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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, Richmond Hill. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall, Music by Art Celis and his Singing Plainmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tfc18

EVERY MONDAY — Monster Bingo, at York Farmers Market, Thornhill. 8 p.m. All regular games \$20.00. \$500.00 Jackpot. \$200.00 Pot of Gold. tfc36

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and Jackpot. tfc19

MARCH 18 — Friday, Jefferson Community Club Square Dance at the Jefferson School. Everyone welcome. c2w37

MARCH 18 — Friday R. H. Square Dancers, St. Patrick's Party, in Richmond Hill Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Guest caller Jack Long. c2w37

MARCH 19 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage sale in Ross Doan school, Weldrick Drive, Richvale. c1w38

MARCH 21 — Monday 8 p.m. Come and find out about your school board when McConaghy Home and School presents a School Board Panel. c1w38

MARCH 22 — Tuesday, Yonge St. Business and Professional Association general meeting, Town Inn, 8 p.m. All business men and women of Yonge Street, whether members or not, invited to attend. Special panel discussion with out-of-town speakers. Theme: "What Do I Expect From My Suppliers?" c1w38 (Continued on Page 15)

Mr. Fix-It Reports Results

"The Liberal" really delivers the goods. Following the insertion of a "Lost" Ad, "The Liberal" remarked that Mr. Fix-It was in a fix, because an 88 drill was missing. Yesterday, Peter Whittall dropped into the office to tell us, as the result of our plug he had returned to him: the 88 drill — 2 saws — a hammer and a library book.

Win A Camera

Starting this week citizens of the district have an opportunity to win a Polaroid Camera. There's nothing to buy, simply fill in a coupon at one of the stores listed in special advertisement in this issue.

Council's Three Hour Meeting

Richmond Hill Council sat for three hours on Monday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and dealt with a very heavy agenda. It was, with the return of Deputy-revee Tinker who has been in hospital for six weeks, the first full meeting during that period.

Town Adopts Ward System Increases Council Members

Councillor Tom Broadhurst who has headed a committee studying possibility of adoption by the town of Richmond Hill of a ward system for use in local elections, last Monday night presented an interim report to Council. He asked Council to vote on question whether it wanted a ward system and an increase in council membership. He said Council should make clear at this stage its support or otherwise so that the investigating committee would not waste time in further action if Council opposed these changes, or alternatively could have confidence its final recommendations would be adopted.

Boon To Late Travellers

A vending machine shopping centre thrives on a U.S. highway near a strip of motels and tourist cabins, reports The Financial Post. The unmanned 20-unit centre is designed for travellers and late-hour emergency shopping. It sells bread, bottles of milk, pastries, snacks, cigarettes, other items for travellers.

Richmond Hill Council Hopes Co-ordinate Comm. Continue

To Study Division Of H. S. Districts

The education committee of York County Council recommended at Thursday's meeting that a consultant committee be appointed to ascertain the conditions relative to the division of the high school districts in York County. The committee is to return its findings at the June session of County Council.

This move received unanimous approval from all members, since the previous meeting of council had passed a motion that a study be made into the possibilities of having only one or two high school district boards in the county instead of the present five.

Kinettes Plan Springtime Revue

The Richmond Hill Kinettes had a most enjoyable dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 9th at the Yangtze Pagoda. Guests were Mrs. Fletcher and the Kinsmen Club. After a delicious Chinese Dinner the general business was conducted and the various committee reports were given.

The next main project is a benefit variety show in aid of the proposed hospital. Springtime Revue will feature soloist Mary Morrison, Stan Lark as M. C. other singers, dancers, instrumentalists, barber shop quartet, drum majorettes and the Curtain Club. This will be shown at the High School on Friday, April 1st at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and may be obtained by calling TU. 4-3405.

Kinette Shirley Hicks presented a Charter member Norma Bunn with a parting gift as she and her family are moving to Montreal in the near future. Vice President Mary Neal who chaired the meeting, this being Vice President's night, then introduced her mother, Mrs. Fletcher who gave a most interesting talk along with slides of a trip through Europe including Russia and other iron curtain countries.

Local Members Served Without Remuneration Little Cost To Public

Clerk Russell Lynett read a letter to Richmond Hill Council Monday night received from Vaughan Township Council intimating that Vaughan was withdrawing from the "Little Metro" Inter-Municipal Co-ordinating Committee which until Vaughan's withdrawal represented Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

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Purpose of the panel discussion, says Association President F. J. Pickering, is to give local business men an indication of what their customers think of their service, together with suggestions which might build a warmer and more profitable relationship between buyer and seller. With many new residents in the Richmond Hill area, local merchants are studying ways to improve their merchandising techniques in order to keep as much business as possible at home.

On conclusion of the panel discussion members of the audience will be invited to give their views on the subject.

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He could only see continuation of the committee. He could not agree that action of one council should wind up this worthwhile committee. So long as Markham was willing to continue to co-operate he was willing to have the committee continue. He suggested that members of Vaughan Council were suffering some confusion in thinking. They had confused the "Little Metro" committee with the activities of the thirteen fringe municipalities which had met to oppose Toronto Planning interference. The committee was completely divorced from those activities and strictly limited in its representation to Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

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Dry Since 1906 Twp. Will Decide On Local Option

Early in January, more than 100 ratepayers of Vaughan Township attended a meeting of the council to request a plebiscite on whether the township should remain dry. The delegation pointed out to council that the municipality closed down the liquor outlets more than a half century ago. For 54 years this decision has not been challenged and Vaughan has been dry ever since. They argued that today with large changes in the population and the outlook of the people a large number of ratepayers felt that the township should now have a new opportunity to decide the issue. The delegation packed the council chamber to capacity with an overflow into the hall outside. In the face of such a large attendance council felt it had no choice but to grant the request.

As a result therefore the township will go to the polls on Saturday to decide whether the township shall remain dry or whether it will go wet.



BRIAN BAILEY Says Vote "Yes" — photo by Lagerquist



WARREN BAILIE Says Vote "No" — photo by Lagerquist

The delegation was led by Mr. Brian Bailey of 45 Birch Avenue, Richvale, a contractor and plumbing and heating specialist, whose hobbies centre around his work and his family. Mr. Bailey has lived in the township for 14 years and is a well known local resident mainly engaged today in water and sewerage contracting. He is a married man with a large family totalling eight children, aged between 4 and 16 years. He was for six years Chairman of Vaughan Township's Water Committee and is a member of the Richvale Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Addressing the council at the time the delegation was received Mr. Bailey said that he represented a group of businessmen and clubs within the township.

He said that the group he represented wanted the existing liquor by-law which prohibits the sale of liquor in the municipality repealed. He said that "as the by-law was enacted in 1906 and has never been challenged, we feel that in this time of more liberal thinking, perhaps the present by-law is no longer the wish of the people." Mr. Bailey went on to suggest that if in fact that was the case then the people of the municipality had a right to vote on the question. On behalf of the group, he requested a plebiscite to be held March 19.

The council with little discussion conceded the request. Reeve John Perry stated that in view of the large delegation, he felt that the request should be granted. It was made subject to the cost of enumeration. That is, since the vote takes place at a time separate from a municipal election, a new register of electors had to be prepared. Cost of this enumeration has amounted to \$2,503.68 which is being paid by those who sponsored that original delegation. A further cost to the municipality for the organization of the plebiscite totalling approximately \$5,000.00 is being borne by the township.

Mr. Brian Bailey was subsequently elected chairman of the "Vote Yes Committee." The committee's real campaign commenced last Thursday. Mr. Bailey told "The Liberal" that numerous people have come forward to assist in the campaign with personal services and with finance. A complete canvass of the township has been carried through. The committee claims that progress in the township demands that liquor outlets shall be established. To emphasize his attitude it calls itself "The Committee for Progress in Vaughan" although it is more popularly known as the "Vote Yes Committee."

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The Vote Yes Committee sent out by mail a letter addressed to every ratepayer in the township. Signed by Brian Bailey it states that "In 1906 — 54 years ago, an earlier generation decreed by vote that 'Saloons' had to go." The letter goes on to confirm that, "Today there are no saloons anywhere in Ontario. They never came back. But as a result of a vote long ago, Vaughan Township still has a horse and buggy local option law that discriminates against the individual rights of our citizens, and particularly the best interests of the taxpayers." The letter concludes by stating: (Continued on page 3)

Mr. Warren Bailie is the immediate Past President of the Sunday School Association of Vaughan Township and for some years President of the Concord Home & School Association. Persuaded by his associates he stood for school board election last year and missed being successful by the narrow margin of 75 votes. He lives in the township at Concord.

Mr. Warren Bailie has campaigned strongly for the township to remain dry. He has been ably supported by many hard workers and this committee has used every channel of communication to get its message across to the people of the township. A striking poster in red and black has been displayed on trees and telephone and other poles throughout the area. A letter has gone out by mail to every house. Public meetings which have been well attended have been held. Mr. Bailie told "The Liberal" that a heavy vote would favor his side and he declared that it is his impression there will be a very heavy vote. The interest is intense, considerably more interest being displayed than in other areas during such a plebiscite. This he feels but he expresses the hope that every voter will attend the polls. He explains that since launching its campaign to keep the township dry, he has received numerous telephone calls and letters from people in Richmond Hill who opposed liquor for the town but had not felt the matter sufficiently important for them to go out and vote.

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Skating Club Champions



R. A. Chandler presents Rotary Trophy to Junior Champion Janice Grainger

Harold J. Mills presents Trophy to Senior Champion Dianne Hayes.

The Club Championships of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club were held at the Arena on Saturday, March 12th. All events were judged by official judges of the Canadian Figure Skating Association and the winners were:
Singles:
Senior Girls — Harold Mills Trophy — Diane Hayes, Runner up — Charleen Smith.
Intermediate Girls — Lions Club Trophy — Janice Auster-

berry, Runner up — Lynda Hayes.
Junior Girls — Rotary Trophy — Janice Grainger, Runner up — Beverly Wilson.
Novice Girls — Don Plaxton Trophy — Charleen Brenzell, Runner up — Karen Hooper.
Junior Boys — R. H. F. S. C. Trophy — Ken Hamilton, Runner up — Bobby Cowan.
Intermediate Boys — Chuck Kie Trophy — Donald Timperon, Runner up — Gordon Timperon.

Pairs: Senior Pair — R.H.F.S.C. Trophy — Charleen Smith and Diane Hayes.
Intermediate Pair — Audrey Mills Trophy — Joan Morrow and Judith Paton.
Junior Pair — Kinsmen Club Trophy — Susan Hannah and Beverly Wilson.
Dance:
Senior Dance — Walter Smith Trophy — Joy Wilson and Diane Hayes.
Intermediate Dance — Jaycees

Trophy — Joan Morrow and Janice Austerberry.
Junior Dance — N. P. Dean Trophy — Beverley Fumerton and Bonnie Cameron.
Achievement Award
Rita Hall Trophy — Jane Leper and Donna Wainwright.
The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this successful day possible.
— photos by Lagerquist