

## Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. t/c31

BINGO every Wednesday evening a. 7.45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Richdale. t/c48

BINGO every Thursday, 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaws t/c27

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. t/c36

DAILY - Dufferin Fairways Golf Range and 18 hole Reg. Miniature Golf Course open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. 4th Annual Toronto & District Miniature Golf Championship Tournament, September 8, 1959. Open to all men and women over 16 years. Fun for all. Enter qualifying play now. Registration and information at Dufferin St. at No. 7 Highway. Phone AV. 5-0032. t/cw52

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. t/cw49

JULY 2 - Thursday 8 p.m. at the Lions Community Hall, Annual Delphinium Show. Judge, Mrs. A. Dolan; convener, Mrs. J. Grainger and Mrs. W. McLeod. No admission fee. Everyone welcome. t/cw52

JULY 23 - The Kinsmen Club of Richmond Hill wishes to announce that the drawing of the Electrohome Companion Hi-Fi has been postponed until July 23. t/cw52

JUNE 26 - Friday from 8 o'clock to 11:30 p.m. Dance to the top 60 from CKEY at Crosby Heights School (ages 14 and over). Come and enjoy yourself. t/cw52

## Majority Fringe Municipalities Want Greater Say

Mayor W. Parish, Ajax, informed Markham Township Council by letter Monday that eight of the 13 fringe municipalities are in favour of the municipalities being allowed to make individual appointments to the Metropolitan Planning Board. Mayor Parish together with Mayor K. Tomlin of Richmond Hill and Councillor B. Bryant of Woodbridge were appointed earlier as a committee of three to investigate the possibility of the fringe municipalities gaining wider representation on the Metro Board.

At present the province allows the fringe municipalities to make group appointments to the Metro Board. For a long time the fringe municipalities had no representation on the board, although the board has the power to restrict development in the fringe areas. For example, in Richmond Hill, Markham Township, Markham Village and Stouffville have a joint representative on the board. He is Mr. C. J. Laurin of Markham Township.

Mayor Parish reported among those favoring individual appointments were Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Markham Township. The only two opposed were Vaughan Township and Port Credit. Pickering Township was neutral, and Markham Village and Toronto Township didn't even bother to reply to inquiries. The representatives of the eight municipalities in favor will meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs in September.

## Vaughan Police Nab 2 Plus Loot

Following a tip received from a man who had discovered a cache of stolen golf equipment, Vaughan Township police formed a stake-out near King City last Saturday and apprehended two men when they returned to the scene to pick up \$200 worth of loot.

Charged with breaking and entering the Spalding warehouse at Rexdale were Thomas Simpson, Toronto, and Robert Burrows, of Downsview. They were turned over to Metro police.

## The Country Parson



"A man's bad habits, like the clutter in his living room, may seem natural enough to him and still look messy to others."

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

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## New Metro Move To Control All Fringe Municipalities



ACTING MAYOR PERKINS "I'm one hundred per cent opposed."

## New Iron Curtain May Take In Town Mark'm & Vaughan

Despite assurances of the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the extension of Metropolitan Toronto has not been given any consideration by the Ontario Government there are definite indications of a move in this direction, and this week on motion of North York's Reeve N. Goodhead, Metro Council will consider a proposal to take in the twelve neighbouring municipalities including Markham, Vaughan, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill.

Whatever action is taken by Metro it is assured there will be a determined fight by fringe municipalities against being gobbled up by the big Metropolitan authority.

Floyd R. Perkins, Acting Mayor of Richmond Hill during the absence of Mayor Tomlin declared "I am one hundred per cent opposed to any extension of Metro authority to include Richmond Hill. If the province allows Metro to gobble up the southern part of the County of York, we might as well fold up and give what's left to Simcoe and Ontario Counties. There is still 75,000 acres undeveloped land in Metro and it's absolutely ridiculous of them to talk of taking over the fringe municipalities." The Acting Mayor was very definite in expressing the opinion that the fringe municipalities can manage their own affairs without any interference from "big daddy."

"Metro has no justification whatsoever to threaten annexation of Markham Township," Reeve W. L. Clark told "The Liberal." "In the past we have adhered to a strict policy of controlled development. Markham has not permitted mass develop-

## Vacation School Modified Program

The joint Vacation School Committee of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, and St. Matthew's United Church, serving Richmond Hill East, announce that plans are underway for a modified Vacation School program this year which will be planned to accommodate playground activity being sponsored by the Recreation Committee of the town. In or near the same centres as the playground program, it is hoped to provide an early morning class at 9.00 a.m. to teach the lessons which might otherwise be taught in Vacation School - Bible study and hymns, as in other years. This is planned for the five weeks of the playground program, and will be held in three centres in the eastern part of town. Boys and girls five to eleven years of age will be welcomed at the classes. Watch for further announcements next week.

## Extensive Program Many Register In Richmond Hill For Summer Activities

Eight hundred and ninety-five children between the ages of five and ten have registered for the July 6-August 7 program of supervised playgrounds being introduced this year in Richmond Hill by the Recreation Committee.

Without the co-operation of the Public School Board, the Separate School Board and the Parks Committee, the playgrounds could not have been organized, for not only has permission been given for the Recreation Committee to use the school grounds after 6 p.m. and during holidays, but care of the grounds and the purchase of two heavy pieces of equipment, a ten foot slide and a climber for each playground has been made by the Parks Committee, as well as a ten foot sandbox for each area.

Purchase of the hundreds of small items of equipment ranging from balls, bats and gloves, through pipe cleaners, crayons, skipping ropes to old wallpaper books has been done by Mr. Ruttle, who has also arranged for the rental of tables and benches which will be set up in shady areas for craft work.

## C.N.R. Is In Complete Command - Federal Gov't.

In a non-committal letter to Markham Township Council and the Markham-Vaughan United Ratepayers, received Monday, Federal Transport Minister Geo. Hees stated the management of the C.N.R. has complete control over the operation of the publicly owned railway. Mr. Hees was replying to earlier requests from Markham Council and the ratepayers that the C.N.R. consider the northern (Langstaff) route for its new rail line rather than the southern (Thornhill) route.

Last week a delegation of ratepayers and Reeve W. L. Clark flew to Ottawa in an endeavor to have Mr. Hees and the Federal Government make a recommendation regarding the route of the new line. All Mr. Hees promised to do was to bring the delegations brief to the attention of C.N.R. President Donald Gordon.

RICHMOND HILL ACCIDENT RECORD 1959	
FATALITIES 1	ACCIDENTS 1
INJURIES 9	

## Vaughan Township Safety Winners



It was a very happy occasion last Friday morning at the Annual Field Day held in Maple Community Park, when Reeve John Perry and Police Chief James Davidson presented bicycles to the winners of the Vaughan Township safety essay contest. Seen above are Vickie Clarke of Jefferson School and John Storey of School Section No. 18 Vaughan, front row. Rear (left to right): Reeve Perry, Chief Davidson, safety director, P. C. Jim Nugent and P.C. Frank Belcher. Elmer "The Safety Elephant" is happy about the whole affair, too. Photo by Lagerquist

## Early Issue Next Week

Next week all deadlines will be advanced 24 hours as "The Liberal" will be published a day early due to Dominion Day Holiday.

Advertisers, contributors and correspondents are asked to co-operate by having all copy in our office as early in the week as possible.

Thank you, in anticipation of your co-operation.

## Angus Mowat Officiates Another Milestone Passed As Town Library Opened

"God bless you in your usage of this library", Mr. Angus Mowat, Director of Provincial Library Services for Ontario said, as he unlocked the door of the beautiful new Richmond Hill Public Library last Saturday afternoon and officially declared the building open.

Gordon MacLaren, past chairman of the library board and master of ceremonies for the opening, which was attended by 150 dignitaries and guests, commenced the impressive proceedings by listing, "three items of great importance on this 20th day of June, 1959. First, the visit in Canada of our beloved Queen; secondly the arrival of a daughter to the Bob Johnston's (Mrs. Johnston is the present chairman of the library board); and three, the opening of the new library building for the Town of Richmond Hill."

After drawing attention to the many new features incorporated in the town library about to be opened, Mr. MacLaren said a vote of thanks for the York Summit Cubs and Scouts was in order. 100 Cubs and scouts spent last Thursday evening carrying armloads of books from the old library to the new building where they were carefully placed on special book shelves (imported from Denmark).

"Twenty-seven years ago", Mr. MacLaren told the audience, "the Richmond Hill Women's Institute decided a larger building was needed, and to this end they saved \$1,700. In 1949 the library (in municipal hall) was opened and they furnished the rooms which have been used until now. With the expanding growth of Richmond Hill the Council realized the library needed a new building of its own, which it now has, through the co-operation of present and past municipal councils.

Mr. MacLaren also paid tribute to Mayor Ken Tomlin, Sid Ashby, Les Sergeant "master mason, responsible for the glazed tile front of the building, that looks like tapestry" the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, "who looked after the lawn and planted flower beds and the tree planting." Town Engineer Fred Boisvaird and his assistants also met with praise for the support they had given to Building Chairman Miss Kay Ball, and the architect and designer of the magnificent edifice, Mr. Phillip Brooks.

Mr. MacLaren then called on Mayor Ken Tomlin to address the guests and the Mayor said "Having been associated with what I assume is one of the fastest growing communities in eastern Canada, I feel we are passing another milestone in the progress of Richmond Hill with the opening of this new library." The mayor said that 50 per cent of the building costs had been provided for from the Number 2 account, the sum charged on subdivision lots. "I congratulate the library board and the citizens of Richmond Hill on this building which is one of the finest town libraries in the province of Ontario," the mayor concluded.

Paying tribute to Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Mowat said, "It is my (Continued on page 3)

## Halt Dissolution

## Ratepayers May Appeal To County & Province

Ratepayers of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan may launch an appeal to the York County Council and the provincial government to halt dissolution of the school area at this time. The decision will be made this week following committees attending the Monday Markham and Vaughan Council sessions and reporting back to another ratepayers' meeting Wednesday night. Such an appeal must be made before June 28, the group was told, and can be made by any five ratepayers.

Over 60 persons, representative of home and school associations and ratepayer groups in the area were present at last Wednesday night's gathering to hear first-hand reports from the board of trustees, of their Monday meeting with Vaughan Township Council to hear of the proposed dissolution.

Chairman R. Bick and Trustees Alan Parker, Jackson Taylor and Harold Skinner all spoke expressing the opinion the move could be to the detriment of the educational set-up in the area. Chairman Bick stated, "We are biased. We weren't given any concrete evidence in favor of the move at last Monday night's meeting."

Vice-chairman Parker added, "This meeting tonight was called to tell you what we think. You can go to council." He pointed out if the ratepayers had objections to the dissolution, any action was up to them, and not the board.

Trustee Taylor told of the forming of the area in 1950, when there were only 23 classrooms. Today there are approximately 68 classrooms. Eighteen of these are on the Markham side. It was estimated an eight room school and perhaps two to three more rooms would be required to house present Markham pupils crossing Yonge Street to attend area schools in Vaughan, unless arrangements on a non-resident fee basis were made for school accommodation as long as available, if dissolution took place.

Trustee Skinner expressed the opinion teachers liked the area because they didn't have the fear of being sent from one school to another some distance away, as he gave as an example, they are in North York.

There were many questions and opinions from ratepayers con-

## Bicycle Thefts

Local Police Chief Robbins reports a rapid rate of increase in the number of bicycles stolen in the Richmond Hill area, with a disturbing sequence, that the stolen bicycles are now being "wrecked" and the parts sold. Several youths were arrested during the week for this offence, and will appear for trial in Newmarket Court.