

Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. ttc31

BINGO every Wednesday evening 7.45 p.m. at the Can. Legion Branch 375, Carville West. Rth. ale. ttc31

BINGO every Thursday in Orange Hall 1st b. rth of Loblaw's ttc27

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9.00 p.m. - 12.00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra at Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person ttc36

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. For your added enjoyment after golfing a new swimming pool is available. Registration and information at Dufferin St. at No. 7 Highway. Phone AV. 5-0032. ttc4

JULY 23 — Thursday, 8.30 p.m. at Loblaw's parking lot, Richmond Hill. The "Lucky Draw" for the beautiful Hi-Fi set sponsored by the Kinsmen Club will be drawn by Mayor K. W. Tomlin. Remember — "Your winning ticket may not yet be sold". Tickets are on sale right up to the time of drawing. ttc4

To Name Markham Representatives Next Monday

Pleased with the initial meeting of "Little Metro" held last week, Reeve W. L. Clark reported to Markham Township Council Monday of the decision to set up a permanent joint committee. This new nine member committee will serve the mutual interests of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill. Problems to be dealt with include transportation, water, hospitals, education, subdivisions and sewage.

Markham was represented at the initial meeting by Reeve Clark and Councillor J. MacNeil. Mr. Clark asked Council to be ready next Monday to name two council representatives to the committee. The third member will be a member of the planning board.

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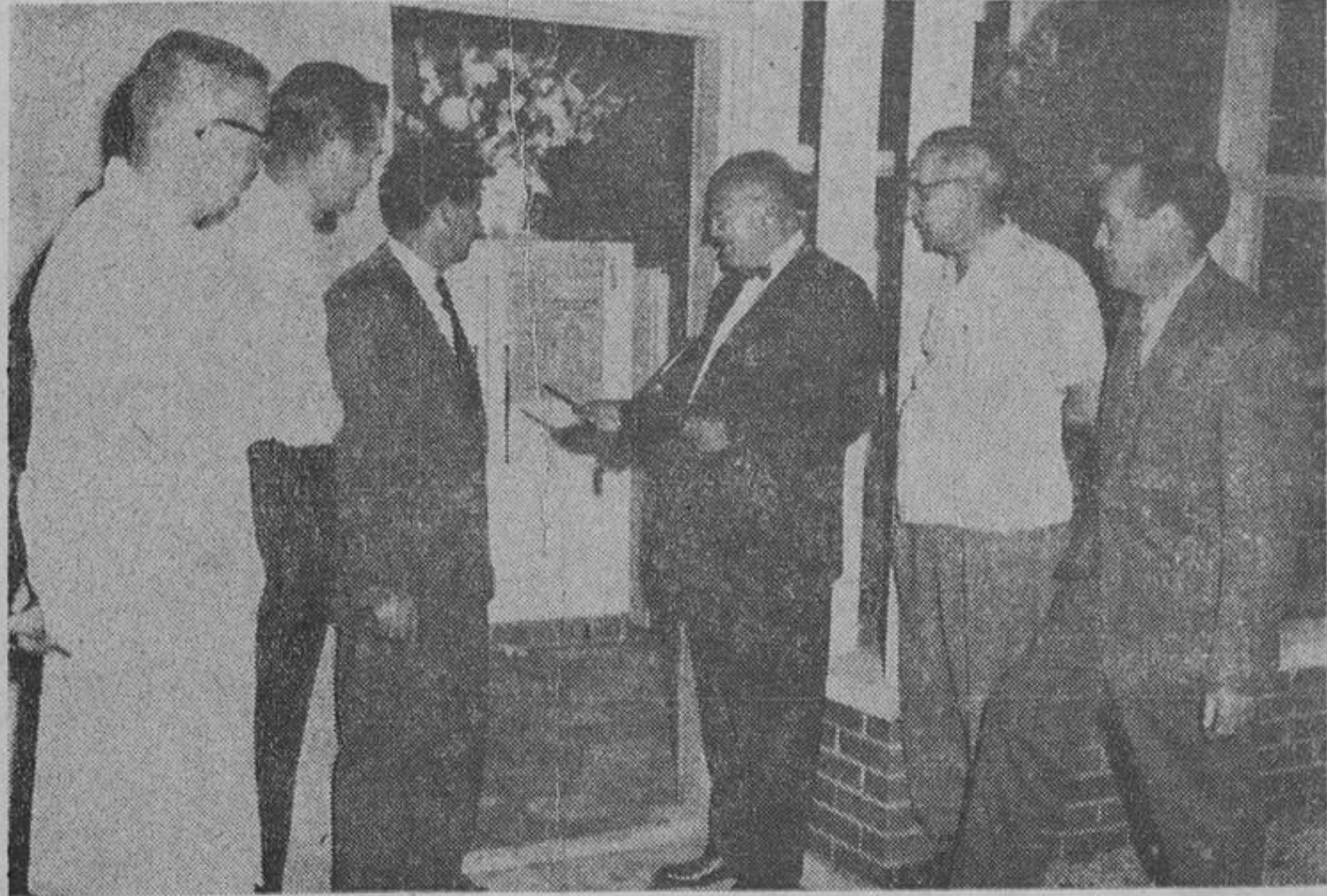
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Mayor Cuts The Ribbon



Mayor Ken Tomlin is seen cutting the ribbon to officially open the spanking new addition to the Town and Country Food Markets plant on Markham Road. Huge crowds enjoyed last weekend's three day special celebration marking the opening.

Grouped around Mayor Tomlin are (left to right) Norman Boore, Robert Reid, Sales Manager Hugh Kerr, Mayor Tomlin, Hugh Wise and Fred Wise, owner of this expanding million dollar local business.

— photo by Lagerquist

Start Work Soon Mill Pond Park

Councillor James Haggart — one of the representatives from Richmond Hill on the Metro Toronto Conservation Authority has advised "The Liberal" that the Minister of Planning & Development for Ontario has approved the Mill Pond Park project.

It is anticipated that work will get under way in a few weeks, and the official opening should take place later this year.

Municipal Co-operation By Joint Committee Will Help Greatly Says Mayor

The co-ordinating committee of representatives from the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan has now been organized and local council members are looking forward to beneficial results from the co-operative effort.

In announcing the completion of the organization at Monday night's Town Council meeting Mayor Ken W. Tomlin said the setting up of the committee and the first meetings had been one of the most gratifying experiences of his years in public life.

Mayor Tomlin said the co-operative effort by the neighbouring municipalities was most commendable. "The degree of co-operation manifest at the first meeting was something seldom experienced," said the Mayor who outlined the many fields in which the co-operation of neighboring municipalities could be very helpful.

The Mayor said fields of co-operation were unlimited but at the outset would include all branches of capital expenditure for services, the establishment of an incinerator for garbage disposal and in the field of transportation and hospitalization.

Each municipality will name three members to the committee and Richmond Hill representatives will be Reeve Perkins, Councillor W. J. Haggart and a nominee of the Planning Board. In suggesting the Richmond Hill representatives Mayor Tomlin said that it was Councillor Haggart's motion which had brought forward the idea of the committee.

Mayor Tomlin said at the initial meeting members were unanimous in the opinion that local representatives could best solve

district problems and there was no need to be forced into the Metro organization. Mr. Tomlin stressed the fact that local municipalities are not in competition with each other, but all are interested in securing the maximum in services and development in the most economical manner. "This we can do", he said, "much better collectively than working individually."

Councillor Haggart expressed regret that too much publicity had been given to the opposition of fringe municipalities to inclusion in Metro. "This new organization of the fringe municipalities was not set up to fight Metro," he said, "but rather to co-operate in matters of mutual interest. I doubt if there has ever been anything like it in the history of Ontario municipalities," he said.

Reeve Perkins suggested the organization should not be labelled "little Metro."

Deputy-reeve Tinker suggested the organization might be enlarged to include other municipalities in the area. "That would be fine," said the Mayor, "we're not a closed corporation."

Takes 5 Men, Tractor To Release Trapped Dog

It took three men from the Richmond Hill Works Department, a tractor, the municipal dog catcher, Ron Herd, and a bystander to release a dog from a culvert on Roseview Avenue last Friday evening, after the dog — which was slightly on the plump side — had got stuck in the pipe, while running at large.

Win Butlin said he was seated on the verandah of his parent's home at 38 Roseview Avenue around five o'clock Friday evening when he saw the dog — whose name by the way is Gypsy — run into one end of the pipe. Casually Win watched to see it run out the other end of the culvert. But as time went on and the dog failed to appear, Win went over to the culvert, peered inside and discovered the dog was trapped six to eight feet from the entrance.

She couldn't go through to the other end of the culvert — nor could she back out — she was just plain stuck!

Win, who is employed by Dr. W. A. Ripley, local veterinarian, called Municipal Dog Catcher Ron Herd. Mr. Herd decided when he arrived on the scene that something drastic would have to be done quickly, for a deluge of rain was falling and quick action was necessary to save the dog from death by drowning when rain water began to pour into the tunnel from the ditches at each end of the culvert. Mr.

Herd called the town works department, and the three workmen who responded had to dig up the 32 foot culvert and break it open in order to release the frightened canine.

Marilyn Graham, 91 Roseview Avenue, owner of Gypsy, is very happy to have her dog safely back home again.

Local Constable Wins High Honor

At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting, Police Chief R. P. Robbins introduced Constable Nigel March who recently graduated with high honors from the provincial police college.

His Worship Mayor Tomlin congratulated Constable March and presented him with his certificate from the college and from the St. John's Ambulance Association. The Mayor congratulated the officer on the high standing attained which rated as high as 95 per cent.

Constable March served on the local force for a year as a cadet before being promoted to constable last April. Constable March is 21 years of age and was married this spring.

Study Cross Walks For Richmond Hill

On motion of Councillor R. P. Ross, Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night asked the Police Committee to investigate and report on the advisability of establishing cross-walks for pedestrians in the town. Mr. Ross said there was evidence the cross-walks are working well in Toronto and reducing accidents.

Mayor Agrees

Closed Meeting Policy Criticized By Haggart

At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Councillor W. J. Haggart expressed disappointment that the press was excluded from a recent meeting of the council committee probing the engineering responsibility for the quarter million dollar drainage problem in Beverley Acres, and the expensive breaks in the Crosby sewer.

After Reeve Perkins committee chairman had complained of the difficulty of getting a meeting of his investigating committee council agreed to meet as a committee of the whole to consider the evidence. The meeting was held last Monday night with Reeve Perkins presiding but press representatives were not admitted.

In declaring that the press should be admitted to all meetings of council and committees Councillor Haggart said "in banning the press we are kicking out the props from our democratic foundations."

Mayor Ken W. Tomlin who was not present for the start of the meeting the press was excluded supported Councillor Haggart's contention that all meetings of council and committees should be open to the public and the press. "We have nothing to hide" said the Mayor, "we are spending public funds."

Councillor W. J. Bradstock who moved the resolution to exclude the press from the meeting stated he thought the action was justified and he would do the same again under similar circumstances. He said the people were present to give statements and information and they would have been hampered in giving full and frank answers if the press was in attendance. As it was the committee had a very valuable meeting with witnesses giving statements of fact without reserve.

Councillor Haggart - if they're

speaking the truth, there's nothing to fear.

Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker, second of the motion to exclude the press said he thought the best way to clear up the situation was to hold the meeting in camera.



COUNCILLOR W. J. HAGGART Wants Probe In The Open

and he did not think in doing so there was any disservice to the public.

Mayor Tomlin said that he thought in fairness to everyone the meetings should be open to the press and public. Certain statements were made about the engineering and he thought it only fair that the engineers have the opportunity of presenting in public their side of the story.

Councillor Haggart contended that the press and public should be welcome to attend all meetings of council or council committees.

Mark First Service At Church Of St. Gabriel

"It is with deep thanksgiving that we hold our service here this morning. . . . We can now have a feeling that we have something to show for our labours. . . . It is only a beginning. . . . We must never forget that the Church of Christ is not bricks and mortar, but consecrated men and women."

With these words, the Rev. J. Newton-Smith, rector of St. Gabriel Anglican Church, Richmond Hill East, commenced the Sunday morning service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion — the first church service to be held in the new parish hall. Though the building is still under construction by the contractors, the members of the congregation laboured hard to prepare the hall for use, installing the pulpit, organ, and seats to accommodate the two choirs and the large attendance of worshippers.

In his greeting to the members and welcome to the visitors, the rector expressed his gratitude to the congregation, Wardens (Rector's Warden, Mr. James Haggart; People's Warden Mr. L. Smith; Deputy Warden Mr. R. Lister), also to the local Public School Board for the use of the Beverley Acres Public School for divine worship, and to the school caretaker for his assistance. Thanks were also accorded to H. J. Mills Ltd. for their contribution of beautiful roses that provided such an artistic floral setting to mark the occasion of the first service of the Church of St. Gabriel in its new location.

The Rector's text, aptly chosen from the book of "Jeremiah, 4th chapter, 6th verse. . . . "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the other half thereof; for all the people had a mind to work." Appropriate music and hymns were selected, with church organist Mrs. E. V. Collier, A.T.C.O., at the Hallman electric amplifying reed organ, which fulfilled expectations, also the acoustic properties of the new structure met with approval — as proven by

NEWMARKET: An agreement between the township of Whitchurch and Newmarket for the use of fire fighting equipment and personnel has been approved by Newmarket council.

FASTEST GROWING HOME WEEKLY IN ONTARIO

To Hire Inspector

Council's Probing Committee To Give Report August 4th

The report of the Perkins Probe Committee will be presented to Richmond Hill Town Council at the regular meeting Tuesday, August 4th. This was announced by Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin at Monday night's council session.

The special committee of council headed by Reeve F. R. Perkins was named early in April at the request of council resolution. The committee was asked to investigate engineering responsibility for the flooding condition in Beverley Acres and the expensive breaks in the Crosby sewer.

Early in April council after receiving a letter from Tom Broadhurst, a candidate in last year's municipal election, ordered a full scale probe to fix responsibility for the quarter million dollar drainage problem faced in the Beverley Acres area and the many expensive breaks in the Crosby Avenue sewer which cost the town more than \$50,000.

In his letter to council, Mr. Broadhurst suggested legal action if it is found the engineering of the projects was at fault. Council authorized the appointment of a three man committee to make a thorough investigation. Reeve Perkins was named chairman of the committee and the members are Councillors J. W. Bradstock and Joseph Paterson.

It is not known how many meetings have been held by the committee, but council did meet as a committee of the whole a week ago when several witnesses were heard. This was the meeting from which the press was excluded and to which Councillor Haggart made reference at the regular council meeting this week.

Since the appointment of the probe committee council has continued to engage the engineering firm of Proctor & Redfern as consulting engineers for town projects. They were named over the objections of Councillor Haggart for preparatory work on Markham Road storm sewers and Monday night were appointed to do similar work on the Crosby sewer.

Council action would indicate that the forthcoming report will not recommend any action against the firm of Proctor & Redfern. Probe Chairman Perkins and committee member Councillor Bradstock have consistently continued to support Proctor & Redfern for town engineering work.

Councillor Haggart Monday night opposed the appointment of Proctor & Redfern for work on the Crosby sewer.

As announced by the Mayor, the probe report will be presented to council at the next regular meeting, but it is not expected to censure the engineering firm or recommend any legal action to recover cost of recurring sewer breaks or drainage scheme for Beverley Acres.

One result of the probe was evident at Monday night's town council meeting when Reeve Perkins, probe chairman, and also personnel committee chairman moved for the appointment of a full time Inspector of Construction. Councillor Ross who supported the suggestion for such an appointment mentioned a possible salary of from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

Councillors were unanimous in supporting the motion for a Construction Inspector.

"We've seen too much money go down the drain not to adopt the suggestion," said Councillor Haggart. "Down the sewer," corrected Deputy-reeve Tinker.

Can't Subsidize Ambulance Service

Markham Township Council was informed by letter from Richmond Hill Monday that it is not legally possible for towns or townships to subsidize an ambulance service.

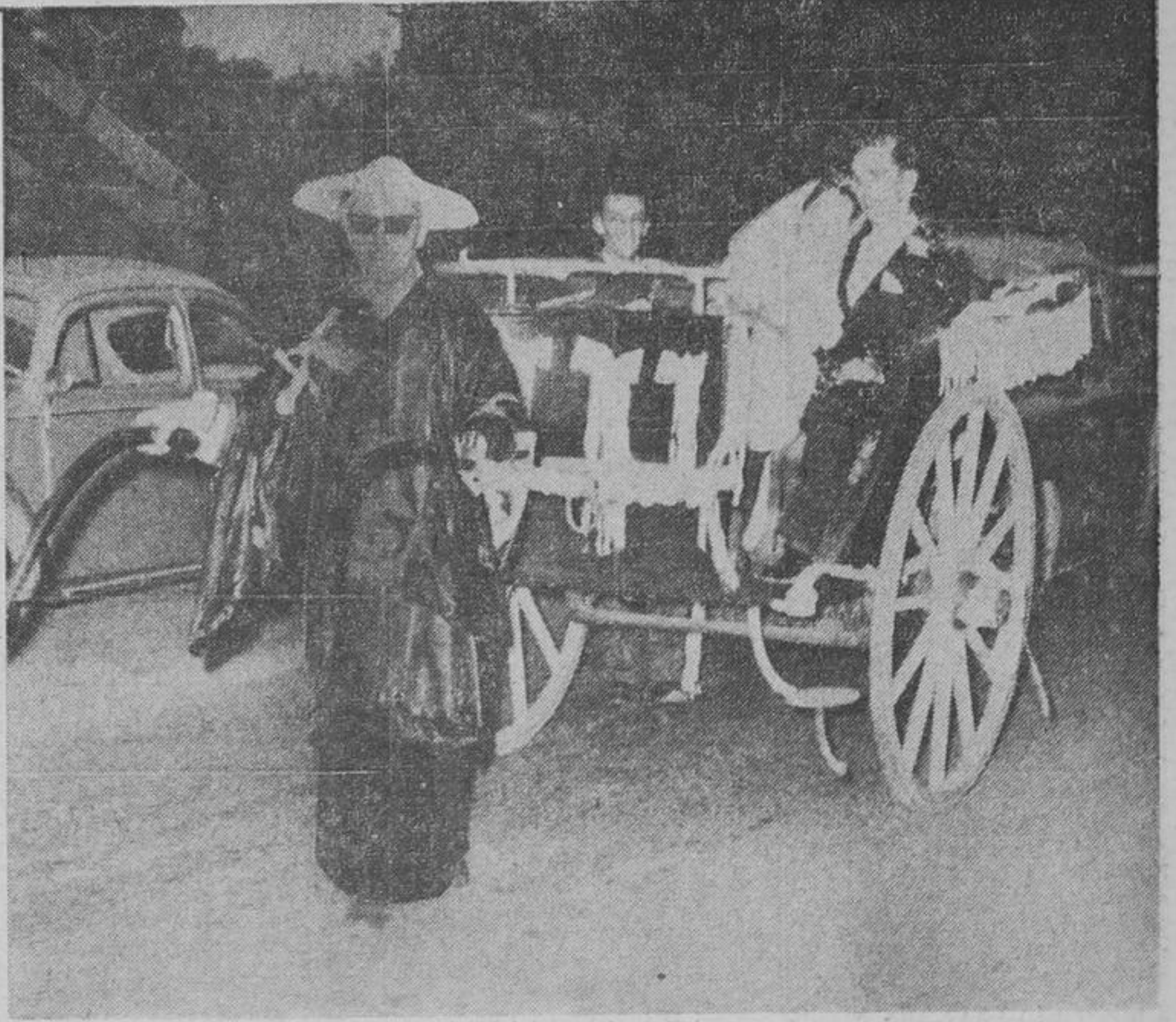
Earlier Mr. R. J. Cundy, operator of the Richmond Hill Ambulance Service had on suggestion of Richmond Hill Council prepared an estimate on the cost of operating a subsidized service. Richmond Hill had asked him to prepare an estimate after he informed them he was unable to carry on a private service. Mr. Cundy estimated a subsidized service would cost \$2,400.00 annually with Markham's share set at \$300.00.

Markham Police reported they have relied on the ambulance service in Markham Village for emergencies, and the service has been satisfactory.

May Name Commission For Industrial Sites

On motion of Councillor W. J. Haggart Richmond Hill Council asked the Finance Committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a local Commission with authority to purchase land sites for industrial use. Mr. Haggart said he thought such a commission might prove very useful in promoting desired industrial development.

Rickshaw Wedding



Uncle Frank plays coolie at the wedding last Friday evening of Marilyn Watson to Dale Watts at Maple United Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson. Her uncle Frank Robson is a well-known local

businessman and native of the district. Uncle Frank delights in giving the weddings of his nieces and nephews a different touch, like this one in full Chinese costume and rickshaw.

— photo by Tom White

Forestall Annexation

Set Up Permanent Joint Committee

Agreeing on a firm policy of mutual help and co-operation representatives of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan last week made "Little Metro" a reality by setting up a permanent joint committee to protect their "divided autonomy and common interests." Their decision to take such action followed repeated threats by Metro Chairman Fred Gardiner and North York Reeve Norman Goodhead to absorb the fringe municipalities into Metro.

"We've got to stick together to save ourselves," said Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill as it was agreed to set up a nine man joint committee to wrestle with "mutual interests." Education, transportation, planning, water, sewage disposal and incineration. Membership in the permanent joint committee will include two council members from each municipality, plus a representative each of the planning boards or planning departments.

"All we can do is lose if we go into Metro and share their fantastic capital debt program," the mayor declared as heads of the three municipalities met at Richmond Hill's municipal hall.

The alliance brings together half of York County — combined population of 44,000; assessment \$60,000,000; acreage 160,000.

"Our three municipalities are being run on a sound economic basis. We can only lose through annexation. We would have to shoulder part of the cost of earlier mismanagement by councils

of municipalities now incorporated in Metro," he said.

Mr. Tomlin said more than 99 per cent of the voters in Richmond Hill would vote against annexation at the present time.

Markham Township Reeve W. Clark listed problems confronting the three municipalities as water, sewage disposal, transportation and schools.

"While we have these problems," said Mr. Clark, "they are not insurmountable. The water question is all but solved — there is plenty available. And the province must pay a bigger share of our schools. Our real problems, that of sewage and transportation, both have to do with Metro."

"It has frozen our development. We have been waiting for five years to have the question of sewage settled but because of Metro we haven't been able to do anything. We can't wait any longer. We have land available and must press for immediate action," said Mr. Clark.

Vaughan Township Deputy-reeve Victor Ryder agreed with Mr. Clark on the importance of an immediate solution to the sewage disposal problem.

Suggests Full Time Co-ordinator

Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township tabled a letter Monday in which Mr. Ian Grant of Gormley, Markham's Civil Defence Co-ordinator recommended that the county consider appointing a full time co-ordinator. So far this year two successive part time co-ordinators have resigned. First Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township gave up the post to be followed by former Reeve Marshall McMurchy.

Mr. Grant stated that the adjoining County of Ontario with a population of 119,000 has a full time co-ordinator. Ontario has a slightly larger population than has York County. The Federal government will pay a grant of 75 per cent towards the salary of a full time co-ordinator and the province 15 per cent, leaving just 10 per cent to be borne by the county.

Reeve Clark promised to bring the suggestion to the attention of York Warden W. Hodgson.

RICHMOND HILL ACCIDENT RECORD 1959	
FATALITIES 1	INJURIES 11
ACCIDENTS 84	

The Country Parson



"The best place to reflect upon things that are wrong with our world is in front of a mirror."