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## Coming Events

**EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT** — 9:00 p.m. — Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tlc36

**EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT** — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. 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

**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 26** — Friday C.W.L. Bridge and Euchre at Our Lady Help of Christians, Beverley Acres. 8:30 p.m. Door prizes, refreshments. Admission 50c. clw35

**FEBRUARY 26** — Friday, The Toronto and District Gladiolus Society will meet at 8:15 p.m. at the Summit Restaurant on Yonge St. North of Richmond Hill. Rev. J. W. Siebert of Elmira will give an illustrated talk on "The showing of Gladioli." Everyone welcome. clw35

**FEBRUARY 27** — Saturday, Boy Scouts' Hobby Show, from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Arts and crafts displays, collections, models. Movies every hour, on the hour. clw35

**FEBRUARY 29** — Monday, R.H. Square Dances. Special Dance at McConaghy School starting at 8 p.m. clw35

**MARCH 1** — Tuesday, 5:30 to 7 p.m. annual Pancake Supper of All Saints' W.A. in the new Parish Hall, South Keele St., King City. Admission: \$1.25 and 60 cents. clw35

**MARCH 1** — Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Women's League of Health and Beauty visitors' day. All ladies welcome. Baby sitters available.

**MARCH 2** — Wednesday at 9 p.m. Walter Scott Public School Auditorium. Film show for home owners and construction workers, builders, planning boards, etc. See winter work in progress from Alberta to Montreal. Everybody welcome — no charge. clw35

**MARCH 9** — Wednesday, Jefferson School Community Club euchre at 8 p.m. Attractive prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome. c2w35

**MARCH 15** — Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. The I.B.M. Glee Club presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" in the auditorium of the Thornhill United Church. Adults \$1.00, students 75c. c3w35

**MARCH 15** — Tuesday, 8 p.m. The Annual Meeting of the Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill Library. The public is invited to attend. Guest speaker, Maurice J. Grimes, Executive Director of the Ontario Division. Refreshments. c3w35

**MARCH 27** — Sunday, 2 p.m. The Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is sponsoring the showing of a film for Women Only at the Richmond Theatre. No admission charge. c5w35

## Vaughan Liquor Vote Battle of The Baileys

Present at Monday night Council meeting in Vaughan Township Chambers was Mr. Warren Bailey, who lives at Concord. Mr. Bailey had been elected chairman of the Anti-Liquor Brigade, to be known officially as the "Vote No. Committee."

Since the chairman of the "Vote Yes, Committee" is Mr. Brian Bailey, the liquor control vote may develop into a battle of the Baileys and may create some confusion. Voters who meet either Mr. Bailey will be asking, "Are you the 'Yes' Mr. Bailey, or are you the 'No' Mr. Bailey?" To which Mr. Bailey may reply, "Yes, I mean 'No' or 'No' I mean 'Yes.' If you get what we mean? Rather confusing though isn't it?"

Reeve John Perry asked the Vote No. Mr. Bailey, if he wished to address Council. Mr. Bailey indicated that he did not wish to do so at this time.

The Vote "No" Mr. Bailey considers that his side's chances at the poll are good, but he told "The Liberal" it will depend upon the weight of the vote. A small turnout will favour the other side. A large turnout will favour the Vote No campaign.

**NORTH YORK** — The North York Bantson Hospital School of Nursing was officially opened on the first of February. It cost \$325,000, to build the 60-bed dormitory and training centre.

## Fish For Lunch — Fresh From The Can



Mayor K. W. Tomlin of Richmond Hill and Mr. Straughan, Clerk to Barrie City Council deputizing for the Mayor of Barrie, share a can of sardines given

by Richmond Hill Jaycees when the two failed to catch enough fish for dinner, in the "Mayor's Fishing Contest".

The Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Fishing Derby at Shatz Bay, Lake Simcoe on St. Valentine's Day.

Forty Jaycees and friends left Richmond Hill before daybreak and arrived at Shatz Bay to find the clerk to Barrie City Council, Mr. Ben Straughan waiting on behalf of Mayor Kinzie of Barrie to greet the party and Mayor Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill, who is this year's Jaycee Hon. President.

The Mayor of Richmond Hill was scheduled to engage in a fish catching contest with the Mayor of Barrie.

**Mayor Versus Clerk**  
Because Barrie's Mayor could not attend, the Clerk competed in his place. Throughout the morning only a few white fish were caught by the contestants. So that they should not go hungry by this lack of results, the Mayor and Mr. Straughan were presented tins of sardines by Jaycee John Turner, Past President.

**Trout Escapes**  
Only 18 fish were caught during the Derby — the biggest fish of the day hooked by Founder President Eric Brewer making a successful escape. It was a trout estimated at ten pounds.

Cecil Williams caught the largest fish of the day but got on John Turner's line. A subsequent vote on the issue called it a draw so that both Cec Williams and

John Turner are the Jaycees Fishing champs.

**Presentation To Mayor**  
The Jaycees visit co-incident with Barrie's Winter Carnival Week and the Barrie clerk subsequently sent souvenir brochures, medallions and a carnival toque to Mayor Tomlin. The gay colored toque was presented to Mayor Tomlin at Monday night's council meeting by Jaycee Past President John Turner.

The Barrie clerk commented that although Mayor Tomlin had failed to capture the Jaycee Fishing Trophy, he had been successful in creating a bond of friendship between the two municipalities.

## Mayor K. Tomlin Welcomes Naturalists To Successful Richmond Hill Convention

As was expected about 500 members attended the 28th Annual Convention of the Federation of Naturalists held at Richmond Hill last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The many activities the members enjoyed were of particular interest.

Richmond Hill Naturalists put out the Welcome Mat and accomplished a splendid job in acting host.

The special guest at the Convention was Mr. Sigurd Olsen, Mr. Olsen is perhaps America's most famous woodsman, voyager and author today. The main speaker during the three day meeting he spoke on the subject of "Wilderness in the Space Age" which would indicate that Naturalists are keeping in touch with scientific discovery and progress. Mr. Olsen told the meeting, "In this era of exploding ideologies, it is imperative that we do all we can to preserve in any way we can those values which give mankind a sense of reality and purpose. In wilderness we do find such values and in the reservations we have made we are protecting our sure means of preserving stability and balance."

Amongst the films shown during the meeting, some of the latest natural history films just released by the National Film Board were included.

Welcoming the Naturalists to Richmond Hill, Mayor K. W. Tomlin on behalf of the town council and citizens said that he did so with great pleasure. He told the Naturalists, "Your con-

vention here is the first in our history." Mr. Tomlin assured the meeting that the areas within the municipality which are potential conservation areas will be kept as such. He expressed the hope the efforts of the Naturalists to bring conservation to Ontario as a whole would continue successfully.

Councillor John Bradstreet told the Naturalists that "Of necessity, the provision of active and passive recreation areas in Richmond Hill will be a project spread over some years, but with the interest which has been shown by the citizens, eventual fulfillment is assured."

Mr. C. Russell Tilt, President of the Richmond Hill Naturalists also extended a warm welcome to the Convention. He said that it was "an historic event, a first, and in this we are proud and happy." He regretted that the number of people in the area who knew of the existence of the Federation and of the local club was limited however, (The Convention being held in the town with all the attending publicity should achieve much in

eliminating this complaint. "Few fields of endeavour" said Mr. Tilt "can place themselves outside the realm of the naturalists if we are, as our name implies, interested in and a part of all natural phenomena, whether in the field of medicine, physics, electronics, botany or zoology."

**SPARE THAT TREE!**  
"Big Daddy", the giant elm at the corner of Wellington Street East and Larmon St. in Aurora will not fall under the axe — yet, if the reeve and several Aurora council members have the deciding of the aged tree's fate. Said to be suffering from root rot, and called a "hazard" by some members of council — it is jealously guarded as one of Aurora's loftiest monuments to the passing of time. Reeve Clarence Davis links it with memories of his boyhood as must hundreds of Aurora-ites.

**WOODBRIDGE** — Woodbridge Board of trade may 'fold' due to lack of time and interest in holding meetings.

## Secret Meetings Not For Council Says The Mayor

Mayor K. W. Tomlin and members of Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night gave a definite refusal to Richmond Hill Public School Board's request for a secret meeting.

A communication from the School Board stated that last year a grant had been made to the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children and asked that council agree to meet a committee of the board to discuss the matter in camera.

Mayor Tomlin said it was not the policy of council to hold meetings in camera. "We adhere to the principle that we are elected to transact public business and all meetings are open to the press and public," said the Mayor.

Councillor Broadhurst said he was surprised to read the request for a meeting in camera.

Mayor Tomlin said the matter of having all meetings open to the public was quite freely discussed in the recent municipal election. Reeve Haggart had a very definite plank in his platform that all council meetings should be open to all ratepayers, and Councillor Whillans in his campaign stressed the value of

publicity for public business.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell said she could tell council the nature of business but would prefer to do it in camera.

"Does it concern public business and public funds?" asked the Mayor.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Southwell. "Then we will meet the Public School Board at a public meeting," said the Mayor.

## To Investigate Usury Rates Of Second Mortgages

"I was pleased to note this week that the Attorney-General for Ontario has seen fit to request his department officials to take a new look at the second mortgage situation," said Reeve W. J. Haggart at Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night.

Last year Richmond Hill council passed a resolution asking for legislation or regulations to govern second mortgage lending. The resolution received support of many Ontario municipalities.

This week Attorney-General Roberts asked R. B. Whitehead, registrar of loan companies, to study again the situation in Ontario to determine if the law against usury is being violated by any of those who lend money on the security of second or third mortgages.

In addition, he has ordered a study to determine if mortgage forms should be changed to give a clear picture of the financial burden the man will assume when he signs a mortgage.

## Accept Tender Markham Rd. Sewer

Subject to the approval of the engineer and Works Department Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night accepted the tender of Bot Construction Company for the Markham Road storm sewer.

The contract price is \$145,857.26, which is \$106,440, below the highest tender. Seven tenders were opened at the council table and Mayor Tomlin and members of council commented on the wide variance in price.

The project is still waiting for Ontario Municipal Board approval.

## Town Council Approves New Rates Police Pay

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night unanimously adopted the report of the Police Committee recommending increased pay for the force and some minor changes in working regulations. The report was presented by Councillor Tom Broadhurst in the absence of Deputy-Reeve S. F. Tinker, who is still in the hospital.

Councillor Broadhurst said the new schedule was arrived at after consultation with representatives of the Police. He said consideration had been given to the need for an efficient force and the rates of pay in other municipalities.

Reeve W. J. Haggart commented that Richmond Hill now will have the second highest paid police force in the County.

Councillor Howard Whillans said he thought the proposed schedule was a very fair one. The following revised salary schedule will become effective as of January 1, 1960.

Sergeant — increase from the present \$4,600.00 per annum to \$4,900.00  
Acting or Patrol Sergeant — to increase from present \$4,400.00

## Old Time Blizzard Blocks Roads In Town & District

The worst blizzard of the winter last Friday blocked roads in town and throughout the district and hundreds of home-coming workers had to park their cars and walk the last part of the journey. Centre Street East and Markham Road were blocked and many cars were stuck in the snowbanks. Abandoned cars made work of snow plow crews more difficult and many had to be towed to local garages.

In Richmond Hill, the Works Department did an excellent job in coping with the emergency and roads were opened with exceptional speed.

Throughout the district it was the same story everywhere, blocked roads and abandoned cars.

Here's how our district correspondents told of conditions typical of all York County communities.

**Gormley** — (Mrs. C. Milsted, Correspondent) The big event of the week-end was our big snow storm accompanied by gale force winds. All local roads were completely blocked for almost a day. The local schools were dismissed shortly after noon on Friday so that all the public school pupils got safely to their homes. Most of the high school pupils were stranded either at Victoria Square Hall or in local homes. Dozens of motorists were stranded in homes or public places. Twenty men spent Friday night in Gormley garage. Naturally no mail was received on Saturday. People on skis and snowshoes — others pulling toboggans — walked over the top of eight and ten foot drifts to get supplies. Every one had time to stop and talk to his neighbour. Kindnesses to those who were stranded were much appreciated. Such emergencies cause us to stop in the fast rush of life, and realize the friendliness and good neighbourliness that still exists. However, the noise of the bulldozers was a very welcome sound as they arrived late Saturday to roll back the walls of snow.

**Buttonville** — (Mrs. F. G. Leaf, Correspondent) By last Sunday calm reigned on Don Mills Road, and a good many local residents were able to relax after the worst storm to disrupt the community since Hurricane Hazel.

Friday, all day snow and bluster arrested many homebound travellers north of John Street (some as far south as Steele's Avenue) when their cars were caught in heavy drifting snow. A few sturdier souls left their cars and struggled through the

## Local Women Honoured By F.O.N.



DR. HELEN S. HOGG DR. LILLIAN LANGSTAFF

Two of Richmond Hill's most distinguished women residents were honoured by the 28th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, at the convention held in Richmond Hill last weekend.

The citation stated Dr. Hogg and Dr. Langstaff were made "Honorary Members": "For outstanding service in furthering the aims and objectives of the F.O.N." and for "local contributions".

Dr. Hogg, who is recognized as Canada's foremost woman astronomer, is a professor of astronomy with the University of Toronto. Dr. Langstaff, who came to Richmond Hill as the bride of Dr. Rolph Langstaff, practised medicine here for many years until her retirement. Both these women have contributed greatly to furthering the F.O.N. in this area.

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blizzard to their own homes; others stayed with their cars until the snow plows released them late Saturday morning.

There were more than 40 cars in the quarter mile stretch from McQuay's Garage to S. R. Patterson's laneway, and countless others were pushed or taken by tow truck back to No. 7 highway, which was kept open for most of the night.

At the Crispin home, twelve people sought shelter, and Mr. Crispin trekked through the storm to Jones' store to buy provisions for them. Mrs. James McQuay kept the coffee pot hot through the night for eight people, and at Jones' store four travellers spent the night and countless others were served tea and coffee. Others stayed at the McKay farm. Leafs and there were four at Norman Reid's, with many others parking their cars at the local garages.

Mr. Walter Brumwell and eight school children from the Norman Reid school bus he was driving sought shelter at a home north of Colt's Corners on the sixth concession, and a Thornhill High School bus was stranded at A. W. Miller's gateway on the third concession, but these students were able to walk to their homes near Headford. Mrs. Richard Tribbling, on her way home from the Richmond Hill school where she teaches an opportunity class left her car in drifts on the Elgin Sideroad and walked to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell, south of Victoria Square.

Road crews were on the job all day Saturday and most of Sunday and by late Sunday af-

ternoon road conditions were fairly normal, and most laneways in the area had been cleared.

**Oak Ridges**

Hats off to Mr. Elmer Osborne, Bayview Ave., Lake Wilcox, on Saturday Mr. Osborne, employed by a pipeline construction company in Richmond Hill, phoned Whitechurch Township works department to enquire when the residents could expect normal services after the terrific two-day storm. He was told late Sunday or possibly over Monday. He immediately got on the phone to his employer and explained the residents' plight. His employer told him if he could get to the yard, any equipment that would help was available.

Mr. Osborne managed to get down to the yard and was back shortly with a dandy bulldozer and commenced clearing the road from the South Road at Yonge Street entrance and by approximately 5 p.m. had it cleared through to north on Bayview, much to the joy of residents, many of whom had not been visited by baker or milkman. The gratitude of those residents goes to Mr. Osborne and his employer for a true community spirit in a time of real need. Many thanks to a mighty fine "guy" for a mighty fine job.

Assisting Mr. Osborne in the task was a fellow employee and neighbour, Mr. Bob Wilson and another neighbour, Earl Gardner. We might mention that Mr. Osborne and Mr. Wilson are only temporary residents of the Lake. Their permanent homes are in the U.S.A.

## Fringe Municipalities Opposed Metro Control Ask Planning By Prov.

Under the chairmanship of Reeve William Parish of Ajax Township, the Civic Chiefs and other members of thirteen fringe municipalities around Metropolitan Toronto met together Tuesday evening in Richmond Hill's Council Chambers to discuss and define their attitude towards Metro's 20 Year Plan for development of the area, including its planning.

Mayor K. W. Tomlin, with Councillors Tom Broadhurst, John Bradstreet and Mrs. Southwell represented Richmond Hill; Reeve John Perry, Deputy Reeve Ryder and Dugald McCowan, Planning Board Chairman represented Vaughan Twp.; Reeve Wm. Parrish represented Ajax; Reeve J. V. Fry represented Markham Village, Deputy Reeve Wilfred Deane represented Markham Township; Reeve Gladstone Shaw and Norman Black Planning Board Chairman represented Toronto Gore; and Reeve Fred Armstrong represented Woodbridge.

Discussion continued for two hours.

**Object Autocratic Control**  
It was generally agreed that the municipalities were not in favour of planning as such. They objected to autocratic control by one municipality over other neighbouring municipalities. The legality of such control was questioned and it was suggested such control was unconstitutional.

The Provincial Government was accused of abdicating its authority and duties in Municipal Planning. That another municipality that of Metro-should have a considerable say and direction in the planning and development of other municipalities was declared to be unfair.

**Will Resist Being Absorbed**  
It was agreed that overall planning should be the responsibility of the Government and not that of one municipality. All representatives present agreed that they should combine and co-operate to resist being absorbed under the autocratic control of Metro To-

ront. Any control should stem from the Government and all planning should be developed and processed by the Government.

**Resolutions Endorsed**  
At the conclusion of this very wide discussion in which all present participated, two resolutions were moved, seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

The first was to the effect that "The Municipalities here assembled disagree with the fact that 13 fringe municipalities are subject to planning control of the Metro Toronto Planning Board and request that these 13 municipalities be withdrawn from the Metro Toronto Planning area and agree that planning should be by the 13 municipalities themselves under the supervision and control of a Provincial Planning Board set up by the Ontario Government. Motion by Mayor Tomlin seconded by Reeve Perry was unanimously approved.

**Will Meet M. P. P. S.**  
Second motion was tabled by Deputy Reeve Ryder, seconded by Deputy Reeve Deane and approved unanimously. It declared that "A meeting of the fringe municipalities be arranged with our M. P. P.'s at Vaughan Township Municipal Offices, Maple, Thursday next March 3rd at 8 p.m.

Following this meeting it was decided to prepare a brief to present to Prime Minister Leslie Frost setting out the objections of the 13 municipalities to planning control by Metro. A battle to decide who shall control who has opened in earnest.

## Name Hospital For New Prince

At Monday night's Richmond Hill council meeting Reeve W. J. Haggart suggested Richmond Hill's proposed new hospital be named for the Prince born this week to Her Majesty the Queen.

"A committee is working on the establishment of a new hospital here," said the Reeve. "and I suggest it would be appropriate to name it for the new Prince."