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VOLUME LXXXI, NUMBER 40 THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1960 RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1960 HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878 SINGLE COPY 10c

Coming Events

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 Legion Hall, King Sideroad, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tfc19

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra at Cand. 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. tfc18

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 pleasant." *3w29

APRIL 9 — Saturday, Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, Garden Fair in the Lions Community Hall, Centre St. E., 1 to 6 p.m. Admission free. c2w40

APRIL 9 - Saturday 2 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy a social half hour over a delicious home made tea at the "Daffodil Tea" being held in conjunction with the "Hat Sale" at Wrixon Hall. Tea, Adults 35 cents, Children 10 cents. c1w41

APRIL 23 — Saturday 10:30 a.m. Rummage sale Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Toronto Vegetarian Society. c3w41

APRIL 23 — Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rummage sale, 5th Richmond Hill Girl Guides Company, Lady of Fatima School portable. c3w41

APRIL 25 — Monday at Buttonville W.I. Hall at 2 p.m. Benefit. Euchre in aid of the Society for Crippled Children. Good prizes, good food. c3w41

MAY 7 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage Sale in the Richmond Hill United Church Hall. c1w41

Markham Twp. Council Reeve Clarifies Statement Re. Township School Board

Aim To Equal Industrial And Residential Building

By request of Markham Township Council, Chairman Stewart Rumble of the York Central District High School Board, presented the 1960 budget in person to council last Monday afternoon. Accompanying Mr. Rumble were Trustee Eric Axelson, Chairman of Management; Trustee Mrs. Kathleen James, and Business Administrator D. J. Ashworth. All four delegates joined in a lengthy and interesting debate on high school affairs with the reeve and council members, following the official presentation — a copy of which had been received in council last week.

In his opening remarks Mr. Rumble said, "We are doing a big job in this high school district, with 83 teachers, 1,800 pupils at present (we expect to have 2,000 pupils by September), and three high schools to look after, with a fourth to be opened this Fall. It takes a lot of money to operate these schools", he continued as he discussed the \$1,155,755 budget, "but I can assure you, we are making every cent count."

Reeve William Clark asked, "How does this year's grant compare to last year's?" and was informed by Mr. Rumble it is \$3,000 larger than last year, but owing to superannuation funds for teachers the board would receive \$5,000 less.

The gross cost of educating a high school student in this district is \$3.63, but through grants it has a net cost of \$1.18 per day, he said. After figuring out the cost for 200 days of school for 1,800 pupils the reeve said it takes a lot of money — "but there is nothing we can do about that."

Trustee Mrs. James said, "You are forgetting one thing — the Department says a child must go to school until he is 16; also, the main impact in increases in teachers' salaries will be felt this year."

Deputy reeve W. Dean asked, "How much of the costs of the Bayview-Markham High School are incorporated in this budget?" and was told \$49,000, enough to

operate the school for the four months it would be open this year.

Keeping Budget Down

Mr. Ashworth informed Council, "In reality, as far as general maintenance items go, the budget is down from last year. Increases come from teachers' salaries, a commercial course for the new high school and landscaping for the new school."

"All children attending the new high school will live within walking distance of it," Mr. Rumble informed the board. In order to keep down expenses the board has resolved that no buses will be going to the Bayview School, therefore any students now being transported to Richmond Hill High School outside the Bayview area, will continue at the present school. 787 children are presently being transported by bus to the district high schools.

Mr. Rumble made an earnest plea to the reeve and council members saying, "I feel if the council could see in their wisdom that industrial and residential development go hand in hand — it will not be a burden on the taxpayers — we have to spend money to educate children."

When he asked that council invest in industry to balance the assessment the reeve said, "Council is aware of this and is doing all in its power to make the industrial-residential assessment equal."

Increased Industry

"We have two industrial plants going in at Green Lane and John St., and one at Bayview Avenue; we have the Dominion Stores \$200,000 building which will be an assessment of \$40,000, and from those figures he said, "I don't think we will lack for industrial assessment," he informed the school board representatives. Further pointing up Markham Township's plan to keep the assessment equalized, the reeve said that in 1959 residential building permits were 59.5 per cent of the assessment, with commercial-industrial 40.5 per cent, and from those figures he said, "I don't think anyone could say Council is losing sight of the impact on residential by industrial."

To Study H.S. District Board

The board members then asked the reeve to clarify his inaugural remarks regarding withdrawal from the high school district. Reeve Clark said this was his own personal idea and, "until this present meeting it has never been discussed in these council chambers." He said it was not something for the immediate present but would probably be necessary someday in the future, "when the board gets too large and unwieldy". Mr. Rumble said that it was getting larger and better all the time and that if anyone wanted out now was the time to do so.

Reeve Clark said the time for township high school boards, like the newly formed township public school boards in Markham and Vaughan, "would be after there is a high school built in Unionville. I think the only thing this school board can do is to go ahead as they have been doing."

Mr. Rumble said the board has an option on a new high school site in Vaughan Township and will probably have to build an addition to Thornhill High School next year.

Reeve Clark asked that representatives of the York Central Board attend a County Council committee meeting April 12, when school problems would be aired. And in closing, led by Deputy-Reeve W. Dean, Markham Township council members complimented the Board on its presentation of the 1960 budget.

Vaughan Will Only Co-operate At Council Level

Richmond Hill Town Council expressed dismay Monday at a further refusal of Vaughan Township Council to co-operate in the matter of the Municipal Co-ordinating Committee. A letter was tabled from Vaughan Township Council stating that in special cases they would co-operate but only at the council level.

Mayor Ken Tomlin and Councillor T. Broadhurst agreed that there was a "degree of inconsistency" in their attitude. "They've got what they want so they don't need the help of the fringe municipalities," commented Councillor Mrs. M. Southwell. "If their council representative lost his seat on the Metro Planning Board they wouldn't be so brave," added Councillor H. Whillans.

Mayor Tomlin felt if the surrounding municipalities couldn't learn to co-operate on a voluntary basis then they might force the provincial government to take similar action as they did when they set up Metro in 1954.

"It's unfortunate that one municipality can wantonly imperil the case of the other 12 fringe municipalities," remarked Reeve James Haggart.

H.E.P.C. Employee Buried At Lucan

Mr. Raymond Thomas Elson, of the Consumers' Service Division of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, Richmond Hill, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 1960, in Toronto General Hospital, after a six weeks illness. He had been a resident of Richmond Hill for the past three years.

Born in Marsden, Saskatchewan, he spent three years during his boyhood in England, returning to Canada with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Elson, to settle in McGillivray Township near Parkhill, Ontario. Here he reached young manhood and married Miss Catherine Morgan, also of McGillivray Township.

During World War II he served 6½ years with the R.C.A.F., both in Canada and overseas.

Receiving his discharge in 1946 he entered the service of the H.E.P.C. and was stationed in Lucan, Ontario, where he took a very active part in the village.

He was a "key" member of the Lucan Lions Club and was actively engaged in their boys' and girls' work which included Scouts and Cubs and minor hockey. He served seven and a half years of the Lucan Public School Board and was also a Warden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Lucan.

Out of 1900 were frozen. Later he transferred to the Windsor area office of the H.E.P.C. and three years ago came to the Richmond Hill area office. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at Murdy's Funeral Home, Lucan, where the reverend Mr. Prest of Holy Trinity Anglican Church was the officiating minister. Flower bearers were friends and former neighbours from the Lucan and Parkhill districts. Interment was in Lucan cemetery.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, William Raymond of London and Gary of Richmond Hill; one granddaughter, Terry Sue of London; one brother, Harold of Parkhill; and two sisters, Eva and Ethel. "The Liberal" joins their many friends in expressing sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Markham Twp. Roads Not Bad

Despite the snow, this is one of the better years for Markham Township Road Department, Traynor Canning, Roads Superintendent said when asked by "The Liberal" how the flooding situation was in Markham. Out of 1900 were frozen in the township, only 10 were frozen up Mr. Canning stated, and the graders are busy pushing the snow back from running over the roads. "There is still about two feet of frost in the road shoulders," he said, "let's hope the weather stays cold — for if it gets too warm the frost will go out too fast and then we will have boggy roads all over the township." Cool, windy weather would dry things up.

First Service United Lutheran Church Mission



The United Lutheran Church Mission of Richmond Hill had an auspicious beginning at its first service last Sunday. Shown above are the over 100 people who attended. Dr. A. G. Jacobi, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada was the guest preacher. The Lutheran Mission is meeting in the auditorium of the Walter Scott School on Markham Road. The Mission holds services every Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, April 24th, at 9:45 a.m. — photo by Lagerquist

Still Need Approval Municipal Bd. Only Six People Attend Beverley Acres Drainage Public Meeting

"Home of Week" Winners

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bell, 4 Elizabeth St. Richmond Hill are the owners of the home shown last week in "The Liberal". Polaroid Home of the Week special advertisement, and were the winners of a \$5.00 merchandise order. Each week the photo of some home in the North Yonge district appears in this advertisement, and the lucky winner receives a \$5.00 order from any of the participating merchants. Six times during the next 24 weeks there will be a draw and each time two polaroid cameras will be given free, one to the person whose name appears on the coupon drawn, and one to the merchant at whose store the entry is made.

Don't Favour County Planning Board

Richmond Hill Town Council has gone on record as not favouring the establishment of a county planning board. In reporting to council, Councillor Howard Whillans stated the planning board had recommended against town participation in any such board on the grounds that Richmond Hill is included in the Metro planning area.

Councillor Whillans felt a county planning board would be of more value to the northern municipalities which are still rural in character. Richmond Hill's extensive urban development makes interest in the Metro authority imperative.

Forecast 6 Months Before Work Started

Beverley Acres drainage, the contentious issue on which the then Councillor James Haggart broke with F. R. Perkins, Reeve of Richmond Hill in 1959, continues to prove the subject of heart searching and debate.

Faults in the drainage system were discovered many months ago and a probe committee was set up to allocate responsibility while at the same time a survey was made to discover how the faults could be corrected.

Results of the survey have shown that it will cost the ratepayers of Beverley Acres approximately half a million dollars for installation of storm sewers, being the only method likely to effect the corrections required in the drainage system of the area.

Town Should Pay—Broadhurst

A new personality on the political scene this year is Councillor Tom Broadhurst who claims that the cost should be a charge on the town as a whole. He has pointed out that the corrections in the system required are no fault of the people of Beverley Acres who have already paid five hundred dollars a lot. Bylaws have since been passed by this year's council approving the work to be done and the proposed financing. They were opposed by Councillor Broadhurst who wanted the town as a whole to share cost.

The probe committee to allocate responsibility is still engaged in its task. It is headed by Councillor Howard Whillans—another new personality on the political scene this year.

Public Meeting

A meeting was called by the committee for last Thursday to hear submissions from members of the public or anyone interested, which might assist the committee in its enquiries. Those wishing to make representations to the committee were asked to notify the committee in advance.

Disappointing Attendance

Response to the committee's appeal was very disappointing. Only one person wrote the committee. He wrote two letters. They were not read out at the meeting which itself was attended by only six members of the public in addition to members of the committee and the press.

Reeve Explains Levy

On the subject of payment for cost, in reply to questions, Reeve Haggart said the levy would be on those who directly benefit, that is those who directly abut the storm sewers. These will pay five dollars a foot, for the storm sewers. Those who do not abut but whose properties drain into the storm sewers will pay two dollars a foot. When these other properties get their own storm sewers later, they will pay a further three dollars a foot.

Petitions For Storm Sewers

Reeve Haggart said a petition (Continued on page 3)

The Country Parson



"We hold memorial services for lots of folks who can't see anything wrong with speeding if the highway patrol doesn't catch them at it."

Turn On Lights Brighten Yonge

Back in 1949 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill was a fairly dingy sort of a place after the sun went down. Street lights of that day left a lot to be desired. Merchants hadn't got into the habit of leaving store window lights on for the benefit of nocturnal window-shoppers. Lights on public buildings had yet to make their appearance. The adjective "gloomy" was no exaggeration when applied to the street's after-dark appearance.

So much was that the case that even the erection of a new illuminated sign on a store front was considered worthy of mention in the columns of "The Liberal". The Hills, father and son, who operated the Richmond Hill Hardware, had installed the first overhanging Neon light to

make its appearance in town, the paper disclosed.

The fact was recalled this week when, on a new store vastly different from the premises where they carried on business then, father George and son Al turned on the juice on a big neon sign which dwarfed their 1949 pride. The sign is the second to make its appearance in the immediate area in recent weeks, Harry Simpson of Simpson's Dry Goods — who has also given his store front a face-lifting in recent days — having erected one recently.

Both signs add a night-time touch of life and colour to a street which, although far from being the "Great White Way" yet, displays a remarkable change from the gloomy Yonge Street of as little as twelve years ago.

Works Dept. Controls Or Prevents Flooding

Richmond Hill residents may consider themselves fortunate to have escaped danger and discomfort of excessive flooding, due to the annual spring thaw and the melting snow, following what has been termed a "mean winter". However, nearby localities have not been so fortunate, and, right now in the United States, the Mississippi River has reached its highest danger level in history.

Though Nature has been kinder than expected — as only light recent rains have fallen — the main credit for these improved conditions is due to the foresight of our Town Council in providing the necessary funds to enable Works Commissioner Otto Whalen to hire and purchase the necessary equipment to combat the situation.

Even during the zero weather periods — "preventive service" was rendered by the Commissioner and all members of the Works Department — work crews were out with trucks, with portable steamers clearing out the culverts, ice-covered manholes, etc., all in readiness for the spring thaw and rains. This preparatory work paid off, as at the first indication of flooding — the low lying section of Beverley Acres — Neal Drive and Taylor Mills Drive south were closed off and eight pumps immediately went into action, with the crew working "right around the clock".

Pumping through the manholes, the head pressure in the sewer mains was reduced to prevent any recurrence of flooded basements. The 25 check valves installed by the Works Department, in homes in that area, proved very efficient in preventing storm water backing up. Following Sunday's rain the big ten-inch pump went into action, operating all night, pumping directly into the run-off on Crosby Ave.

Road potholes, regarded as public enemy number one and termed the "multi-million dollar headache" by the City of Toronto — were certainly the object of much concern to local residents and the municipality. However, even during the inclement weather the town trucks and crew crews could be observed filling in and tamping the potholes before further freezing and pounding of heavy trucks could enlarge them.

Special credit is also due to another of the Town of Richmond Hill's public service departments. When the blizzards and worst sleet storm of the century hit this area with ice laden branches bringing down the cables — plunging parts of the town into darkness and disrupting electric service, the commissioners of the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission, Superintendent Verne Snider and his noble staff of maintenance men performed services under dangerous conditions that will ever be remembered by the residents of Richmond Hill.