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RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1959

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Coming Events

EVERY TUESDAY, Bingo 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Side Road, Oak Ridges, Cash prizes and jackpot. t131

BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7.45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd., West, Richdale. t149

BINGO every Thursday 8 p.m. in Orange Hall, 1st house north of Loblaw's. t127

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT 9.00 p.m. - 12.00. Dancing to Cameron's Orchestra, at the Legion Hall, Carrville Rd., Richdale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion 75c per person t136

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.

SEPTEMBER 3 - Thursday. A rummage sale to be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, sponsored by the C.W.L. Many bargains. Opening at 1 p.m. c2w9

SEPTEMBER 8 - Tuesday. The Women's Association of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church will hold its first meeting of the Fall and Winter season on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Sunday School hall. clw10

SEPTEMBER 8 - Tuesday 8 p.m. The regular meeting of St. Gabriel's W.A. will be held in the church, Bayview and Crosby Aves. All ladies welcome. clw10

SEPTEMBER 8 - Richmond Nursery School, start of fall term. 24 Elizabeth St. South. TU. 4.1443. clw10

SEPTEMBER 10 - Thursday. Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce holds a Kollege of Knowledge and free dinner at the Summit View Restaurant at 7.15 for interested men between the ages of 18 and 39. clw10

SEPTEMBER 10 - Thursday. Mrs. LeRoy Toll will address the monthly meeting of Thornhill United W.A. on her recent trip to Jerusalem. Children cared for. Do come and enjoy Mrs. Toll with us. clw10

SEPTEMBER 10 - Thursday 8 p.m. Lions Community Hall, Autumn Show Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Speaker: Mr. A. Cruikshank, "Bulbs in Your Spring Garden". Judge: Mrs. Freeman Barker. Convenors: Mrs. J. Grainger, W. Beatty. No admission charge. All welcome. clw10

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Winter Fares Coming

New Agreement Yonge Bus Line Will Be Discussed By Inter-Municipal Committee

Haggart Wants Bids By Private Line Operators

"It is extremely important that we have an adequate transportation service on Yonge Street," said Richmond Hill's Mayor Ken W. Tomlin during a discussion of the proposed new bus agreement with the T.T.C. at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Monday night. The mayor expressed the firm policy that any such service should have a fares structure which would make it self-supporting.

The present bus service on Yonge Street from Richmond Hill to the subway terminal in North Toronto is operated by the T.T.C. under an agreement with the Town of Richmond Hill and the Townships of Markham and Vaughan. The agreement expires December 31st of this year.

Mayor Tomlin reported to council Monday night on a recent meeting with heads of neighboring municipalities and the T.T.C. He reported the T.T.C. is willing to enter into an agreement for a continued bus service, at cost, and would submit a fares structure which the official thought should make the service self-supporting. Under the existing agreement the operation has been very profitable for municipalities. In 1958 Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan shared some \$50,000 in profits.

The T. T. C. claim, and have figures to prove this surplus resulted from business south of Steele's Avenue. Officials claim the operation north of Steele's is, and always has been a losing proposition. The T. T. C. has made it clear that in any new agreement profit or deficit sharing will be based on the operation north of Steele's. According to the T.T.C. this would mean that unless there is an upward revision of fares there would be a substantial deficit.

Council agreed unanimously to refer the matter to the recently organized Inter-Municipal Committee representative of the three municipalities. The committee

to an agreement for the operation of the service by the T. T. C.

The electric line was later replaced by buses at which time the province in return for getting the needed width for road widening gave the municipalities exemption from the bus seat tax. This exemption still continues and the T. T. C. expressed the opinion it might be further renewed.

Answering a question by Deputy-revee Tinker the solicitor said there is no such thing as a franchise existing now. Anyone carrying passengers on Yonge Street must secure the necessary licence from the Department of Transport.

Councillor Haggart said there is an operator serving Richmond Hill now who has such a licence. Newmarket Coach Lines operates a bus service via Bayview Avenue. Councillor Haggart said he thought Mr. Needler operator of the line should be given an opportunity of submitting a proposal.

It was pointed out that while the T. T. C. has expressed a willingness to enter into an agreement to operate the service there was doubt if they would submit a tender. Under provincial legislation the T. T. C. is compelled to operate at cost. In addition to all operating expenses there is a charge of seven per cent for general overhead expense.

Mayor Tomlin said one suggestion he made to the T. T. C. was that the bus service in Richmond Hill might be extended to serve beyond Yonge Street. T. T. C. officials said they would consider the suggestion.

The whole matter of transportation on Yonge Street will be discussed by the Inter-Municipal Committee at its meeting next Wednesday and its proposal will be referred to the individual municipal council. "The inter-municipal committee has no authority to commit any of the member municipalities."

Solicitor J. D. Lucas pointed out to the meeting that municipal council is not compelled to provide a transportation system. If council chose to get out of the transportation business the field would be open for private operators to seek a licence from the Department of Transport. He said it was likely applications by private operators competing with the T.T.C. would be opposed by Metropolitan Toronto.

250 Teachers Too

7,000 Students Off To School Tuesday, Sept. 8

With one of the longest school vacations on record almost behind them - even some of the youngest students are looking forward to the re-opening of school next Tuesday morning, September 8th.

Most high school students we have talked with have been looking forward to the fall term for some weeks - which shows a nice, healthy attitude to the fraternity of learning and elementary schooling.

But probably the one with the widest grin and the happiest expression next Tuesday morning will be "Mother" - as she checks on "back of the ears" clean teeth and nails, before tucking a clean hanky into juniors faded denims or gabardines and sending him off with slicked-down hair to school again.

Richmond Hill's new School Inspector Gordon McIntyre, who commenced his duties a few weeks ago, reports that there is an estimated increase of 350 pupils over the June closing for the Fall term, with approximately 2,900 pupils expected to enroll in town public schools Tuesday.

High School Increases

Around 1800 students are expected at the three high schools in the York Central High School District, Mr. D. J. Ashworth, Business Administrator informed "The Liberal" at Thornhill and Richmond Hill there is an anticipated increase of 100 students for each high school which will bring

the enrollment up to 750 per school. 35 teachers are on staff at Thornhill where Mr. A. S. Ellison is principal.

Principal Wright Morrow of Richmond Hill High School will have a staff of 33 this year, two more than in 1958; while Woodbridge High School, which expects a one-third jump in its enrollment, to 300 pupils, will have 15 teachers instead of 12.

High School population has risen from 1,200 in 1957 to the present figure of 1,800. Last year a 10-room addition to the Richmond Hill High School was completed and the new Woodbridge High School was opened.

The York Central District High School Board hopes to have a fourth high school ready for occupancy (in Bayview-Markham Rd) vicinity by the fall of 1960.

Announce Changes In Inspectorates

The following changes have been announced in local Inspectorates:

Inspector J. A. Gibson is giving up Vaughan Township to have Weston, Woodbridge and Swansea. Inspector W. J. McLeod is taking on rural Vaughan, King and the Town of Aurora. Inspector Maynard Hallman will have Markham Village, Markham Township and School Area No. 1 Markham - Vaughan. Inspector Ed Dunn will have Sutton and North Gwillimbury and Inspector Douglas Adams, Stouffville, Whitechurch and the Town of Newmarket.

Town Council Meeting

Fifty-Fifty Basis For Quarter Million Dollar Beverley Acres Project Council Adopts Pattern For All Drainage Plans

The Beverley Acres drainage project estimated to cost over a quarter of a million dollars will be paid on a fifty-fifty basis, half by direct levy on the area directly concerned and half by the taxpayers of the whole town.

This unanimous decision by Richmond Hill Town Council brings finally to an issue which has been a contentious one for several years since the project was first discussed.

The box drain project is planned to eliminate flooding conditions in the Crosby and Beverley Acres areas and is estimated to cost a quarter of a million dollars. The project is still waiting approval by the Ontario Municipal Board which has the responsibility of determining the amount of damages if any to property owners in Markham Township.

Through the years there have been suggestions that the cost of this drainage project should have been paid for by the subdividers. When it wasn't paid for by the subdividers there were suggestions the whole cost should be borne by the area directly concerned and then there were those who contended the entire cost should be spread over the general tax rate of the municipality.

Whatever differences of opinion on the issue may exist among the taxpayers, these appeared Monday night to be unanimity among members of town council.

Council passed a by-law fixing the rates for the drainage area to be served by the Markham road storm sewer, which is roughly on a fifty-fifty basis, half of the cost borne by the area and half by the town as a whole.

In answer to a question by Deputy-revee S. F. Tinker, the Mayor stated, "we intend that this will be the pattern for all similar works everywhere in Richmond Hill". The Beverley Acres project was mentioned as among the "similar works" and the motion setting the rates carried unanimously.

The engineering of the Beverley Acres subdivision is still the subject of investigation by the special Probe Committee which recently reported on the Crosby sewer breaks. When the special committee was appointed there was a question raised as to the

STOUFFVILLE - Council members deferred their decision on whether or not to back the fringe municipalities in their fight to have equal representation on the Metro Planning Board. Deputy-revee Wagg voiced strong approval of the move to have each municipality with its own representative.

In 1944 he was elected to the Richvale School Board (S.S. 24) Vaughan on which he served until the formation of School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan in 1950. He was elected to this board of trustees and served on it, with the exception of one year, until the time of his death.

He was a member of the finance committee of the International Photo-Engravers' Union, Local 35, was secretary of the Toronto Technological Society last year, and had recently been appointed to act on the co-ordinating committee for the proposed Township of Vaughan School Area.

He is survived by his wife, the former M. Ellen B. Dejean and three children, Brian, Lawrence and Janet.

The service was conducted by Reverend Edward Morley of St. Mary's Anglican Church, assisted by Mr. Fred Peir of Richvale Gospel Chapel.

Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Frank Worth, Dr. A. W. R. Doan, Mr. Les Young, Mr. Wilfred Burnes, Mr. Hugh Martin, Mr. Roy Bick.

Active pallbearers were Mr. Ellert J. Sand, Mr. James Eastes, Mr. Keith Richan, Mr. Lester Phipps, Mr. Norman McDermott and Mr. Harold Bets.

Interment in Maple cemetery. MARKHAM - After 45 years service with the C.N.R. Mr. P. E. Shantz, has just retired. He began working for the C. N. R. as a Morse operator, and on retirement was assistant General Manager of Communications. A member of the Markham Village Planning Board since its inception he is presently its chairman.

Objective \$6,000. Richmond Hill V.O.N. Drive For Funds Starts Sept. 15th

Everyone's Nurse Welcome Visitor Many Local Homes

This year the ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS FOR THE RICHMOND HILL BRANCH OF THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES will be from SEPTEMBER 15 to 30. Richmond Hill is asked to give \$6,000.00, all of which is used for the local V.O.N. Branch.

During those two short weeks there will be an all-out blitz, with women canvassers making door-to-door calls and men volunteers canvassing stores and business and professional firms throughout the town.

During the past two years, since the Victorian Order of Nurses first established headquarters for nursing service in Richmond Hill, the V.O.N. has really become recognized as "Everyone's Nurse", and charming Miss Eileen Woodbyrne and her two part-time assistants, Mrs. F. Willock and Mrs. Dorothy Francis have become an integral part of the community life of this town.

Just the V.O.N. is more than a visiting nurse; she is an angel of mercy, a confidant and a friend. Like a doctor or priest her conversations with her patients are confidential, and as many families have found to their mental satisfaction and happiness, the V.O.N. spreads the light of her learning in their homes - putting not only the patient but the anxious family at ease in the face of illness.

The importance of the VON's work is not to be measured in statistics only - though they do play an important part in deter-

mining the true worth of the V.O.N. - but when one hears how the disabled, the convalescent, or the new mother is benefited and assisted by the Victorian Order Nurse, one realizes to the full she is Everyone's Nurse.

Recently a call came from an unidentified young mother who needed assistance with a sick and restless infant. The mother needed assistance in administering medicine to the child three times a day - the V.O.N. stepped into the breach, the mother relaxed and the child became well.

For those of us who have the full use of our hands and arms, we can never begin to imagine the frustration another unidentified patient had endured - before the V.O.N. called to give her assistance in her daily bath. The patient, we learned, was so crippled with arthritis she could not wring out her face cloth, let alone wash herself or comb her own hair. Finally she made contact with the V.O.N. who called at her home and with the gentle help and capable hands of the V.O.N. she now looks forward to the "refreshing" visits of "Everyone's Nurse."

From January to June of this year the Richmond Hill V.O.N. made 846 visits, an increase of 164 visits over the same period for 1958. There were 510 visits made to adult patients, 276 of these being senior citizens of Richmond Hill. A breakdown of the figures shows the V.O.N. made the following visits:

- Prenatal - expectant mothers 49
- Postnatal - mothers home
- From hospital with new baby 78
- Newborn 92
- Infants, 1 month to 1 year 36
- Preschool children 31
- School children 12
- Adults 510
- Visits made to doctors and agencies regarding patients' welfare 38
- As the figures reveal, the older citizens are the ones participating most fully in the V.O.N. services. Because there is a recognized need for part-time nursing for our adult citizens, particularly our elder and venerated residents, it is most important the good work of the V.O.N. is financially secure and its continuance is assured.
- The V.O.N. is at the beck and call of all who need her - it is now up to YOU to answer the call of your local canvasser and give generously to the annual campaign for funds for the V.O.N.

responsibility for the need of a quarter million dollar expenditure to correct the drainage system. There was no mention at Monday's meeting concerning the activities of the committee or when a report may be made to council.

The total cost of the Markham Road storm sewer is \$218,000.00 and the bylaw passed by council provides that \$104,700.00 will be paid by a direct levy on the area served and the balance on the whole town.

The rate over a period of 30 years for properties fronting directly on the sewer will be \$5.00 per foot, and for properties indirectly benefiting \$2.00 per foot frontage.

The storm sewer extends on Markham Road from Yonge St. to Bayview and up Bayview a distance of 350 feet.

General Business Reeve Perkins moved the acceptance of the tender of Porter Construction Co. for paving the parking lot at Yonge and Richmond Streets. Cost will be \$3,112.50.

The Reeve said he had nothing final to report on town purchases of lots east and west of Yonge Street for rear laneways.

On motion of Councillor Haggart the Transportation Committee was authorized to give special rates to school children attending the separate school.

The Personnel Committee will meet this week to consider several applications for the position of Inspector of Works recently advertised.

Councillor Haggart expressed pleasure that the Metro District Conservation Authority will meet for the first time in Richmond Hill next Wednesday. The meeting will be in the Public Library and will receive a special welcome from the Mayor. The Women's Institute will serve refreshments.

No discrimination Mayor Tomlin said that while he was sure council had no intention of wishing to practice discrimination there had been complaints that notices re zoning regulations concerning basement dwellings had been posted in only one subdivision. Five signs were erected in the new Elgin Mills Park development at a cost of \$165.00.

On motion of Councillor Haggart the signs will be posted in all new subdivisions.

All members attended the meeting except Councillors Patterson and Ross.

Cross Walk May Replace Stop St. On Markham Rd.

Deputy-revee S. F. Tinker told Richmond Hill Council Monday night that York County Road authorities would look favorably on the suggestion that a pedestrian crosswalk replace the existing stop sign on Markham Rd. at the Walter Scott School. He said County authorities would prefer a cross walk to either the existing stop sign or lights.

Councillor James Haggart, Police Committee chairman said council had decided to establish two cross walks on Yonge Street but there had been no decision regarding Markham Road. "I'm inclined to agree with the suggestion," said Councillor Haggart, "but there will have to be a study of traffic conditions."

It was pointed out that whatever the decision cross walks could not be established until the road is paved next year. In the meantime the stop street sign will remain.

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FATALITIES	1
ACCIDENTS - INJURIES	92