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In Final Session

Council Pays High Tribute Retiring Mayor, Dep.-Reeve

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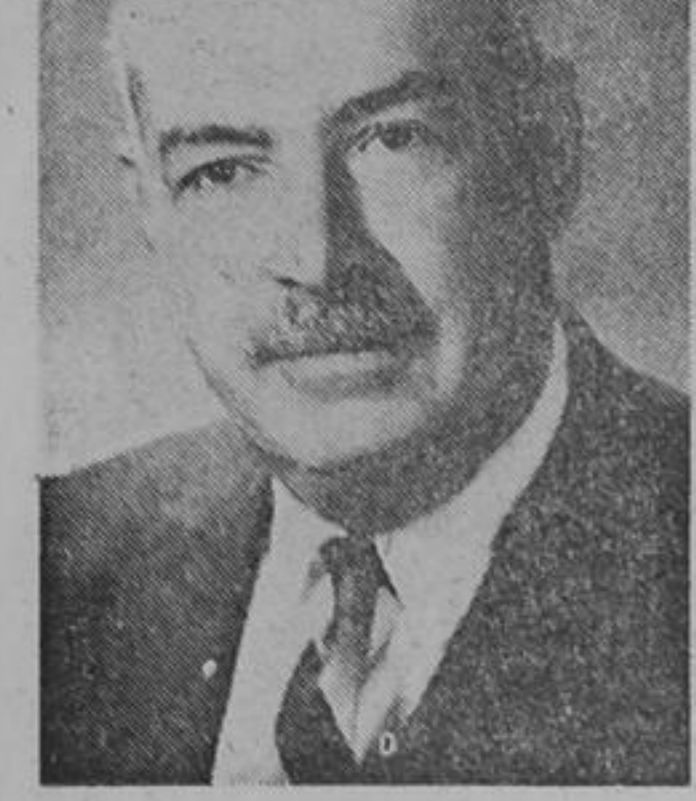


MAYOR KEN W. TOMLIN
Thirteen satisfying years.

Deputy-reeve Tinker lost out in a close race for the reeveship, and he said he is retiring without any regrets. He said it had been pointed out to him that one in public life does well to please fifty per cent of the people, and the closeness of the election race indicated he had come very near to attaining this goal. Mr. Tinker pointed out that in his first bid for public office as a school trustee some years ago he lost out by a margin of 78 votes. It was a coincidence that after serving as school trustee, councillor and deputy-reeve he was retiring now with a 78 vote deficit in the reeveship contest. He said it has been a great privilege to serve the people of Richmond Hill and he thanked his colleagues and town officials for splendid support and co-operation.

Reeve James Haggart, Mayor-elect, received the warm congratulations of Mayor Tomlin and council members. Mayor Tomlin said the Mayor-elect was experienced and well informed in town administration and he wished him every success. "If I can be of any help," said Mayor Tomlin, "just call on me."

Reeve W. J. Haggart paid tribute to the retiring Mayor. "You have given outstanding leadership in the past three years, and I am indeed sorry you will not be here next year," said the Mayor-elect.



DEPUTY-REEVE S. F. TINKER
78 is unlucky number.

Patronage Shows New Parking Lots Much Appreciated

Richmond Hill's parking lots at Yonge and Richmond and Yonge and Lorne, with their one-hour free parking for shoppers, proved popular spots during the last week-end, with heavy shopping taking place in the downtown area. Especially noticeable was the fact that all metered parking on Yonge Street was practically fully occupied, with both parking lots used nearly to capacity also. That, said retailers, gave positive proof of the need for additional parking space.

On Friday and Saturday Santa Claus, acting on behalf of the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association, distributed roses affixed to greeting cards to shoppers in the downtown area, and drew attention to improved parking facilities. All-day suckers were also given to juniors by Santa, who made calls in practically every store in the downtown section.

During the present week the Parking Authority has permitted free parking at all meters on Yonge Street as a Christmas gesture of goodwill.

Distribute Christmas Baskets Among The Needy

By tomorrow dozens of Christmas baskets will have been distributed among as many local citizens by the month-old Co-ordinating Welfare Counseling Service of the Richmond Hill. Although organized just four weeks ago, this latest help to needy persons represents only one of many good deeds sponsored by the co-ordinated welfare group which represents the efforts and good will of 250 persons in the local service clubs.

The December 14th meeting of the council finalized plans for the Christmas baskets. A committee on which sit representatives from all service clubs in Richmond Hill have spent a busy nine days investigating appeals for assistance and making certain that legitimate needs are met. President Bill Brown said that the committee is operating with great efficiency.

The service now has organized itself into five committees. They are responsible for food, clothing, dental and medical problems, fuel and emergency situations, for example a fire which could reduce a family to dire straits. All calls to the organization are channelled through the secretary while a call to any individual committee chairman sets things in motion.

Mr. Brown said that offers of help have come from bankers, lawyers, clergymen, volunteer nurses and women's organizations. "The sincere desire to give selfless

help where needed is a matter for pride and gratification," he told "The Liberal". He went on to say it is not expected that a full-time office will be opened. "We don't have the staff necessary," he explained. Regular board meetings have been held at the Richmond Theatre Grill and the next one will be on the last Tuesday in January.

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

Greet Santa Claus At Bayview Plaza



Gales of laughter and excitement greeted Santa Claus on his arrival by helicopter at the Bayview Shopping Plaza Wednesday afternoon last week.

Greeting Santa are left to right, genial Red & White Manager Fred Page, Bobby Harniman, aged 5, and Cheryl Pears, aged 2 1/2, are in the arms of St. Nick and Mayor-elect James Haggart. — Photo by Lagerquist

Lion's \$6000 Draw

Mrs. Winnie Lew Among Finalists

More than 500 people jammed the Richmond Hill Lions Hall on Wednesday evening of last week for the Lions Christmas Party — with a \$6,000 door prize!

And everyone of those present had a share in the fun, the despair and the elation of the biggest Lions' Night to date, which President Denison Featherstonhaugh says will be an annual event in Richmond Hill.

Chairman was Lion Bill Calder, but President Denison Featherstonhaugh, despite the uproar and oceanic rumble of hundreds of voices, called out names of 475 ticket holders, before turning the mike over to Lion Bill Calder, who announced the final winners, including Mrs. Bing Lew.

Two of the most exciting periods in the four-hour ceremony were: first the calling of Mrs. Paxton's name for a \$500 win — and secondly, during the final moments of the evening when it was announced Winnie Lew, of Richmond Hill, had notified the Lions Club she would "go shares" in the three final tickets held by four others still on the board — thus ensuring Mrs. Lew, along with the other finalists, would be richer by approximately \$1,500. The others who shared in the pre-Christmas luck were: J. W. Thompson, 5322 Yonge St., Willowdale; L. B. Morris, 52 Kingsway Crescent, Toronto and Don Letts and Peter Suckey of Beeton. Don and Pete had purchased twelve \$25 tickets to help the

cause along, and everyone present was delighted that they eventually got in on the final prize. Incidentally when "The Liberal" was talking to Mrs. Lew and Mrs. John Burton, sister of Pete Suckey, Mrs. Letts said, "Thank goodness they shared — the suspense was terrific."

And no truer words were ever spoken; for from the time the hall began to fill up shortly after seven o'clock that evening there was an air of suspense and expectation.

Up in the balcony, the bar — in use for the first time — did a flourishing business. Perhaps because there was one ticket drawn from ticket stubs for a prize of 50 crisp one dollar bills. (Continued on Page 4)

Curtain Club Christmas Pantomime

Turkeys, christmas trees, Santa Claus and presents — all form part of the Christmas traditions. Another more recent addition to the christmas scene is the pantomime. Last year a packed house laughed its way through the story of Cinderella. This year you are invited to the Lions Hall on either the 28th, 29th or 30th December for another uproarious evening, as the Curtain Club unfolds the story of the 'Sleeping Beauty.' We invite you all to round off your happy Christmas

season with a journey into the land of fun and make-believe. Gerry Crack's script sparkles with wit and gaiety in the true pantomime tradition. The good King and Queen (Dennis Thatcher and Jean Ralls) and a lovely Princess (Pauline Bracey-Gibbon) do battle with a very wicked witch and her cat (Margot Crack and Mary Monks) and just to balance things up there is a group of the most amazing fairy godmothers ever to exist anywhere (Dorthea Painter, Elisabeth Jack-

son, Jan Myers, Flavia Redelmeier, Muriel Gillard, Jacque Smyth and Alan Smyth).

The Prince Charming (Beth Jones) and his bodyguard (Dennis Stainer) on their way to the Princess meet a gypsy troupe (Ross Smith, Duncan Gillard, Myra Cooper, Bill Ferguson, Lisa Jackson, Joan Featherstonhaugh, Marilyn Louw and Susan Tit) who entertain them in true gypsy fashion.

The Princess as a little girl Eden Anderson) introduces you to her schoolfriends (Nicky Crampton, Sarah Parker, Nicky Morley, Nancy Appleby, Margot Sweeney, Tot Monks, Margaret Queen, Carol Smith, Deirdre Jackson and Wendy Jackson). These youngsters will really steal your hearts and trying to control them is the craziest of schoolmarm's, played by Rex Sevenoaks. His task is not made any easier by the antics of two very clumsy handymen (Bob Urquhart and Neville Cross.)

From beginning to end the show simply bubbles with infectious good humour and the arrival of the fairy queen (Bridget Crampton) assures you of a happy ending. So come along, bring the children and enjoy yourselves at this truly family show — but be quick! Tickets are LIMITED so get yours today from any member of the Curtain Club or by calling TU. 4-3595. They are only \$1 for adults and 35 cents for children.

Song For Christmas

Deck the rooms with boughs of holly;
Hang the fragrant wreaths of pine;
Far off in a lowly manger
Christ was born at Christmas time.

Humbly kneel before the altar
As at midnight candles glow;
Star of Bethlehem was shining
On the Wise Men going.

Christmas carols, sweet and holy,
Tell us of the Saviour's birth;
Far away the bells are chiming
Man's Goodwill and Peace on Earth.

Hang the wreaths of pine and holly;
Send the Christmas message far
To a world that's dark with chaos —
May He be the Guiding Star!
— Robert D. Little

Greetings

The spirit of the holiday season brings to us a fuller appreciation of the true value of old acquaintances and loyal friendships. So it is only natural at Christmastime for us to feel grateful for the fine relationships that we have enjoyed over the past years with so many of our faithful patrons and friends. At the same time that we express our gratitude, we would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a joyful, healthful and bountiful Yuletide to all.

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