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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. tcl36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme, at Maple Community Hall, Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tcl18

EVERY MONDAY — Monster Bingo, York Farmers Market, Thornhill, 8 p.m. All regular games \$20.00. Jackpot game \$500.00. 32 numbers called. Pot of Gold game \$200.00, 55 numbers called. c2w33

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and Jackpot. tcl19

FEBRUARY 11 — Train your dog to be obedient, nine week course held Thursday evenings, York Farmers Market, Thornhill, for information contact: Poodle Studio, 2109 1/2 Yonge St., Toronto, Hudson 3-5194. *2w32

FEBRUARY 12 — Friday, Presentation dance for Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Herrema at Velore Hall. Everybody welcome. Ladies provide. clw32

FEBRUARY 13 — Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. St. Gabriel's W.A. Valentine Tea, Home Baking Table, Spring Hat Bar. Everyone welcome. clw33

FEBRUARY 14 — Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Full length feature film, "Martin Luther", will be shown at Thornhill United Church. Everyone welcome. clw33

FEBRUARY 14-28 — Exhibit of paintings by Otto N. Grebbe at the Richmond Hill Public Library Art Gallery, during library hours and on Sunday 2-5 p.m. c3w33

FEBRUARY 15 — Monday at 8:15 p.m. First Beverley Acres Cub and Scout Ladies' Auxiliary regular meeting and Valentine party, at Beverley Acres School. Everyone welcome. *1w33

FEBRUARY 16 — Tuesday, King City Lions Club, Oyster Supper in King City United Church Hall, commencing 5:30 p.m. Salad plate also served. Adults \$1.50, children under 12 75c. c2w32

FEBRUARY 16 — Tuesday 8:15 p.m. Combined Home and School Meeting to celebrate Founder's Day Thornhill High School Auditorium. Speaker, Dr. John Rich, M.D., Ph.D., "How Child Psychology Works". clw33

FEBRUARY 17 — Wednesday 8:30 p.m. Valentine euchre, sponsored by the 1st Jefferson Mothers Auxiliary at Jefferson School. clw33

FEBRUARY 18 — Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Masonic Hall, Thornhill, Home Economics Demonstration "Sandwiches for all Occasions" Sponsored by Markham Vaun W.L., Langstaff. Everyone welcome. c2w32

Local Artist's Exhibition of Paintings at Public Library, February 14th to 28th



"April".....by Otto N. Grebbe

One of forty paintings by local artist which will be on exhibition at Richmond Hill Public Library, February 14th to 28th. The opening of the exhibition which is open to the public will be next Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

"April" depicts a scene in the Baker woods in Vaughan Township, and many of the Grebbe paintings are of local subjects. The exhibition includes landscapes and portraits.

Mr. Grebbe, the artist, lives on Pemberton Crescent in Vaughan Township and has been a resident of this district for the past three years.

Otto N. Grebbe, Latvian, was born on August the 10th, 1910 and graduated from the Academy of Arts in Riga, Latvia in 1940. In 1944 he had to leave his native

country. From 1944 to 1947 he lived and worked in Germany. Many of his works of this period were acquired by officials of the Military Government and at present are located in private collections in England, U. S. A., Australia, Holland, Switzerland and Germany.

In 1947 Mr. Grebbe emigrated to Canada and was employed as a labourer with the Ontario Hydro in the construction of the Des Joachim's generating station at Rolphston, Ont. The Ontario Hydro soon recognized his excellent talent and secured his services to record on canvas the development of the hydro-electric system in Ontario.

Some of his most distinguished works are the panoramic views of the St. Lawrence development and the Niagara area. The St.

Lawrence development's painting illustrates the whole 47 miles of this gigantic project and has been exhibited at the G. N. E. The Niagara area painting may be seen in the reception building of Sir Adam Beck generating station in Niagara Falls. In 1956 a painting of Mr. Grebbe was presented to Prime Minister L. M. Frost on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Ontario Hydro and it was placed in the Parliament Building in Toronto.

On occasions Mr. Grebbe has been commissioned by the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company to record on canvas most their plants in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba (23 paintings).

Exhibitions of the works by Mr. Grebbe have been held nine times since 1951 in Toronto and Deep River.

Three Day Advance Poll In Vaughan Twp. Liquor Voting Councillor Ralph Urges Small Lots Promote Industry

Hospital Public Meeting Tonight

The proposal to establish a hospital in the Richmond Hill area to serve people of this district has been received with widespread approval.

Endorsed by the Medical Association, the suggestion has been received with enthusiasm by municipal leaders and citizens generally.

The Co-ordinating Committee representative of the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan has considered the proposal in some detail and given it whole-hearted approval.

Citizens of the district are asked to show their interest in the proposal by attending a Public Meeting to be held tonight (Thursday, February 11th) in the McConaghy School, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Southwell Honored by Board

Mrs. Margaret Southwell, Richmond Hill's first lady councillor and former vice-chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board, was presented with a scroll by her former conferees at last week's meeting of the school board.

Chairman L. D. Clement spoke of Mrs. Southwell's contributions in many improvements in the school system. "With her pleasant manner," said Chairman Clement, "it was always nice to have Mrs. Southwell a part of the board's deliberations."

"It is a privilege to see the dedication of a person such as Mrs. Southwell," concluded Chairman Clement as he presented her with the scroll commemorating her term of five and a half years of service on the local school board. Mrs. Southwell was appointed School Trustee in 1954 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Len Clement.

Highlights of Monday's Vaughan Township Council meeting included agreement that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 10th to 12th should be set for advance polling in the forthcoming Liquor Vote. On March 19th the Township will vote on establishment of Retail Liquor Stores and other liquor outlets. The advance dates set will enable commercial travellers and other citizens who will be absent from the township on March 19th, to record their votes on any of the three advance polling dates.

Clerk MacDonald told council cost of organizing the advance poll would be approximately \$75. He thought it should be held to give every person who wished to vote on the issue an opportunity to do so.

Co-ordinating Committee

Reeve John Perry said he proposed to attend the meeting of the Inter-Municipal Co-ordinating Committee (usually referred to as "Little Metro") which will meet in Vaughan Township Chambers next Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., when the committee will consider the Inter-Municipal Hospital project and the results of tonight's open public meeting at McConaghy School, Yonge St., Richmond Hill.

Mr. Perry added he hoped Mayor Tomlin of Richmond Hill and Reeve Clark of Markham would also attend and each of the councils would be able to voice their opinions. He said that the matter was of the greatest importance to the entire area.

New By-Law

A new by-law providing for the numbering of buildings in Maple Village was laid before council and approved.

Councillor Talks 25 Minutes

Final highlight of the evening came from Councillor Bruce Ralph. The councillor addressed council for a full twenty-five min-

On Markham Rd. County Removes Stop Sign With No Word To Town

Richmond Hill Town Council is considerably disturbed by the action of the Toronto and York Roads Commission in removing stop signs on Markham Road without notifying local authorities. Under Town jurisdiction there were stop signs on Markham Road at Sussex Avenue, and Sussex was a through street. Markham Road, now a Toronto and Yorks Highway has been designated a through street and stop signs have been erected on Sussex.

A letter of protest was received by council from the Walter Scott Home and School Association protesting the change and suggesting consideration be given to installing traffic lights. Concern was expressed for the safety of the many children attending Walter Scott School.

Councillor Tom Broadhurst, Police Committee member was very critical of the County action. "The first our police department heard about the change was through a collision," he said.

Chief Constable Robbins said the County signs were not properly erected and following his protests there were apologies for not notifying the town authorities. He emphasized that he felt it most important that the conflicting by-laws be straightened out. He was not satisfied that the County by-law could override the town authority.

It was stated that conflicting opinions had been obtained from the Town solicitor.

Councillor Mrs. Southwell expressed strong concern for the safety of children and suggested extra police protection. It was stated it might be possible to extend the hours of the crossing guard.

Chief Robbins said any change in signs should be accompanied by an educational campaign. One aim of the stop sign on Markham Road was to slow down speeders. Councillor Mrs. Southwell said council shouldn't allow the County to make a speedway of a town street. Her motion for additional protection for the crossing was seconded by Councillor Howard Whillans and carried unanimously.

In the meantime council will endeavour to establish the legal status of the local by-law.

"As a matter of courtesy if nothing more the town should have been consulted," said Councillor Broadhurst.

Reeve W. J. Haggart said he would be attending County Council sessions this week and would discuss the incident with Toronto and York road officials.

As a further safety measure for the crossing Councillor Mrs. Southwell and Councillor Broadhurst moved that the local Hydro Commission be asked to provide additional lighting. The installation of an amber warning light also will be considered.

Record Crowd Is Expected Attend Convention Here

Richmond Hill seems to have been a very popular choice for the holding of the first Province-wide organization's convention. The Federation of Ontario Naturalists, who meet here February 19th, 20th and 21st, report that within two days of registration opening, tickets for the "Astronomy Today" lecture at the David Dunlap Observatory had all been dispatched.

Three weeks prior to the holding of the Annual Banquet in Richmond Hill High School on Saturday, February 20th, all tickets had been sold.

"It certainly has been unprecedented," said Managing Director, David Webster. It reflects our good choice of coming to Richmond Hill; the local Naturalists Club have been beating the drum, and really getting things going. Naturalists will be coming from all parts of the Province to participate in the Convention's proceedings, and especially to hear Mr. Sigurd F. Olson, speaking on "Wilderness in the Space Age."

The event, which is open to the public, marks the 29th year of the Federation, which now has 43 member clubs in the Province, an individual membership of 3,500, and acts as the voice of the Naturalists in the Province.

Chalk Garden Opens Tonight At Lions' Hall

Tonight's the night! The Curtain Club unveils its presentation of "The Chalk Garden."

This production, the thirteenth full-length play in the Club's history, is also their entry in this year's Dominion Drama Festival. Set in an English country home peopled with a wide variety of eccentrics, the comedy traces the effect a mysterious "companion" has on the oddly assorted inhabitants. Though the play abounds in comic lines and situations, there is also much food for thought in many of its observations on our life and times. From the teen-age "fire bug" with a penchant for murder trials, to the "old b...d upstairs" (whom the audience never sees), all the characters have their views on life and don't hesitate to tell them to each other and the audience.

Written by Enid Bagnold, who is probably known best as the author of "National Velvet," the "Chalk Garden" has been hailed by critics and audience on both sides of the Atlantic. It opened in New York (a reversal of the usual procedure of an English play) and played for more than a season, followed by a lengthy tour (which included Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre). When "The Chalk Garden" opened in London's West End it was again greeted by unanimous "raves" and stayed for a long run.

The Curtain Club hopes that with "The Chalk Garden" they can repeat last year's success in the Central Ontario Drama Festival, when they walked off with prizes for the best play, best actor and best actress.

The cast includes many favorites of local audiences including Elisabeth Jackson (who played the title role in "Kind Lady") and Mary Monks (Elvira in "Blithe Spirit") and a memorable Cinderella. Among the newcomers is Robert Uruhart, new to Richmond Hill theatre audiences but with many years' experience. He plays Maitland, the leading male role in "The Chalk Garden" and one of the most ingratiating characters ever to be created for the stage.

The Curtain Club has gained a large and regular audience for each of its presentations and "The Chalk Garden" is proving to be no exception.

Starting tonight, it will play for three nights in the Lions Hall in Richmond Hill and tickets are going fast.

Honours Agreement Town To Supply Water For Store South Of Limits

Richmond Hill will honor a "gentleman's agreement" made by the 1959 Town Council to give temporary water supply to the new Dominion Store now being built in Markham Township on Yonge St. just south of the town limits. This was the decision of Town Council Monday night after lengthy discussion and a divided vote.

Monday night's request for a temporary water supply came from the Township of Markham. At a recent meeting council rejected a similar request from the builder, John MacKay.

Mayor Tomlin made a strong plea for granting of Markham Township's request. He argued the town should honor the gentleman's agreement made by the 1959 council. The motion to grant the request was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bradstock and supported by Councillor Mrs. Southwell after she stipulated the temporary water supply would be to one store only. Councillors Broadhurst and Whillans opposed the motion. Reeve Haggart was in the chair, and Deputy-Reeve S. F. Tinker is still in the hospital.

The letter from Markham township asked for both water and sewer services. The extension of sewer services is out of the question said the Mayor, who did urge granting the request as far as water is concerned. He said it is of the utmost importance that Richmond Hill honor its undertakings with neighbouring municipalities if the spirit of co-operation, so important to all, is to continue.

The Mayor stated that the 1959 town council had agreed with Markham Township and the Ontario Water Resources Commission for the joint development of the No. 5 well, and in fact the joint development of all water supply for future needs of the two municipalities. At the same time it was agreed that until No. 5 well is developed Richmond Hill would give temporary supply to the Dominion Store to be erected by Mr. McKay. Mr. Tomlin stressed the great importance of carrying out the terms of the cooperative agreement. "Metro" was formed because two municipalities could not co-operate to solve their own problems," he said, and added, "we must demonstrate that we can co-operate to meet the problems of development."

Councillor Broadhurst said the Mayor made a very strong and forceful plea, but he still was opposed and he felt Markham Township Council was placing Richmond Hill council in an embarrassing position by making the same request as was turned down two weeks ago, with no new evidence why it should be considered.

Councillor Whillans said he thought refusing the request would deter the competition for local merchants. The new store might be inevitable eventually but by that time there would be off-street parking in the Yonge business section. He said he would reluctantly agree if the area could be annexed to Richmond Hill. He would be hesitant to agree to any annexation which would add to Richmond Hill's residential development.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell said she thought there should be definite assurance that the temporary water supply would be for one store only and not for a shopping centre.

Mayor Tomlin said that Richmond Hill's future depended greatly on a continuance of the fine spirit of co-operation now existing among the local municipalities. "Call it a gentlemen's agreement if you will, but it was an understanding made in good faith and I think we should honor it," said the Mayor.

The Mayor's motion to give the temporary water supply was seconded by Councillor Bradstock and supported by Councillor Mrs. Southwell. Councillors Broadhurst and Whillans voted against the motion. Reeve Haggart was in the chair.

Ontario Naturalists Announce Winner Industry Awards

A new award to spark conservation — Canada's premier "Conservation award to industry or business" — has been established by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, it is announced by Dr. Walter Tovell, president.

This ranking is the hope for a new "Industry Conservation Plaque" to be presented for the first time in 1960 by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists to a Canadian enterprise with operations in Ontario.

"We hope to spur Canadian business — either industry or institutions — to place greater emphasis in their community work on some form of conservation of woods, waters, wildlife or soil," says Dr. Tovell.

"We realize that Canadian industry has done considerable work in this field in the past. But we also believe that it can do a great deal more."

Water pollution, soil erosion and numerous other problems need attention from Canadian men-of-affairs. We are looking to Canadian executives to show leadership in this vital area before it is too late.

The F.O.N. award is to offer the highest recognition to those Canadian industrialists and businessmen who have led in the field of conservation practice. At the same time, we wish to give an incentive to business generally to take action to stem the desecration of the land," stated Dr. Tovell.

The award will be made by a jury composed of members of the executive committee of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists representing its 46 clubs. Its judgment will be based on written reports submitted by any interested party. It is possible that the F.O.N. will award one or more plaques in any one year, or none at all if the required standard has not been attained.

Announcement of the winner or winners will be made at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Federation to be held at Richmond Hill, Ontario, on February 20th,

Letter From An Editor

Dear Friends and Readers:

Just in case you wondered if I had slipped up...when my weekly letter to you did not appear in last week's issue...please note it was written, set-up and ready to run — when one of those nightmarish situations editors have to contend with, happened — we were "laid" on copy. So, for those contributors who sometimes wonder, "Why didn't they get my report in," let me say (with sympathy) it is impossible to str e t c h pages...no matter how hard our make-up department tries.

Last Friday morning, bright and early, we arrived in Hamilton for the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Editors and had a wonderful time meeting old friends and new ones and listening to lectures and contributing to buzz sessions. Somewhere in this week's "Liberal" is a write-up on Stelco, which we visited Saturday morning.

It was a celebration when Jimmy Rushlow returned to hockey, and in Ron Crane's Hockey Results on the Sports Page, Ron notes Jimmy scored the first goal of a close-checked game.

Margaret McLean, Thornhill correspondent, gives us a vivid picture of a country-style auction. Musically inclined? Our Classified Ads list an electric organ this issue in the "For Sale" column...or are you artistic in another sense and enjoy good paintings? See "Coming Events" for an invitation to the Town Library Art Gallery.

Tired of the winter of 1959-60? Let's forget about the snow and ice and take a trip to "The Chalk Garden" as portrayed by The Curtain Club, in the Lions Hall tonight (Thursday) and Friday and Saturday, what say?

See you right here next week. Cordially yours
Mona Robertson

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