and planned poorly". He stressed the need for industrial development and deplored the fact Richmond Hill did not have industrial land for sale. Available land he said is held at prohibitive prices. With no land for sale by the municipality, Mr. Smith asked why we needed an industrial commissioner. Mr. Smith warned against over-development of commercial areas and said we have gone subdivision crazy. "The people of Richmond Hill are really concerned at the prospect of increased taxation, and rightly so," he said, "for we will wake up some day and find our investment gone."

Will Appoint Committee Council Will Probe Crosby Sewer Costs And Beverley Acres Big Drainage Project Ratepayers Ask Council Decide Who Responsible

To Ask T.T.C. To Renew Bus Agreement

A joint meeting to discuss the future operation of the North Yonge Bus Line was held Tuesday morning in Maple. Representatives of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, joint owners of the line were present. The current T.T.C. agreement covering the operation of the line is due to expire on December 31st of this year. Those present instructed Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill to write the T.T.C. and ask them to renew the present agreement. Richmond Hill was represented at the meeting by Mayor Tomlin and Reeve Floyd Perkins, Markham by Reeve W. L. Clark, and Vaughan by Reeve John Perry.

Council authorized the appointment of a three man committee to investigate thoroughly the two projects in an effort to fix responsibility for the conditions. Files will be searched and drawings examined and it was intimated former council members would be questioned. In his letter to council and his verbal representation to council Mr. Broadhurst suggested that council should consider legal action if it is found the engineering of the projects was at fault. In his presentation to council Mr. Broadhurst said, "before being taxed heavily to remedy this situation I would like first to be convinced that I am the one who should be paying for it". He referred to a case in the City of Brantford, where a recent judgment awarded the municipality \$55,000, in an action against the consulting engineers found negligent in failing to advise council regarding the condition of the ground where a fire hall was built. Councillor Haggart agreed with Mr. Broadhurst that the ratepayers had a right to know why it was necessary to spend a quarter of a million dollars to correct the drainage situation. He suggested that the help of investigating engineers be sought. Councillor Bradstock doubted if it was a case of error in Beverley Acres but thought there might be some chance of error in the case of the Crosby sewer. Councillor Haggart reminded Councillor Bradstock that before coming on council he had suggested engaging inspecting engineers. "Why the change of attitude," he asked. Councillor Ross agreed that there should be an investigation to get the facts. "I have asked for a copy of the agreement with J. A. Bailey," he said. Councillor Paterson suggested a committee of council to make a thorough investigation. Reeve Perkins said he always had misgivings about drainage of

the area. I asked about drainage because it was always a frog-pond. I was told by the engineer that it was being looked after. Councillor Bradstock said he hoped the committee would have the power to call anyone who might be able to throw light on the situation. He thought the possibility of successful legal action in the case of Beverley Acres was remote. Councillor Ross - I recall council said Bailey had no further responsibility in the Beverley Acres situation. Councillor Bradstock - Those were Mr. Bailey's words. Council said no legal responsibility. I had in mind moral responsibility. Reeve Perkins said the Beverley Acres drainage scheme is estimated to cost \$250,000, and it may be more. Councillor Haggart said the Crosby sewer has already been repaired three times at a cost of \$50,000, and it has disappeared again. He thought council should take action to see whether or not it was the fault of the consulting engineers. "I object to the taxpayers paying all this money," he said, "and we've been paying engineering costs to correct engineering errors". Works Commissioner Whalen stated the present break is just west of where the previous repairs were made. Councillor Paterson said inspection engineers would cost at least \$100, per day plus expenses. Someone asked where the finance committee will get the money to pay the inspection engineers. "Open another subdivision," said Deputy Reeve Tinker. "We've got a tiger by the tail and can't let it go". To the suggestion former council members be intergrated, Reeve Perkins said he welcomed the opportunity. "I look forward to it with no fear nor trembling," he said. Council gave unanimous ap- (Continued on Page 3)

New Well By July Water Resources Will Develop Water Supply For This Whole Area

The Ontario Water Resources Commission will develop the deep well located in Markham Township by the Town of Richmond Hill and when the extent of supply is determined will again meet with representatives of the two municipalities and work out an agreement for sharing on the basis of need. In future all drilling for additional water supply in this area will be carried on by the Water Resources Commission. This was the result of a meeting last Wednesday of Richmond Hill and Markham Township representatives with the Commission, as reported to Town Council on Monday night by Reeve Floyd R. Perkins. After lengthy test drilling operations the new well was located on the Mackay property just beyond the town limits in Markham Township. While Richmond Hill made plans to develop the well the site was deeded to Markham Township. Richmond Hill appealed to the Water Resources Commission with the foregoing results which Reeve Perkins said is quite satisfactory. Markham Township needs a water supply in the area, particularly for Hillsview Avenue. In announcing that future test drilling would be by the Commission, the Reeve stated that Mark-

Free Polio Vaccine For Adults

On behalf of Dr. Clayton Rose, Dr. R. M. King, York County Medical Officer, advises that free Polio Vaccine will be available for adults, beginning May 1. This represents the first time that this special free service has been available for adults, and distribution will be made in 17 centres across the county with the assistance of the health unit and staff. Dr. King urges that immediate consideration be given to this opportunity, before the start of the active polio season.

Fourteen New Stores

Work is progressing this week on construction of the new shopping centre at the corner of Markham Road and Bayview. D. Miller & Company of Oshawa are the builders and when completed the centre will include 14 stores. It is reported that five are already rented. MARKHAM - Mr. J. Koblesky has purchased the former Milne farm, of about 80 acres, in Markham Village. For many years the property has belonged to Dr. O. L. Stanton of Yellowknife.

ham Township will have to share in the \$14,000, expenditure made by Richmond Hill in the exploratory test drilling. The new well should be in production by July 1st which should be in time to make restrictions on water use in Richmond Hill unnecessary said Reeve Perkins. "Richmond Hill didn't think kindly of the action of the owner deeding the land to Markham Township, but I'm quite satisfied with the result of our meeting with the Water Commission, and in the long run the whole thing may have worked out well for everybody," said Reeve Perkins. Councillor Haggart pointed out that Richmond Hill's claim was based on established need, and was not for future development. Reeve Perkins intimated that the Water Commission felt that while deep wells may not be the permanent answer to water needs, they should be used as long as possible. Councillor Haggart thought the Commission should be busy now developing a new permanent supply to serve the whole area. The lack of an adequate water supply was holding back the development of the whole area, he said, a policy of continually punching dry holes isn't just good enough for this fast growing district.