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In the above photo Reeve Jim Haggart of Richmond Hill and Mr. Tom Mills, manager of the S. S. Kresge Store are shown making the draw on Tuesday for 10 Eligible Winners of the Richmond Heights Centre Merchants Association Baby Bonus Days conducted at the Centre. The following were the lucky winners: Mrs. L. D. Whitman 242 Axminster Drive, Richmond Hill; Mrs. Lloyd Embury, 20 Jackson Ave., Maple; Mrs. Adah MacNaughton, 249 Tampico Road, Richmond Hill; Mrs. Yvonne Brown 43 Maple Ave., Maple; Mrs. R. R. Wilson, 233 Norfolk Ave., Richmond Hill; Mrs. R. Swanson, 90 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill; Mrs. Joyce Snider, R. R. No. 3 King; Mrs. E. M. Butler, Box 37, Spruce Ave., Richvale; Mrs. Doris Trotter, Lancer Drive, Maple; Mrs. George Fraser, 83 Mill Street, Richmond Hill. Winners can pick up their cheques at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Richmond Heights Centre on proof of identification.

Advance Poll December 2nd

Richmond Hill Election Sat., Dec. 10th Vote For Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve Four Councillors And Eight Trustees

Funeral From Holy Trinity

Community Mourns Sudden Passing Of Fred S. Haines

(Doris M. FitzGerald)

Village neighbours, city friends, Rotarians, former students, and many notables in the world of art, music and literature filled Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill on Thursday afternoon, November 24th, 1960. They were there to pay last respects to Fred S. Haines, R.C.A., O.S.A., one of Canada's outstanding landscape painters and etchers, and a resident of Thornhill for the past 44 years. Mr. Haines, who had suffered from a heart ailment for some time, collapsed and died suddenly on Monday, November 21. Only the day before he had been painting in his studio.

Fred Haines was born in Meaford, Ont., in 1879, and even as a small boy was keenly interested in drawing and painting. He once told us that he knew of no artists among his forbears, and felt that both he and his cousin the late Frank Carmichael had inherited their talent from the women of the family, particularly an Irish grandmother who used to do exquisite embroidery and lace work

At the age of 17, full of ambition, but with no formal training he came to Toronto to earn his living by commercial art. In the evening he attended classes at the Central Ontario School of Art, until he had saved enough money to take the daytime course. When 21 he exhibited his first picture, and more important still, married Miss Bertha Morehouse, contralto soloist at the Metropolitan Church, Toronto. The young couple established a home and studio in Meadowvale and lived there for 10 years. Then came an interval of further study at the Academie des Beaux Arts de Anvers, Antwerp, Belgium, where he won a gold medal for figure painting, returning to Canada the Haines settled in Thornhill, first on John St., and then in the studio home which they built on Colborne St. Mrs. Haines died in 1944, and their daughter Mrs. Dorothy Hoover had since been living with her father.

While residing quietly in Thornhill Mr. Haines was win-

ning wide acclaim as an etcher and landscape painter, and playing a leading role in the cultural life of the province. Principal of the Ontario College of Art for 18 years, he also served terms as President of the Royal Canadian Academy, Ottawa, of the Ontario Society of Artists, and of the Arts and Letters Club, Toronto. He was a director of the Art Gallery of Toronto for 5 years, and of the Art Gallery at the Canadian National Exhibition for a long period; also a member of the Printer-Gravers Society of London, Eng., an honorary member of the Royal Hungarian Society of Etchers; and a member of the Chicago Society of Etchers; the Print Makers of California. He is represented in the permanent collections of the National Gallery, Ottawa, the Art Gallery of Toronto, the University of Alberta, the Art Gallery, Saskatoon, and the Sarnia Public Library, and his paintings and etchings grace many private collections, and homes. In Thornhill he will be gratefully and proudly remembered as the painter and donor of 15 beautiful landscapes in oil. One of these he presented to Thornhill Public School in (Continued on Page 21)

Rumored Annexation Plans Are Blatantly Irresponsible Charges Donald G. Plaxton

Richmond Hill voters will go to the polls Saturday, December 10th, to choose a Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-reeve, and four councillors, and eight members of the Public School Board. Three members of the Separate School Board and Hydro Commissioner W. A. Wagner were elected by acclamation.

There are four candidates for Mayor, two for Reeve, two for Deputy-reeve, and six for the four council seats. Five questions will be submitted to the electors asking a decision on (1) the local bus franchise; (2) the Ward system for councillors; (3) the Ward system for school trustees; (4) Sunday movies; (5) establishment of a Parks Board.

The annual nomination meeting held Monday night was well attended despite inclement weather. Harry W. R. Sayers acted as Chairman of the meeting following formal proceedings and each speaker was allowed four minutes. In the limited time few issues received a thorough discussion. Criticism of the 1960 council centred on the rising tax rate, and the \$15,000, annual expenditure on the office of an Industrial Commissioner.

A highlight of the speeches was reference by former council member Donald G. Plaxton to a rumor that council is contemplating annexation of a considerable area for development as industrial sites. Mr. Plaxton who declined a nomination as Mayor said he hoped it is only a rumor and he considered the rumored plan as "blatantly irresponsible." He said the estimated cost of the rumored project would be half a million dollars.

The rumor of a proposed half million dollar expenditure was neither confirmed nor denied by any member of council. Only reference to annexation by a member of the 1960 council was by Deputy-reeve Tinker who said he was against it. Few candidates made any reference to the five questions being submitted to the electors. Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell declared her position as not in favor of a ward system and not opposed to Sunday movies. She was in the midst of giving

opinions on the other questions when time ran out. Clerk Russell Lynett presided for the formal proceedings and announced that an advance poll will be held at the Municipal Hall this Friday, December 2nd. Anyone who declares he will be out of town on the regular voting day may vote at the advance poll.

The nomination meeting was devoid of any fireworks, there were no questions from the floor, and no answers to any of the criticism raised by speakers. Between now and voting day several public meetings are planned which will give candidates a further opportunity to discuss the issues.

Thursday (to night) a rally for candidates will be held at Richmond Heights sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Time 7 p.m. Next Wednesday, December 7th, Allencourt Ratepayers will hold a "Meet the Candidates" meeting. It will be in Walter Scott School starting at 8.30 p.m. and everyone is invited.

Reeve W. James Haggart, candidate for Mayor said 1961 may prove a difficult year for all municipalities. Council will face rising costs and considerable unemployment, and the prospect of higher taxes is not encouraging for families with lower incomes. "The problems of next year will place a heavy burden on whoever

you choose for Mayor" said Mr. Haggart outlining some of the qualifications of a successful Mayor. He said the Mayor should be a young man with abundant energy and new ideas and experience. You can't expect him to do a good job if he has to spend the first six months getting acquainted with municipal procedure and council politics. Reeve Haggart suggested ratepayers should consider the importance of continuity on council and he said there are a great many different problems facing the 1961 council. "I am not so presumptuous as to say I am the only one qualified to be your Mayor" said Mr. Haggart, "but I will say that if you honor me with election on December 10th I will give you the benefit of my experience in office and meet the municipal problems of this municipality."

Reeve Haggart stated he felt very strongly that a Mayor should be available to the public. If elected he promised that he would have definite office hours at the Municipal Building when all ratepayers would be welcome to come and present their problems.

Reeve Haggart has served on council for four years.

Ex-Mayor William Neal, an ex-reeve of the municipality and the Town's first Mayor said he didn't know he was going to be nominated but welcomed the opportunity of saying something about town affairs. "If I run there are some things I want to see changed" he said and he mentioned the tax increase of recent years. "We can't afford to let them go higher" he said. Mr. Neal said the town's 1961 Mayor might not be too popular, as he (Continued on Page 19)

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events," the community directory of interesting dates to remember in coming weeks, appears on page three of this issue.

22 Candidates Qualify

Record 400 Ratepayers Attend Vaughan Nomination Meeting

The largest nominations audience in 10 years, 400 township taxpayers, gave the Vaughan municipal elections a rousing send-off at the Maple Community Centre on Monday evening. The mass turnout, with more than 100 persons standing at the rear of the spacious auditorium, was in spectacular contrast to the nominations audience of 50, two years ago, and appeared to vindicate the prediction in some quarters that a record vote will be cast on December 10th. Columnist Pierre Berton chaired the meeting during the acceptance speeches, when the nine school board candidates wound up as many addresses in 15 minutes flat, somewhat to the amazement and delight of all.

24 Nominations

There were 24 nominations (two doubles) for the positions of reeve, deputy-reeve, council and school board. All but one of the 22 candidates accepted. Candidates included former township officials and district newcomers.

The night was featured by dank swirling fog which reduced visibility to near zero but the inclement weather had absolutely no effect on keeping the citizens away. They came by car and on foot from every nook and cranny of the balliwick.

Charges

There were charges and counter charges and on a few occasions the atmosphere threatened

to become explosive but remained quiet only, throughout, permeated with excellent good humour, Aspiring councillor George Snider, R. R. 1 Maple, intimated that collusion existed between one councillor and a developer. This brought a heated "That's a lie!" from the audience. Chairman Berton sternly called for order. Charges of ineptness, lack of planning, regulatory policies ov-

er subdivision principals and arrogance toward the taxpayers, generally were flung at council members who in turn retaliated with demands for the accusers to show greater political understanding, mature responsibility and adherence to facts.

But no bones were broken and no blood was spilled. The post-meeting crowd lingered indoors and out in the fog for all of 30 minutes. It was a first-rate political meeting, giving promise of even livelier meetings to come.

Fletcher Maurice Windatt, Pine Grove banker, said he was concerned with the overall picture in Vaughan. He felt that the voters had been poorly briefed and given too little chance to discuss and take part in the formation of the larger school board formed last year. He felt that council had been remiss on many counts relative to general development in the township and pledged that he would, if elected, strive to make certain that developers make more appropriate contributions to schools; that the planning board's policy and duties be better regulated and better public relations be established with the press and various levels of government.

dealing with Metro and the Province. He called for sound fiscal policies, designed to halt a rising tax rate, and a carefully regulated subdivision development policy to guard against undue burdens on the present property owners.

"A free and easy policy of only subdivision development can result in the need for more schools and such basic municipal services as police, fire protection, roads, sewers and water, and administration," he said.

George C. H. Snider, R. R. 1, Maple, charged that "good government as promised by our council has not been forthcoming." He attacked township debentures for the benefit of private enterprise with no proper agreement as skull-duggery and wanted to know who was responsible for the so-called lax policy of the board. He said, "We can't take a chance on having a two-year council that condones irregularities," he said. A ratepayer cried: "My Gosh, you have Deifenbaker for four years!" A roar of laughter erupted from the audience. In conclusion Snider said level crossing in Vaughan must be opposed. This brought vigorous applause.

John Neufeld of Maple said that as a resident of Vaughan for two decades and with years of community work behind him, he felt the township would need strong, energetic leadership on the local level and in township

to take the initiative that since his wife had no more interest in not taking part in municipal politics. "I'll make no promises," he (Continued on Page 18)

Funeral Held Tuesday Clarence A. L. Mylks

The community was saddened by news of the sudden passing last Saturday of Clarence A. Mylks of Brockville, a former well known Richmond Hill citizen. He died suddenly while engaged in a curling game at Smith's Falls.

Born in Richmond Hill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Mylks "Clarie" as he was popularly known here, attended Richmond Hill Schools and took an active part in community life. He was a good athlete and played on several local hockey teams and in other sporting activities. An enthusiastic curler he was a member of the Richmond Hill club for many years, and on moving to Brockville renewed his interest in the game with enthusiasm. He was well known throughout eastern Ontario as a popular figure at Bonspiels.

For many years a member of the Holy staff here he left Richmond Hill some fifteen years ago to take over the duties of Sup-

erintendent at Delta. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to manager of the larger area at Brockville.

Richmond Hill was a member of Richmond Masonic Lodge, and was Worshipful Master in 1943-44.

The funeral service Tuesday afternoon was conducted by Rev. C. G. Higginson of Richmond Hill United Church and there was a large attendance of friends and relatives. Many beautiful floral tributes were evidence of the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends and relatives.

The pall bearers were: William Neal, Kenneth Blanchard, Kenneth McTaggart, James Grainger, Kenneth Brown, George Patton. Interment took place at Westminster Memorial Gardens.

The late Mr. Mylks is survived by his widow the former Margaret McTaggart, one daughter Shirley (Mrs. Dalton Hicks) Richmond Hill, and one son Grant William of Brockville, also one brother William of Willowdale.

Markham Township Elections Race For Every Seat In Markham Candidate For Reeve Is Challenged To Fill Five Offices Eleven Names Proposed

For the first time in three years Markham Township will see a wide-open race for every seat on Council, following the nomination meeting last Friday night when 11 out of the 13 candidates nominated qualified.

Biggest upset of the evening came when Mrs. Kathleen James, a former member of Council challenged Wilfred R. Dean, candidate for the reeveship, who is opposing William Clark, incumbent reeve, and asked Mr. Dean, "Are you the same Mr. Dean who has had an account with the York Central District High School Board in 1958, 1959 and 1960, during which time you sold them supplies from your feed business?" When Mr. Dean declared he was, Mrs. James again asked, "Are you aware of the Municipal Act which says: A person having any interest in the township corporation must not supply for profit any merchandise to a council or school board?"

Mr. Dean replied hotly, "I think you are trying to tell me I am not qualified to sit on Council", to which Mrs. James replied emphatically, "You should know the answer to that question."

Mr. Dean then spoke to the audience of 120 interested taxpayers present saying, "Apparently Mrs. James is making a decision here that I am not in a legal position to run for the office of reeve. This is a dirty trick to discredit me and my honorable name. I have not profited from selling goods to the High

voice Dean and when he raised his in protest and declared, "Mrs. James I'm still speaking," a round of applause greeted him as he continued saying, "I'll have the auditors see if it is legal."

"It doesn't matter if there was no profit," Mrs. James stated. "According to the act you could not legally sell to the high school board."

At this point Allan Sumner, a candidate for Ward I opposing present councillor John MacNeil, rose to ask a question of Mr. Clark regarding fire fighting in Thornhill — and Mr. Dean withdrew from the floor and took his seat with other members of council in the audience.

Mr. Dean's Statement

Following the meeting Mr. Dean made the following statement to the press: "I certainly intend to run for office as reeve. I have nothing to hide." Asked if he knew of this clause in the act he replied, "I know about it now but I was not aware I couldn't sell to the high school board. I thought it meant I couldn't contract any business with council. I have no contract with the high school board, they just phoned my office and ordered supplies as they needed them. I won't sell to them again."

Incumbent Reeve Speaks

The nomination meeting opened quietly at 8 p.m. following the filing of candidates' names from 7 until 8 o'clock, and Frank Brumwell took over the chair for the evening.

First to speak was William L. Clark, reeve of the township for the past four years, and this

year's 100th birthday of York County.

Mr. Clark said it was good to see the hall filled for nomination night. "I am going to let the other members of council speak of their committees," he said, "and commend and county council as I report this year's activities to you." He first commented on "the biggest problem the township has to face — that is to re-develop hodge-podge lots within the township."

"I would say we are perhaps the only municipality to have shown growth over other municipalities during this year. The highest building year before this produced \$2,200,000 in building permits. This year, to date, we have issued permits to the value of \$4,700,000 — over twice the previous high."

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MARKHAM TOWNSHIP 1961 CANDIDATES

- Reeve, W. L. Retired farmer.
 - Dean, W. R. Feed Dealer.
 - Deputy-reeve, Rumble, S. Farmer.
 - Mumberson, L. Retired.
 - Ward I Councillor, MacNeil, J. E. Manager.
 - Sumner, A. Salesman.
 - Ward II Councillor, Gamble, G. A. Executive.
 - Hooper, C. H. Farmer.
 - Ward III Councillor, Watson, S. B. Farmer.
 - Campbell, A. Supervisor.
- One to be elected in each office. Election Day, Monday, December 5th.