

Coming Events

Roberts Radio Latest New Store



IAN DOUGLAS

The latest addition to the local business community is Roberts Radio located in the Richmond Heights Shopping Centre.

The Roberts store which is located at 46 Levegrade Road is featuring a full line of nationally advertised home appliances, TV and Hi-Fi.

Mr. Douglas stressed that quick reliable service on all makes of appliances and TV will be an important part of the service offered by Roberts Radio.

Mr. Douglas is looking forward to having an opportunity to serve the people of the district with fine products backed by excellent service.

Many Attractions At Annual Fair

Fair Day at Richmond Hill will be Saturday, May 21st. Prize lists for this big event in the life of the community were distributed this week.

Entries are already coming in for the Horse Show which will be the main attraction, and there will be many other attractions for young and old.

Something new this year will be a square dance competition open to public and separate schools. A trophy has been donated by Mr. C. Bennett and there will be cash prizes for the winners.

The midway will have merry go round, rides and games galore with lots of refreshment booths to cater to the appetites of Fair visitors.

Plan now to spend Fair Day in Richmond Hill. Write your friends and invite them here for the Fair.

Council Reserves Decision

Vaughan Council Chamber Packed Talk Race Track, Roads, Liquor Go-Karting New Sport Seeking Site For Track

Seeding Time Late Winter Wheat Fine

Compared with last year, seeding time in 1960 for local farmers got off to a very late start.

At the Don Head Farm, a little seeding was done April 22, but then poor weather curtailed seeding operations and it was a week later, on the 29th, the work got under way again.

Contrary to fears and expectations, winter wheat is doing very well, and does not seem to have been effected by the extreme winter weather felt in this area.

Sincere Tribute

On motion of Deputy-revee Stanley F. Tinker, Richmond Hill Town Council passed a resolution of sympathy for the family of the late J. H. Rice who died suddenly last week.

Mayor Tomlin paid glowing tribute to the public service rendered by the late Mr. Rice as a member of municipal council and planning board.

Protest Commercial Building

Richmond Hill town council Monday night took no definite action on a request from residents of Harding Blvd, that rear of Yonge Street lots fronting on Harding be re-zoned as residential.

At present the zoning is commercial and David McLean owner of a lot on the north side of Harding just east of the service station is proposing to erect a three store building.

Donald Plaxton and J. R. Reynolds appeared on behalf of a number of residents strongly protesting against such commercial buildings and asking for re-zoning.

It was stated that in other areas such as Pleasantville and Crosby Avenue when residents raised objections council had gone ahead with re-zoning.

Mayor Tomlin said he was not directing his remarks particularly to the people on Harding Blvd, but he did want to point out that when the Land Use by Law was adopted all property owners were notified and had an opportunity to raise any objections.

Discussions are to continue and Mr. McLean will visit council again next Monday night when it is hoped there may be agreement on an acceptable solution.

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Councillor Asks Better Deal For West Side Town

At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting, Councillor Howard Whillans took exception to the Parks Committee budget presented by Chairman J. W. Bradstock because it did not give sufficient attention to the west side of town.

Councillor Whillans said he saw little in the budget for the benefit of people west of Yonge Street, and he thought this was unfortunate, especially when the Works Committee budget presented last week was open to the same criticism.

Councillor Bradstock defended the budget and pointed out that when park sites are available they will be developed on the west side.

Councillor Whillans - We should start in making some provision for parks on the west side.

Councillor Tom Broadhurst expressed the opinion that a councillor is not rendering useful service in emphasizing divisions which we hoped were disappearing.

Councillor Whillans - Take a look at last week's budget.

Mayor Tomlin - Final adoption of items in the budget by the Finance Committee will not be influenced at all by the location of the projects.

Councillor Whillans - We shouldn't determine the spending by which area makes the most noise.

Mayor Tomlin - We're getting quite a bit of noise from the west side tonight.

Councillor Whillans - We must consider the whole picture.

Councillor Bradstock - Everyone here has been elected by the people on the west side as well as by people on the east side.

The report recommends the following expenditures:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Harding Park (\$4,445), Bedford Park (1,530), Rosedale Manor (2,355), Crosby (3,223), Greenbelt (1,021), Softball Diamond (515), Glenbrae (1,050), Horticultural Soc. (250), Play Equipment (3,000), Tree Planting (500), Tennis Courts (1,000), Power Mower (200), Labour, salaries (10,000), Construction, but in main park (6,000), Insurance (161), Mill Pond (12,500). Total: \$41,314.

Polaroid Draw On Saturday, May 7th

The first draw for prizes in the Polaroid Home of the Week contest will take place at "The Libera" Office Saturday afternoon, May 7th, at 2 p.m.

Participating merchants are asked to have all coupons in our office not later than Friday night, in preparation for the draw which will be made in public.

Two Polaroid Cameras will be given free to the lucky winners. One Polaroid will go to the person whose name is on the coupon drawn from the drum, and another will go to the merchant whose name is stamped on the back of the coupon.

There is a weekly prize of \$5.00 in merchandise every week to the person whose home is pictured in the special advertisement. Last week's winner was Mr. J. Todd, 30 Elmwood Ave., Richmond Hill.

Participating merchants in the "Home of the Week" contest include: Patti-Lu Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Rice of Flow, Collins Hardware, I. D. Ramer & Son, Lawrie Hardware, Ketola Power Equipment, Dynes Jewellers, R. D. Little & Son Ltd., Rose Garden Supplies, Wight's Pharmacy, Ken Ruston Service Station, Peat's Cleaners, Richmond Hill TV & Camera, Thornhill Paint Supplies, McAteer's B.P. Service, Simpson's Dry Goods, Al & Tom's B-A Service Station, K & K Home Bakery, Keith's Garden Centre, Walter Murray Motors, Fabric Fair, Pridham's Paint & Wallpaper, Richvale Hardware, Thornhill I.G.A., Shelton Mansell Motors, Butler & Baird Lumber, Reid's Auto Body Shop, Al's Cycle & Sports, York Office Equipment, Proctor's Fine Diamonds, Herridge Electric, Richvale Pharmacy, Hill City Motors, Loughlin Lumber & Supply, Wimbridge Cleaners.

A new contest starts right away so if you want a chance on the next draw which will take place early in June, visit one of the stores participating and displaying the Polaroid banner and fill in your name on a coupon. You may be the lucky winner of a fine new Polaroid.

Protest Tax Boosts—Ratepayers Just Can't Tighten Belts Any More

Joseph Lemmon was spokesman for a delegation of Lynett Crescent Ratepayers at Monday night's Town Council meeting and asked council when action may be expected on a petition presented last year asking for road widening and the construction of storm sewers.

Mr. Lemmon pointed out that the existing ditches and road shoulders are most unsightly. He thought the people should have some financial consideration in such a proposed improvement because of the \$500 per lot assessed against the sub-division when it was developed.

Mr. Lemmon stated that while the people wanted the roads widened and ditches eliminated they were astounded by the estimate for this kind of work and in the light of the tax increase last year and prospect of another this year he doubted if the people could afford it.

Mayor Tomlin pointed out that the \$500 per lot was assessed for municipal purposes and was spent for projects which were designed to benefit the whole of Richmond Hill.

Mr. Lemmon said "it was our money" arguing that people who bought homes in the area had their purchase price increased by this amount.

Councillor Broadhurst said Council has asked for a statement of the No. 2 Account and that when it is ready it will be published. He agreed with the delegation that some of the No. 2 account had been used improperly.

Mr. Lemmon was critical of an expenditure from the No. 2 account of \$50,000 for the new Library. "That was something we could have done without," he said.

The delegation was critical of the garbage collection service. Often collection is a day late and the collectors "are not too careful."

Mr. Lemmon urged more activity to procure industry. Mayor Tomlin said the town engages an Industrial Commissioner and is spending \$12,000 a year in this department.

A special Industrial Committee of council has been appointed. Reeve Haggart, Chairman of the special Industrial Committee said he hoped for results soon.

Mr. Lemmon said the people are fed up with tax increases. Mayor Tomlin said rising costs make tax increases necessary and this is the experience of all municipalities in this part of Ontario.

Councillor Whillans said Council should take steps to make serviced land available to industry. With a tax increase likely for this year this may not be the time to do it, but it might be the thing to do next year.

Mr. Lemmon said he would be willing to pull in our belts and pay \$500 or so a year to acquire land and make it available for industrial firms," said Councillor Whillans.

Mr. Lemmon - A lot of our people are finding it mighty tough to make ends meet right now. How are you going to tighten your belt when you already have to go out and borrow money to pay taxes?

Mother Gets Washing Machine

Following a story in last week's "Libera" concerning a deserted mother's great need for a washing machine and refrigerator we are happy to report that Thor Industries Ltd. in the city very kindly answered the urgent call.

Mr. M. E. Taylor, Vice-President of the Thor organization phoned our office early Friday morning to offer a machine to aid this deserving case.

The machine will receive steady service as the mother has been left with eight children to care for. Her own washing machine and refrigerator were recently seized by a finance company.

The Thor firm not only kindly donated the machine but also delivered it right to the premises.

Boundaries Expensive Reeve W. J. Haggart Suggests Merger For Local Municipalities

At its regular dinner meeting Monday, the Richmond Hill Civic Club elected its officers for the forthcoming year. Outgoing officers are President Ivan Toutloff, Vice-president Bill Dodding, Secretary Horace Roberts, Treasurer Jack Ashworth, Sergeant-at-Arms Roy Armstrong and outgoing Directors are Graydon Parmenter, Bill Purvis, Don Walker, Ted Shaw and Tom Pitt.

Incoming Executive approved at Monday's meeting are President, Horace Roberts, Vice President, Ted Shaw; Secretary, Roy Armstrong; Treasurer, Ron Firman; Sergeant-at-Arms, Les Smith while the new Directors are Ray Nugent, Frank Sullivan, George Schildroth, Tom Pitt with the retiring President Ivan Toutloff as Chairman of the Board.

To Attend Convention The outgoing and incoming

The Country Parson



"Some folks seem to think that every time they form a new opinion—God does, too."

Richmond Hill with you. I would like to paint two pictures."

One Picture of the Town "The first is a picture of Richmond Hill sometime in the future, if we are left alone to do our own planning, without interference from those who are competing with us for industry, and perhaps will have something to be jealous about."

Painting a word picture of the town as he visualized it in the future, the Reeve continued, "Richmond Hill should in the foreseeable future, expand to become a city with a population of forty to fifty thousand. And if your elected representatives have learned anything in the past few years, there is no doubt that the majority of our population will be working within our boundaries. We are aware of the fact that subdividers can be made to either supply industrial land to the municipality to sell, or be made to produce occupied industrial acreage before being given permits to build houses. If this had been done when the boom started in Richmond Hill, today we would have had a balanced assessment, less unemployment, happier merchants, and been receiving taxes from industries as well. I know that it is easy to criticize others. Perhaps I would have made the same errors if I had been there.

But my only purpose in pointing out this fact, is to emphasize that all those in public office from now on must benefit from the mistakes of others, by insisting that future development be more orderly."

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The Reeve then made a revolutionary thought-provoking suggestion "At this time I should like to interject the thought that one other method of area development be considered in the near future. To a point, I believe that municipal boundaries are expensive, and with this thought in mind I suggest that it may be beneficial to the population of our entire area if Richmond Hill, Markham Township, and Vaughan Township were to merge into one municipality. I suggest that this avenue be explored very carefully, and, of course, if such a merger did come about, it would change everything that I have just envisioned."

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