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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. tfc36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Old Time, at Maple Community Hall, Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tfe18

EVERY SATURDAY — Dancing 8 p.m. to 11:45. Thornhill Farmers' Market, to the Java Jive. "The sounds are the reason the Java's so pleasin'." *3w29

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. tfe19

MARCH 25 — Friday 8:30 p.m. United Church Auditorium, the Richmond Hill A.O.T.S. Men's Club sponsors the Metropolitan Silver Band, Adults 75c, accompanied children 25c. Proceeds for Boys' and Youth's work. clw39

MARCH 26 — Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Rummage Sale and baking. North York Veterans Hall, 6324 Yonge Street, 1st Newtonbrook Cub and Scout Auxiliary. t3w38

MARCH 28 — Monday 8:15 p.m. Beverley Acres Y.W.C.A. T.A. E. Interior Decorating by Ann Featherstonhaugh, Phys. Ed. and coffee break as usual. clw39

MARCH 30 — Wednesday. The York County Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association Coffee Party and second annual meeting in Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church at 8:50 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. W. H. Henderson, Ontario Director of Community Mental Health Service. An opportunity to meet our volunteers and board members. Come and bring any interested friends. c3w37

APRIL 2 — Saturday 2-5 p.m. Tea and bake sale at Mrs. Johnson's apartment, 22 Yonge St. S., above Fisher's Store. All home made baking. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the L.O.B.A. c2w39

APRIL 5, 6, 7 — Toronto Conference Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada in Richmond Hill United Church. clw39

APRIL 7 — Thursday. First Aid Course, conducted by St. John Ambulance, starting 8 p.m. in the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill. For further information, call Mr. Jack Williams, TU. 4-3200. This is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club in Richmond Hill.

APRIL 9 — Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Hats! Hats! Buy your Easter Bonnet at "The Bonnet Box" at Wrixon Hall, under the auspices of St. Mary's Anglican Church Afternoon W.A. c3w39

APRIL 29 — Friday. A Choral Evening by the choir of Grace Church-On-The-Hill, assisted by the Chapel Choir of The Bishop Strachan School, Eaton Auditorium 8:20 p.m. Admission \$2.00. Proceeds towards choir's trip to Westminster Abbey. Tickets available from Mrs. J. A. Shaw, AV. 5-3035. *1w39

Most Penetrating Statement of Week

At Monday's council meeting, Richmond Hill's Reeve James Haggart told council, "It takes longer to dig through paper work than to dig a well." Council was discussing the proposed deep well No. 5 to provide extra water supplies to the town.

Want Forecast Dept. Budgets

A motion by Councillor Tom Broadhurst to the effect that all departments be instructed to submit tentative budgets by November 30th and that all Committees, Boards and agencies who deal with Council be asked to do likewise was carried unanimously by Richmond Hill Council Monday.

Councillor Broadhurst said he was upset that Committees which spend a lot of time studying all sorts of things and coming up after long and careful study, with excellent proposals should have their work so often wasted because the town could not finance the proposals. He made his motion he said "because this would give us a picture of what we could expect in financial support of proposals. It will help Council members who sit on Committees to plan realistically within the town's means to pay the bills." Weather Prophets

Reeve Haggart remarked that in forecasting budgets the departments would have to be weather prophets too because the weather could and does seriously affect the overall budget.

The Mayor agreed with the Reeve but said he thought Councillor Broadhurst's proposal in general a good one because it would assist committees to plan reasonably by keeping within the people's ability to pay.

Yonge St. Assoc. Plans Entertain Industry Heads

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of Yonge Street Business and Professional Association was held Tuesday evening. Col. F. J. Picking, president, outlined activities under way and announced that at the May meeting heads of local industrial firms will be guests of the association. At a later meeting members will be asked to bring staff members as guests.

Plans for the future include a co-operative advertising campaign, a drive to brighten and light up Yonge Street, enlist new members and improve parking facilities.

The association will revive general advertising for Richmond Hill as "The Rose Town of Canada" on Ontario's Main Street.

Feature of the evening's program was a panel discussion of the topic "What do I expect from my suppliers?" Col. Picking was the moderator and panel members were Jack Crabtree of Aurora, John Knox and Mr. Cyril Bell of Richmond Hill. Mr. Knox is a London Life supervisor and Mr. Bell is vice president Canadian Small and Independent Businessmen's Federation.

Panel discussion generally agreed Richmond Hill business people are giving splendid service to the community. Attractive features mentioned included attractive business places, quality goods, reasonable prices, pleasing service and the personal interest of proprietors and staff.

Reeve W. J. Haggart assured members town council is making progress on plans for offstreet parking. He complimented the association on its activities and gave assurance of council co-operation.

Near 50% Turn Out Vaughan Votes To Stay Dry As Licence Advocates Fail To Gain Needed 60 Per Cent

Inspect Water Treatment Plant

Reeve James Haggart told the council Monday he and other council members had so enjoyed a recent tour of the town's new water treatment plant, that it had been decided to invite the public and the press to make a similar tour. Press and public will be received at the plant from 10 to 12 noon Saturday, March 26, and April 2. The public is cordially invited.

Proctor's Moving To Larger Store

Proctor's, a name known and respected in the jewellery business in Toronto for the past sixty years has proven a popular addition to Richmond Hill's growing commercial section.

Proctor's Diamonds opened a branch in Allencourt Shopping Plaza in January and patronage has been so gratifying, larger quarters are needed already.

The store will move into larger quarters in the Allencourt Plaza and to mark the occasion is planning a big three day event. Watch next week's issue for full particulars of how you can get a diamond ring free.

Vaughan Township residents rejected an attempt to reverse a 54-year-old dry local option victory.

Out of 8,554 eligible voters, 49 per cent went to the polls last Saturday. The wets lost on all three propositions when they failed to obtain the required 60 per cent of the vote, although they did in fact achieve a majority on two of the propositions.

The vote was as follows: Retail brewery and liquor stores: Yes, 2,255, No, 1,997; dining lounges: Yes, 2,144, No, 2,113; cocktail lounges: Yes, 2,018, No, 2,223.

Chairman of the Vote No Committee, Mr. Warren Bailie, told "The Liberal" he was so happy with the result he hardly knew what to say. The major issue had been as to whether the township should be turned into a playground for tourists. The results showed that women had turned out in numbers to vote. In critical areas the women had effectively turned the scales.

Near polling day he was getting weary and discouraged when a 16-year-old boy came along and donated \$50 of his own savings. The boy's own father said later he was glad his son had reached this decision on his own. Although the lad's contribution was the largest single donation, it went beyond the money.

Inspiration of Boy's Gift

Mr. Bailie said it inspired him and many of his co-workers to work much harder. It had the effect of refreshing them at just the right moment. He said results showed the township could have been saved the expense because total wet vote was less than the percentage required for any body of citizens to force council to hold a referendum. However, he was glad people had had the issue put squarely before them. His side plan to maintain a semi-permanent organization to combat future efforts to turn the township wet.

Councillors Differ

Councillor Anstey, who at an earlier council meeting, had said he would like to see the bottles brought up from under the tables, stated he was glad the people of the township had had an opportunity to vote on the question. He had not expected a different result. The Yes side hardly ever won the first time in rural areas such as this township.

Councillor Ralph merely stated, "Well, the big job is behind us now." The clerk said it would take another week to wind things up. The clerk also stated that in the newer sections of the township the percentage vote attained the 60 per cent requirement and favoured establishment of retail stores. It was of course swallowed up in the overall township vote.

Lonely Supporter of Drys

Councillor Jesse Bryson apparently standing alone on the side of the drys, said, "The result of the liquor vote should not be looked upon as a victory for the dry campaign but it does indicate to me that the majority of people in the township have shown a sense of responsibility insofar as the control of liquor is concerned, which to me is very gratifying. In other words, the people of the township had the courage to keep out a real tiger. True liberty is not to do what we like as selfish individuals, but the liberty for the good of all men."

Mr. Brian Bailey

Chairman of the Vote Yes Committee, Brian Bailey of Richvale, told "The Liberal" that "We hoped we might win and probably would have done so had there been anything like a 100 per cent poll. But we hardly expected much more of a result than the one obtained."

How True!

The following notice appears over the Reeve's chair in the Vaughan Municipal Office at night:

"When I'm Right — no one Remembers. When I'm Wrong — No One Forgets."

Off Street Parking Plan

Reeve James Haggart informed council Monday the Crown had confirmed that the town could make use of land adjacent to the new Post Office, for use as a parking lot.

Entrance and exits would be provided. Rental would be merely nominal at one dollar a year. The town will be responsible for the maintenance. Agreement for its use will be on a year to year basis.

Proceeds For New Hospital

Richmond Hill Kinettes have the distinction of being the first group to sponsor an event in aid of the proposed new hospital for this area. Springtime Revue is a variety show and will be presented at Richmond Hill High School Auditorium Friday, April 1st.

Shown above are some of the artists who will take part. Standing left to right: Harry Thomson, member of Kinsmen Minstrels, Ken Nichols, accordion player, D. Celsie, member Country Rhythm Boys; Shirley McGregor, Richmond Hill Drum Majorette; seated, Mrs. Mae Thomson, Kinettes Club member, Doug Munroe, Country Rhythm Boys.

— Photo By Lagerquist.

Markham Township 11 Offers—President York University Likes Langstaff

One Man's Agenda

As Reeve of Markham Township and Warden of the County of York, Reeve William Clark had to glance carefully at his engagement book at Monday's session of council to see where he could "fit in" another committee meeting for this week.

Monday at 2 p.m. council met. Monday night York Bospital.

Tuesday 2 p.m. meeting with the Department of Highways. Dinner at night.

Wednesday two meetings with County Council committees.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Planning Board and Council meeting with Murray Jones of Metro Toronto.

Friday, discussion of Sanitary and Sewerage report at 1:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Buttonville.

"York University has received 11 offers so far for proposed sites", Councillor John MacNeil told Markham Township after Clerk Harry Crisp had read a letter from the County of York requesting recommendations from all York municipalities to be filed on a prepared form "as soon as possible", at Monday afternoon's regular session of Markham Township Council. All members were present.

Councillor MacNeil then asked if any of the other council members had seen a write-up in a Toronto paper last week-end stating Dr. M. Ross, President of the York University, had said, "Of all the offers received so far the former jail farm at Langstaff in Markham Township is the best." The only drawback, Mr. MacNeil said is the cost of the land. "As far as I am concerned", he remarked, "I would be 100 per cent in favor of York University going into there. I think we should do everything in our power to help that."

He predicted that the number of homes anticipated for Ward I warranted a University in that ward; but other members of council did not back up his proposal — nor, apparently, did they share his enthusiasm.

Reeve William Clark, who is also Warden of the County of York, therefore a member of the Planning Committee seeking a site for a county university said, "There have been a lot of suggestions as to where the university should go. It was reported at County Council committee meetings that a survey should be made of the entire county, and that there must be no 'competition'. York University officials were to have their choice and this is the result." However, the Deputy-reeve pointed out that \$1 million would be "lost in assessment, and that heavy industrialism in that district was necessary to maintain a good assessment-balance. Already "two or three nibbles" have been made for industrial and commercial land-development in this area.

Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean said it would be a handicap to have such a large tax exemption there and Councillor Lawson Mumberson reiterated his statement.

It is anticipated that student enrollment at a York university would reach 10,000 to 13,000 between the years 1965 and 1970.

The Reeve said 60 per cent of the students would be residents, the other 40 per cent would be looking for accommodation in the area and that the present way of building one-family dwellings would not accommodate extra roomers.

Deputy-reeve Dean: "We have no industrial development in that area at the present time and to add more residential subdivisions without industry would make us top-heavy in that ward." Reeve Clark said three sites have been suggested by Markham council members and he instructed the clerk to fill out the required form, listing the necessary information and forward it to the County Council. "It's up to them to make their choice when the suggestion is made to them. Maybe the jail farm property is more valuable to us for industrial purposes."

Town Salary Increases Suggested By Committee

Councillor Margaret Southwell presented a report of the Personnel Committee to council on Monday in which various additions to staff were recommended and salary increases all round were suggested. Councillor Howard Williams is also a member of the committee.

New Appointments

New appointments proposed are as follows:

Recreationist Secretary starting at \$2,950 rising by annual increments of \$200 to \$3,550. This appointment was for the Industrial Commissioner's Office.

Construction Inspector starting at \$4,500 rising by annual increments of \$200 to \$5,500.

Works Clerk starting at \$3,600, rising by \$200 to \$4,600.

Stock-keeper starting at \$3,400 rising by annual increments of \$200 to \$4,400.

Adjustments increasing salaries of the Deputy Clerk, Assessment Commissioner, Waterworks Senior Clerk and Office Boy were recommended.

By-Law Enforcement

Appointment of a By-law Enforcement Officer as a uniformed member of the staff was strongly recommended. Salary from five to six thousand dollars was suggested.

A ten cents an hour increase was suggested for all Works Department staff. Staff of the department should also be increased by one Foreman, two sub-Foremen, three labourers and two casual workers for three months in the summer.

York County Mental Health Assoc. Meeting

The York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is holding its second annual meeting next Wednesday evening, March 30, in Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

The branch has been fortunate in obtaining as its guest speaker Dr. H. W. Henderson, Ontario Director of Community Mental Health Services, Department of Health. Dr. Henderson was responsible for the establishment of the Community Mental Health Service in Ottawa in 1952 and was Director of the Mental Health Clinic, Ottawa Civic Hospital from 1952 until 1957 when he was appointed to his present position.

The meeting will open at 8:30 p.m. with a coffee party. Following this an interesting program has been planned to include discussion of the exciting progress which has been made to date towards a Mental Health Clinic for this area, and of the outstanding work of the White Cross Volunteers throughout the County.

Chairman Mrs. John Martin of Maple and Board members are hoping that a large number from this area will attend, bringing with them any interested friends.

Brief For Premier

Fringe Municipalities Will Support Plea For Provincial Planning

At a meeting of representatives of the 13 fringe municipalities of Metro Planning area held in Richmond Hill municipal chambers Tuesday evening, presided over by Mayor Wm. Parrish of Ajax, it was resolved that a brief should be prepared outlining reasons for a resolution passed at an earlier meeting on February 23rd, and to submit the brief to the civic chiefs of the 13 municipalities for consideration, before forwarding it to Premier Frost.

The original resolution read, "That the municipalities here assembled disagree with the fact that the 13 fringe municipalities are subject to the planning control of the Metro Toronto Planning Board and further that these 13 fringe municipalities be withdrawn from the Metro Toronto Planning Area and the planning of these fringe municipalities should be done by these municipalities under the supervision and control of a Provincial Planning Board set up by the Ontario Government."

The resolution proposed by Mayor Tomlin and seconded by Reeve John Perry had been passed unanimously by all present. Those present were Mayor Ken Tomlin, Richmond Hill; Reeve John Perry, Vaughan Township; Reeve W. G. Shaw, Toronto Gore Township; Reeve Fred Armstrong, Woodbridge; Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean, Markham Township; Reeve Joe Fry, Markham Village; Norman Black, Toronto Gore; Chairman Planning Board; Deputy-reeve Vic Ryder, Vaughan Township; Doug MacCowan, Chairman of Planning.

The meeting went on to appoint a committee to prepare the brief. Mayor K. W. Tomlin of Richmond Hill agreed to draft the brief and Reeve Perry of Vaughan and John Bradstock of Woodbridge with Mayor Parrish of Ajax would act as critics to consider and approve the brief.

It was agreed that the brief on being returned by civic chiefs should be distributed to every member of all fringe municipal councils and to their planning boards for comment and suggestions. All of this is to be carried out by the end of April and the final brief submitted to Premier Frost early in May.

Those present at Tuesday's meeting including Mayors Parrish and Tomlin, Reeves Armstrong and Fry, with Councillors Jenkins of Toronto Township and Mr. Black of Toronto Gore also agreed to meet with any of the civic leaders of the other municipalities among the 13 to explain the actions in full detail.

No Charge Recreation

Deputy Reeve Stanley Tinker making his second appearance in a wheel chair since his recovery from surgery recently, told Richmond Hill Town Council Monday he did not think a charge should be made for the use of public property for recreation purposes. The Deputy Reeve was referring to the Recreation Committee's proposal to charge fifty cents for each child enrolled under the Playground Recreation scheme.

Last year no charge was made. The Deputy Reeve suggested this system should be continued.

Following brief discussion the Deputy Reeve's motion seconded by Councillor Broadhurst was carried unanimously.

Proposes Full Time Fire Brigade

Deputy Reeve Stanley Tinker, presented to Council Monday report on the towns Fire Dept. He proposed establishment of a permanent Force consisting of four men on full time service augmented by volunteers. He remarked that the town had to have a full-time force eventually. Council was advised the Fire Dept. Budget would be presented next week.

Police Budget

The Deputy Reeve also presented the Police Dept. Budget. Total cost of the police for 1960 was estimated at \$90,038.50 a 45 per cent increase on 1959.

The budget was referred to the Finance Committee.

ALLENCOURT Shopping Plaza's Plan THREE DAY SALE

Next week the Allencourt Shopping Plaza on Markham Road at Bayview will celebrate a three day sale. All the stores on the plaza are co-operating to offer a plaza-wide bargain centre over a period of three days, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Watch for next week's issue of "The Liberal" for full details of the many bargains and specials which will be available.