

## Coming Events

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

BINGO every Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd. West, Richvale. tcf39

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north Loblaws. tcf39

EVERY FRIDAY night 7:45 p.m. Bingo — Cor. Hall, Spruce Ave. S. W. Yonge St. tcf36

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. tcf36

MAY 9 — Saturday 3 to 5 p.m. a mother and daughter tea and bake sale in the Richmond Hill United Church Christian Education building under the auspices of the afternoon group of the W.A. Everyone welcome. c2w44

MAY 9th — Saturday at 2 p.m., Rummage Sale and Sale of Home Baking, at Maple United Church, under the auspices of the W.A. c2w44

MAY 9 — Saturday 3-5 p.m. The Catholic Women's League of St. Luke's in Thornhill are holding a Maytime Tea and Bake Sale on May 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. c1w45

MAY 9 — 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. nc45

MAY 9 — Saturday 8:30 p.m. There will be an "Organizational Meeting" of the York-North Young Progressive Conservative Association on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Hall at Richmond Hill. Everyone is welcome especially young people between 16 and 36 to a short business meeting followed by a dance and social evening with lunch served. c1w45

MAY 12 — Tuesday 8 p.m. The regular meeting of the W.A. of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Lindsay, 403 Becker Road. c1w45

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 T.U. 4-4609. c1w45

MAY 14 — Thursday, 12 noon to 1 p.m. Business Luncheon, sponsored by the W.A. of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$1.00 available from Mrs. F. Walsh, phone T.U. 4-3445 or at door. c2w44

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

JUNE 17 — Wednesday 2:30 p.m. Garden Tea under the auspices of St. John's Anglican Church W.A. (Yonge St. at Jefferson) at the home of Capt. and Mrs. C. S. Snively, Glenholme. Sale of work and home baking. Afternoon tea will be served. Tickets may be obtained from W.A. members. The public is cordially invited to attend. c1w45

JUNE 24 — Wednesday "A Date to Remember" Buttonville W.I. will hold a strawberry festival at Buttonville Hall, Entertainment. c1w45

## Death Follows Car-Truck Crash

Murray Alder Snider, aged 42, of 399 Palisade Crescent, Richmond Hill, died in the Branson Hospital, on Sunday, May 3, as the result of an accident on the Maple side road near Bathurst St., Wednesday of last week, when his car collided with a truck.

Mr. Snider was proceeding east on a clear road when his car hit a truck being driven west by Paul Beupre of Melrose St., King City. Two passengers in Mr. Snider's car, Percy A. Hare, 305 Kerswill Dr. and Walter Duncan, 106 Cartier Crescent, Richmond Hill, escaped with lacerations, cuts and bruises. Mr. Beupre suffered fractures and shock.

Vaughan Township Police investigated and the injured were removed to hospital where it was determined Mr. Snider had a fractured pelvis, fractured left foot and left ribs, lacerations to the head and the left knee. Despite his severe injuries the late Mr. Snider seemed to be rallying but succumbed on Sunday.

## 1/2 Of Quota In Canvass Continues

Mrs. Gordon Purves, campaign chairman of the Richmond Hill and District Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society reports that with less than half the books in, \$10,500 has been collected. Local canvassers are still busy making calls hoping to top their quota of \$18,000.

AURORA — By unanimous decision Aurora Council decided to send a letter to the gas company outlining complaints from subdivision residents about their exorbitant gas bills.

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## Dedicate New Masonic Temple

Richmond Lodge, one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in Ontario will dedicate the new Masonic Temple on Crosby Avenue Monday evening, June 1st, at 8 p.m. The new Temple replaces the historic hall on Yonge Street which was sold and torn down last year.

The dedication ceremony will be conducted by Most Worshipful Brother H. L. Martyn, Ontario Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers.

## In R. Hill

## May Have Boost In Water Rates

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night asked auditor Joseph for a report on the operation and revenue of the local water-works system as a guide to a proposed rate increase or levy to take care of annual payments on the \$300,000 water treatment plant.

In introducing the subject at the regular council meeting Mayor Tomlin said it was always understood that the waterworks should carry the cost of the treatment plant. He suggested council consider a levy of \$1.50 per quarter to water-users or maybe a slight increase in water rates.

Present water rates for domestic users are 35c per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons and then a rate of 25c per gal. In addition there is a quarterly service charge of \$2.00.

Reeve Perkins thought an increase in rates more fair than a quarterly levy. Some people use very little water; with an increase in rates people would pay in accordance with the amount they use, he said.

Mayor Tomlin said when the treatment plant was decided upon the feeling was that people would be happy to pay more for good water.

Council will consider the rate increase when the report is received from the auditor. Councillor Haggart said he hoped the report will take into account consumer trends. "Our daily consumption must be increasing rapidly," he said.

## Bowling Season Opens May 18

President Alex Clark of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club announced today that the local season will open Victoria Day, Monday, May 18, with a tournament starting at 2 p.m. New members will be made welcome.

## All Parties Prepare For Election Day

It was announced this week that there will be a general election in Ontario on Thursday, June 11th, and in the riding of York North all political parties are getting busy in preparation for the campaign.

The York North riding includes all of the County of York north of Steeles Avenue, which has been represented since 1945 by Major A. A. MacKenzie of Woodbridge, Conservative. It is expected Major MacKenzie will again contest the riding and he will have at least two opponents in candidates representing the Liberals and the C.C.F.

North York riding has through the years sent representatives of all parties to the legislature. It has been in the Conservative column since 1945, but for the period preceding that was represented by Morgan Baker, Liberal. Previous to 1934 the C.C.F. held the riding for one parliament and before that Conservative Clifford Case of Aurora, was the representative. The lone C.C.F. member from the riding was George Mitchell, a former reeve of North York Township. At that time the constituency extended south to the city limits.

## Reject 17 Ft. Set-Back

## Yonge's Building Line Dilemma For Bldg. Inspector

"A seventeen foot set back for new buildings on Yonge Street in the old-established business section is quite impossible," said Mayor Ken. W. Tomlin at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Monday night when Council refused to pass a by-law recommended by the Planning Board establishing a line for new building. The by-law provided that all commercial buildings on Yonge Street be at least 50 feet from the centre of Yonge Street, which would be 17 feet back of the existing street line. The by-law was returned to the Planning Board with the request that it be amended to exempt certain areas of Yonge Street from the set-back provision.

At its February meeting council gave instruction that a by-law be drawn up fixing a building line for commercial development on Yonge Street. The set-back was set at 17 feet and on motion of Councillor Bradstock and Councillor Ross it was decided no permits be issued for Yonge Street building until the details of the by-law are finalized. There were several protests from the established Yonge Street business section and some permits were issued in accordance with the existing regulations that the building line is established by the majority of existing commercial establishments in a block.

Mayor Tomlin said the 17-foot set-back in the block between Arnold and Centre Street was utterly ridiculous. There are several new buildings erected close to the street line and to make new construction set back seventeen feet would be unfair to the property owners and the town. He suggested the set back suggested might be alright in defined areas.

Councillor Ross asked why Powell Furniture was given a permit after council had agreed with the Planning Board there should be a greater set-back.

Mayor Tomlin said Council had no authority to refuse a permit until a new by-law is passed. He pointed out however, that he hoped prospective builders would confer and co-operate with the building inspector.

Councillor Haggart said the

## Council Sympathetic Extent Of Grant To Swimming Pool Still Undecided

Although no provision was made in the town's 1959 budget for a grant towards the construction of a swimming pool in Richmond Hill the issue is not dead, and council is still very interested in the project proposed by local service clubs. The indoor pool estimated to cost \$253,000, was proposed to council early in March with the suggestion that the town council make a grant of \$100,000. It was proposed the service clubs raise \$50,000, and the balance be financed by debentures to be repaid through the operation of the pool. Council at the time gave general approval in principle to the proposal.

A letter was read at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Monday night from the Lions Club requesting an answer to the service club's proposal as soon as possible. Mayor K. W. Tomlin stated that council is very much in sympathy with the proposal but at the moment is not in a position to make a definite commitment on the amount of a grant.

The Mayor said the proposal called for a very substantial undertaking from the town and that it required a lot of deep thought. He said the issue was complicated by recent provincial legislation which in a sense froze a considerable amount of the town's number two account. Approval of provincial authorities is now required for expenditures from the account which is made up of per lot contributions by developers of subdivisions.

On motion of Deputy-reeve Tinker and Reeve Perkins the Lions Club will be advised council still has the proposal under consideration. Mayor Tomlin said the finance committee would make a recommendation to council just as soon as possible.

Councillor Patterson suggested that while a closed-in pool was desirable it might be possible to undertake the project in stages and in this way the community would have the advantage of an outdoor pool at an early date.

AURORA — Hon. M. B. Dymond, Ontario minister of health, visited the Mental Hospital, Aurora, during Mental Health Week.

## Liberal Leader Guest Speaker



JOHN WINTERMEYER, M.L.A. Ontario Liberal Leader, who will be the guest speaker at provincial nominating convention of the York North Liberal Association on Friday, May 8. This will mark Mr. Wintermeyer's first major speech in the Toronto area since the date of the general election was announced last Monday.

The convention will be held at the Richmond Hill High School Auditorium with starting time at 8:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend and hear Mr. Wintermeyer.

## Interview With C.N.R. Pres.

## Vaughan Reeve Presents Brief Re Yard Move

Reeve John Perry, accompanied by Mr. John Glen of the Maple Trustees Association and Mr. John Pepper, Concord Ratepayers, made a special trip to Ottawa on Monday where they had a meeting with Mr. Donald Gordon, president of the C.N.R., to discuss the marshalling yard proposed for Vaughan Township.

A private hearing with the Hon. George Hees, Minister of Transport was regrettably not possible.

Reeve Perry informed "The Liberal".

"Our delegation of Mr. John Glen, Mr. John Pepper and the Reeve was well received by Mr. Donald Gordon. After having discussed the many phases of the C.N.R. proposal, it was made very apparent to us that the marshalling yard would be placed in the approximate area of the township where it was originally designated.

"The proposal, as presented in our brief, concerning the moving of the yard 800 feet to the west was then thoroughly examined by Mr. Gordon and his staff members present.

"It was pointed out to them that this adjustment would relieve, to some extent, the proximity of the yard to the residential area in Concord.

"From a planning point of view, it would tend to centre the operation between Keele and Jane Streets and make property on both these roads more valuable from the point of view of industrial planning. It would also aid in maintaining the scenic atmosphere along these two rural roads and permit widening in the future when required.

"It was agreed that there would be some property owners who perhaps would not welcome this adjustment, but the brief was presented in the belief that such action was in the best interest of the township as a whole.

"Mr. Gordon reconfirmed the statements of his staff in charge of the project, that they would certainly co-operate with township officials and the ratepayers concerned in proper planning, the building of buffer zones and landscaping and in the development of industrial assessment.

"Mr. Gordon went on to explain that regardless of the opinion of many, the C.N.R. had planned this project with regard to the financial aspects of its construction combined with consideration for private property and mentioned that all such projects usually met with objections from the people.

"Our submission pointed out that engineering wise, our proposal was possible, sound and economically sensible.

"Again Mr. Gordon assured us that any proposition that was in the interests of the people and a municipality, if sound, would certainly be considered and assured

## New Store In Bayview Plaza

Floyd Dermott announces in this issue the opening of a new T.V. store and record bar in Bayview Plaza. Mr. Dermott will handle all makes of T.V. and Record Players and will give a general repair service.

## Little Metro For Fringe Area

## Suggest A Joint Committee For Three Municipalities To Save On Capital Costs Mayor Suggests Immediate Need 100 Bed Hospital

To Reduce Bayview Ave. Speed Limit To 30 M.P.H.

Markham Township Council Monday agreed with a request from Richmond Hill to reduce the speed limit on that portion of Bayview Avenue forming the eastern boundary of the town from 50 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

For some time now town officials have been advocating that the busy Bayview Avenue area should be zoned as a 30 mile area.

## What about next week? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR YOU TO BE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT IMPORTANT DISTRICT EVENTS AND YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS. THAT'S BY READING "The Liberal" EVERY WEEK.

A permanent joint committee of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan municipal councils was suggested Monday night by Richmond Hill Councillor W. J. Haggart to explore and study possible areas of co-operation. It was suggested such a joint committee might agree on co-operative projects serving the three municipalities at a saving in capital costs and maintenance expenses.

Council members unanimously supported the motion which was seconded by Reeve F. R. Perkins. Mayor Tomlin in expressing agreement with the suggestion commented that it might eventually lead to a co-operative set-up somewhat similar to Metro.

"I see a great similarity between conditions today in our area with the situation in the south end of the County of York when I first became associated with York County Council," said the Mayor.

"There was then a great difference in interest and problems of the north and south municipalities which led to Bill 80, the division of the County and the setting up of Metropolitan Toronto," said the Mayor, "and I see a similarity to the division of interest today. Our problems in this, the southern section of the present county are very different to the problems of the northern municipalities."

Councillor Haggart in support of his motion pointed out that a very acceptable agreement had been reached between the three municipalities for joint action to cope with the dog problem. "There probably are other fields where co-operative effort will reduce capital costs and lessen maintenance expense to the different municipalities."

Mayor Tomlin mentioned the establishment of a hospital here as a project which would require joint and co-operative action. A hospital to serve this immediate area is an absolute necessity, said Mr. Tomlin. Enlarging on his suggestion the Mayor said he knew of a body willing to operate a hospital here if the municipalities could get together and provide the facilities. The size of the hospital was mentioned as 100 bed capacity.

Reeve Perkins mentioned as a possible field of co-operation an incinerator for garbage disposal. "We may face a problem with garbage-disposal sometime in the future," he said.

Mayor Tomlin presided at the (Continued on Page 3)

## Marshalling Yard Issue Explained

## Maligned By Letter Writers Says C.N.R. Vice President

W. H. Kyle, vice-president, Canadian National Railways, today took issue with the campaign of criticism directed against the railway's proposed classification yard and the routes selected for the access lines.

"Some of this is emotional, some of it is suspect, and some of it is misapprehension, and some of it is suspect," said Mr. Kyle, in a statement to railway representatives.

He said the railway is maligning in a "recital of distortions listed in a circular by the agent for a campaign of 'letters-to-the-editor'."

On the question of consultations during preliminary studies he said: "Our study was not a hit-and-miss affair, but a careful analysis extending over a two-year period. Organizations which supplied us with source data included the Toronto Harbour Commission, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Metropolitan Planning Board, the Department of Highways and various other branches of the provincial government. The railway also engaged an independent firm of consulting engineers to examine all phases of the project and assist in the preparation of the plans now proposed."

"The campaigners against the project appear to overlook the fact that the Metropolitan Planning Board is constituted to avoid the chaos of piece-meal planning," he said. "This body is charged with the responsibility of approving or vetoing programmes beyond the boundaries of the metro administrative area and embracing all interests of adjacent communities."

In going to the Metropolitan Planning Board, Mr. Kyle emphasized that the CNR had consulted with the proper body to ensure that the eventual outline of the project would harmonize with long-range planning for future land development, and involve the least possible disturbance to established housing. "The end result is that the project as it now stands has the unanimous approval of this Board," he said.

"To submit that we ignored local planners, or that we should have sought in advance the opinions of all and sundry throughout the townships, is unrealistic," he declared. "It is manifestly impossible to propose a project of this magnitude and receive universal approval, and out of sad experience we know the difficulties and penalties encountered when land speculations are prompted by premature announcements."

Mr. Kyle pointed out that the railway offered the plans to local groups as soon as it was in a position to do so. "We expressed a willingness to meet with them to discuss local considerations. This was done well in advance of our ability to start work on physical construction, and while we were still in a position to consider constructive criticism that could lead to justifiable modifications. Surely these actions refute the

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## Welcome Wagon Here

"Welcome to the Town of Richmond Hill". These were the warm and cheerful words, Mrs. F. G. Game of 162 Sussex Ave., heard as she opened her door to two visiting ladies on Tuesday morning. The visitors were Mrs. A. C. Baxter and her assistant hostess Mrs. J. C. McLeod of Welcome Wagon, the internationally known organization which has just commenced operating in Richmond Hill.

Welcome Wagon had heard that Mr. and Mrs. Game and their three and a half year old son, Mark had moved into their new home this week, and, as is the custom of the good-will hostesses, they appeared on the Game doorstep with a flower decorated wicker basket full of gifts, ready to supply information and directions for everything from the service of the V.O.N. to the number of the local police and fire departments.

After being invited into Mrs. Game's home, Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. McLeod proceeded to present a letter of welcome from His Worship Mayor Ken Tomlin; a map of the town from Chief of Police R. P. Robbins, a card bearing the names of all ministers and the locations of their churches in town and information about the Red Cross — and incidentally Mrs. Game was most interested in this pamphlet because she taught Jr. Red Cross in Sudbury before coming to Richmond Hill to live.

A free bookmark from the Richmond Hill Library with time, place and hours, most welcome for any newcomer to town, and a copy of "The Liberal", with

the news that each new resident will receive a copy of the local newspaper as a gift for three weeks. The Canadian Bank of Commerce welcomed the newcomers too, as did stores in the Richmond Heights and Bayview Plazas, Richmond Gift Store, Jan's Men's and Boys' Wear, Warwick House, Bayview Hardware and the Richmond Theatre, as well as the Shell Station at Markham and Bayview — all had a welcome, and not one gift, but two, one for the welcome at the house, another awaiting each newcomer when they visit the various stores and present their cards of introduction to the merchants sponsoring the Welcome Wagon.

Mrs. Game was obviously thrilled and happy to find such a cordial atmosphere of neighbourliness in her new surroundings as she thanked the Welcome Wagon hostesses and said, "You certainly have a way of making people feel welcome, thank you very much."