

## Coming Events

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

BINGO every Wednesday evening a. 7.45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Rich-ale. tfe48

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

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 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 35c a game - clubs and balls supplied. For your added enjoyment after golfing a new swimming pool is available. Dufferin St. at No. 7 Highway, AV. 5-0032. clw1

## Plastic Bags Are Dangerous, M.O.H.

North York Township medical officer of health, Dr. C. E. Hill, last week joined other public health figures in condemning plastic clothes bags as "dangerous playthings."

But he balked at advocating warning action to stop use of the bags. "It's a free country," he said.

Dr. Hill warned handling the bags causes static electricity charges. "When a child peers through them, the plastic is apt to literally grab him through electrical attraction to his face. The dangerous material will not tear when the child fights it."



**GARNET McDIARMID**  
Mr. Garnet McDiarmid, principal of the M. L. McConaghy Public School, is attending Syracuse University on a scholarship provided by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Mr. McDiarmid was recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Teachers' Federation.

## Metro Annexation Plan Ready By September 1st

Metro Chairman Fred Gardiner announced this week that Metro's plan for covering the fringe municipalities will be announced on September 1st. The master plan will be presented as the major argument by Metro for provincial permission to annex the fringe areas.

## Vaughan Council Raises Own Salaries

Vaughan Township Council members have increased their own salaries. The salary of Reeve John Perry has been raised from \$3,000. to \$4,000.00 per year. The pay of the deputy-reeve and three councillors has been increased from \$16.00 a meeting to \$20.00 a meeting.

## The Country Parson

"I suppose it is hard for a modern man to put money in the collection plate when all he has in his billfold is a bunch of credit cards."

# The Liberal.

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

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## Town Votes \$2,000 More To Summer Playground Program More Than 1500 Now Registered

More than 1500 children between the ages of five and ten have registered for Richmond Hill's first supervised playground program planned for the period July 6th to August 7th. This is one thousand more than anticipated when the Recreation Committee, sponsors of the program, adopted their budget.

Mrs. Malcolm Thomson and Mr. William Ruttle appeared before town council Monday night asking help and additional finances. "We're here to ask advice and assistance," said Mrs. Thomson, "we're so overwhelmed. The response has been over-powering."

Reeve F. R. Perkins, presiding at council meeting in the absence of Mayor Tomlin, and all members present agreed with the Recreation Committee members that the playground program must not be allowed to fail and unanimous ly voted an additional \$2,000. to the committee. When the 1959 tax rate was struck Town Council pared the Recreation Committee budget.

The additional \$2,000 will enable the Committee to pay additional supervisors and purchase more equipment. The original plan called for a two hour period morning and afternoon. The large registration necessitated a change in plans and now the younger children will be taken in the morning and the older ones in the afternoon.

Miss Nancy Stocks of Aurora is in charge of the program and will be paid \$250. for the six weeks. Ten assistants have been engaged at \$25 a week, and an additional ten will be engaged and as well an appeal made for volunteer help. The assistants engaged are mostly high school students from 15 to 19 years of age. An effort will be made to recruit

as paid helpers or volunteers women who have had some playground supervision experience.

It was pointed out that the summer program is not in any sense a day camp nor a baby sitting service but is a real effort to provide something to do for children of the community under proper supervision.

Mrs. Thomson suggested the need for some civic committee to direct the program and there were suggestions of the need for a paid recreation director. The salary for such an official was mentioned as \$6,000 a year.

There was a suggestion a membership fee of \$1.00 might be charged, but this did not meet with the support of the Recreation Committee.

The possibility that school washrooms and storage space might not be available brought strong criticism from Councillor Paterson. "Sixty per cent of our taxes go for education, yet we can't use the schools for anything," said Councillor Paterson. "I'd like to know why not?"

Committee members assured council the local school board had been very co-operative, and it was hoped when the situation is explained the school facilities may be available.

Council unanimously voted the additional \$2000 to take care of the playground program and the committee with council members will meet in the Municipal Building Thursday night to discuss further plans. The urgent need for supervisory help. Anyone willing to assist is invited to get in touch with the supervisor in the playgrounds in the different areas.

Assessment department files show present town population between age 5 and 10 years as 2400.

## 3 New Service Stations Approved In Vaughan

The Vaughan Township police department received a commendation from Metro police, in a letter read at Monday night's regular council meeting, for apprehending two men who had broken into the Spalding company at Rexdale and stolen \$8,200. worth of golf balls and golfing equipment.

### 400 Golf Range Planned

Councillor Bruce Ralph, seconded by Councillor Jesse Bryson moved that the freezing by-law in the vicinity of Highway 400, north of Steeles be amended for the operation of a golf driving range, requested by Mr. Walker through his solicitor Mr. Hastings. Mr. Walker told council he wanted to lease the land for five years - or until it was needed for industrial purposes - and that he would erect only temporary buildings in the meantime. The land is presently a used car lot operated by Hillcrest Motors.

### New Service Stations

Three service stations have been approved by Vaughan Planning and members of council. They are at Crestwood Road and Bathurst St., Maple sidewalk west of the 400 and at Yonge and Roosevelt Drive.

### Photo Survey

Council agreed to the mapping of the zone near the planned C.N.R. marshalling yard, now frozen by a by-law for industrial purposes. The mapping will be done through a photographic survey. Cost will be between \$300 and \$4,000, depending on the area covered.

### Approve School Area

Clerk J. McDonald informed council that approval had been received from Toronto Township regarding the township school area plan.

### Township Sand Pit

Only two submissions for a tender to purchase and to provide sand for township purposes were received for the sand pit at the dump. Carter Construction of Leslie agreed to keep duplicate bills of sale to be shown to the township on demand; to deposit \$1,000 with the township before beginning operations; to supply the township with 20,000 tons of sand per year and to pay the township fifteen cents on every ton removed from the pit. Deputy-reeve Vic Ryder, who chaired the meeting in the absence of the reeve, said, "This pit is now a going concern, instead of losing money." Formerly sand was removed without any payment to the township.

### School At Drive-in

A request by the owners of the 400 Drive-in Theatre to erect a temporary building for a Jewish summer school, was shelved for the present at least, by council.

### Supply Water To Pool

A swimming pool in the vicinity of Jane St. and No. 7 Highway may receive water from the township at a cost of \$100 a day, with \$1,000 payable in advance & the township to restrict water use. The pool requires between 35 to 40 gallons of water a minute. Councillor Ralph told council. A meeting is planned with township engineer Keith Hopper, before finalizing plans. On Sunday last, 30,000 people visited the pool, 5,000 were turned away.

### Returns From Holiday

Councillor William Anstey returns from a holiday in Newfoundland this week. Reeve John Perry is holidaying at Huntsville.

### Early Arrivals Fill Conservation Parks

Last weekend brought a flood of picnickers into the conservation parks throughout the province. At Heart Lake and the Boyd Conservation Park, people began arriving as early as 6 a.m. Sunday, and both parks were closed off to new arrivals at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, because there was no more room to accommodate their cars.

## Says Planning Bd. Treated Widow Fairly

At Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council Reeve W. L. Clark denied earlier charges by Mr. Cecil Russell, Doncaster, that planning board had treated a Doncaster widow unfairly in the division of her land. Mr. Russell had contended the planning board refused the widow permission to divide her property in the way she wished, while granting a neighbour a similar request.

Mr. Clark stated the planning board had told her she could either sell one small parcel (125 feet by 146 feet) or a large L shaped parcel. She decided to sell the small parcel. The individual purchasing the lot had built a house on one side of the lot, but had not as reported sold the remaining part of the lot. Once a road is built through her L shaped parcel another four lots will be opened up for development, concluded the reeve.

"No Markham by-law has been contravened," concluded Mr. Clark.

## Town Council Meeting

## Ambulance Service For Community New Problem May Consider Subsidy

Richmond Hill Town Council members Monday night expressed concern that the ambulance service in the community will be discontinued. R. J. Cundy advised council he will be unable to carry on after July 15.

"This is a serious situation for the community," said Deputy-reeve Tinker. Council unanimously passed a resolution suggesting Mr. Cundy submit a proposal for a subsidized service to the joint committee representing Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships.

### Parking

Council referred to the solicitor a proposed lease of a 100-foot lot at the rear of a service station at Richmond and Yonge Sts. for off-street parking. The proposed rental is \$75. monthly for ten years. Reeve Perkins, Parking Committee chairman stated it is planned to install meters with two hour parking. It will provide room for 50 cars.

The reeve reported progress on plans for a rear lane to serve business places on the east and west sides of Yonge Street. A building is planned for the lot on Lorne Avenue at the rear of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Council will request land for widening Lorne Ave., and a right-of-way for a rear lane.

Council will ask for a valuation of a strip of land needed to complete lane on west side of Yonge St. The owner is asking \$3,000.

### School Addition

Richmond Hill Public School Board was granted permission for the new addition to the McConaghy school on Yonge Street. The new structure will be within 19 feet of the lot line, while regulations require a 25 foot clearance. Building Inspector J. Hollowell stated the new addition will be within 14 feet of the Cenotaph.

### Low Tender

Council accepted the lowest tender of the William Neal local Dodge dealer for two half ton trucks. Three tenders were received from local dealers and ranged from \$4100. to \$4200.

Reeve Perkins said the tenders were so close the business should be divided. "They are all taxpayers," he said.

A motion by Councillor J. W. Bradstock that one truck be purchased from each of the two lowest bidders failed to carry. "This

### Name Wing For Chairman

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night unanimously adopted a motion by Councillor J. W. Bradstock and Councillor Joseph Paterson that the Library Board be asked to name a wing of the new Library Building for Chairman Gordon MacLaren. Mr. MacLaren gave freely of his time and effort in giving leadership to the movement to provide adequate library accommodation in the community and council members thought his outstanding service should be recognized. "It will be a tribute to all who have served on our Library Board," said Councillor Haggart.

## May Have To Appeal To Provincial Bds.

Reeve W. L. Clark suggested to Markham Township Council Monday they may have to appeal to the Municipal Board and the Ontario Water Resources Commission in order to finally secure approval for any future development in the township. Reeve Clark was referring to last week's third consecutive refusal by Metro Planning Board to permit development of four residential subdivisions in the south-west corner of the township.

"I can see no reason why Metro should stall us any longer on the matter of sewage," remarked Reeve Clark. The reeve said if Metro isn't prepared to allow Markham to connect into its trunk sewers, then they will have to seek provincial approval to build their own sewage disposal plant. Mr. Clark said such plants are quite adequate if they are taken care of properly, and not overloaded. He referred to the recent opening by the Water Resources Commission of one such plant at Streetsville.

"Metro assured us three years ago their trunks would have sufficient capacity to handle both ours and Vaughan's sewage, now they say they're not sure of the capacity," emphasized Reeve Clark. "What they really mean is they don't want any development," remarked Mr. Clark.



Richmond Hill Rotary Club officers for the coming year were installed at the last meeting. Back row, left to right: Spencer Guest, director; Ray Chandler, treasurer; Keith Sully, director; front row, left to right, Robert

Johnston, vice president; Don Beaumont, president; Ralph Butler, secretary. Stewart Harwood, director, was not present when photo was taken.

— Photo by Lagerquist

## New Dentist



Richmond Hill's growing community will have another dentist in active practice on Monday, July 9, when Dr. W. R. Bedford opens his office in the Lawrie Building, 15 Yonge Street North.

Dr. Bedford comes to Richmond Hill from Sault Ste. Marie where he and his wife (his able assistant) spent a year with the Canadian Red Cross dental coach. Following his graduation from the Toronto Dental College, in 1957, Dr. Bedford married the former Patricia A. Easley. Mrs. Bedford has been accepted by the North York High School Board as a physical health education teacher at the new Junior High School on Bayview Avenue commencing with the Fall term.

The work of the dentist, with a Red Cross dental coach, is primarily educational. Dr. Bedford informed "The Liberal", but it was also customary to treat dental problems right at the scene of contact and he treated from 8 to 10 patients daily on the dental coach.

Parents and children visited the coach, where Dr. Bedford explained the importance of dental hygiene and distributed literature. His coach was stationed 20 to 30 miles from Sault Ste. Marie. There are three such coaches in Ontario, run by the Canadian Red Cross.

## Metro Turns Down Markham For Third Time

For the third consecutive month Metro Planning Board has refused Markham Township permission to develop four residential subdivisions located in the south-west corner of Markham Township.

Reeve W. L. Clark and Deputy-reeve W. Dean and other members of Markham Council accompanied by special legal counsel appeared before Metro Planning Board Thursday evening of last week in a vain attempt to receive the go ahead signal. Markham engaged special legal counsel for the occasion in the person of Toronto Solicitor John Conlin. Mr. Conlin is the son-in-law of Metro Chairman Fred Gardiner. Markham met strong opposition from North York Reeve N. Godhead and Metro Planning Director M. Jones.

Metro Board decided it would not approve any development plans for the fringe areas until a joint sewage and water survey by Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill is completed and presented to Metro.

## County Opposes Annexation

## Metro Using Communist Tactics—Reeve Armstrong

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, and former Warden of York County, lashed out at a rumoured move by Metropolitan Toronto "to annex fringe municipalities including Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships," when York County Council held its final meeting of the June Session last Thursday night.

"I feel that we here in the County of York and in all the communities surrounding Metro, are quite capable of running our own affairs," Reeve Armstrong said vehemently. "They are telling the people - where they can go to live - they have said Woodbridge should only expand to a certain size. Right there you have Communist tactics," the reeve declared. "For in Russia the people are told where they can go to live."

Reeve Armstrong then asked the Province to amend Bill 80 and stated "they (Metro) should be put into moth balls."

A unanimous standing vote was recorded following the motion of Reeve Clarence Davis of Aurora, seconded by Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill that "no part of the County of York be annexed by Metropolitan Toronto."

A copy of the resolution is to be sent to Metro; A. A. Mackenzie M.L.A. for York North; Department of Municipal Affairs and the Department of Planning and Development.

## Gardiner Watches Borders

## Fight Woodbridge Annexation—Metro

Woodbridge's proposal to annex 4,000 acres near Metropolitan Toronto's borders is being fought on three sides by Metro, Pine Grove and Vaughan Township.

Metro chairman Fred Gardiner said, "This is only one example of the many rumblings we are hearing around our borders that we must watch very closely," stated Mr. Gardiner.

Metro and Woodbridge are arguing the annexation before the Ontario Municipal Board, as we go to press. And Pine Grove is being represented at the Municipal hearings by Mr. David Lewis.

## Norm. Alexander Starts New Firm

Well known Richvale resident, Norman Alexander announces the formation of his own plastering and painting firm. The new organization is an outgrowth of the former partnership of Clubine and Alexander and will be known as Alexander & Sons.

A local boy, Norman received his education at the Richvale Public School and Richmond Hill High School. His wife is the former Ruth Clubine and they and their family of three sons reside at 75 Edgar Avenue.

Q.C. and several officers of the Pine Grove Association, since at a recent meeting held in Pine Grove, the association passed a resolution to fight the annexation in its entirety.

Art Armstrong, president of the association said, "The reason we are fighting the annexation is that we feel non-sufficient plans have been given, and that Woodbridge will not get what they expect."

Vaughan Township Council promised Pine Grove ratepayers at a meeting held earlier this year that they would support their fight if and when it came up, and it is expected Vaughan will also be represented at the municipal board hearings.

Metro is fighting the annexation because of the package sewage plant Woodbridge proposes to build at Steeles Avenue - it would empty into the Humber River, "which flows through our territory," Murray Jones, Metro Planning Commissioner has told Metro.

Last Friday night at a special meeting of York County Council, Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge tabled a resolution to stop Metro annexing fringe municipalities, and at the same time charged Metro with communistic tactics.

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