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\$2,000 Election Bill Saved By School Board Shuffle

Community Cooperation Profitable As E. Richvale Gets Water System

The season's worst pun was perpetrated by President Fred Gerard of the East Richvale Residents Association at Markham Township Council meeting this week, when he told councillors that the residents of his area had a new version of a Christmas carol. Its opening line was "No-well, No-well". Council members smiled goodhumouredly, realizing that the fact that the tender had just been awarded for the long-sought water system for the area was sufficient justification.

There is a distinct hope that the "no well" by Christmas may be a reality. Council passed a by-law accepting the tender of the Leaside Contracting Company Ltd., subject to the usual approval by the engineer. The Leaside tender is for \$49,128.47, covering work only, and was the lowest of eight received. There was a considerable spread in quotations, the highest being \$75,113.

District Clergy Plan For Leadership Training

Plans were made on Monday morning in the local ministerial conference for the observance of the Week of Prayer, and the holding of a leadership training school in the new year. Meeting at the United Church parsonage here, with the Rev. Charles Higginson as host, the meeting was conducted by Sunday School teachers and youth leaders on five successive Thursday evenings, beginning on January 25. The place of the school is Richmond Hill United Church. Courses will be offered

Famous Firm Chooses Hill

DeLaval To Locate Here

DeLaval Turbine Company of Canada Ltd., offshoot of the century-old DeLaval Company whose cream separator became a household word, will open its Canadian office in Richmond Hill on December 1st, Realtor Jack Seaton told "The Liberal" this week. One thousand square feet of space in the Lowrey Building at 15 Yonge Street North will be occupied.

Ultimately, said Mr. Seaton, the company will establish its Canadian plant. He hoped that it would be possible to secure it for Richmond Hill. Mr. W.

"Is Little Theatre Doing Its Job?" Curtain Club Panel On Dec. 4th

One of the most unusual experiences in Canadian Theatre will occur on December 4th in

Bayview Member Is Addition To Commerce Group

Roundup of representation for the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce steering committee, which has been given the job of preliminary organizational work, was completed last week with the addition of Robert Fountain of Fountain's Hardware, Bayview Plaza. At the first meeting one business man was named from each section of the town, with the exception of Bayview.

The steering committee held a preliminary meeting this week. Present were Chairman F. J. Picking, members George Hill, Vern Dykes, Doug Platt, Robert Fountain, M. E. Williamson, Jack Warner. It was agreed that work would be organized in such a way that a general meeting of the whole potential membership of the Chamber could be called in January.

Mayor Haggart, in his weekly report to the people over the air, welcomed the new chamber as a distinct asset to Richmond Hill.

Co-operation Paid Off

Culmination of plans marks the end of a long, hard fight by residents of the growing area and emphasizes a co-operative community effort. By next week-end, said president Gerard, all house installations will be in. And they will be in at a price far below the average \$120 a foot. Actual cost will be 63 cents a foot, plus \$3 for other work needed. As soon as the Ontario Municipal Board gave its approval Mr. Gerard and executive members of the association got busy and signed up all property owners. There are 87 of them. The necessary pipe to carry water from the

street line to houses was bought by Mr. Gerard and supplied to residents at cost. All home owners paid cash. Then members of the executive and other association members got busy on trenching and carrying water-lines into houses. "They won't buy any Cadillac on the strength of that job," said Mr. Gerard. All labour was donated. And it was real labour. A number of the houses were without basements and consequently the labour was increased. Fourteen men worked at the job.

So, if and when "Noel" and "no well" are intermingled at Christmas, there will be a special note of satisfaction as, at long last, taps are turned on in East Richvale through a community co-operation job.

Santa To Arrive At Centre Dec. 9

Santa Claus is to arrive at the Richmond Heights Centre on Saturday, December 9th, in the nose cone of a glass rocket, after a trip from the south end of the town. When he gets there he will find the Centre decorated in keeping with the season.

His house will be set up in the Centre and postal boxes will be erected in which children of the area may deposit their letters to him. They will be specially marked to indicate their purpose. Every letter will be answered.

Santa's stay will be a lengthy one. Arriving on Saturday, December 9th, he will stay until Christmas Eve.

Plans were made to have two churches open for prayer each evening during the World-wide Week of Prayer, January 8-12, Monday to Friday, and from 7:00 to 9:00 each evening. St. Mary's Anglican and Thornhill Baptist were chosen as host churches. Literature of a devotional nature will be provided. The Christians of the community are called to drop in for prayer for a few minutes or longer, each evening if possible. Devotions were led by Dr. Minton Johnston, one of the members, in his regular Monday morning devotional period at 10:48, over C.B.C. Radio.

Ward 1 Elected by Acclamation

Box score an hour after Markham Township nominations closed last Friday evening was: All speeches finished; one reeve elected by acclamation; one deputy reeve elected by acclamation; councillor for Ward 1 elected by acclamation; three men nominated for councillor in Ward 2; two men nominated for councillor for Ward 3. In addition, three school areas had one excess candidate nominated in each, meaning an election if all qualified by 9 p.m. on Saturday. And, to top it off, a welfare officer had resigned.

Reeve Wilfred Dean will occupy the reeve's chair for 1962 — his second year in that office. Both he and his 1961 deputy, Mr. Lawson Mumberson, were nominated. Mr. Mumberson later qualified for deputy reeve, leaving Reeve Dean with an acclamation.

Deputy Reeve Mumberson, Councillor Stanley B. Watson and Stewart Rumble were nominated for the deputy reeve for 1962. Watson qualified for a rerun for councillor in Ward 3. Rumble withdrew, leaving the field to Mumberson.

Councillor Allan Sumner, sitting councillor for Ward 1, never had any doubt as to where he stood. Nobody else was nominated.

In Ward 2 it is certain that two former Wardens of the County of York will battle it out. At 9 p.m. on Friday night a third name, Stewart Rumble, was in nomination but had not qualified. The two ex-wardens whose names are certain to be on the ballot, as both qualified immediately, were Councillor Charles Hooper, sitting member, and former Reeve William L. Clark.

Welfare Officer Resigns In Ward 3 Councillor Stanley B. Watson, sitting member of Markham Township Council will be faced by a long-time township clerk, Charles Hoover, Mr. Hoover, who has been serving as township welfare officer for some time on a part-time basis, resigned, from that office at 6 p.m. on Friday, an hour before nominations closed.

Fourteen candidates were nominated for the three school area boards. In Area 1 four persons were nominated for three two-year terms. They were: Mrs. F. M. Aimore, Bruce Sider, Allan G. Parker, John J. Mackay. In School Area 2 also, four persons were nominated for three seats on the board — Ray Grant, D. J. Parsons, Frank Hazelhurst, Frank J. Wolfe.

In School Area No. 3 is a new one which will come into operation on January 1st, 1962. There are five trustees. Six persons were nominated. Of the five elected the top three will serve for two years and the other two for one year. Nominees, most of whom failed to qualify the same evening but who had up to 9 p.m. Saturday to do so, were H. C. Betts, S. Richardson, S. R. Patterson, Arnold Mortson, Melvin Wellman, William Hibbard.

Speeches Were Short Speeches addressed to an audience which filled the hall comfortably, without any overcrowding, were brief. A questions and answers period attracted only a couple of questions; both dealing with local problems.

The township had started the year with two strikes against it, said Reeve Wilfred Dean. Theft by an employee of a considerable sum had left a shortage. This had been taken care of by the bonding company. A major deficit in the road budget due to overspending had been caught up with. The planning for the south-west corner of the township, started some time ago, was showing results. Building during 1961 had amounted to \$5,740,000 to date. There had been a million-and-a-half dollars increase in assessment and another million would be added to the figure before the end of the year. High-priced homes, which would be self-sustaining on their taxes, had been erected and had sold well.

Mr. Pust has been active in the militia for many years and has a basic knowledge of emergency measures activities. On November 30 he will speak to representatives of all ratepayers associations in the township. He will outline the plan for co-ordination of activities and rescue work in the case of a nuclear attack. A film will be shown. The meeting will be held in the council chamber at Maple on Thursday, November 30, at 8 p.m.

Klees Family Move To Richmond Hill Plant



The modern plant of the William J. Klees Company, pictured above, is located at 69 Industrial Road, Richmond Hill. As the accompanying story relates, the business has been operated by three generations of the same family. It moved from Willowdale to Richmond Hill last September. (Photo by Lagerquist)

Chicago may have its Armour packing company, distributing meat products over a wide area, but Richmond Hill has its William J. Klees Company, Ltd., carrying on a similar function on a smaller scale in this area. The Klees organization, which moved to the Hill only last September, is another of the new firms which are gradually rounding out Richmond Hill's function as a distributing centre.

It's a bit of a misnomer to call the Klees firm a "new" one. It's new only in the sense that it has recently come to town. The third generation is now helping in the operation of the plant on Industrial Road. Like many others in the district, the Klees family originated in Germany, from whence Grandfather

John came. He started in the meat business in Canada in a very small way, selling on Yonge Street in downtown Toronto from a basket on his arm. Truly Home Product. The production end of the business was run on an equally modest scale. The sausage which John Klees handled was made in a kitchen across the street from the Simpson store location. It was literally a "hand to mouth" operation. A pig was bought — made into sausage — the sausage sold — and then the cycle started again. Increasing business forced a move to further north on Yonge Street, then to Willowdale.

The three generations in the business start with Grandfather John. His son William carried on, later getting out of the business, which was then operated by a member of a famous old Vaughan Township family, the Keffers. He farmed and ran a driver's business at Bethesda for some years, buying cattle on the hoof, turning them into butcher meat and disposing of it. Finally he went back into the meat business full time. Now his son Carl is helping to carry on the three-generation business, which is supplying meat — practically all red brand — to an area from Newmarket to the lake front and from Agincourt to Weston. Carl is a partner in the company, whose office work is carried out by the wives of father William and son Carl. Two trucks help keep supplies rolling and four men, besides

the family, are kept employed. The firm makes all its own sausage, does other processing and is justly famed for its outstanding corned beef.

The firm handles a wholesale business only, dealing with restaurants, clubs and retailers. It held "open house" this week, welcoming many of them. Mayor James Haggart and Industrial Commissioner Robert Langford carried the compliments of the municipality to one of its newer businesses.

The firm occupies 4,000 square feet in its new building — a far cry from the kitchen in the down-town Toronto where the business started. Modern freezing rooms and up-to-date equipment are being installed to keep pace with growing business.

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Two Former County Wardens To Contest Council Seat

Reeve And Deputy Acclaimed In Markham

New factories were anticipated, said Reeve Dean. His cheeriest note was reserved for the satisfactory balance between residential and industrial-commercial assessment. It had been growing steadily better, he declared, and was now 71.7 per cent residential and 28.3 per cent industrial-commercial. With the completion of the new GEM store, the Reeve expected that the end of the year would show 70-30.

Financial Picture Said Good The township's finances were in excellent shape, said Deputy Reeve Lawson Mumberson, who was chairman of the township council's finance committee during 1961. All departments were within their budget except one

small one, he declared, where the deficit was only \$200. Reporting as chairman of the water and sanitation committee, he said that steady progress had been made in installing sewer services. He had hoped to get started on Highland Park projects but had been delayed because approval had not been received from the Ontario Municipal Board for the project. Negotiations leading to the sharing of water services with Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township were being carried on.

One Board Too Many Speaking briefly, Councillor Allan Sumner of Ward 1 reported on the acquisition of a new tank truck. It was hoped to find a site for a fire-hall in the western part of the township. An adequate proportion of public open space was being maintained. Crediting the planning board with "holding the line", he said that the proposal to create another planning board on the county level would result in there being "one too many". It had been an interesting year, declared Councillor Charles Hooper. Markham had been the only municipality in the county to reduce its local rate during the year, although

Vaughan Is Stopping Hunt For More Water In Elgin Mills Area

Exploration for a further supply of water in the Elgin Mills area is being stopped by Vaughan Township for the present. The waterworks committee, headed by Councillor Mrs. Ruth McConkey, reported that recent discussions with Richmond Hill and Markham Township had indicated that a considerable supply might now be available. Mrs. McConkey and her committee will discuss the subject with the two other municipalities.

Council Chooses Liaison Officer For Vaughan Twp.

A Maple resident, Graham Pust of 27 Malaren Road, has been appointed Emergency Measures Organization liaison officer for the township of Vaughan. The appointment was recommended to township council by the finance and general purpose committee and approved. He will serve as the link between the County Co-ordinator at EMO headquarters at Newmarket and the local municipal government.

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Long Holiday Believed Certain

Boxing Day Observance Now Considered Likely

There's a metal sign which appears on the rear of many cars — usually ones of ancient vintage — which declares that "If you can read this you're too darned close."

Which serves as a reminder that, when you read this, Christmas is too darned close — that is, if your shopping is not done. Date of this issue is November 30th — a little subtraction gives you the answer.

And, in turn, that brings up the question of Boxing Day — that ancient English holiday which has been adopted on this side of the water. "To holiday or not to holiday — that is the question" — to borrow from Mr. Shakespeare.

Indications that the day after Christmas will again be observed as a holiday are strong. Merchants interviewed by "The Liberal" are overwhelmingly in favour of closing on Tuesday, December 26, which will give them Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at home. Bank managers interviewed say that they will follow the lead set by mun-

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Unusual Situation Gets Unusual Treatment Fast

A decision by Public School Trustee Cecil Williams and a hurry-up meeting of the public school board on Tuesday evening helped to save \$2,000 for taxpayers of Richmond Hill. At municipal nomination meeting on Monday evening all offices except those of reeve and public school trustees were filled by acclamation. Those wishing to stay in the race had up to 9 p.m. on Tuesday to qualify by completing the necessary documents with Town Clerk Russell Lynett. W. J. (Tom) Taylor, former reeve of Richmond Hill and Warden of York County, said during the day that he had been considering how the town would be best served. Nominated for reeve in opposition to incumbent Reeve Floyd Perkins, he decided that the town's financial interests came first and did not qualify, creating an acclamation for Reeve Perkins also.

That left the public school ring continued to mount. The board, where five persons — situation was further complicated by the fact that, as reported earlier, Jack Knott, had been in last week's "Liberal" the all other seats filled by acclamation. Trustee Williams had given his resignation to the public school board, was indicated. Total cost of an election is around \$4,000. Ap-31st. That meant that one of the first actions of the new board would be to appoint a successor in preparation of voters. If the usual practice was followed — and there was no legal need that it should be — the candidate next in line in the way of votes received, after the successful candidates, would be to spend to knock out one person out of the municipal (Continued on page 3)

Nomination Meeting Quiet, Brief

Town Elections Voided Acclamations Are Rule

A comparatively small attendance marked Richmond Hill's nomination meeting for municipal offices for 1962, with acclamations predominating. In the cases where acclamations were not given immediately — the reeve and school board trusteeships — they resulted the next day, leaving the town electionless and, in the process, saving some \$2,000 due to the action of school trustees, detailed in a lead story.

Mayor W. James Haggart, who declared in August that he would not be available for re-election, changed his mind and was given an acclamation. Reeve Floyd Perkins saw W. J. (Tom) Taylor nominated to oppose him. Mr. Taylor failed to qualify before 9 p.m. the next day, leaving the seat unchanged. Councillor Tom Broadhurst stepped up, also by acclamation, to the deputy

Separate School trustees Gordon Trusser, Mrs. Marjorie Gleason and John LeClair, were given an acclamation. Public School trusteeships finally went by acclamation, to Mrs. Irene Worrell, Mrs. Ruth M. Castle, Ronald Firman and W. H. Hutchinson, 1961 trustees, and new contender Jack Knott, also by acclamation, to the deputy

With the exception of an interchange over the fact that Bayview Avenue was not taken into the York County road system, as anticipated, addresses were moderate in tone. Mayor Haggart declared that he had made his August retirement announcement reluctantly but honestly. Many unfinished projects of major importance, he said, plus the need to prepare a twenty-year plan and the threatened "grab" of territory by Metro Toronto, had influenced him in standing for another year. Many of the projects which the town (Continued on page 3)

Hill To Have Police Court

Richmond Hill is to have its own police court, Mayor James Haggart announced on Wednesday morning. His statement culminated long negotiations which will see the court operating four days weekly — two days on criminal cases and two days on traffic cases. Establishment of the court will save persons having to appear before a magistrate the time and expense of going to Newmarket.

Court space will be in the municipal buildings, with the necessary structural alterations being made. Rent will be paid by the Attorney-General's department. Magistrate Russell G. Pearce of Gormley, who has been serving in Toronto courts, has been transferred to this area. He will take traffic cases and Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, senior York County magistrate will handle criminal cases.

Among beneficiaries of the move will be local police departments, whose members have had to put in considerable extra time travelling to Newmarket.

AURORA: The town has 14 acres which, joined to other properties in the area, will give 25 acres of parkland near the centre of the municipality. It was bought under legislation permitting the town to protect its water area. It will be Aurora's second major park. Purchase price was \$11,000.



Mayor J. Haggart



Reeve F. R. Perkins

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