

ELECTION CANDIDATES NOMINATED

Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tfe31

BINGO every Wednesday afternoon at 1.15 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Richvale. tfe31

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws. tfe27

EVERY FRIDAY night — at 7.45 p.m. Bingo — Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A, Yonge St. tfe36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9.00 p.m. — 12.00. Dancing at Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfe36

MAY 19 — Tuesday. Euchre in the Victoria Square Community Hall, sponsored by the park committee. Ladies please provide lunch. Everyone welcome. clw46

MAY 20 — Wednesday 8.15 p.m. C.C.F. Campaign meeting at the home of Candidate Stan Hall, 66 Walter Street, Newmarket. Interested helpers please phone Maple 126J or AV. 5-4584 for information and transportation. clw46

MAY 21 — Thursday. King Cancer Society invites members and friends to a trend tea at the home of Mrs. C. F. W. Burns, Kingfield Farms, Second Concession of King, at three p.m. Proceeds for Cancer Campaign Fund. clw46

MAY 22 — 7.30 p.m. T.S.A. No. 1 Markham & Vaughan will present a music and art demonstration in Thornhill High School auditorium, May 22, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 35c, adults; 25c children. c2w46

MAY 23 — Saturday 1 p.m. 1,000 records, 45 r.p.m. off Juice Boxes, 29c each. Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, Brooke & Jane Street. c2w46

MAY 24 — 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 24 — Wednesday — Strawberry Festival, Carrville United Church Woman's Association. c4w46

C.N.R. May Select Northern Route

According to reliable reports the C.N.R. may make a change in the route of its controversial new rail line through the fringe municipalities. The alternate route if acceptable would swing north as the line crosses the fifth concession of Markham Township. It would then cross Yonge Street at the Langstaff Jail Farm property, and enter Vaughan Township at the Chapman Farm. Vaughan has previously zoned the Chapman property as residential.

Richmond Hill Council last week notified its joint representative on Metro Planning Board, Mr. C. J. Laurin, that they favour the original C.N.R. route in preference to any northern route.

New Residents Welcomed



— Photo by Mona Robertson
Mrs. A. C. Baxter extends a basketful of good wishes from the Welcome Wagon in front of their new home, "Welcome Wagon" will be a familiar sight in town, especially to newcomers, who will not only receive a warm handshake and welcome from Mrs. Baxter and assistant hostess Mrs. J. C. McLeod — but many gifts from local merchants.

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Major Mackenzie Unanimous Choice Of Conservatives

Major A. A. MacKenzie, member of the Ontario Legislature for the riding of York North since 1945 was the unanimous choice of the Conservative convention held in Newmarket Town Hall Tuesday evening. Nominated by James Otton of Newmarket, he was the only nominee.

Major MacKenzie was first elected to the Legislature in 1945 defeating George Mitchell, the sitting member, and Robert W. Scott, Vaughan Township Reeve, the Liberal candidate. He had unsuccessfully contested two previous elections, being defeated in 1937 by Morgan Baker, Liberal, and in 1943 by George Mitchell, C.C.F. candidate and Reeve of

Mr. Maloney said it was the fault of the former federal Liberal government that the Frost government has been unable to get the \$100,000,000 share of income and corporation taxes it had requested.

"We took Finance Minister Harris and his government's word when they told us before the 1957 election that the economy and our finances were in good shape. But after the election, when our finance minister looked in the Government cupboard what he saw was a country entering a serious recession. What old Mother Hubbard saw when she looked in her cupboard was nothing to what the Liberals left us," said Mr. Maloney.

"That is the reason we have been unable to get our just share of the money. It just isn't there," he said.



MAJOR A. A. MACKENZIE

North York Township. Mr. MacKenzie has been re-elected in every general election since 1945. Previous to entering provincial politics Major MacKenzie served 15 years as a member of the Woodbridge municipal council. He served nine years as reeve and a term as York County Commissioner.

A feature of the well attended convention was a rousing political speech by Newmarket's grand old man, J. O. Little, 93 year old veteran party worker. For the occasion, "J. O." wore the red tie presented to him after the 1925 campaign by the late Herb Lennox. Herb made the red tie famous in North York and in that historic campaign in 1925 defeated the then Prime Minister MacKenzie King.

Ontario Mines Minister James Maloney was the guest speaker for the occasion and in an eloquent speech praised the record of the Frost government and appealed for support for Major MacKenzie.

Collect Seven Loads of Refuse Within 14 Miles

Continuing their drive on the illegal dumping of refuse on Markham Township roads, Councillor L. Mumberson informed council Monday that three men and truck collected seven full loads of refuse within a distance of 14 miles. Mr. Mumberson is chairman of the road committee. The road department has estimated it will take five days alone to clean up Bayview Avenue as far north as 18th Avenue. It is going to take some time to clean up the 150 miles of township roads.

Following their announced intention to clamp down on the dumping of refuse on township roads, Reeve Clark has asked every citizen to report anyone seen dumping to the police. The township will pay a reward of \$15.00 to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person on a charge of dumping.

"We have been all too lenient in the past," remarked Reeve Clark. "In the future anyone caught dumping refuse on township roads will have to clean up the mess and also be liable for prosecution.

Markham Favours Permanent Joint Committee

Markham Township Council Monday concurred with a suggestion of Richmond Hill Council that the three municipalities (Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill) in the southern part of the county explore the possibility of setting up a permanent joint committee to co-operate in problems common to the three of them, at a saving in capital and maintenance costs.

"I'd be willing to support any constructive proposal along that line," remarked Reeve W. L. Clark. Deputy-reeve W. Dean thought the municipalities could co-operate in the matter of planning school sites, water and sewage. Councillor J. MacNeil felt such a committee could handle such problems as the excess flow of water from Richmond Hill's eastern subdivisions. "The idea has a great deal of merit," stated Councillor Mumberson.

Metro May Extend Borders

Toronto Daily reported today that the Ontario Government plans to introduce legislation at the next session of Parliament to incorporate several fringe municipalities, including the Town of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships, into Metropolitan Toronto.

At press time we were unable to confirm the rumor, but Richmond Hill's Mayor Tomlin declared he had no intimation that such action is contemplated. "I would hope," said Mayor Tomlin that if any such action is to be considered that the municipalities concerned would be consulted."

Town Council Meeting Rejects For A Second Time Planning Bd. Yonge By-Law Councillor Ross Lone Supporter 17 Foot Set-Back

The set-back of new buildings and the building line for Yonge Street development was again the subject of lengthy discussion at Town Council Monday evening. Last week council rejected a by-law proposed by Planning Board fixing a 17-foot set-back for all Yonge Street buildings, and claiming such set-back was unrealistic for the old-established business district suggested that areas where it might be applied be specified.

Monday night a revised by-law was presented by the Planning Board providing for the 17-foot set-back in the Yonge area north of Dufferin and south of Arnold Street. It received only the support of Councillor R. P. Ross and was again rejected by council.

In a discussion of Yonge Street problems Mayor Ken Tomlin urged early action by the Parking Committee to provide off-street parking in the business section. "It is imperative we do something right away," said the Mayor who suggested the possibility of the purchase of certain sites for this purpose.

Councillor Ross urged that the set-back by-law was necessary now to set a pattern for building. In areas not yet built up the set-back would save the town a lot of money if Yonge Street had to be widened.

A clause in the Planning Board by-law spelled out the requirements for provision of parking space. Present regulations provide a specified amount of parking space must be provided with each commercial building, but recent interpretation has been that such space does not have to be on the premises. "It just says parking space shall be provided," said Councillor Ross. "It might be over on Bathurst Street." The clause proposed by the planning board specified that the required parking space must be on the premises.

Councillor Paterson expressed the opinion that the parking requirement in many cases was impractical, as established lots were not large enough to be economically developed if large parking space is made a definite requirement.

Reeve Perkins said it wasn't fair that some owners who had available parking on the premises and others not be required to do the same.

Councillor Ross agreed to delete the clause spelling out the parking requirement but urged the adoption of the by-law setting a pattern for Yonge Street set-back.

Councillor Haggart pointed out that council already has on the record a motion that action on the required set-back await a report by the planning specialist. Councillor Paterson urged action on the off-street parking. It was suggested if a laneway can be obtained at the rear of stores on the west side of Yonge Street from Arnold St. to Centre Street, considerable parking area can be made available. Similar plans were suggested for the east side of Yonge Street.

Mr. Lagerquist was granted permission to make extensive alterations and additions to his studio building on Yonge Street. One of the oldest buildings in town, the present structure at one point is 2 ft. 2 inches on town property, but as alterations at the front are not extensive council granted a letter of tolerance. Two existing windows will be replaced by larger ones, and there will be a second store on Yonge St. and a substantial addition at the rear. Councillor Ross voted against granting permission as he contended when changes are made the building should conform to set-back regulations.

Council took the initial steps for expropriation proceedings to acquire the necessary land width for widening the south-west corner of Centre Street East and Church Street.

lot for park purposes. Nursery School An application for the establishment of a Nursery School at 273 Richmond St. was referred to the clerk to ascertain if it conforms with all regulations. The school will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will accommodate 25 children.

Councillor Paterson said nursery day schools served a useful purpose in the community.

The Public School Board requests council to inform the Municipal Board that it is planned to spend \$75,000. on a three-room addition to the McConaghy school.

Deputy-reeve Tinker urged police action against parties responsible for tracking dirt on to town streets.

A letter complaining about the too generous use of stop signs in the subdivisions was referred to the police committee for consideration, and comment.

It was stated there has been considerable criticism of the stop sign on Centre Street East at Beverton Road.

Reeve Perkins urged that the contractor get on as soon as possible with the paving of Centre St. East. Commissioner Whalen stated the work will complete within a month.

Reeve Perkins reported arrangements for renting a portion of the lot at Yonge and Richmond Street for off-street parking. Meters will be installed.

Dr. Jim Langstaff Pres. Lions For '59

At last Thursday's meeting of the Richmond Hill Lions Club the new officers for the coming year were elected. Jim Langstaff became president, Don Little first vice-president, Denny Featherstonhugh second vice-president, Warren Davey third vice-president, Ed Sackfield secretary, George Fenwick treasurer, Herb Ludlow Lion tamer, Shaun Beggs tail twister. Directors will be Past President Harold Sanderson, Mack Clement, Pat Paterson, Wait Mason and Andy Armstrong.

The Lions also reviewed the work of their committees for the past month. Lion Bill Wagner, chairman of the health and welfare committee reported a number of helpful activities on behalf of local people in temporary need. Among them two gifts of food, three gifts of eyeglasses, four gifts of clothing, sharing in

the gift of a hearing aid, financial help to a family for medical expenses, post-operative care for a young mother and loans of wheel chairs and hospital beds.

Plans were announced for a safety rodeo to be conducted jointly by the Lions and the Jaycees at Loblaws' parking lot on the morning of Monday, May 18.

Money Lenders Censored

Unscrupulous money-lenders charging exorbitant rates for second mortgages were sharply criticized by Councillor W. J. Haggart at Town Council meeting Monday night.

Councillor Haggart said there are many vacant houses in Beverley Acres and the area is deteriorating and the main reason is the greedy money-lender who charges as high as fifty per cent bonus to renew second mortgages. It works out that some people are paying interest at the rate of 22 per cent per annum, he said.

Mayor Tomlin said he thought the situation should be brought to the attention of Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation.

Councillor Paterson joined in deploring the questionable practices of money-lenders but said that the responsibility should rest with the individual to guard against being taken in by such schemes. "It's really up to the individual to curb the practice," said Councillor Paterson.

Will Review Local Licences

Councillor W. J. Haggart, Police Committee Chairman reported to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night that he has secured copies of Metro Licensing regulations, and has under way a study and review of all local licences.

The review will include all existing licences and possible licensing of services not now under regulation.

In regard to taxi licences Councillor Haggart received council support for a resolution limiting the number of licences for taxi vehicles to one for every 1,000 of population.

In regard to the proposed extension of licensing by-law Mr. Haggart said the Metro regulations would be studied in the light of local needs.

Clean Up Week Starts Monday

On motion of Reeve F. R. Perkins and Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker at Monday's Council meeting, the week of May 18th-25th was declared as "Clean Up Week" in Richmond Hill.

Reeve Perkins and Deputy-reeve Tinker pointed out that a great deal can be done to make the town more attractive if all citizens co-operate in a general spring clean-up and clean-up campaign. There are some unsightly places which could be made more presentable by a little clean-up effort, they said.

Council members concurred unanimously in the suggestion and Mayor Tomlin said the town would take the lead in making sure all municipal property is put in tidy shape.

Councillor Paterson suggested citizens be reminded they can have the town truck call for any refuse which cannot be put out with the garbage. "If they call the town office the municipal truck will call and pick up the refuse," said Councillor Paterson.

Don Plaxton Is Liberal Choice For York North

It's time for new men, new ideas and a new approach to provincial problems," declared Donald G. Plaxton, 33-year-old Richmond Hill lawyer in accepting the Liberal nomination as candidate in the coming provincial election at the convention held in Richmond Hill last Friday evening and which was attended by delegates from all parts of the constituency.

Principal speaker was John Wintermeyer M.L.A., Ontario Liberal leader making his first campaign speech in the Toronto district since voting day was announced last week. Mr. Wintermeyer took the Frost government to task on many counts, and declared that his party is out in real earnest to win the election on June 11th.

Brigadier Colin A. Campbell of Woodbridge presided as chairman in the absence through illness of association president Lorne C. Lee Q.C. of Aurora. In the election of officers Vaughan Williams of Aurora was elected president, succeeding Mr. Lee, and other officers elected were: vice presidents Fred Johnston, Pefferlaw, Mrs. Donald Downey, Whittechurch, George Richardson, Newmarket; secretary W. S. Cook, Richmond Hill; treasurer Donald Deacon, Unionville.

The nomination of Mr. Plaxton was moved by Thomas Simpson and seconded by Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker, both of whom paid sincere tribute to the candidate's qualifications. The only other nominee was Richmond Hill's Councillor W. J. Haggart, who declared "the present Ontario government is bankrupt of ideas and has shown little or no concern for the dilemma in which most municipalities find themselves today, with increasing costs and responsibilities and increasing tax rates. "The attitude of the present provincial government toward educational problems and financing," he said, "are archaic". Mr. Haggart said that due to pressure of personal business at the present time he could not stand for election as candidate. He was nominated by Joseph Paterson and John Neufeld.

Mr. Plaxton, the candidate, is well known in this district and throughout York County. He was for several years a member of Richmond Hill Town Council and York County Council. He is a member of a well known family, held in high regard in the business, professional and public life of the County. Although a young man he is not inexperienced in politics and was a candidate in a



DONALD G. PLAXTON

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Markham Township Hope To Secure Former North York Wells & Plant

The question of the final disposition of the former North York wells located in Markham Township will be decided by the Ontario Water Resources Commission, Reeve W. L. Clark informed council Monday evening. Mr. Clark had earlier expressed disappointment at Metro's decision to sell the wells by public tender, with no special consideration for Markham. There are two wells and a treatment plant located on Leslie Street north of Steeles Avenue. There is still a substantial debt owing on the wells and plant. Reports that several developers were interested in purchasing the wells was criticized by Reeve Clark. Mr. Clark felt they should not be allowed to fall into private hands. Deputy-reeve W. Dean stated that North York Township has rezoned the area lying south of Steeles Ave. between Bayview Ave. and Leslie Street as industrial. Council felt the water commission would protect Markham's interests in the matter.

South-West Survey

Council has authorized Township Engineer E. Jorgensen to secure an estimate on the cost of carrying out a zoning and drainage survey of the south-west corner of Markham, as requested by Metro. Council has earlier suggested that Metro, Markham and Vaughan agree on the selection of one engineer to do the survey in each of the three municipalities.

Reeve Clark felt that Richmond Hill should also enter the drainage question. "They are certainly involved in the drainage problem," remarked Reeve Clark. "Their responsibility extends beyond their own boundaries" added the speaker. For sometime now the excess water from Richmond Hill's eastern subdivisions has been presenting a problem to Markham residents.

The water committee (Councillor J. MacNeil, chairman) has been instructed to further study a Vaughan Township request for the sale of water to its Crestwood Road and Steeles Avenue areas. If such a sale is approved by council the matter will then be forwarded to the provincial Water Resources Commission for ratification.

Council is expecting a petition for water from both residents along Don Mills Road and the Arnelgh Subdivision. If approved in principle, council would then have to decide how best to serve the area. Council could either extend the boundaries of the

present water area or create a new water area. It was felt a six inch main would be sufficient, and if approved by the provincial water commission the area could be served from the former North York wells. The cost of financing the project would be on a local improvement basis.

Lot Sizes Doncaster Ratepayers Association has made a strong appeal to council to amend the present by-law requiring that all building lots contain a minimum of 15,000 square feet. In a lengthy letter to council the ratepayers maintained the by-law is discriminatory in nature as it prohibits residents from splitting 100 foot lots into 50 foot size.

Doncaster has a municipal water system but no municipal sewage system. The ratepayers reported they had been informed by Metro planning officials that the decision as to lot sizes rested with the township and not Metro. Councillor L. Mumberson felt the whole matter turned on the question of adequate storm and sanitary sewage for the area.

In reply to the ratepayers, Reeve Clark stated council could not amend its by-law piecemeal. "We would have to open up the whole township rather than do it just for one area," commented Mr. Clark. The reeve felt the zoning and drainage survey of the south-west corner of the township would help to solve the problem of lot sizes.

(A request from the Doncaster Association for a drainage survey of the south-west corner of the township would help to solve the problem of lot sizes.) (Continued on Page 14)