

# WELCOME ONTARIO NATURALISTS

An occasion of note occurs in the town of Richmond Hill this week. For the first time in its history it becomes the scene of a Provincial Convention of an international organization. The Federation of Ontario Naturalists which numbers above 5,000 members throughout the Province, at the invitation of the Richmond Hill Naturalists which is an affiliated body, is holding its 28th annual convention here in the Hill. The Ontario Federation was established in 1932 and every year since has alternated its annual convention between Toronto and some other town. Last year's convention was held at Brantford. This year it was scheduled for Toronto but an invitation from Richmond Hill Naturalists was accepted.

The Naturalist is interested in all phases of nature including natural history, birds, plants, geology, the study of the heavens and all natural occurrences. The membership of the Richmond Hill Naturalists is above seventy and new members are expected to be won as a result of the Convention being held here this week.

What does a naturalist believe and do? He believes in the wisdom of nature's design. They know that soil, water, plants, and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life. They recognize that each living thing links to many others in the chain of nature. They believe that persistent research into the intricate patterns of outdoor life will help to assure

wise use of earth's abundance. They condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost. They believe that every generation should be able to experience spiritual and physical refreshment in places where primitive nature is undisturbed. They are vigilant to protect wilderness areas, refuges, and parks, and to encourage good use of nature's storehouse of resources. They are dedicated to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of young and old that all may come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world, and to share in conserving its wonders forever. It was Theodore Roosevelt who said: "I do not understand how any man or woman who really loves nature can fail to try to exert all influence in

support of such objects . . ."

This important event in the life of the town will attract attention to the Richmond Hill Naturalists and the good work they are doing and about which perhaps we know too little. It will contribute to demonstrate how much more they can accomplish when authorities, schools and clubs realize that here there exists a body of nature enthusiasts who are willing to attend meetings and camps to show others how to take part actively in the enjoyment and study of the natural life that surrounds us. All that is needed to start — they will tell us — is a good pair of eyes, an observing and active habit of mind with normal curiosity. They will demonstrate how the rewarding enjoyment of nature

study is a cumulative thing. It grows the more one knows, observes, remembers and becomes able to talk fluently and with some authority on the interesting aspects of nature.

By becoming a participant in the nature study and conservation activities in your area you will add immensely to your personal enjoyment of natural life. We compliment the Naturalists of Richmond Hill in bringing this our first convention to the town. We welcome and salute the visiting naturalists who come from all sections of this great province. We hope they will enjoy their visit and will take the opportunity to see the town and will take away lasting, happy and pleasant memories of it.

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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, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. ttc36

**EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT** — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall, Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plansmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. ttc18

**EVERY MONDAY** — Monster Bingo, York Farmers Market, Thornhill, 8 p.m. All regular games \$20.00. Jackpot game \$500.00. 52 numbers called. Pot of Gold game \$200.00, 55 numbers called. c2w33

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**EVERY TUESDAY** — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. prizes and Jackpot. ttc19

**FEBRUARY 14-23** — 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 19** — Friday 8 p.m. Mr. Wilson Woodside, National Director of the U.N.A. in Canada, will speak on Friday, February 19, at Aurora Anglican Church. Topic "What Chance of Disarmament?" This is a public meeting, everybody welcome. c1w34

**FEBRUARY 19** — Friday C.W.L. Bridge and Euchre at Our Lady Help of Christians, Beverley Acres, 8:30 p.m. Door prizes, cash refreshments. Admission 50c. c3w32

**FEBRUARY 20** — Saturday 2 p.m. Opportunity sale. Good used clothing and household articles to be held in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brooke St., Thornhill. Tea will be served. c2w33

**FEBRUARY 21** — Sunday. The Girl Guides Association of Richmond Hill West invite all ex-Guides and Guides to join active Guides in a 50th Anniversary Ceremony at 8:15 p.m. in Wrixon Hall. There will be a Guide and Brownie Church Parade immediately before this. c1w34

**FEBRUARY 22** — Monday. R. H. Square Dancers (formerly Community Swing) Regular Dance, McCaughey School, starting 8 p.m.  
**February 29** — Richmond Hill Square Dancers Special Dance at McCaughey School at 8 p.m.  
**March 18** — R. H. Square Dancers Special Party at the Lions Hall with guest caller Jack Long. c1w34

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### Raise Payments Markham Council

Councillor S. B. Watson remarked, "We are still the lowest paid council among the fringe municipalities," following the announcement that Markham Township councillors will now be paid \$18. per meeting. Finance Chairman Deputy-revee W. Dean had recommended in his report earlier this year that council be raised from \$10. per meeting to \$15. Other members of council felt this was not enough. The raise will now receive \$3,000 per year in Markham Township, just double what he was paid last year.

**NORTH YORK** : Population in North York increased 28,000 in 1959. The previous peak year was 1954 with 20,500 persons added to the assessment records. Township population for North York now stands at 228,374.

### Guest Speaker



SIGURD OLSON

One of the guest speakers at the Federation of Ontario Naturalists Convention here in Richmond Hill this week. Mr. Olson is a past president of the National Parks Association and is quite possibly the most famous woodsman of our day. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin he is an adviser to the United States Secretary of the Interior on National Parks and on Fish and Wild Life management. Mr. Olson is the well-known author of the books, "Singing Wilderness" and "Listening Point", dealing with the Quetico-Superior Parks and his topic on Saturday will be "The Wilderness in the Space Age". The meeting commences at 8:30 p.m. and members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

### Delegation Night At Town Council

Monday was delegation night for Richmond Hill Town Council and several delegations were heard. Delegations included Library Board Chairman Gordon MacLaren and Librarian Fred C. Israel presenting annual report and budget for the Public Library. Donald Little on behalf of R. D. Little and Son, local Ford dealers asking permit for garage and sales station on North Yonge St., delegation from Allencourt Ratepayers re walkway, from Beverley Acres re recent flooding, Public School Trustees re drainage problem at Pleasantville School and Roy McBrien asking subsidy for local ambulance service.

**Library Request**  
Chairman MacLaren of the Library Board was commended by Mayor Tomlin and council members for a very comprehensive and interesting report. The report referred to elsewhere requested a municipal levy for 1960 of \$28,560.80 compared to \$17,743.30 in 1959. This is on the basis of \$1.90 per capita compared to \$1.49 per capita last year. The request was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Garage and Showroom**  
Donald Little said he had applied for a building permit for a new garage and showroom on the east side of Yonge Street near the northern town limits and the permit was refused as this is zoned as an industrial area. The lot has a Yonge St. frontage of 133 feet and depth of 405 feet.

It was stated the new building would be used as a used car sales depot. Buildings would include a garage and showroom. On motion of Councillors Bradstock and Broadhurst the request will be referred for "joint consideration of Council and Planning Board."

**Walkway**  
A representative of Allencourt Ratepayers Association asked that a walkway from Allencourt Circle to the Shopping Centre be opened for convenience of people in the district. On motion of Reeve Haggart the walkway will be opened and the Shopping Centre asked to share in expense of such opening.

**Flooding**  
Mr. Elliott of Neal Drive appeared to discuss the flooding in Beverley Acres during the rain-storm on February 10th. Several cellars were flooded some to a depth of eight inches. Mr. Elliott asked that traps be installed at once to prevent any recurrence.

Mr. Kells wrote council stating someone has been remiss as traps were supposed to have been installed following the floods last March.

### Dog Complaint Plan Really Works!

A dozen King City village residents took advantage of the anonymous method of lodging complaints against neighbors' dogs in the first few days the village trustees instituted the plan.

Chairman Ronald Bolton reports the system "really works". First complaint acted upon by Constable William Jensen was checking up on Mr. Bolton's dog, without the Chief Trustee being informed who objected to his dog running loose.

Mr. Jensen's first action is to visit the animal's owner and show a copy of the by-law prohibiting dogs running at large any time of the year. While Mr. Jensen was not actually bitten, in the line of duty, he told The Liberal when he visited one household a police dog who doesn't like police seized him by the wrist.

Complaints are being received by the constable or Village Secretary G. T. Thompson at the fire hall office.

### Convention Program

The Ontario Naturalists Convention being held in Richmond Hill this weekend will feature such convention to be held in the town.

Sessions will be held in the High School Auditorium and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Opening session is at 8 p.m. Friday when delegates will visit the Dunlop Observatory and hear a lecture by Dr. Helen Hogg of Richmond Hill. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Richmond Hill Library.

At 9 a.m. Saturday the registration opens and at 10 a.m. there will be an official welcome by Mr. Russell Tilt, President Richmond Hill Naturalists. Business sessions open at 10 a.m. and there will be the keynote speech by Dr. Walter Towell, F. O. N. President.

There will be a luncheon interval and at 2 p.m. there will be a film "Between the Tides" after which Mayor Ken Tomlin will extend a civic welcome to the delegates. At 3:30 p.m. there will be an address "Ontario's Nature in Primitive Times" by Professor Norman Emerson. During the afternoon there will be a Photographic Exhibition and pictorial glimpses of Richmond Hill by Mr. John Lunn. The annual banquet will be at 7 p.m. followed by an address "Wilderness in the Space Age" by Mr. Sigurd Olson. At 10 p.m. there will be late movies.

On Sunday there will be a visit to the Research Station of the Department of Lands and Forests in Vaughan Township.

### Passmore Standout At U.S. Track Meet

John Passmore of Richmond Hill, now a student at McMaster University, took part in a track meet at Michigan State University last Saturday and finished second in the 75 yard high hurdles. John's time was 9.2 seconds while the winner's time was 9.1 seconds.

The winner of the event was the internationally known Hayes Johnson, American National AAU Champ, who last year represented the United States against Russia. Johnson finished less than a yard ahead of Passmore and as yet John has not attained his peak. Passmore will be returning to Richmond Hill this summer to work with his former coach Bill Babcock at the day camp on the high school grounds. John will be going to the Canadian Olympic Trials and has a good chance of catching a spot on the team. He got his start with the Richmond Hill Track Club and has not forgotten old loyalties as he will be wearing Richmond Hill colors to the Olympic trials.

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### Local Hospital To Serve The District Is Citizens' Hope

A largely attended public meeting in the Lillian McCaughey School last Thursday evening gave enthusiastic support to the move to establish a hospital in this district.

Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin presided and after congratulating the citizens on their interest in such a worthwhile community project reviewed the discussions held by the Municipal Co-operative Committee concerning the need for a hospital. The Co-operative Committee consists of representatives of the Municipal Councils of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

Dr. James Langstaff representing the local Medical Association told the meeting that for some time the members of the Association had felt the growing need for hospital accommodation.

Elected as provisional directors for the proposed hospital were heads of district municipalities, Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin of Richmond Hill; Warden W. L. Clark, Reeve of Markham; Reeve John Perry of Vaughan; Reeve William Hodgson of King; Reeve Joseph Fry of Markham Village; and Reeve George Richardson of Whitechurch along with Mrs. Carol Davis of King Twp.; Graham Walter, Ernest Redelmeier,

and Donald Stuart of Vaughan Twp.; A. G. Sampson, King Twp.; Stuart Parker, Q.C. of Markham Township; and Douglas Storms, Edward Butlin, John Griffin and J. E. Smith of Richmond Hill, and Dr. Peter Morris of Thornhill and Dr. Allan Smith of Richmond Hill representing the Medical Profession. It was stated the provisional committee has authority to add to its numbers.

Mayor Tomlin stated to "The Liberal" today that he plans to call a meeting of the provisional directors early next week. The committee will explore the whole field of hospital operation and it is hoped will as soon as possible provide the rapidly growing local population with suitable hospital facilities. To be served by Richmond Hill municipal services it is likely the site will be in the local area.

Citizens generally have welcomed the move to establish a hospital here and the Committee has assurance of wholehearted support in the important work they are undertaking on behalf of the community.

A very enthusiastic crowd of Carrville folk met at the school on Wednesday evening, to make plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of Carrville Public School, S. S. No. 3 Vaughan, 1860-1960.

Mr. Robert A. Kirk was chairman for the meeting and Mrs. Jas. Williams secretary.

### Presbyterians' Annual Meeting

On Monday, February 8, 1960, the 142nd annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church was held in the church hall.

Reports received during the meeting from all church organizations indicated continued progress and expansion. There are now 279 members on the communion roll of the church.

Three members were elected to the Session of the church, Messrs. G. Francis, F. Moorley and W. Wilson. Elected to serve on the Board of Managers for a three year period were Messrs. J. Anderson, R. Lewin, R. Newman and P. Ross. A. Tyson and H. Lemon were re-elected to the Board of Managers for a further three years.

Following the meeting the Women's Association served refreshments to the members present.

### Arctic Owl Sighted

It is some years since the Arctic Owl visited Southern Ontario in any quantity although a few birds are recorded each year. Since January Lake Simcoe District Conservation Officers have sighted 2 of these owls, 1 in Adala Township and the other in the Matchedash Bay Marsh.

### President of Naturalists



RUSSELL TILT

President of the Richmond Hill Naturalists whose organization is acting as host to the provincial convention of Ontario Naturalists here this week.

Mr. Tilt is a graduate of McMaster University in Conservation and Recreation Planning, and is Secretary to the Ontario Parks Integration Board.

He lives at 25 Bridgeford Street. Mr. Tilt will extend a welcome on behalf of the local organization and with active committee members is busy making sure the hundreds of visitors to the convention enjoy their stay in Richmond Hill.

### Elgin Mills Resident For Near Half Century Matthew Patton Passes

Another old familiar face passed from the rapidly changing Elgin Mills scene when Mr. Matthew Patton was laid to rest last Monday afternoon.

Born at King City eighty seven years ago, Mr. Patton lived for a short time at Jefferson and Richmond Hill. For the past forty eight years he has made his home at Elgin Mills, where he was engaged in the cattle drover and butcher business.

Mr. Patton always enjoyed good health and was able to attend his eighty-seventh birthday party last December 21st. Five weeks ago he entered Newmarket Hospital where he underwent surgery. Since that time he failed rapidly. Always a cheerful friendly man, his ready smile will be missed by all who knew him. Many years of wedded happiness for the Matt Patton's ended three years ago, when Mrs. Patton the former Lily Morris passed away.

Five children resulted from this union. One son, William of California predeceased his parents some years ago. Left to mourn his four remaining children, Mrs. D. Coates and Maurice of Orillia, Mrs. W. Charles, Richmond Hill and George of Elgin Mills. Three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also surviving are Mr. Patton's twin sister, Mrs. Richard Badger of Toronto and a brother, Mr. James Patton of King City.

The funeral chapel was filled with beautiful flowers as a token of love and esteem from those who knew him when the service was held at the Wright and Taylor funeral parlors, conducted by Rev. James O'Neill of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill. Interment was in Aurora Cemetery.

Fallbearers were Mr. E. Badger and Mr. Ewart Patton nephews of the deceased. Mr. Christian, Mr. Garrow, Mr. Shropshire and Mac Tennison.

"The Liberal" joins the community where he lived in extending sincere sympathy to the Patton family in their great loss.

### Just For The Birds

Strictly for the birds and strictly "on the house" is the food catering service carried out by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservatory Authority in five of its conservation areas during the winter months.

Authority naturalist Ken Strasser estimates that from mid-October until mid-April the birds eat their way through about 2 tons of feed plus several hundred pounds of suet at the Boyd, Heart Lake, Albion Hills, Black Creek and Greenwood conservation areas.

The Authority has some 60 feeding stations in operation throughout the winter months and these are kept well-stocked by the respective area staff.

Most common species of birds to be seen around the areas, according to Strasser, are chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, woodpeckers (both downy and hairy species), slate-colored juncos, tree sparrows, evening grosbeaks and cardinals.

He says the heartiest eaters of the Authority's fare are the juncos and tree sparrows.

"This has been a particularly heavy feeding year for the Authority due to the ice storms we've experienced to date in the region," says Strasser, adding that these storms had caused ic-

### The Country Parson



"If people don't believe it's better to give than to receive — they will when they figure their income tax."