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Local Industrialist Is First Purchaser Of Site For New Plant

Make First Sale Recently Acquired Industrial Lands

Recorded Vote Required As Whillans, Broadhurst Press Delaying Of Deal

Richmond Hill made its first sale this week of a site from the recently acquired twenty-four acre Newkirk Industrial Park. However, it took a special meeting of council, a division and recorded vote to decide whether to accept the first offer from an anxious purchaser knocking at the door with money in his hand, or delay action until a plan of the area has been prepared and a definite sales policy established. Council after some sharp differences of opinion voted 5 to 2 to accept the offer.

Mayor James Haggart called a special meeting of council on two hours notice and compelled all members on being in their places at 7.30 p.m. "Some people say the council doesn't co-operate," said the Mayor, "but your attendance here on such short notice is evidence of a splendid spirit of co-operation." The Mayor explained he called the meeting in such haste to hear a proposal from the industrial commissioner which required an early decision.

Industrial Commissioner Robert G. Langford advised council that a prospective purchaser of a site in the recently acquired industrial area wanted immediate action as he wanted to start right away on building operations. He said if he couldn't get land here he would go elsewhere.

The prospective purchaser is a local industrialist who established a small factory here about a year and a half ago with four employees and now has 22. He is planning along with other interested parties the establishment of another industry and would like to locate in Richmond Hill. He selected a lot with a 90 foot frontage at the south end of the recently acquired industrial area and is anxious to buy it at the fixed price of \$3,250 per acre.

Industrial Commissioner Langford explained the urgency is due to the anxiety of the prospective purchaser to get started at once on a new building and have it ready for spring occupancy. He said even a few days this time of year meant a great deal in building operations. Town council at its last meeting fixed the sale price of land.

Reeve Perkins observed that he thought it impossible to anticipate the needs of potential industrial concerns. Deputy-revee Bradstock said the selling policy had to be guided by the needs of particular industries. "We have to take what comes along," he said. "We can't possibly know in advance how much land will be needed by prospective industries," said Councillor Al. White.

Industrial Commissioner Langford, speaking from long experience, said he didn't think it possible to sit down and map out the whole area in advance. He favored judging offers on their merit and considering all factors, including the present imbalance of industrial assessment, in making a decision.

Mayor Haggart took a strong stand in favour of the sale. "No matter how long we plan we might do the wrong thing," said the Mayor in discussing the need for planning the whole acreage in advance of any sale. (Continued on page 18)

Bayview High School To Hold First Commencement This Friday Evening

An impressive array of prizes for scholastic, athletic and executive ability will be presented to their winners this Friday evening at Bayview High School's first annual commencement exercises.

Officiating at the commencement which starts at 8.15 p.m. will be Mr. Howard Eubank, B.A., B. Paed., and his staff together with the York Central District High School Board. Guest speaker will be Mr. R. H. Wallace, M. A., assistant superintendent of secondary education for Ontario. Reverend W. W. Patterson, St. Matthew's United Church will give the invocation.

The commencement exercises will be supported by the prefect organization, the home economics club and the Bayview Glee Club accompanied by Mrs. H. Dunn.

Highest honours are symbolized by the York Central District High School Board cash awards for academic proficiency which will be presented by Trustee J. Wilson of the board to: Jim Reid, Grade 9; Lorraine Phillips, Grade 10; Bill Newton-Smith, Grades 11 & 12; Pat Price, Typing; Robert Obee, Typing; Jerry Leyendekker, General Proficiency.

Student council awards for high academic achievement and citizenship were won in the various grades by Barbara Lowens, Grade 9; Roxanne Louw, Grade 10; Bryan Buchan, Grade 11; Rosemary Gross, Grade 12. Other special awards and their winners are: The L. H. Sims award for outstanding development in typing skills, Pat

It's BACK To Standard Time

Here's the question which arises every year as Daylight Saving Time ends - "Which way do I turn the clock?"

It's simple! You're going BACK to Standard Time - therefore you turn the hands of the clock BACK an hour.

The change takes place on Saturday night - October 28th. So, with the extra hour in bed which the return to standard time gives you - plus the extra hour or so extra in bed on Sunday morning, you should be in fine fettle for the week's work by Monday morning.

An Editorial

A Step Towards Unity

This newspaper, which has served Richmond Hill since 1878, believes that the time has been reached in the municipality's history when a board of trade or chamber of commerce on a senior level has become an absolute necessity. There are many reasons.

Not the least of them is the vital need to establish a common meeting place where men in all lines of business can exchange ideas and, if necessary, take unified action on matters which affect the entire business community.

It is unfortunate, but completely understandable, that many business men in town today should be almost complete strangers to each other. When it is recalled that the Hill's population jumped from 6,677 in 1956 to 16,191 in 1961 there seems to be a sound reason. But that situation need not continue. A board of trade can do much to eliminate it.

Richmond Hill's balance of industrial, commercial and residential assessment is undeniably bad. Town council is doing what it can to rectify the situation. Its recent acquisition of land which can be sold to incoming industries at an extremely attractive price is a step in the right direction. So is the recent decision to require future residential subdividers to provide a proportion of industrial assessment with their projects. A live board of trade can do much to assist in publicizing the Hill and its advantages. It's a truism that satisfied industry attracts more.

Toronto, some years ago, was described as "the city of the seven pumps." There was a lot of truth in the inference that it was composed of a number of communities, related geographically and in government, but still separated in spirit and centred around their own village pumps. That spirit has largely disappeared.

It could possibly exist, in some degree, in Richmond Hill. As a matter of fact, it is almost inevitable under present circumstances. But there is little reason why, as new and most welcome residents settle down into their grooves, that situation should continue. A strong board of trade, unifying the town's business men, can do much to help progress along that line.

The projected organization need not, in any way, lessen the usefulness of existing business associations, which serve area interests. Rather, it should serve to strengthen them through its ability to talk with one voice should the need arise.

Public School Days At Pleasantville Are Behind Them



Public school days are behind for the group pictured here - the graduates of Richmond Hill's youngest public school - Pleasantville. They staged their graduation ceremonies last week. In the front row from the left are June Farrow, Marilyn Wright, Penny Luckins, Shannon Fraser, Cheryl Anderson, Carol Hunter, Maureen O'Brien, Jane Hiscott, Judy Whitall, Karen Stoddard, Margaret Rice. In the back row are Mr. Duard Rose, principal of Pleasantville, Roger Pierce,

Wayne Long, John Cover, Wayne Downey, Cliff Garland, Gordon Thompson, Barry Aldred, David Pratt, Ted Thorn, Greg Dueffert, Michael Graves, Robert Wright, Mr. Peter Ross, Grade 8 teacher. The plaque which Barry Aldred is holding is the Home and School plaque, which has the name of the outstanding student each year engraved on it. It remains in the school. (Photo by Lagerquist).

Markham Councillors Force Meeting

York County's busiest municipal gavel got a full workout this week as Markham Township councillors discussed police work in that municipality. Reeve Wil-

Reject Addition To Staff Until Police Chief Is Questioned

fred Dean on one occasion re- minded council members of the rules of procedure, insisting that the "one speaker at a time" rule should be observed.

A lively discussion followed the submission of a report from the police committee. It said Sergeant Harvey E. Cox be- named Deputy Chief Constable. "I will not approve taking on

two men until we clean up on the situation within the department," declared Deputy Reeve Lawson Mumberson. He declared that the chief was absent on a Monday after two serious crimes were committed. "We are being stalled week after week," S. B. Watson agreed that it wasn't.

Members pressed for the setting of a date when police matters could be discussed. Council- lor Watson was insistent. He complained that there had been a constant putting off. "And that's not the only thing," de- clared Councillor Sumner, nam- ing several points on which no action had been taken. "Coun- cillors finally decided to meet in committee of the whole on Friday of this week to hold a special discussion on police affairs, with the Chief being Past "Hit And Miss" "This township is past the

Silver Dollars, Bicycle, Prizes For Youngsters

Another Richmond Hill business is marking a step forward this week, with Richmond Hill Cold Storage Ltd. - or "Town and Country" - to give it its other name - staging special events to mark the recent expansion of its premises. One hundred silver dollars given to visiting children, plus foods at half-price and other attractions, will be highlights of the event at the plant on Markham Road, Richmond Hill, east of the C.N.R. tracks.

From the front of the building, where new sod and foundation planting have created an attractive appearance, the plant has undergone big changes in recent months. Its 41 employees now have room to turn around - something which was lacking before alterations, when rapidly-increasing business had taxed capacity. Biggest change has been in the handling of incoming and outgoing meats, groceries and canned goods, an assembly line procedure enabling speedier and easier work. A complete drug department has been added.

Storage and cold room facilities have been increased. Offices have been extended. They complete the first stage of ex- pansion. Another stage will be carried out next year.

On Friday and Saturday of this week one hundred silver dollars will be given to youngsters visiting the plant, when they answer exceedingly simple questions. They will have the chance of winning a CCM bicycle in a costume contest on Saturday, plus other prizes. Their parents will be given numbered tickets as they enter the plant, the numbers corresponding to numbers on goods on the shelves. That particular item they can purchase at half its usual price. Or, for instance, if their number corresponds to

Business Men Unanimous On Need Board Of Trade Under Organization

A Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade - its exact title will be settled later - for Richmond Hill got under way at a dinner meeting held last week. Representatives were present from different sections of the town and, between them, covered a broad range of business activities, including industrial. There was unanimous agreement that the time had come when such an organization was a necessity.

Mayor Haggart, one of those participating in a completely informal discussion, gave the project organization his blessing. It was needed for many reasons, he said. Among them was the fact that it would act as a co-ordinating body for various fields of business activity and would also be of major assistance in publicizing Rich-

mond Hill and its advantages. He declared that one of its principal assets would be its ability to draw together the large number of business men who had made Richmond Hill their headquarters in recent years and who had hardly had time to get to know each other. While he could not act as Mayor take an active part in organization affairs,

he said that he would do all that he could to assist. The discussion emphasized that the proposed organization would not in any way overlap existing area organizations of business men. Each of them had its own local activities and the Chamber of Commerce would not trespass on them. A further organizational meeting will be held at an early date, with definite plans being made to get the organization rolling.

COMING EVENTS "Coming Events," the community directory of interesting dates to remember on Page Three. (Continued on page 18)

Board Should Be Elected - Getting Away From Democracy - Says Hooper

High School Loaded With Supervisors, Councillors Told

A declaration by Councillor Charles Hooper that members of high school boards should be elected, not appointed - a question by him as to how farmers who get up at the crack of dawn would feel about appointing a man at a cost of \$20,000 a year to look after school affairs - a statement by Reeve Wilfred Dean that he still stood by his statement, given to the press recently, that the appointment of a superintendent of education by the York Central District High School Board was premature - a question by Councillor Allan Sumner as to why the board had been placed at the bottom of a list of ratings by the federation of teachers - arguments in favour of the appointment of a superintendent by Board Chairman E. R. Axelson and a statement that the system was already top-heavy with "brass" by Mrs. Kathleen James, board member - featured a long discussion on secondary school affairs at Markham Township Council meeting this week.

Appearance of trustees on the high school board who were appointed by Markham Township Council followed a recent decision of the board, by a close margin of six to five, to appoint a superintendent of education. Markham councillors agreed that they wanted to know what justification there was for the expenditure, estimated to be about \$20,000 annually. Board Chairman E. R. Axel-

son gave a recapitulation of the reasons. They included expansion of the school system, the probable addition of another school, the feeling that it was a good thing to give the appointee a year of previous experience in the district and that, prior to reaching the status of inspector, he would have the opportunity to effect substantial improvements in the administration of the schools. Also given

as reasons were the need to do planning and make decisions in the academic and vocational fields, the need to ensure uniform application of policy decisions, the need to establish closer liaison with elementary schools. Mr. Axelson claimed that administration costs in the district were low. He claimed that they amounted to only 4.6 per cent of the budget whereas the average was 7 per cent. He asked why the school board had received no previous representations from council when the subject had been common knowledge for a month.

Advised Already Querying the number of teachers likely to be employed in the high school system, Councillor Allan Sumner drew from Mr. Axelson the admission that when a new school was built at Richvale it was likely that 13 teachers would be employed there. He also agreed that the department of education now sends in an inspector, plus subject inspectors, and pays the cost. He said also that the position had already been advertised, with applications to close on November 3rd. It was later

revealed that, although applications would be received up to the November deadline, arrangements had been made to screen applications on October 23rd. Why was the York Central District High School Board given a very low rating by teachers in a report published by their federation a year ago, Councillor Sumner asked Mr. Axelson. The latter said that a really satisfactory explanation had never been received and the board had been very much surprised.

Doesn't Want To Hear Although he gave his version of events, Mr. Axelson declared that he did not want to hear Trustee Mrs. Kathleen James when she was asked to report. He had heard her arguments for three months, he declared. "I'll just sit down and when he goes then I'll speak," said Mrs. James, who was referred to by Reeve Dean as having "fought courageously" against the appointment of a superintendent.

Chart Gives Picture Producing a chart which reflected directional activities, Mrs. James showed that there were four principals who did not teach. There were three vice-principals who spent half of their time teaching and the other half assisting principals in administrative work. Total annual salaries of the group were \$82,575. There were 29 heads of departments who, with their pay and special allowances, received \$241,100 yearly. That group was over 88 straight teachers, who received annually \$549,650.

In addition there were nine secretaries who were paid \$25,980 in a year. The same situation existed on the caretaking and maintenance staff, declared Mrs. James. A supervisor of maintenance received \$5,200 a year. An assistant to him got \$3,800 yearly. There were four head caretakers and 17 ordinary caretakers receiving an annual total of \$74,550. As well, appointment of a shop director at \$10,100 yearly is going through. In its offices the board has a business administrator. (Continued on page 17)

Markham Township To Vote Dec. 4th

Nominations in Markham Township will take place on the last Monday in November, as in former years, councillors decided at their meeting this week. Elections will take place on the first Monday in December, which will be the 4th. Due to increasing population in certain sections of the township, there would be changes in polling subdivisions this year. Township Clerk Harry Crisp told council members.