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OPENS SATURDAY

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## Coming Events

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. tlc86

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Old Time. At Maple Community Hall. Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainsmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tlc18

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and jackpot. tlc19

DECEMBER 11 — Friday 8:30 p.m. Jefferson School Community Club Christmas Party. Euchre and square dancing. Attractive prizes, refreshments. Carol singing. Everyone welcome. c2w23

DECEMBER 12th, SATURDAY — Turkey Shoot, auspices Lions Club, at Shur-Gain Farms, Maple, at 1 o'clock. Shotgun only, \$1.00 per round. c3w22

DECEMBER 14 Y.W.C.A. — "Take a Break" 8:15, Beverley Acres School. Admission 35 cents. Please bring coffee mug and name tag. c1w24

DECEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY — MacKillop Home & School Association monthly meeting. The programme will consist of 2 skits, "TV invades the dinner hour," "Junior and his Homework," followed by question and discussion period. c1w24

DECEMBER 19 — Saturday, 8 p.m. L.O.L. 2368 Cribbage and euchre, Community Hall, Victoria Square. Admission 50c. c2w24

## Markham Bldg. Month of Nov.

The building report for November for Markham Township shows a total value of \$148,865.00, broken up as follows: Dwellings \$91,300; Accessory Building \$11,500; and Industrial and Commercial \$46,065.

## J. E. MacNeil Re-Elected

Election results for the Township of Markham followed the trend of the times — a very low vote was cast.

Only member of council seeking re-election, John MacNeil, Ward 1, was opposed by Frank Plaxton. With a total number of 481 votes cast, Councillor MacNeil received 325, Mr. Plaxton 156.

The three school trustees elected for School Area No. 2 were: F. Hazelhurst 67 votes; Keith Jewitt 59, Mark Wolfe 58. Not elected were George Couperthwaite 53, Mrs. E. Thomas 49 and William Rodick 46.

The two-year term was thrown out, before the election, by council.

A nomination meeting for the purpose of electing five trustees for School Area No. 1 Markham, will be held in the municipal chambers at Buttonville next Tuesday evening, December 15, from 7 to 8 o'clock. Elections will be held at Thornlea, Henderson and S. S. 2 German Mills Public Schools on December 23, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

## To Renew Bus Line Contract

Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill, Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township and Reeve John Perry of Vaughan conferred Tuesday with T. T. C. Commissioners relative to the operation of the North Yonge Bus Line. The existing agreement by which the T. T. C. operates the North Yonge Bus service for the municipalities expires December 31st.

The T. T. C. have agreed to extend the existing agreement to January 31st to give local municipal councils and officials ample time to consider the terms and provisions of the new agreement likely to be signed.

It is understood the new agreement will be very similar to the existing one, with Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan entitled to share any profit earned on the operation north of Steele's Avenue. Bill 30 provided that all transportation rights within the Metropolitan area be vested with the Metropolitan authority. Local councils when they consider the new proposed agreement will have the benefit of an auditors' report prepared by the firm engaged for this purpose by the three municipalities.

It is anticipated that a moderate increase in fares will be necessary when the new agreement is finalized.

## New Building Record

### New Curling Rink Completed 16 Weeks After Sod-Turning

Just sixteen weeks after the ground was broken to start construction, the Richmond Hill Curling Club is open for curling. This is a dream come true for a great many sports minded residents of Richmond Hill, a dream that was formulated less than ten months ago.

**Club-Own Contractor**  
This in itself must be a record in curling circles particularly since the club acted as its own contractor. Plans were drawn by a Toronto architect, Mr. D. G. Hallford who carried out extensive research into the project to give the club an impressive but economical building.

**Six Sheets of Ice**  
The rink area consists of six sheets of ice covering an area approximately ninety feet by one hundred and fifty feet. Almost eight miles of steel pipe was laid to supply refrigeration for the ice. The J & E Hall Company of Toronto supplied and installed the refrigeration equipment. The latest in fluorescent lighting has been installed in the rink area by Maple Electric of Maple, Ont.

**Large Comfortable Quarters**  
The foyer has a window wall from floor to ceiling and features a cantilevered staircase projecting from the back of the stone fireplace. An office is located at the end of the foyer. The main lounge is eighty five feet by twenty-seven feet and is paneled in mahogany plywood. The ceiling is accented by large laminated beams. One wall of the lounge overlooks the rink and accommodates thirty seats for arm chair curlers. The dining area seats forty people with the balance of the lounge furnished with comfortable chesterfields and chairs.

**Eighteen Ft. Stone Fireplace**  
The feature of the lounge is an eighteen foot stone fireplace with cantilevered hearth and a built in trophy case. The ground floor contains ladies' and men's locker rooms, rest rooms and storage rooms. Plumbing and heating was supplied by A. Mills & Son of Richmond Hill.

The exterior walls of the building are constructed of concrete block. A four foot overhang of roof on the lounge area creates a pleasing and modern appearance to the exterior of the building.

**Local Suppliers & Labour**  
Wherever possible local suppliers and labour were used for construction of the building. Refrigeration is supplied by a 50 Horsepower unit using ammonia refrigerant in combination with brine that circulates through the pipes at a temperature of 17 degrees.

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## Lions Annual Nut Drive To Blitz Town Saturday

We know two young boys who, when they were just little lads, used to attend the "Nut Drive" at the Lions Hall. Each time they saw the Lions' crest which as you know is a lovely reproduction of old Leo the Lion himself—they asked, "Why can't we see the real Lions who come to this hall . . . it's their hall, isn't it?" Well, of course we had to explain to our two little lads that they weren't really lions, they were Lions . . . and looked like their own Daddy . . . you know.

All of which is leading up to the fact — that — this Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. until "sold out" the Lions Club of Richmond Hill will be on the prowl and calling at every house and knocking on every door in Town, as they launch their annual "Nuts for the Nutty" drive for welfare funds.

Helping the Lions in their blitz will be 70 members of the Lions sponsored Teen Town, who will

wear Lions' arm bands to identify them as official salesmen and saleswomen for the "Nut Drive." All during the canvass, which is expected to take about four hours, "Mr. Peanuts" and his nut wagon will be on Yonge Street to help the Lions in their charity drive.

NOW IS THE TIME to buy your nuts for Christmas. For every tin of nuts sold it means just that much more money in the Lions pouch for welfare work.

Did you know that for those in need of help the Lions Club of Richmond Hill supplies free of cost glasses, medical examinations, crutches and hospital beds — in fact, 15 such beds are on loan right now. The Lions also sponsor the Pee Wee Hockey leagues — and deliver 75 to 100 Christmas baskets for those down on their luck, who might otherwise not have any Christmas cheer or happiness. Annually they hold a Christmas party for the children of the L.T.B. & Orange Home among their other good works.

Plan to do your part — BUY NUTS!

## Seek Volunteers

### C.W.L. Sponsor Blood Clinic At Richmond Hill

Our local hospitals require a supply of blood per week in their blood bank for emergency use. The Red Cross, collecting blood in clinics across the Province, takes it to the central depot in Toronto, tests it and has undertaken the distribution to the hospitals. If, for some reason, a particular type of blood is needed and the supply on hand is not adequate to cover it, a telephone call to the central depot will have the required type delivered in a matter of hours.

When asked about organizing a clinic in Richmond Hill the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's

volunteered. The Red Cross pointed out that although the services to the hospitals and the collecting of blood were done by their staff, the recruitment of donors and the holding of a clinic in Richmond Hill was to be a local responsibility. Mr. Israel and the Library Board have kindly allowed the C. W. L. to use the library and the first clinic will be held on February 23rd, 1960. Richmond Hill quota is 400 pints so all good donors are asked to please contact Mr. Coughlin, AV. 5-5354 - Mrs. Johnson, TU. 4-1690; Mrs. George, TU. 4-3582 or Mrs. Johnson, Thornhill, AV. 5-2579.

## Teenagers Help Collect Kiddies' Toys For Xmas

Recently it is known by readers of "The Liberal," the teenagers of Richmond Hill got together and established the Mark 1 Club for Teenagers.

It is hoped to increase membership up to and beyond the 150 mark soon. The club activities include dancing, bridge, and other general activities while it is also planned to make visits to other teenage clubs as a regular practice.

**Collect Toys**  
In the past few days two girl members came up with a brilliant idea. It was that no member should be admitted to meetings unless they brought along with them a toy to donate to the needy children of the Orange Childrens Home.

As a result a growing assortment of toys and games are being collected which will bring a lot of joy to the lucky children who receive them.

**Rules of Behaviour**  
The club maintains strict rules of behaviour including a "no drinking" rule, no blue jeans etc. Boys are boys and girls are girls. Three members are appointed at each meeting to see that these

rules are carried out.

So long as these efforts to develop a club of a worthwhile type with rules of decent behaviour the town can be proud of this effort by the teenagers themselves and it is particularly commendable at a time when juvenile delinquency is making such a stir across the world and in north America in particular.

**Equipment Required**  
People who are sympathetic to these efforts can assist by making donations of equipment for indoor and outdoor games and entertainment, study etc.

The Club is open every evening and Sunday afternoon and all over the age of 15 will be welcome at any of these meetings.

Club rooms are at 155 Yonge Street North.

## Discuss Mutual Problems

The co-ordinating committee representative of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan met Wednesday night at Maple. Topics of discussion included sewage and garbage disposal.

## Aurora Defeats Two Year Term

The two year council term proposal was defeated in Aurora by nearly two to one. The vote "yes" 475, "no" 923.

Reeve Clarence Davis was re-elected with 921 votes, to 492 for councillor Keith Nisbet. Mayor Murray and deputy-reeve Stewart Patrick were elected by acclamation.

Councillors elected were: W. Stoddart, C. Corbett, A. Child, W. Davidson, R. Hammond, and Harvey Bell.

## George Williams Dies Suddenly Postpone Election

With the sudden and tragic passing of George Williams on Friday December 4, 1959 as the result of a heart seizure, the election of five trustees for the new Markham Township School Area No. 1 Board which was to have been held last Monday, was cancelled and new nomination and election dates have had to be set by Township Clerk Harry Crisp — since there is no Markham School Board at the present time to carry on. Mr. Williams was a candidate from the east side of the school section for the new board.

At the Nomination meeting held at Buttonville on November 27th, Mr. Williams was suffering from a bad case of laryngitis and barely able to speak to the ratepayers. Apologising for his hoarseness he said he had a cold but wished to appear at the meeting to ask for the support of the ratepayers in electing him to the board to ensure representation from his area.

Only 48 years old Mr. Williams had a mild heart attack some little time before the nomination meeting and although he had to be careful it was thought there was no danger of a recurrence. He had just picked up his youngster at Henderson School when stricken.

The new nomination date has been set as December 15, in the Markham Township Council chambers at Buttonville; election day is to be December 23rd. Owing to the fact that the public schools close on December 22nd, polling places will be set up in Henderson, Thornlea and German Mills Public Schools.

Every resident who is a voter in School Area No. 1 will receive a letter advising him of the necessary changes. Changes which would have had to have been made right up to within a minute or two of the closing of the polls — had a candidate died at that time.

## Concord Floral Experiences Blaze

Fire broke out in the shipping room of the Concord Floral Co. at approximately 11:30 Monday night and Vaughan Township Fire Brigade from Richvale and Maple fought the blaze until 2 a.m. thereby saving the greenhouse and the Christmas stock from destruction.

Damage and cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

**Christmas Store Hours**  
Yonge Street Business Men's Association has announced that for the convenience of the Christmas shoppers, stores will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily until Christmas starting on Monday, December 14.

## Close Race For King Twp. Council

New candidates will form half of the 1960 King Township municipal council as a result of Monday's election.

Reeve William Hodgson, York County's 1959 Warden was returned as Reeve by acclamation.

Douglas Hutchins, council member for three years polled 718 votes to defeat Wilfred Aitchison, deputy-reeve for the past four years who received 379 votes.

In the closest council race in township history Gordon Cook, 6th concession farmer, led with 723 votes, Blyth Langdon, coach line operator from King City was second with 722, and Norman Taylor, Oak Ridges electrical was third with 721. Kenneth Maynard was the unsuccessful council candidate with 458 votes.

King Twp. recorded an 18 per cent vote when 1261 electors cast ballots out of a possible vote of 6684.

## Two Year Term Defeated

### W. J. Haggart Reeve-Elect Three New Council Members For Town Of Richmond Hill



W. J. HAGGART  
Council member for the past three years, elected Reeve of Richmond Hill in last Saturday's voting.

Richmond Hill voters went to the polls last Saturday and elected a Reeve, four councillors, three school trustees and recorded a decisive decision against the two year term proposal.

His Worship Mayor Ken Tomlin was returned by acclamation for a third term, and also re-elected by acclamation was Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker.

Interest in the battle of the ballots was keen and candidates conducted aggressive and spirited campaigns. Candidates made good use of advertising space in "The Liberal," most contestants conducted an intensive door-to-door canvass.

Despite the campaigning and ideal weather conditions the turnout of voters was disappointingly small. Out of a possible 7510 only 2739 exercised the franchise. This was a turn-out of 36.7 per cent, a small increase over last year when there was a thirty per cent vote.

heading the poll with 1584 votes. He will be serving his third year as a member of council.

In second place with a substantial vote of 1299 was Tom Broadhurst a candidate last year when he lost only by a small margin. He will be serving his first term in council.

Running a dead heat for third place with 1213 votes were Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell and Howard Whillans who will complete the membership of the 1960 Council. Making a strong run and in fifth place was Harold J. Mills with 1075 votes, and standing of other candidates was Bruce Murray 811, Ken Smith 559, and J. MacDiarmid 557.

Mrs. Southwell will be the first woman member of Richmond Hill Municipal Council.

In the five candidate race for three public school trustee seats Trustee Harold D. Sanderson completing his first term won re-election at the head of the poll with 1670 votes. In second place was 1959 Chairman Lewis D. Clement and the new member will be Mrs. Irene Worrell.

There was no doubt about the fate of the two year term, and the proposal was defeated by more than three to one. The final vote "Yes" 633 "No" 1978.

Detailed result of the voting is published elsewhere in this issue.

## Contest Winner Guess Within 5 Of Total Votes

More than six hundred entries were received in "The Liberal" guess the vote contest. Guesses ranged from the overly optimistic 7000 to the pessimistic 1050.

The official returns announced by Clerk Russell Lynett decided the winner of the prizes offered. Of the 7,510 eligible voters, 2,739 voters went to the polls.

Of the more than 600 guesses not one hit the correct figure. Closest guess was 2,734, and the winner is Mrs. G. Graden, 30 Cartier Crescent.

Second closest guess was 2,727, submitted by Carman W. Island, 11 Wood Lane, and third, 2,754 by Mrs. T. Cambray, 303 S.

Taylor Mills Dr.

By the rules of the contest the winners were entitled to double prize money if all eligible votes in the household were cast on election day. The winner, Mrs. G. Graden, voted but her husband didn't get to the polls so she won a \$25. voucher good at any store in Richmond Hill.

Second and third prize winners qualified for the double prize money as all votes in their households were registered in the municipal election.

"The Liberal" extends congratulations to the winners and thanks to the many hundreds who participated in the contest.

## Banquet In Honour Of Richmond Hill Old Boy

Eric O. White, Reeve of Fergus and 1959 Warden of Wellington County was honored at the traditional "Warden's Banquet" at the Royal Hotel, Guelph last Thursday evening.

Warden White is a Richmond Hill "old boy" and several from here attended the event including his mother Mrs. W. O. White of Elgin Mills, and his brother "Al" White of Richmond Hill. Others attending were ex-warden W. J. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kerwin, Miss Ann White, Mrs. Al White and Bert Winstone.

"Rusty" White who grew up in this community and attended Richmond Hill schools was a star performer on the Richmond Hill Young Canadians Lacrosse team, 1933 Champions of the Tri-County League. Several fellow-players from that championship team journeyed to Guelph to join with Wellington County citizens in honouring the 1959 Warden.

Among the former Young Canadians who attended the banquet were ex-York County Warden Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, Fire Chief Alf Stong, Kenneth Blanchard, Al White and Mike Miller of Richmond Hill, "Cal" Miller of Maple, Russell Rowntree and Charlie Rowntree of Woodbridge and Elmore Harding of Guelph.

Glowing tribute was paid to Warden White and he was the recipient of a gold watch from his associates. There was a presentation too of a beautiful brooch and flowers to Mrs. White. The blessing at the commencement of proceedings was said by Brian, son of Warden and Mrs. White.

Eric White was the first Reeve of Fergus ever to be honored by election as Warden of the County. He was last week re-elected by acclamation as Fergus Reeve for next year.

## Joyful Children Shop For Xmas

The biggest Christmas shopping party of the year, when all the children living at the Royal True Blue and Orange Home just north of Richmond Hill are guests of the Junior Board of Trade, Toronto, for one grand and glorious shopping orgy, took place last Saturday.

More than fifty youngsters had a "borrowed" family for the day, as Board members accompanied by wives or sweethearts, arrived by car at the Home and scooped a joy-anticipating boy or girl into their warm hospitality and transported them into the world of make-believe and happiness found only in Toyland.

Each child was given pocket money, according to his or her age, the older children receiving three dollars and fifty cents; down to the youngest who had two dollars to spend "as you like it."

Mrs. Sadie Freethy, matron at the Orange Home, said, "It was

just like Christmas when they returned home at six o'clock, loaded with gifts and purchases."

But that was not all the day held in store for the happy youngsters, for Santa Claus and a bevy of helpers and jolly clowns had visited the Orange Home in the children's absence and decorated the halls and rooms of the spacious children's home until it looked "just fairyland."

Supper, supplied by the Jr. Board of Trade members, was served from two buffet tables and each child sat with his or her host and hostess, and thrilled to the entertainment which followed in the large auditorium.

It was not only a day to remember, for the children, but the visitors were warmed with the Spirit of Christmas themselves and as they left for their own homeward journey back to Toronto told Mrs. Freethy, "They are the best kids anywhere."

## Friendly Feeling Prevails

### Pay Tribute To Council Members About To Retire

If there was any bitterness in the recent municipal election campaign in Richmond Hill it was completely forgotten at the first post-election meeting of Town Council Monday night. There were verbal bouquets galore and a complete absence of brickbats as congratulations were extended to the winners and good wishes and compliments showered on the losers.

His-Worship Mayor Ken Tomlin paid tribute to the service rendered the town by Reeve Perkins defeated in Saturday's voting, and by Councillors Joseph Paterson and Robert P. Ross who did not contest the election and are retiring. Referring to Reeve Perkins the Mayor said "he did an outstanding job as Reeve this year, but when two good men run against each other one has to lose." He suggested the Reeve take a good long breath and make a come-back to council membership at some future time. In congratulating Reeve-elect Haggart, the Mayor expressed the hope he would serve the town for many years.

Reeve Perkins in thanking his colleagues for their good wishes extended congratulations to the victor. "Jim Haggart conducted a strong campaign and deserved his victory," said Mr. Perkins. "As to the future," said the Reeve "time will tell. Maybe at some future time if it is the wish of the electors I will be glad to serve Richmond Hill in any way I can."

Reeve-elect Haggart added his tribute to the retiring Reeve. "It was a pleasure to have served on council with him and there was nothing personal in the campaign."

Mayor Tomlin in congratulating the winners said he extended the same congratulations to those who were not successful. By being candidates they had shown a commendable interest in municipal affairs and he hoped all would persevere and eventually be successful in having the opportunity of serving the municipality.

Councillor Paterson paid tribute to the stellar leadership provided council during the year by Mayor Tomlin and in congratulating the winners suggested the losers take defeat gracefully and "live to fight another day." He extended special thanks to Clerk Lynett, Works Commissioner Whalen and other department heads for co-operation and efficient service.

## Police Ask For Increase

Richmond Hill police have asked for a new agreement with revised salary schedule and changes in working conditions.

Salary increases asked for range from \$500 to \$900 per annum and changes in working conditions suggested include an increase from two to three weeks annual holidays for sergeants and acting-sergeants.

The requested salary increase for sergeant is from \$4600 to \$5500 and for acting-sergeant from \$4400 to \$5100. The increase requested for all ranks of constable is \$500 per year. Salary for a first class constable now is \$4200 per year.

There was no discussion of the request other than the adoption of a motion by Councillors Haggart and Ross that it be referred to the 1960 Police Committee.

The local force now numbers 10. Should the salary request be granted by council a sergeant would be paid more than now is paid to the Chief.

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