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Coming Events

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

BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7.45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Richvale. tfe48

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 to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75¢ per person. tfe36

DAILY 10 A.M. TO 11 P.M. — Dufferin Fairways Golf Range & Miniature Golf Course. 50 all-grass tees, 25 acres of level grass fairways, brilliant night lighting, free golf instruction classes, afternoons Mon. to Fri. Private lessons anytime by appointment \$2.50. Our sporty miniature golf course is where the Toronto and District Championship tournament is played. Open to all. No entry fees. Make up a family party, a club group, teams, children's birthday parties or just come out yourself. You'll have lots of fun. Only 35¢ a game. Clubs and balls supplied. Dufferin St. at No. 7 Highway, AV. 5-0032. tfe47

JUNE 5th — Friday, 8.15 p.m. — St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, pupils of Mrs. Sylvia Garson in "Dance Display." c2w48

JUNE 5th — Friday, 18th — Mrs. B. G. Palmer invites all flower lovers to open house at her home on Bathurst Street, R.R. 3, King, near Temperanceville, to view her Iris garden. c2w49

JUNE 10 — Wednesday — The Richmond Hill Curling Club is holding a public meeting at the Richmond Hill High School at 8 o'clock for all those interested in joining the club or finding out more about it. Everyone is invited. An election of officers will be held after a general meeting. c1w49

JUNE 11 — Thursday 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall, the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Annual Iris Show. Speaker, Mr. R. D. Little. Subject — Iris. Conductor Mrs. D. Boyd. No admission charge. Everyone welcome. c1w49

JUNE 13 — Saturday 1-5 p.m. Bazaar, home baking, handwork, afternoon tea to be served at the Orange Hall, first house north of Loblaws under the auspices of the L.O.B.A. c4w47

JUNE 13 — Saturday, Aurora Horse Show, Town Park, Midway, Friday evening. See some of Canada's finest horses. c1w49

JUNE 16 — Tuesday 2.30 to 5 p.m. June Garden Tea, 261 Richmond Street (corner of Trench Street) will be held by the 4th Richmond Hill Cub & Scout Mothers' Auxiliary. Sale of aprons. Admission 35¢, children 10¢. c4w48

JUNE 17, Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. — Garden Tea under the auspices of St. John's Anglican Church W.A. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snively, Glenlochy, South Road, Lake Wilcox. Sale of work and home baking. Admission and tea 75¢. The public is cordially invited to attend. c2w49

JUNE 18 — Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Come to the Strawberry Social on the lawn of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Maple. The menu includes cold ham, salads, rolls, beverage, cake and of course all the strawberries and cream you can eat, at \$1.25 a plate (children 12 and under 75¢). c4w48

JUNE 20 — Saturday — from 1 to 4.00 p.m. — A Garden Tea and Bake Sale sponsored by the 3rd Richmond Hill Scouts Group Ladies' Auxiliary is being held at the home of Mrs. W. Strugnell, 178 Essex Avenue. Admission 35¢. Everyone welcome. c3w49

JUNE 24 — Wednesday — Strawberry Festival, Carville United Church Woman's Association. c4w46

JUNE 24 — Wednesday at Buttonville W.I. Hall (Don Mills Rd., 1 mile north No. 7 Hwy.) A Strawberry Festival, under the auspices of the Buttonville W.I. Supper served from 5.00 p.m. Program commencing at 8.00 p.m. c3w49

JUNE 24 — Wednesday — Teston United Church, Strawberry Festival. Salad plate and strawberries. Supper served from 5-8 p.m. Adults \$1.25, children 75¢. c1w49

JULY 1 — Wednesday, King City Lions Field Day, King City Memorial Park. Men's and Ladies' Softball Tournament, \$25 first, \$15 second in each class. Entries to John Dew, King City, Phone 161, on or before June 27. Also horseshoe pitching contest, running and novelty races for young and old. Lucky number draw prizes. Old time dance in evening and draw for pony. c4w49

York North Candidates June 11th



S. J. HALL



A. A. MACKENZIE



D. G. PLAXTON

Voting in Ontario's provincial election takes place next Thursday, June 11th. Polls in every subdivision are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daylight saving time. In the riding of York North, which includes all of the County of York north of Steele's Avenue, there are three names on the ballot.

Stanley J. Hall is the C.C.F. candidate. He resides in Newmarket, is a native of Toronto, was born and raised in Peel County, and now is an employee of a meat packing company. He is a member of the C.C.F. He is a director of the Credit Union Movement. He advocates planned development of York North riding and in addition pledges full support to farmers' marketing organizations and co-operatives.

The second name on the ballot is A. A. Mackenzie. He is the Conservative candidate and has represented York North in the Legislature since 1945. A native son of the County he lives at Woodbridge, and is an ex-councillor of the village and a former member of York County Council. He is unmarried and his occupation is gardener. He is appealing for election on his record of service and the record of the Frost government.

Third on the ballot is Donald G. Plaxton, the Liberal candidate. He is 33 years of age, a lawyer practicing here and with municipal experience on Richmond Hill Council and York County Council. Married with three children he lives on Sugar Maple Lane, Richmond Hill. Campaigning on the Liberal party platform he has emphasized the need for more attention to local problems by the Ontario government and opposition to Metro domination.

Markham-Vaughan Ratepayers Demand Costs Investigation Say Markham For North Route, Vaughan Against

Following Monday night's meeting with Vaughan Township Council and 200 ratepayers from the five combined northern subdivisions, Northolt, West Scott, Lan-Rich, Upland Gardens and the Boyle Subdivision, at which time Council went on record as supporting the southern route proposed by the C.N.R., the Markham-Vaughan United Ratepayers made the following statement:

Advised of the decision of the Vaughan Township Council not to support an alternate route for the C.N.R. by-pass line, a spokesman for the Markham-Vaughan United Ratepayers Committee said, "This isn't simply a Vaughan problem, it's a community problem and any freight line through this area must be located where it will do the least damage to the fewest people." "We have always maintained this and we feel that the C.N.R. should be required to examine every alternative route thoroughly and conscientiously from the standpoint of the community as a whole regardless of township boundaries." "Our engineering committee is composed of eminently qualified men and they believe the alternative route is no more expensive than the C.N.R. route, possibly even cheaper." "The C.N.R. has not given detailed study to either route as yet so they are hardly in any position to 'guess' at construction costs." "The most important consideration from the community standpoint is the number of homes affected in both townships." "This alternative route comes within half a mile of less than half the number of homes in the community, actually 1200 to 535."

Asked what action is now planned by the United Ratepayers group, the spokesman said, "As far as the community is concerned we now have Markham Council unanimously for the alternative route and Vaughan opposed. Under these circumstances we will demand that the C.N.R. completely and thoroughly investigate costs of construction and properties affected in a half mile strip either side of their route and ours. We are convinced the costs are equal and we know there are less than half the number of homes involved."

Bowling Tournament
Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club has announced that the first tournament of the season will be held at the local green Wednesday, June 10th. It will be men's trebles, and the starting time will be 2 p.m.

RICHMOND HILL ACCIDENT RECORD 1959	
FATALITIES 1	ACCIDENTS 57
INJURIES 6	

Served School For 33 Years Harry Stanford Retires June

by Mona Robertson
When Harry Stanford, head caretaker of the Richmond Hill High School, commences a well-deserved retirement this month, the Town will experience the end of an era — for Harry Stanford has served the students of Richmond Hill, the staff and the various boards of trustees at the high school for 33 years. He has been the 'Mr. Chips' in this high school district for the past two generations, having seen 'his' boys and girls graduate and later seen their children graduate from Richmond Hill High School.

A quiet man, with a soft smile and comfortable, easy-going manner that has won him hundreds of friends — especially among the students — during the passing years, Harry has seen many changes in the high school since he first went "on staff" in 1926. At that time the high school was composed of 10 rooms (which are now the centre part of the two-winged edifice) and there were 180 students in attendance. And Harry knew each one by name, and their parents by name, too. On winter mornings he arose at 6 a.m. in order to arrive early at the school, build up the furnace and shovel the snow-drifted walks — and at noon hour he ladled out hot soup to the children who remained during lunch hour, with the boys seated on one side of the lunchroom, the girls on the other.

There were no such things as vacuum cleaners, electric floor polishers and automatic stokers in those days, and the tiled floors were swept with a broom and cleaned and oiled and polished on hands and knees. "But there were always some of the boys who liked to help me, without any thought of being paid for their help," Harry recalled, as we visited him and his wife recently in their lovely garden on south Yonge St. His workday week was six days, and during the winter he would walk up to the school twice on Sunday to keep a careful check on the fires. In 1950 when the first addition to the high school was made, George Taylor came on to the caretaking staff as Harry's assistant — and today, since the second addition has been erected, there are five full-time caretakers on staff, three women working in the kitchen and cafeteria, and a matron is also employed. We asked Mr. Stanford to tell us a little about his background, before coming to Richmond Hill and he told us of his birth place, in Bedfordshire, England, where he was born on the Duke of Bedford's estate at Woburn. He was one of a large family of children but he was the only member of his family who had the urge to travel about a bit and see the world. So he brought his wife out to Canada and farmed on the Duncan Farm at Richvale for 11 years until the farm was sold and he moved his wife and children to Richmond Hill and began working for the high school. In Choir and Warden The Stanfords have been associated with St. Mary's Anglican Church ever since moving into this district, and Harry has been a member of the choir (a tenor) for the past 43 years. For 20 (Continued on Page 3)

Council Supports Views

200 Ratepayers Throng Council Session Opposing Northern Route Claim Safety Hazards Higher Costs Involved

Markham Discusses 2nd Mortgage Rates

Although sympathetic with the proposal Markham Township Council Monday did not pass a resolution to officially go on record as supporting Richmond Hill's demand for a Federal-Provincial government enquiry into second mortgage interest charges. Councillor J. MacNeil echoed the feelings of council when he remarked, "I heartily agree with the proposal". Termining it a "vicious racket" Councillor L. Mumberson felt it would be difficult to pass legislation stopping people from making loan arrangements among themselves.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas felt the difficulty lay with individuals buying homes without a sufficient down payment and then financing the balance on a second mortgage at high interest rates. Mr. Lucas remarked home purchasers must first satisfy C.M.H.C. that they have a sufficient down payment and command a certain earning power. He felt there are already government safeguards against the charging of high interest rates.

Veteran Mason Honoured

At Richmond Masonic Lodge Monday night a veteran member of the Order was honored with the presentation of a 60-year membership jewel. Mr. W. A. Trench, Church St., Richmond Hill, retired Public School Inspector, who has been a Mason for more than 61 years was the recipient of the honor. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. Dickson, Grand Secretary at the request of the Grand Master, and was graciously acknowledged by Mr. Trench.

Lions' Bingo

Richmond Hill Lions' Club big night is next Monday, June 8th. A record crowd is expected at Richmond Hill arena for the monster annual Bingo with more than \$1,000 offered in prizes. During the evening the draw will be made for the grand prize of a boat, and there will be many other feature attractions. This will be the biggest bingo of the year and everything must go including the golden lion. There will be many valuable door prizes, and all the proceeds will go for Lions welfare work in the community.

With Impressive Ceremony

Grand Master Dedicates The New Masonic Temple

Monday, June 1, was an historic occasion for Richmond Masonic Lodge, marking the official dedication of the new Masonic Temple on Crosby Avenue. The fine new structure replaces the old building on Yonge Street which was sold last year and torn down to make way for a new office building.

Richmond No. 23 is one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in Ontario with a history dating back to 1824, and its present charter is dated 1858. The old Masonic Hall on Yonge St. was erected in 1870 and the stone bearing this date now occupies a prominent place in the entrance of the new Crosby Avenue Temple.

The impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out Monday evening by Most Worshipful Brother Harry L. Martyn, Ontario Grand Master, assisted by many Grand Lodge officers and in the presence of a large attendance of masons from Richmond and other district lodges.

Preceding the dedication a banquet was served at the Yangtze Pagoda, and Ruling Master W. Bro. J. L. Hollowell presided and extended a hearty welcome to the large number of guests. The invocation was by V. W. Bro. A. A. Eden, and distinguished visitors were introduced by W. Bro. Harry Savers. The toast to the Grand Master was proposed by W. Bro. A. Rand Phipps and responded to by Most Worshipful Bro. Martin. The Grand Master extended congratulations to Richmond Lodge on the erection of such a fine new temple, and paid tribute to the long and outstanding history of the local lodge. Remarking on the remarkable growth of the community he predicted that a second lodge will soon be organized here.

The toast "Our Guests" was proposed by W. Bro. Peter G. Savage and responded to by R. W.

Bro. Molson C. Cain. Following the dedication the many visitors inspected the new temple and were unanimous in declaring it a credit to Richmond Lodge and the builder, John Griffin of Griffin Construction Co., Richmond Hill. The new temple located at 112 Crosby Avenue has a spacious lodge room on the upper floor and below a large banquet hall. The building is equipped with modern kitchen, assembly room and wash rooms. W. Bro. Alan O. White headed the committee in charge of the erection of the new building.

Receives Appointment



W. EDWARD BUTLIN

A business appointment of interest in this district was the announcement this week by J. B. Lubotta, President of Federal Discount Corporation Ltd., that W. Edward Butlin of Richmond Hill has been named General Manager of the Corporation. Mr. Butlin who is well known locally as a public spirited citizen, active in youth and recreation activities, brings to his new position 20 years of overall experience in the field of sales finance. He will be located at the head office of the corporation at 185 Bay Street, Toronto.

The officers and directors of the Federal Discount Corporation includes another well known local citizen, Nelson P. Dean, who is the company treasurer. Mr. Butlin's many friends who join with "The Liberal" in extending congratulations will be pleased to know that Mr. Butlin will continue to reside in Richmond Hill.

Lucky Winner Lions' Prize

Miss Alice Matsui, Gladstone Ave., Toronto, was the lucky winner of the grand prize at the draw held at the Thornhill Lions' Bingo last Wednesday evening. The much coveted prize was \$400 monthly for one year, and the seller of the lucky ticket was Miss Evelyn Thorneycroft of Thornhill. Both the winner and the seller of the lucky ticket are members of the CBC staff in Toronto.

Claim Safety Hazards Higher Costs Involved

by Mona Robertson
"We are not the people who brought the C.N.R. into this township — nor do we have any control over it — We are your elected representatives and I am not sure of our powers in this matter. We have stated we have exhausted our efforts as a municipal council to support the wishes of the ratepayers . . . BUT that doesn't say we can't go all out and say what we think is best for the township!"

This was the firm statement Reeve John Perry made before a delegation of 200 ratepayers who crowded into the Vaughan Township council chamber, overflowed into the large corridor and even stood on the steps leading into the foyer, at council's regular session on Monday night. A crowd which had heard its spokesman, Van B. Svenningsson declare, "We request that the Vaughan Township Council pass a resolution supporting the original southern route as proposed by the C.N.R., March 11, 1959, and are opposed to any other route."

Mr. Svenningsson prefaced his request for Council's support by outlining briefly the reasons for their appearing before Council. He said he represented five ratepayer groups, Northolt, West Scott, Lan-Rich, Upland Gardens and the Boyle Subdivision.

Survey Northern Route
"Last Thursday, May 28," Mr. Svenningsson stated, "it was brought to our attention that surveys of the C.N.R. were surveying the Chapman Farm. We called Mr. J. L. Cann, the C.N.R. Project Director for the new marshalling yards to the west of Keele Street and the route to these yards. A group of us met with him on Thursday evening, and he explained that although expropriation proceedings had taken place for the southern route, as announced in the press, March 11, 1959, strong pressure is being exerted on the C.N.R. to adopt a line which would run north of the present proposed line. He emphasized that the C.N.R. wished to use the original line, but as considerable pressure was being brought to bear, there was a distinct possibility that the northern route would be used."

On behalf of the steering committee and ratepayers present he concluded, "We strongly object to any route other than the southern route, as we believe the southern route to be the most suitable." He then outlined the proposal that Council pass a resolution supporting the south route.

Reeve Asks For Opinions
Reeve Perry told Mr. Svenningsson the brief was well presented and stated, "We have been dealing with this problem since March 11 and this is the largest delegation we have had in these offices. If anyone has anything to say they may do so. Perhaps the members of council would speak to it. I am not sure we are ready tonight to act on this problem."

Councillor Anstey then remarked, "I have spent a great deal of time with the C.N.R. as chairman of planning for the township and I have gone over both the proposed routes — and have to agree with what your spokesman has said tonight. He left out one more point, that if the C.N.R. in their new line use present rails they do not have to separate the grades. I think that's a very important point."

Regarding level crossings Mr. Anstey said, "It would be very (Continued on Page 3)

Ask Arbitration By Federal Gov. On Route Of Line

Markham Township Deputy-reeve Wilfred R. Dean stated today that his council will request the Federal Government to arbitrate the growing dispute as to the location of the proposed C.N.R. rail line.

Having carefully considered the alternative route proposal prepared by engineering representatives of the United Ratepayers' Committee with the collaboration of the C.N.R. engineering staff, Markham Township Council recently voted unanimously to support the alternative route. The opinion of the Council, expressed by Deputy-reeve Wilfred R. Dean is that the alternative route proposal must be judged on the basis of doing the least damage to the community as a whole, regardless of township boundaries. Since the alternative route comes within half a mile of only 500 homes as opposed to 1,200 homes for the C.N.R. route, we heartily support this proposal, he said. "The report that Vaughan Township Council does not share our viewpoint is regrettable," said Mr. Dean, "and in these circumstances we must insist that the difference be arbitrated on a federal government level by the C.N.R. and the Department of Transport."

"The Townships of Markham and Vaughan have been put in a most unfortunate position by the C.N.R. plans for the area and it is up to the railway and the Department of Transport to thoroughly and conscientiously investigate the facts of the local situation and make a decision on the federal level," said the Markham Twp. deputy. This request has been forwarded to Mr. Gordon and the Honourable Mr. Hees for their immediate action.