

RICHMOND HILL TO SPONSOR REFUGEE FAMILY

World Refugee Year

At an enthusiastic meeting held Tuesday evening in Wrixon Hall the initial plans were laid for Richmond Hill to sponsor one or more refugees during World Refugee Year. Under the able leadership of Mr. R. D. Little an executive was elected and the main committees organized. In common with committees across the country Richmond Hill would sponsor some unfortunate family of refugees presently living without hope in some camp in Europe.

Greetings were brought to the meeting by Mr. Alex Belugin of Newmarket, chairman of the York County Branch of the United Nations Association. Mr. Belugin who himself came to Canada in 1928, stressed the need for World Brotherhood and that the people of the world must learn to live together or they'll perish together. Mayor James Murray of Aurora, who is also a member of the County Branch of the United Nations said that any desire by a world to assist the less fortunate throughout the world is a practical application of Christianity and democracy.

The horrors, unending monotony, frustration and heartbreak of life in the refugee camps of Germany, Austria and Italy were vividly described by Mr. John Palen who escaped from Yugoslavia in 1951. A resident of Canada since 1952 he is now a Canadian citizen. Canada with its high standard of living should do all it can to help these countless thousands who through no fault of their own had to flee the ravages of war and political upheaval. The speaker in a clear word picture described the daily routine of life in such a camp. The complete lack of any privacy, the queuing up to wash, to eat, the eternal delays, and of course the loss of all hope. The most unfortunate of all are the children. A great majority of them have known no other life — born and trapped it seems forever in one of these camps. Mr. Palen told of how some of the children have lived in these camps for as long as 10, 11 or even 12 years.

Mr. Fred Jackson, who is a senior official in the Federal Department of Welfare, promised the full support of the Federal and Provincial governments in support of any refugee plan. At present the Provincial Government and Canadian Welfare Council are endeavouring to get the Federal Government to agree to assume the full cost of transporting the refugee and his family to Canada.

Mrs. A. W. McLennan of King City, head of the Refugee Committee of the county branch of the United Nations, outlined what is involved in sponsoring such a family. The sum of \$300.00 must be raised, a job found, a home secured plus such matters as furni-

ture, clothing, health and social adjustment have to be considered. One of the main problems to be solved is in the matter of finding suitable employment for the husband.

Elected to the executive were Chairman R. D. Little, Vice-Chairman Dickson Miller, Treasurer Don Ross, and Secretary Sam Cook. In the matter of the committee appointments, Mrs. I. Clement was appointed Social Co-ordinator, Mrs. G. Sweeney volunteered to assist in locating the necessary furniture, Mr. Norman Brown will head up the committee seeking living quarters. Rev. William Patterson will be in charge of the health committee. The question of a job will be handled by the executive. Mrs. Helen Boyle and Mrs. D. Topliff will organize a drive for clothing, linen and bedding. Publicity will be handled by Bruce Watson and Sam Cook.

Appointments to the very important finance committee have yet to be made. Rev. C. G. Higginson will assist in this matter. Representatives of the churches, service clubs and interested citizens all attended the meeting. Mr. Dave Gibson who represented the high school students at the meeting spoke of the active support given refugee year by the students in Metro.

The next general meeting will be held in Wrixon Hall, on Wednesday, May 11, at 8 p.m. Everyone interested in helping in this humanitarian project is asked to attend. Chairman R. D. Little at Tel. 4-3736. Willing workers are urgently needed, so if you can help please get in touch with Mr. Little.

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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, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tcf36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall. Music by Art Celsi and his Singing Plainsmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tcf18

APRIL 30 — Saturday, 9 a.m. Bake sale at Allencourt Plaza, under auspices of ladies of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. clw44

APRIL 30 — Saturday, Fun Fair and bazaar, Richvale School 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All welcome. Under auspices of Richvale Home and School. clw44

APRIL 30 — Saturday 1st Richmond Hill Cub Packs will canvass Richmond Hill for paper backed pocket novels and National Geographic Magazines. Proceeds for camping. clw44

APRIL 30 — Saturday 2-5 p.m. Blossom Tea and Art Exhibit by Kay Stotters at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, half a mile west of Yonge St. on No. 7 Highway. Sponsored by the "Fortnighters." clw44

MAY 4 — Wednesday, Bingo at the Newmarket Legion Hall, 8 p.m. Sharp. Jackpot \$75.00. clw44

MAY 4 — Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Open meeting at Kingcrafts House, G. Marshall Barman, Extension Secretary for Federation of Ontario Naturalists, will give illustrated talk on woods, wild flowers and still waters. Garden Group hostesses. clw44

MAY 4 — Wednesday. A card social given by the 3rd Richmond Hill Scouts Group, Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at 8:15 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish Hall. Prizes and refreshments. Admission 50c. clw44

MAY 7 — Saturday 1 p.m. Rummage Sale in the Richmond Hill United Church Hall. clw45

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Welcome Signs

Yonge Business Men To Sponsor Light-Up Drive

While it may not become a "Great White Way" for a year or two yet, Yonge Street in Richmond Hill may show a considerable improvement in its lighting and decoration in the reasonably near future.

Determined that the downtown business section should not become a "ghost town" members of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association, at their meeting this week, enthusiastically endorsed projects which would add greatly to the appearance of the street if carried out. Included were new lighting displays which would let members of the traveling public know, in no uncertain manner, that they were in Canada's largest rose-growing centre and a change in the present street lighting system.

Chairman Charles Taylor of the Association's lighting and decorating committee, displayed drawings which had been prepared showing proposed lighting displays for entrances to the town. These displays, he pointed out, would indicate Richmond Hill's premier position in the rose-growing world, featuring roses as the central theme in illuminated "welcome" signs which would stretch from one side of Yonge Street to the other.

While these signs would cost a considerable amount of money, Mr. Taylor pointed out, he felt that it was possible that the cost could be shared among a number of organizations without imposing too heavy a load on any one group. Association members felt that signs should be located both north and south and agreed to have the committee go ahead in an endeavour to gain co-operation from these groups.

The signs, Mr. Taylor said, would be only a first step in an overall plan which, with some-thing soon transform Richmond Hill's Yonge Street into a unique lighted area. He also described new lighting plans for Christmas decoration of the street which were so new that the manufacturers were only just

Approve Local Budget

Richmond Hill Town Council Alarmed By Rising Costs Of Education Asks For Action Wants Province Relieve Burden On Real Estate

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night discussed the rising cost of education with Public School Trustees and while deploring the continually increasing burden on the taxpayer found little to criticize in the local board's budget of \$794,101.79 which will mean an increase this year of a mill and a half in town taxation.

Council unanimously adopted a motion by Councillor Howard Whillans that the "provincial government be asked to explore other means of meeting education costs as the present system places an unfair burden on the taxpayer."

Richmond Hill Public School Trustee Board was represented by Chairman Lewis D. Clement, Finance Committee Chairman Harold D. Sanderson and Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch. Chairman Clement referred to the budget for 1960 as "pretty much standard, nothing unusual." Mayor W. Tomlin commented, "Yes, it's standard alright, it's up," Chairman Clement replied, "It represents the efforts of the trustees to spend the people's money to the best advantage."

Council criticism was directed at the general rise in education costs rather than to any specific items in the local budget. However Mayor Tomlin did question the \$74,000 increase in teachers' salaries. Chairman Clement said the staff was increased and the annual increases amounted to \$200.

Councillor Broadhurst was very critical of the decreased provincial grants. Trustee Sanderson pointed out that as the town population increases the provincial grant is still some doubt as to the amount of provincial assistance but it is estimated the grant will be down from last year by \$12,000.

Councillor Broadhurst said the reduced grant was evidence of the failure of the province to meet its obligations. Chairman Clement said costs in Richmond Hill are not high in comparison with other places, and 20 per cent less than in Metro. He said there are many things we do not do. He emphasized the importance of education.

Councillor Broadhurst - "There is a limit to what we can afford. We are in danger of becoming the best educated paupers in the western world."

Mayor Tomlin asked about the item of \$20,000, for renovation of the McConaghy School. Trustee Sanderson said this is the estimate to renovate six classrooms and is long overdue. He pointed out the school was built in 1916. An estimate of the cost was \$35,000, but the board is hopeful of carrying out the work for \$20,000. "I suggest," said Mr. Sanderson, "that council members visit these rooms and see for themselves how necessary it is that something be done."

Salaries Too High
In answer to a question, Reeve Haggart was told that the present schedule for teachers is \$3300 to \$4900 per year. "I know what the trustees are up against," said the Reeve, "but it's far too much" (Continued on page 19)

Forecast Tax Boost This Year

As budget day for Richmond Hill council draws nearer there is growing concern and speculation concerning the tax rate for the year.

The Works Department budget presented to council Monday night, along with substantial increases in education levies for both Public and High School indicate that an increase is inevitable.

Mayor Tomlin who will meet this week with the Finance Committee to work on the budget will make no predictions and council members are non-committal, hoping for the best.

Last year Richmond Hill tax rate took a 7 mill jump, and predictions for this year range from a five to seven mill boost.

Traffic Hazard—

Children On Street

Delinquent parents came in for some criticism at Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night. Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell asked for some police action to curb speeding and traffic rule violations at Elmwood and Palmer.

Mrs. Southwell said a stop sign at the intersection is too often ignored and she feared for the safety of many small children in the area. She suggested erection of warning signs.

Mayor Tomlin said small children should not be allowed to play on the streets and suggested parents had responsibility in this regard.

Councillor Bradstock said it is greatly to the credit of local motorists that we had so few accidents involving children.

Mayor Tomlin said it is impossible for the police to be everywhere and catch all offenders against traffic rules. He said it is the duty of citizens to report offenders to the police.

It was stated that too many children in Richmond Hill play on the streets and create a traffic hazard. Discussing parental responsibility it was stated sometimes parents watched children stoning cars.

Report Progress On Parking Lots Down Town Area

Real progress was being made in connection with down-town parking lots, members of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association were told at a well-attended meeting on Tuesday evening.

Emphasizing that the project yet had to go before Town Council, Association President F. J. Picking described the steps which had been taken in co-operation with the chairman of the Council's parking committee, Reeve James Haggart, and the town's Works Commissioner, Otto Whalen.

Negotiations with the federal Public Works Department had reached a stage where it was practically certain that approval of use of property in rear of the new post office would be given, members learned. While part of the space would be reserved for daytime use of postal employees it would become available for the public at other times, particularly on Thursday and Friday evenings when down-town shopping traffic is at its heaviest. In addition other property owners had agreed to deed their land to the municipality for a token payment of \$1, with the proviso that it would revert to them at the same price if the property was not used as a parking lot.

Parking For 100 Cars
If developed with the approval of Town Council, the area on the west side of Yonge Street would accommodate approximately 100 cars, association members were told. The new parking lots would stretch from the Post Office property to the rear of Centre Street properties.

A similar project was under way in connection with parking on the east side of Yonge Street, it was reported. Co-operation of property owners on that side of the street was being sought and already large business which own land had promised their full co-operation. Terms would be similar to those proposed for the west side of the street, with land being leased or transferred to the municipality for a nominal sum.

While, under present conditions, the parking area on the east side of Yonge would not be as large as that on the west side, the total capacity of the two areas would provide off-street parking for a considerable number of shopper's cars, it was said, relieving a situation which has become acute in recent years in the heavily serviced downtown section.

J. H. "Jack" Rice Dies Suddenly



J. H. "JACK" RICE

It was with a deep sense of shock and sorrow this community learned of the passing of Jack (Jack) Henry Rice, who died at the York County Memorial Hospital, Newmarket, early Wednesday morning, April 27, 1960. He was in his 51st year.

Mr. Rice had suffered a heart attack an hour earlier at his home, 17 Knolls Drive, Richmond Hill, but less than a week before he had complained of chest pains and been checked by his doctor. Following a cardiograph, taken at that time, he was advised to rest for a week at home and that another similar test would be made at the end of that time. The second attack came Wednesday morning and he was rushed to hospital where he died.

A popular and well-liked figure in Richmond Hill, the late Mr. Rice was president of the real estate firm, R. B. Rice and Sons Ltd., until six months ago when he joined the Real Estate Department of Loblaw's. A member of Richmond Hill Council in 1952 and 1953, Mr. Rice served on the Planning Board and the Court of Revision. He is credited with bringing some of the large commercial enterprises to Richmond Hill. He was a Past Director of the Toronto Real Estate Board, and on its Finance Committee for three years.

An active and enthusiastic community man, Jack Rice was also a Director and Past President of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club and an executive member

Outside Limits

Postpone Agreement On Water

Richmond Hill council Monday night laid over for one week approval of an agreement with Markham Township and John MacKay for supply of water to the new Dominion Store just outside of the town limits. The agreement provides Richmond Hill is to supply water to the new store until the new deep well is developed by the Ontario Water Resources Commission for Richmond Hill and Markham Township.

Councillor Howard Whillans moved that consideration of the agreement be laid over for a week to give members time to study it. His motion carried with the support of Councillor Mrs. Southwell and Councillor Broadhurst after a motion by Reeve Haggart that the Mayor and clerk sign the agreement failed to pass.

Councillor J. W. Bradstock refrained from voting on this issue.

Councillor Tom Broadhurst opposed the agreement. "I want no part or parcel of it" he said "we never should have gotten into it in the first place."

Mayor Tomlin said he thought it was a fine agreement and evidence of the right kind of co-operative spirit between two neighbouring municipalities.

Councillor Mrs. Southwell said she wished Markham Twp. would co-operate in the same spirit in maintaining roads.

The agreement provides that Mr. MacKay will install all necessary mains from town limits and Markham will pay for water at double the usual commercial rates.

Any Pocket Novels?
Boy Scouts and Cubs of 1st Richmond Hill troop will canvass Saturday for used pocket novels and old National Geographic Magazines. If you have any spare ones they will be much appreciated by the boys who will call this week end.

Fair Day Sat., May 21

Richmond Hill Spring Fair has been a popular event in the life of this community for more than a century. The Fair this year will be held at the Town Park on Saturday, May 21st.

The Horse Show will be the feature attraction and some of Ontario's finest horses will compete in the ring for coveted awards.

Prize lists will be available soon and may be had on application to the Fair Secretary William Neal Jr., Richmond Hill.

There will be a Monster Midway with all the newest in rides and games.

The day's variety program with attractions for young and old will be concluded with a dance in the arena at night.

Plan now to spend Fair Day in Richmond Hill.

Town Council -

Many Capital Expenditures Included In Works Budget Broadhurst Says Committee Should Specify Priority

The Richmond Hill Works Committee presented its 1960 budget of \$1,394,368.04 to Town Council Monday night and it was referred to the Finance Committee where final decision will be made as to just what items will be included in this year's estimates.

The budget presented by Reeve W. J. Haggart, Works Committee Chairman, sets a new all time high record for expenditures, and included over a million dollars for capital outlay.

Discussion by council members indicated that it is highly unlikely all items will be included in the final budget. Pressure of a rising tax rate probably will make necessary the postponement of some of the projects.

Councillor Tom Broadhurst was critical of the committee for submitting a report without indicating priority for different items. "I object to any committee bringing in a budget with a price tag almost equal to last year's total expenditure without indicating their recommendation of what has to be done," said Councillor Broadhurst. "Why," he asked, "bring in a report on things which we know can't be done?"

Mayor Tomlin gave assurance that the Finance Committee in considering the budget will consult with the Works Committee as to the priority of various items.

Councillor Broadhurst said the Police Committee could have brought in a much more attractive budget, but recommended only the items it considered the town could afford. He asked, "Is it possible to undertake all items outlined in the works budget this year?"

Reeve Haggart — "We are hoping so."

Councillor Broadhurst — The Committee should know and recommend what should have priority.

The budget includes an estimated \$1,021,000, for capital expenditures, many of which will be paid for by debenture issues.

Items include the Beverley Acres Drainage project at an estimated cost of \$248,000. It will be debentured.

A new sidewalk on Bayview Avenue from Crosby to the Plaza, estimated cost \$6,801.68. It will be paid from general account.

A new asphalt pavement for Crosby Avenue from Crosby to the Plaza, estimated cost \$18,472.

for snow removal, \$17,565, for salting and sanding; grading and graveling \$9,700, patching \$20-275, weed control \$1,431, dust layer \$5,270, ditching, steaming culverts, etc. \$11,466, catch basin maintenance \$1,288, surface treatment for streets \$12,980, bridges, culverts and repairs \$9-500, sweeping roads \$750, construction \$4,030. The total estimate for roads maintenance is \$101,637.00 on which the town will net a subsidy of \$25,700.

Estimates for road work not subject to subsidy is \$50,000.

There is an item of \$900, rental for the public parking lot at Yonge and Richmond Streets, \$390, for maintenance, and \$26-226, is placed in the estimate for future parking lots.

Reeve Haggart, Works Committee Chairman said he was satisfied all essential works are included in the budget, and his motion that it be referred to the Finance Committee was carried.

In urging that council should decide what works will be undertaken this year, Councillor Broadhurst said a budget of this sort of money had to be considered in relation to the increased demands of the school boards and other departments. In the face of so many demands he said, something just has to be given. "It boils down he said, "We can just do the essentials and the committee should make recommendations."

Mayor Tomlin said the Works Committee will be consulted and he hoped the Finance Committee will meet to consider it this week.

Councillor Broadhurst said he would like to move an amendment to the report he referred back to the Works Committee for a recommendation, but failed to get a seconder.

The Country Parson

"Nothing can be as beautiful after it's used — and so ugly before it's used — as a day"