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Stars of Stage and Screen at Curtain Club Garden Party



Taking a brief respite from the gaiety at the very successful Curtain Club Theatrical Garden Party which was held last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crack are Gerald Crack; Doug Maxwell, well known sports commentator; Phyllis Marshall, popular TV and stage star; Reeve W. J. Haggart; Judith Coates;

Sean Mulcahy, Curtain Club President; Len Jones and his wife Beth; Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell; Margot Crack; Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker; Rex Sevencaks; Councillor John Bradstock; and local TV and radio personality, Earl Cameron.

— Photo by Lagerquist

(By Mary Monks)
In spite of lowering clouds and a spot or two of rain in the late afternoon, we feel sure that the gods of the weather, art and drama were all on the side of the Curtain Club for their Theatrical Garden Party on Saturday, when over 1,000 friends of the club visited this highly successful event. Joan Fairfax was a delightful and extremely decorative guest, and performed the opening ceremony with charm and sincerity. After the ceremony Miss Fairfax was presented with a bouquet of red roses by Louise Monks.

by circulating among the visitors, signing autographs and visiting the booths and sideshows. Her first "stop" was at the booth of Alex Sjoberg, hand writing analyst. The sideshows manned by members of the club, and most professionally operated, did a roaring trade, until after dark, and dozens of happy youngsters were to be seen carrying away literally armfuls of woolly dogs and other prizes.

The many hours of planning and building put in by the "sideshow team" headed by Neville Cross, John Postlethwaite and Carl Weinsheimer were rewarded by the enthusiastic support given to the fun fair by all the visitors. The "pony express" was kept busy for several hours carrying children back and forth in the Children's Corner, where the fish pond was also doing a brisk business. "Huckleberry Hound" found himself with a good house after being won in a raffle by his delighted new owner.

During the afternoon visitors were entertained by Phil Barnes at the Hammond organ, and by

a group of Serbian National Folk dancers, whose colorful costumes and rapid footwork was much appreciated by the audience.

Several times throughout the proceedings visiting celebrities were introduced by M. C. Rex Sevencaks, among them Max Ferguson with his little daughter, Peter Whittall and his daughter, and Earl Cameron with Mrs. Cameron and son Hal. Doug Maxwell was accompanied by his charming wife, while Phyllis Marshall, whose friendliness endeared her to everyone brought her father, Joyce Davidson, N. Ettlinger, Sean Mulcahy and Gil Christie came in the afternoon and with the other well known personalities showed great interest in the club's big project of building their own theatre and art centre.

The garden, so generously loaned for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crack, looked almost lovely in the evening with the stream outlined by fairy lights and the trees and house floodlit and the effect justified the hard work of lighting and wiring the grounds by Denny Featherstonhaugh and Club President Len Jones.

of Richmond Hill to give this project its whole hearted support. The Club was pleased to welcome members of the Richmond Hill Council, among them Reeve James Haggart and his family, Deputy-reeve S. P. Tinker and his family, Councillor Mrs. M. Southwell, Councillor John Bradstock and Councillor H. Whillans.

One of the big attractions of the evening was the fashion show, so beautifully organized and commented by Esther Postlethwaite, and the lovely models, all of whom had given their services, displayed the collection of clothes by Patti-Lu, and furs by Ken Stiff to advantage in the romantic garden setting.

An exciting feature of the evening, and the result of a great deal of planning by Rex Sevencaks, Ruth Rabinowitch and Sue Sweeney, was the Art Auction. All the paintings had been donated by the artists, and while many lucky people acquired fine paintings at really bargain prices

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"Rose Of Richmond Hill"

A new Rose of Richmond Hill will be crowned Friday evening, October 7, at Allencourt Plaza. She will be the winner of the Second Annual Rose of Richmond Hill Contest, which gets underway next week, September 29, 30 and October 1, sponsored by the merchants of Allencourt Plaza.

Last year's contest launched winner Barbara Peirce, 5, on a meteoric modelling career.

During this three day period free color photographs will be taken at the plaza of all children up to and including 12 years of age who are accompanied by a parent. Free photo slips will be available in all Allencourt stores with any purchase.

Every picture will be mounted in an attractive folder and can be picked up at the plaza the following week.

During the same three days that the free photos are being taken the mother of any little girl between the ages of three and seven can enter her pride and joy in the Rose of Richmond Hill contest. All a parent need do is fill out an entry form which will be provided in the plaza store where the color photos are being taken.

Rules of the Contest

Are Few and Simple

1. The prospective Rose must be a girl between three and seven years of age.

2. The entrant must be accompanied by a parent.

3. The children must live in Richmond Hill or within five miles of the town limits.

Twenty finalists will be chosen from the photographs and the following Friday (October 7) the final judging will take place at Allencourt Plaza, starting at 8.30 p.m.

The finalists will meet a panel of judges headed by Mayor Ken Tomlin who will choose a winner on the basis of appearance and personality. Each finalist will re-

ceive a gift. Second and third prize winners will receive a big gift, and the winner will receive her choice of a bicycle or tricycle. Her mother will also win four \$10.00 certificates redeemable at any Allencourt Plaza store.

Barbara Peirce, Richmond Hill's first Rose of Richmond Hill, last year's contest winner, will crown the new Rose with a crown of sweetheart roses. And Richmond Hill will have a new princess.

Last year more than 250 children were entered in the contest that Barbara won and it launched the pretty five year old on an unexpected modelling career. She has made TV commercials for six companies, travelled extensively for the commercial movies, and was interviewed on radio.

Now she's got an agent and is being prepared for an acting career.

"It's been an exciting year for us and it all started with the Rose of Richmond Hill contest," said her mother, Mrs. William Peirce. "I just hope this year's winner is as fortunate.

Richmond Hill Town Council Town Budget Not Running A Deficit Expect To Keep Tax Rate Set—Mayor

Fined \$50.00 Let Dog Roam

A Toronto man, charged by Vaughan Township Police with letting his dog roam at large, paid \$50.00 and costs in the Newmarket Magistrate's Court on Monday, with the option of cooling off in jail for 10 days. The accused, Percy Litowitz, who pleaded guilty, said that he didn't want to return his six-month old dog to the Toronto Humane Society from whom he had purchased the animal, but he felt he could not keep it, either. "I decided to abandon it in the country," he said, "in the hope some person in need of a dog would find her. I wasn't aware of the fact that by doing what I did I was breaking the township law."

He said he feared the humane society would have destroyed the animal. According to police testimony a Keele Street resident out of Maple saw the man eject the dog from his car, took down the license number of the vehicle and notified the law. Before the law could act on the information, Litowitz apparently had a change of heart and reclaimed the dog at the impounding kennels for Vaughan and Markham Townships and Richmond Hill.

Helen Paxton Wins New Car

Miss Helen Paxton, a member of a well-known Richmond Hill family was the lucky winner of the lovely new Renault Dauphine given away by the merchants in the giant Richmond Heights Centre, Yonge Street North.

Dr. Rolph Langstaff, 92, the oldest living resident of Richmond Hill, made the actual draw. It was held last Saturday afternoon. A resident of Hunt Avenue, Miss Paxton is a popular member of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Lucky Winners Polaroid Cameras

Mr. Harry Simpson, proprietor of Simpson's Dry Goods, Yonge Street N., and his customer, Mr. Robert Harris were lucky winners in the final Polaroid Camera Draw sponsored by "The Liberal".

Mr. Harris is a resident of 95 Spuce Avenue in Richvale. Each one received a world famous Polaroid Camera.

Works Report—

Complete Markham Rd. Project By October 30

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen reported this week that Markham Road should be completely finished by October 30 if the weather holds. The spanking new thoroughfare from Bayview Avenue to Yonge Street will be 49 feet four inches wide from back-of-curb to back-of-curb. There will be a 5 ft. sidewalk from Bayview on the north side to Sussex on the south side to Yonge Street. There will be a section of sidewalk installed on the northwest corner of Sussex and Markham Road to facilitate and ensure the safe passage of school children at the crosswalk.

Levendale Road Ditch
Mr. Whalen said that the merchants on Levendale Road requested the ditch on the north side from Yonge to Jacqy Ann Drive be piped in as a safety factor for car drivers and to add to the general appearance of the area. Contributions received from the merchants on Levendale, and Loblaws and Mr. John Griffin cover the cost of the project with the town assuming only a minor portion of the expenditure.

CNR Signals
The CNR Signals Division, he said, is now engaged in the relocation of the existing signals to conform with the new pavement width at the Markham Rd. crossing. On the completion of the Markham Road relocation the Division will then proceed with Centre East signal installations.

Crosby Avenue
The Crosby Avenue paving project, which got under way on Tuesday, will run east from Yonge Street to the railway crossing. This section, said Mr. Whalen, will be a 28 feet wide asphalt pavement with concrete curbs. This will eliminate all open ditch drainage in this section. The inner section of Yonge and Crosby will widen to approximately 86 feet as compared to the present 32 feet. There also will be a section of five-foot sidewalk abutting the curb on the south side running east from Yonge Street for about 500 feet for pedestrian convenience entering and leaving the premises of the Liquor Control Board building.

R. Hill Will Rent Police Vehicles Erect "No Stopping" Signs On Yonge

Chairman of the Police Committee, Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker came before town council with a long list of recommendations, Monday, and answering a query from the Mayor as to where he had "gathered up all this business", the deputy-reeve smilingly replied, "I have no time for fishing, that's for sure," as he scanned his notes and presented several pertinent items of town business.

Anticipating that there would be a saving of \$700 per year per vehicle, if police cruisers and radio equipment were rented, the deputy-reeve moved that council accept his recommendation and authorize the police committee to enter into a vehicle rental agreement. Councillor Tom Bradhurst seconded the motion. Assure Ambulance Service
"On behalf of the people of Richmond Hill, I move this municipality subsidize the ambulance service owned by Roy McBrien, starting October 1, 1960, at the rate of \$100 monthly." Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker declared at Monday night's town council meeting. Reeve James Haggart seconded the motion which carried unanimously to insure local residents would have ambulance

service when needed.

Emergency "No Stopping"
The deputy-reeve then informed council he had received "several red hot phone calls" re Yonge Street traffic, from residents on the east side of town who are delayed in getting off Yonge Street on to a road which leads to their east side homes.

Owing to the road program on Markham Road, and to cars parked on the east side of Yonge north of Levendale, the deputy-reeve said it takes 14 minutes to drive from Markham Rd. to Centre Street in rush hours. He knows this for a fact — because he drove the area in question himself to prove it.

Taking emergency steps he at once moved that "under Bylaw 811's power we move at once to erect "No Stopping" signs on the east side of the street between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m."

Although the deputy-reeve said this would be for a two week period only, until Markham Road is re-opened, Councillor Tom Bradhurst forecast, "This will soon be permanent, and I predict that the same steps should be taken on the west side of Yonge Street in the early morning, Richmond Hill is becoming "that"

bottleneck" to people who have to travel through it. It is not creating good feeling for the town."

Re Air Pollution
Mayor Ken Tomlin instructed Clerk Russell Lynett to send copies of the Air Pollution Bylaw to council members this week for perusal at the next regular council meeting.

Air Conditioner Instead of Fan
Councillor John Bradstock, who evidently regretted the cost of an air conditioner had not been included in the costs for the renovation of the municipal building moved that instead of a fan, costing \$1,150, being purchased to cool the council chambers, a cooling unit costing only \$100, more, be installed instead. "It's my feeling we would be foolish to consider anything but a cooling unit," he maintained. "There is a possibility that County Court may be held in these chambers," he continued, "and I believe a cool atmosphere would be beneficial."

Mayor Tomlin quipped, "Certainly some would go in the cooler." He then asked where the \$1,250 would come from. Councillor Bradstock replied, "The same place as the alterations."

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More Meetings Needed To Strike Budget, Says Councillor T. Broadhurst

"Through the grace of God we are not going to be in a hole", exclaimed Councillor Whillans after Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night heard Auditor S. S. Joscelyn's explanation of the \$33,000 deficit in the town budget at the end of June which is now — because of a subsidy from the Department of Highways — stabilized again.

Speaking directly to the press, Mayor Ken Tomlin directed, "In order to re-assure the public, the budget is not running a deficit — but should run very close to the tax rate set."

Mr. Joscelyn, Town Auditor, had been requested by council to attend Monday night's session and explain the interim budget report presented last week. He first explained that any statement made, which indicated the auditor was supposed to set the budget, was incorrect. "The council sets the budget," he added, "and we (the auditors) just set it up. All department budgets were to be brought within last year's mill rate and all budgets were trimmed to that point — with the exception of the Department of Works, which should have been pared down to \$131,000 from \$245,000, but was instead left at \$170,000."

"That left \$33,000 deficit at the end of June, because the subsidies had not yet come in." In July, when the interim report was prepared the subsidies hoped for had not yet arrived, "but since this mid-term budget was drawn up," Mr. Joscelyn informed council, "an unexpected \$21,000 came in and there is an amount of \$8,000 included in the Works Department program for Crosby Avenue which will be paid for out of No. 3 Account, giving us the major part of the \$33,000."

Reeve Haggart (Chairman of Works Committee): "We had to show gross amount, not net in our report, since at the time this was drawn up we didn't have these later figures."
Mr. Joscelyn: "In the budget we have to show the amount we spend — we can't include a 'hope' in the budget."
Councillor Whillans said it would have been clearer to him if the budget had been made up for the full amount of appropriation required for the year. "They (the Works Department) are really overspending," Councillor Whillans maintained, "but, through the grace of God we are not going to be in a hole."
Councillor John Bradstock: "Regarding the subsidy received from the Department of Highways — we owe a lot to our Works Commissioner Otto Whalen for his help in getting this subsidy."
Councillor Tom Broadhurst said, "We shouldn't try to strike our budget at one meeting. We should have a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting first."

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell: "The amount you are going to get in grants from the government is unknown . . . we should set the budget without anticipating grants". She pointed out that both the town public school board and the town library had been cut in grants this year, making it difficult to maintain budgets already set.

"We can't spend any more than we budget for," Councillor Whillans said, to which Mayor Ken Tomlin replied, "Right. Works planned for the town would have had to have been cut out — if the subsidy hadn't come in."

Vaughan Twp. Under Fire Over Water Area Costs

Vaughan Township Council in general and its waterworks committee in particular came under heavy fire Monday night from a Mr. Norman Derry and Mr. Robert Bowley. Mr. Derry, who represented the ratepayers on Roosevelt Drive and Westwood Lane, Langstaff, assailed the cost of water in the area, while Mr. Bowley, speaking as an individual denounced the \$20.00 charge for the installation of meters and suggested that the township was acting illegally in the matter.

Mr. Derry said that he paid \$10.00 per quarter for his water. "How is it," he demanded, "that the comparable rate in Richmond Hill is only \$6.05, in Markham Township \$7.20 and in East York something less than \$4.00? He said that some four years ago, he and 1,500 consumers agreed to having water brought in the cost was quoted at \$9.00 per quarter. "Now there are 2,000 consumers and we're billed for \$10.00."

Mr. Bowley claimed that the township had agreed to supply the area with water for five years at a flat rate of \$3.00 per month. "There is nothing in the original contract which says the consumer is to pay an extra \$20.00 for a meter before the five year period is completed." He suggested that legally the township didn't have a leg to stand on relative to the meter issue.

Councillor Wilson Anstey, last year's waterworks chairman, Councillor Bruce Ralph, the present chairman, and Reeve John Perry presented the township's view. In effect they said that as the capital expenditure in the water area increased the township had to find more revenues to at least balance the books. "We'd love to give you people water for nothing," said Perry, "but that is obviously impossible. We're not here to gouge you. We don't make any money in your water area." Mr. Anstey pointed out that the area still had a \$60,000 deficit from the original installation costs.

Mr. Derry appeared unwilling or unable to accept the situation as it existed. Mr. Bowley seemed to launch into time-consuming and fruitless side issues. An impasse threatened when Reeve Perry said firmly, "We've listened to you. You have heard our views. The situation can't be changed. If any consumer wishes to take legal action that's up to him. I suggest that we terminate this discussion."

Hydro Staff Carries Identification Cards

Following reports that a phony meter reader had been at work in Richmond Hill, local Hydro Chairman Sam Cook reminded residents this week that all authorized hydro personnel carry identification cards. In addition some staff members wear official uniforms.

A Ruggles Avenue resident reported to police that a man impersonating a hydro inspector had collected \$2.73 from her after reading the meter.

Mr. Cook stressed that all regular hydro personnel would be glad to produce their identification cards at any time.

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