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Walter Scott Orators Sweep The Board



There was no "pretty nearly" about it when young orators of the Walter Scott Public School went after the trophies symbolical of supremacy in that line among Richmond Hill schools. They actually did sweep the board. Seen above with their awards are, from the left, Judith Ritchie, with the Home and School trophy won for a prepared speech by a grade 4-6 pupil; Judith Archer, with the Public and Separate School Board Shield for a prepared speech, grade 7; Nancy Bott, with the H. J. Mills trophy for an impromptu speech, grades 4-6; Geraldine Bruce, with the Langstaff trophy for an impromptu speech, grades 7-8; the only boy winner, Raymond Karu, with the Perkins trophy for a prepared speech, grade 8, and the top award of all the Public School Board for the best speech of the evening.

— Photo by Lagerquist

Following Up Richmond Hill Site

County Grants \$77,000 Towards Work On New Hospital For Southern Areas

Development of the new hospital in the vicinity of Richmond Hill was proceeding as fast as possible, John W. Rye, chairman of the York County Hospital Commission, told members of York County Council at its sessions this week, while making his report on hospital conditions in the county. Architects had been secured, preliminary plans were being prepared and a strong medical advisory body had been set up.

The main problem to be overcome at the present moment was the acquisition of a site. This hinged on the ability of the town of Richmond Hill to provide sewage disposal. This was being studied with the help of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The York Central Hospital Association, said Mr. Rye, had been working in close co-operation with the Mayor, the works committee and other interested people, he added. Dr. Berry of the O.W.R.C. is providing a party to work with the town to survey the sewage disposal situation and come up with a solution. As soon as the sewage problem is solved negotiations for the land can be proceeded with.

As reported previously in "The Liberal," a larger hospital which would provide more beds is under consideration. Mr. Rye told County Councillors that the cost would be \$2,200,000. The York County grant would be \$1,180,000. Senior government grants would run to \$775,000. That would leave \$245,000 to be raised. It was felt that this could be done either by loans or public subscriptions.

The need for hospital beds was becoming more urgent every day.

New Areas Provide "Customers"

Kindergarten Registrations Jump Already Exceed Board's Estimate

While the figures may have shown a temporary decline in the number of pupils attending Richmond Hill public schools during April, there was little indication that there would be a shortage of future "customers," members of Richmond Hill Public School Board learned at their last meeting.

The April drop was a minor one, caused mostly by people moving. It only amounted to eleven anyway. Number of enrolments at the end of April was 3250 as compared with 3261 at the end of March.

Kindergarten registrations for September are climbing steadily as more parents put the names of their offspring on the roll. New areas, the board was told, are responsible for increasing figures. A survey in December, 1960, made by the board indicated that there might be 383 kindergarten registrations. The figure is already 406. A final comparison between the survey and the actual registration will not be possible until after schools reopen in September.

Planned For Government Employees

\$800,000 Store For Doncaster Area Given Approval By Markham Council

Markham Township will gain commercial property which will cost seven to eight hundred thousand dollars to construct and which it is expected will bring in taxation of about \$30,000 yearly, as the result of decisions by the township's planning board a week ago and of township council this week. It is expected that the new project — a department store restricted to government employees — will employ about 350 people.

Government Employees Marts Ltd. is the first of such stores projected for Canada. Its sponsors, Sarno Investments Ltd., an American firm, told township planners and councillors. There are fifty similar stores in the U.S. The first Canadian one will be located on Morgan's Hill, on the east side of Yonge Street opposite the Loblaw Store at Steeles Avenue. It will occupy land owned by the Gamble Estate and formerly held for Parkwood Motors.

The GEM project, its sponsors told council, will be a "one stop" shopping centre, with over 70,000 different lines being carried. It would handle quality merchandise. Reason for the success of similar operations south of the line, they said, was that the buying power was stabilized within known limits, the average salaries of civil servants. There was no need to carry either very low or very high priced stocks. Con-

sequently inventory losses were low. Credit ratings were high, on the other side of the picture. It was not a discount store, council members were told, although prices were, for these and similar reasons, kept low. Pilferage losses were low. "Our profit amounts to what discount houses are losing in pilferage," council members were told.

No Sales Staged
No sales were staged at any time, the promoters told council. Membership, for which there is a \$2 fee, is restricted to municipal, provincial and federal employees, school employees, hydro employees, members of the armed forces and similar groups which have a connection with the government. There were 142,000 potential members in the greater Toronto area.

The property on which the GEM store will be built will be on leasehold, the owners not wishing to sell. Tenure of the leasehold will be fifty years. Markham township planning board members approved of the project at their regular meeting on May 26th and referred it to council which, after getting a legal opinion, gave its approval last Monday.

Newly Formed Ratepayer Group Submits Anti-Apartment Brief

Campaign Gets Under Way

Varying Opinions Get Opportunity At Markham "Vote No" Get-together

The May 25th public meeting called by Markham Township "Vote No" committee was well attended by a fairly representative group of voters. Carrying out the intention that these weekly meetings are for those who are as yet undecided, a panel discussion highlighted the evening.

The question "How Are You Going To Vote And Why?" was asked the Rev. Allan Lavis of Unionville and panelists Mrs. George Metcalfe, Mrs. H. De Witt, Mr. William Thomas and Mr. Ewart Stiver. They presented their ideas on the question, which helped clarify the issues to be voted on June 21st. The implications of government stores for the sale of liquor were discussed, also dining lounges (liquor by the glass with meals) in licensed hotels and taverns, also the ballot on lounge licenses for the sale of liquor for consumption on li-

ensed premises (cocktail bars and beer parlours).

The panelists had definitely divergent views but all finally agreed on several important points. The discussion helped acquaint prospective house canvassers with opinions with which they will be confronted.

The moderator called for and received questions and comments from the floor. These contributed to clarification of the issue. A summing-up was made by the moderator.

The various working committees held brief working sessions where plans for the campaign were perfected. The next meeting of the "Vote No" committee will be held on Thursday, June 1st, at Victoria Square, when an interesting program will be presented. On Thursday, June 8, a meeting will be held in Kennedy Church, Unionville, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Sam Horwood, ex-Mayor of Brampton.

Mayor Endorses "Good Turn Day"

"I have no hesitation in asking our people to support this drive," Mayor James Haggart told "The Liberal" this week, referring to the "Good Turn Day" to be staged on Saturday, June 3rd, by local Boy Scouts.

As described in last week's "Liberal" the Scouts will perform their good turn by collecting discarded clothing for the Society for Crippled Civilians. Scouts have already distributed "Good Turn" bags in which the clothing can be placed for collection on Saturday. If you haven't received a bag — don't let that stop you. Give the clothing just the same.

Trampoline To Be Placed Down-town Near Parking Lot

Principal Investments Ltd., wanted to put a trampoline at the rear of their property on Yonge Street just north of the Bank of Nova Scotia Building Inspector J. Hollowell told members of Richmond Hill Town Council on Monday. The front of the property is rented through the parking authority for use as a down-town parking lot. There would be no interference with this. The part of the lot to be used for the trampoline is the undeveloped section on the east. Mr. Hollowell sought a ruling. Principal Investments intended to form a club he said.

Councillors decided that there was no legal barrier to such a proposition and that it fell within the meaning of present by-laws. The undertaking would be considered as a commercial club. A representative of Principal Investments said the trampoline would be a removable affair.

Police Chief Against
The police chief had reported against the project, said Deputy-reeve J. Bradstock, chairman of the police committee, saying that a hazard was created because of cars stopping to watch.

While agreeing that no action could or should be taken to stop the proposed project, councillors agreed that future policy should be against permitting trampolines to operate near main highways.

While discussing use of the Principal Investments lot, councillors expressed gratitude to the company for co-operating in the use of its property as a down-town parking lot.

COMING EVENTS

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

Town Annexation Plan Would Mean Hydro Loss

Concerned with the proposed annexation by the town of a part of Vaughan Township, the Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission will seek permission to present a brief to council regarding the matter. The area in question is bounded by the Elgin Mills Sideroad on the north, Bathurst Street on the west, and the Maple Sideroad on the south. The whole annexation is still under study by town council and the planning board.

If forced to service the area it would be a losing proposition for the local hydro. It is presently served by Ontario Hydro. Not only would it be a burden on the present hydro consumers the commission would be faced with the additional problem of having to raise \$30,000.00 in debentures in order to purchase the distribution system from the province.

In a study made by Ontario Hydro at the request of council annual revenue was estimated at \$15,860.00, while the cost of operating the system was estimated at \$16,425.00. The annual net loss would be \$565.00. The area is mainly residential and agricultural with some 128 homes. The main commercial account would be the Yangtze-Pagoda Restaurant.

"The whole proposition would be an undue financial burden to the local system," remarked Chairman Sam Cook. "In addition to the operating loss it would require the issuance of \$30,000.00 in debentures against the credit of the municipality," added Mr. Cook. "It would not be a happy situation from the standpoint of hydro."

The final decision rests with town council and the Ontario Municipal Board. If annexation becomes a reality then the hydro commission like the school boards will have no alternative but to service the area.

The members of the hydro commission at Chairman Cook, Commissioner William Wagner and Mayor James Haggart.

Public School Conference Useful

Practical Information Is Received As Trustee & Administrator Report

Exchange of information on school board problems was a feature of a zone conference of Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees Association held at Peterborough in May and attended by Mrs. Ruth Castle, member of the Richmond Hill School Board, and Mr. Kenneth Turton, the board's business administrator. They reported to the public school board this week.

Highlight of Mrs. Castle's presentation was a suggestion, emanating from the Peterborough conference, that a seminar with the staff be arranged. Trustees spent a considerable amount of time discussing the possibility of creating a closer link between trustees and teachers through such an event. Further consideration will be given, with opinions probably being sought from teachers as to a method which could be most pleasantly and profitably employed.

Mrs. J. Morris Of Maple Is Kiddie Kwips Winner

"The Liberal's" Kiddie Kwips Contest continues at a merry pace with entries pouring in from many readers throughout the district. This week's Grand Winner is Mrs. J. C. Morris, 25 Gosling Road, Maple. The right answer was, "Now I Have Heard Everything." Mrs. Morris's winning caption was, "I Said 'Sell' You're Talking To An Expert, Fall! Mrs. Morris now receives \$10.00 in Merchandise Certificates good at any of the many participating firms.

The five lucky people receiving 10% Discount Vouchers in recognition of the next five best titles are, Mrs. Sue Powell, 237 Dew Street, King City, Mrs. Catherine Percival, Elgin Street, Thornhill, Mrs. Lois McArthur, 436 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill, Mrs. Grace McNamara, 48 Crestwood Road, Willowdale, and Mrs. Lloyd

Number One Statistic For 1961 "Counting Of Noses"



"From the great waters to the ends of the earth," to borrow from the Biblical phrase from which Canada gained her title of "Dominion," the scene pictured above will be repeated many times in many ways during coming weeks as the nation's census enumerators "count noses" in the 1961 calculation of population.

Mrs. Deena Simpson of Church Street South, one of the Richmond Hill enumerators, carries on with her first "customer" as she collects information from Mrs. Marjorie Weeks of Harding Boulevard. The setting was, of course, ideal. Instead of having to wrestle on the doorstep with the huge pile of books and documents which census-takers

Is Not Worth Tax Saving Councillors Are Advised

"The primary threat directed at the heart of this historical town consists of the proposal to thrust aside by-laws only four years old and spot rezone an area for the specific benefit of one speculator, and questionable benefits to others, as claimed in the Yonge Street Professional and Business Association's brief submitted to council on May 15," said a prepared statement submitted to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday, on behalf of the West Central Ratepayers Association of Richmond Hill, and read by Douglas Boyd.

The statement declared that when Mr. Hurlburt bought the property he was well aware of the restrictions pertaining to the area. "We are at a loss to understand why he has gone to the extent indicated by his proposal," it was said. "We must presume that no assurances were given to Mr. Hurlburt by any official that the area would be spot rezoned to suit his requirements. If our assumption is correct, then the responsibility must be his alone," the statement added.

Has No Bearing
The statement declared that "On the other hand, if Mr. Hurlburt was encouraged to build in excess of the R2B zoning restrictions and as a consequence paid a purchase price in excess of the normal market value, then it would appear that some person or persons exceeded their authority in so encouraging Mr. Hurlburt and an investigation would seem to be in order. We therefore repeat and must insist that the purchase price paid for the property shall have no bearing on the deliberations of council in respect to this area."

Mr. Boyd's statement asserted that traffic density, already high, would be further increased by the Hurlburt proposal. There would be much disturbing noise in addition to hazard to children and others. Parking would provide a problem. Street widening was commented on. "We understand that there is a proposal to widen Elizabeth and Centre Streets throughout their entire lengths... a situation would be created that would be extremely hazardous by converting them into crowded thoroughfares for which they were never intended." Drainage, destruction of trees, impact on schools, were also commented on.

Spot Rezoning Condemned
Spot rezoning is dangerous, the statement claimed and should be approached with the utmost care and consideration. It was said to be an invitation for other speculative builders to make similar demands for similar developments in other parts of Richmond Hill.

Population density was compared with other sections, as council was petitioned to adhere to zoning provisions already established. It was also suggested that if the proposed widening of Cen-

tre Street was to benefit the Pleasantville sub-division, a much better, more logical and less expensive alternative, a road directly south from the sub-division to the present Vaughan side road, already a main artery of travel, was available.

Following presentation of the petition Mayor Haggart said "I want to set this straight on two matters. Mr. Hurlburt bought this property last year. No member of council encouraged him."

"No widening of the street was discussed," said the Mayor. Reeve Floyd Perkins confirmed this. "We had not even contemplated widening," he said. (Continued on Page 3)

Dumping Garbage Found Expensive By Torontonians

Magistrate N. P. Kelley, presiding over the Maple court May 23, clamped down hard on two Toronto men charged by Vaughan Township Police with dumping garbage on the side of a township road. John Canning and R. Vian, the accused, were fined \$50 and costs and \$75 and costs respectively, when found guilty of the charge. The magistrate said that he would not hesitate to deal severely with anyone guilty of such an offense. "It's illegal, dirty, and has a marked nuisance value," he said, adding that no municipality should have to tolerate such an offense against health and common decency.

Mrs. Jessie Brown of Jefferson and Geoffrey Robinson of Pine Grove, were found guilty of lighting a bonfire without permits. Mrs. Brown paid \$10 and costs and Mr. Robinson \$15 and costs. The woman pleaded a shortage of ready cash and the magistrate said he would reduce but not waive the fine. "This idea of blithely setting fire to rubbish or leaves without due leave from the authorities is a serious matter," he pointed out.

Traffic-wise it was a busy day for the court. Of the more than 80 cases of all descriptions, 45 were for speeding, Vaughan had 25 cases, King Township ten and Woodbridge an equal number.

have to carry, Mrs. Simpson was invited to come in and sit down while she put the questions which all citizens are required by law to answer. She started off by telling Mrs. Weeks that all replies are absolutely confidential and are not even divulged to any other department of government. Enumerators, incidentally, can be heavily fined if they repeat information which they gain in the course of their duties. As a matter of fact, said Mrs. Connie Matthews, local census commissioner, those interviewed will rapidly become purely "statistics" to enumerators. Each has to gather information from about 1,400 names so the individual figures will soon be smothered by the volume.

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