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Local Volunteer Hospital Auxiliary Organization Meeting Tues., Jan. 30

The acute shortage of hospital beds, the long waiting period for accommodation for even seriously ill patients, the weariness and expense entailed for families trying to visit loved ones in far-away hospitals are matters of real concern which make all of us yearn for the early opening of our own hospital in Central York.

Everyone can help to hasten the day when we will have a hospital with plus-quality care if we turn our good wishes into action now. A hospital volunteer auxiliary is being formed to give opportunity to help each of us serve in the best way we can: to co-ordinate all our efforts into top-quality services and equipment for our hospital and to rally everybody's support so that the weight of a roused public opinion will encourage the hospital board and the municipalities to get on with the building and operation of a hospital in Central York without delay.

These official bodies have done a fine and generous job of co-operative planning and financing which can make our hospital a reality but the hospital's spirit and quality of service to patients and the community will depend on the voluntary concern, devotion and loyal service of all citizens. It is the thoughtful little things which mean so much to the sick. It is the imaginative pooling of individual voluntary efforts which accomplishes wonders in these days of high costs and staff shortages in the service professions. To share in the Central York Hospital adventure we should all become members of its volunteer auxiliary.

A second meeting of interested women from the Central York area was held recently and all reported keen interest from the people in their communities to whom they had been able to talk about our hospital and its volunteer auxiliary. Over and over again it was emphasized that everyone is welcome to become a member of the hospital auxiliary and to voluntarily serve the hospital in whatever way he or she can contribute best.

Although women have initiated the efforts to found a volunteer auxiliary there will be all sorts of opportunities for men and women, young and old to serve as volunteers and to be members of the auxiliary. So that everyone may hear what is happening and share as founders for the Central York Hospital a public meeting is planned to be held in the Richmond Hill Lion's Hall at 8:15 on Tuesday, January 30th. So please mark this important date on your calendar for the new year and plan to attend.

A temporary committee has been set up to arrange for this public meeting. All interested citizens from this whole area are urged to attend this meeting at which they may become founding members of the volunteer auxiliary.

Unit branches will be organized shortly thereafter in the various communities and each will have a representative on this central executive so that all volunteer activities will be well co-ordinated and all services manned.

Generous creative thoughts should come to all of us during the festive season as to ways in which we and our families or clubs and associations can give meaningful service to our new hospital. Bring along your ideas - Come and be a founder. Do Come - Everybody - to the founding meeting of the volunteer auxiliary of the York Central Hospital on January 30th.

Wm. Neal Local Issuer

1962 Car Plates To Go On Sale January 2nd

Transport Minister Rowntree announced this week that the new 1962 drivers' licences and motor vehicle permits would go on sale at all issuing offices on January 2nd.

He said that people would notice a change this year. "In the interests of the Department's continuing accident prevention program," the minister continued, "we have had im-

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Delay Vaughan V.O.N. Until A Committee Ready

Plans for the extension of services offered by the Victorian Order of Nurses to Vaughan Township were put off till early in 1962 at a recent township council meeting.

It was recommended by the finance and general purpose committee of council that the matter of VON services in Vaughan be dealt with after a ratepayers committee, willing to support and promote the Order in the township, had been organized.

The committee is needed before the VON services can be established because it would be through the efforts of that group that much of the money necessary for the operation of the Victorian Order of Nurses would have to be raised.

School Board Awards Fuel Tenders For '62

Richmond Hill public schools will use 46,000 gallons of fuel oil this year, it was disclosed this week when trustees awarded a contract to British American Oil at 12.57 cents a gallon. Eight thousand gallons of stove oil will be purchased at 17.1 cents a gallon, with a thousand gallons of furnace oil being purchased from Hall's Domestic Fuel Ltd. at 17.1 cents a gallon.

In addition, 425 tons of coal are used. The board is this year investigating the use of a sand spreader, tenders to close before the first meeting of 1962 on January 8. The motion was carried.



Bing Gives A Party

Richmond Hill's Mayor James Haggart took on a new job last week, acting as Santa Claus when Bing Lew of the Town Inn gave his traditional Christmas party for the youngsters of the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home. (He's the Santa in the centre—not the one on the wall.) Bing is seen giving his usual Christmas gift to the youngsters—a package of candy which includes a silver dollar. Forty-five children from the home attended, only fifteen juniors, less than five years old, being left at home. A turkey dinner preceded Santa's visit, with a movie and singing following. In the lower picture John Moore, managing director of the home, together with members of the staff, look at a Christmas present which will last the youngsters all year—a Britannica Junior Library, presented by "The Liberal" in co-operation with Encyclopaedia Britannica. Seen, from the left, are Mrs. M. Whitton, nursery supervisor; Mr. Moore, Mrs. Ethel Trull, house mother; Mrs. W. Heaton, house mother; Miss Lillian Scott, senior house mother. A future loser looks on at the right. Several members of the board of the home were present for the party, with Rev. J. O'Neil, chaplain of the home. During the same week, Bing Lew also entertained 45 children from Thornhaven, the school for retarded children. Bruce Langdon of King City and Pinewood Aggregates made contributions to the parties. (Photos by Lagerquist.)



Christmas Holidays

No More School Until Wednesday, January 3

The old school-boy rhyme, "No more questions, no more books, no more teachers" and so on, held true again last Friday when all Richmond Hill and district public, separate and high schools dismissed classes for the Christmas holidays.

Most schools held the usual Christmas parties and assemblies and in most cases the entire programme was put on by the pupils.

In spite of the "This is the season to be jolly" theme, so common this time of year, students still had to write examinations, but in some schools the exams were held early this year—around the end of November.

Bayview High in Richmond Hill was one of the schools that had early exams. Pupils began writing November 27th and finished on December 4th. After the exams were over the students returned to regular time-table. It was reported that Woodbridge High also wrote early exams this year.

Both Richmond Hill and Thornhill High Schools followed regular schedule and continued writing their exams until last Friday.

The six Richmond Hill Public Schools completed their tests earlier in December and report cards were distributed before the holidays began.

The two separate schools in the Hill, Our Lady Fatima and Our Lady Help of Christians, held examinations during the first week of December and reports have been distributed.

All students will return to regular classes on Wednesday, January 3, following the Christmas recess.

Lower T.T.C. Rates Will Only Benefit Metro Area

Present indications are that riders using the North Yonge Bus Line will not benefit from any proposed reduction in the T.T.C. fares for the Metro area. In a move designed to lure more suburban riders the T.T.C. will offer a ride downtown from the outermost areas of Metro for 27½ cents starting February 1st. The basic fare for most T.T.C. riders of 15 cents for a single ticket in the central zone will remain unchanged. The commission by a majority decision agreed to change from its present four-zone system to a two-zone system, combining all of zones 2, 3, and 4 lying within Metro. The change will cut fares for persons in the present zones 3 and 4 and will cost the T.T.C. a reported annual loss in revenue of \$155,000.

The North Yonge Bus Line which serves the area lying between Steeles Ave., and Richmond Hill is operated by the T.T.C. on behalf of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Markham and Vaughan. T.T.C. Chairman Clarence Downey told reporters the new schedule of fares will only ap-

Richard Greenfield Rival Chief

Vaughan Township Council, acting on a recommendation of Fire Chief James Davidson, recently appointed Richard Greenfield of Carville Road, District Fire Chief of Area No. 1, which is the Rivalche area.

The Rivalche Fire Department is responsible for an area extending from Steeles Avenue at the south to the north town line and from Yonge Street, well into Vaughan Township.

The brigade has been in existence for three years and in that time has been led by three different captains. Mr. Greenfield is the present captain of the 17 man, volunteer fire department which has its headquarters on Spruce Avenue in Rivalche.

The new chief is a graduate from a fire fighting course conducted by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Another lively debate between Councilors C. Hooper and A. Sumner took place at Markham Township Council last week.

The matter in question was a recommendation brought forward by Township Engineer D. Mikalis. Mr. Mikalis spoke to council regarding the purchase of another sand-spreader, he considered the request urgent and asked council to authorize the calling of tenders for the first meeting in 1962. He said that the addition of a number of new streets in the township made it impossible to give proper service with the present equipment. On being asked the cost, he stated the total amount would be about \$2,500.00 but that amount was subject to a subsidy, making the net cost to the township \$1,250.00.

Councillor Hooper opposed the recommendation because it had been brought before council by a township employee, rather than by the roads committee of council.

Councillor Al Sumner took a firm stand against Hooper saying, "If the equipment is needed in the opinion of the engineer the council should act."

Hooper retaliated with the question to Mr. Mikalis "Would you also require another truck?" The engineer said he thought council should be prepared to add a new truck during 1962.

Councillor Hooper was left without a seconder, when he proposed the matter be left for the incoming council. On a motion by Sumner, seconded by Deputy-reeve Mumberson, the council decided to advertise for tenders for the price of a sand spreader, tenders to close before the first meeting of 1962 on January 8. The motion was carried.

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Vaughan Twp. Approves Police Mutual Aid Plan

On a recommendation by Police Chief James W. Davidson, Vaughan Township Council unanimously approved the passing of a by-law authorizing the participation of Vaughan Police in a police mutual aid plan. The plan is to enable municipalities to aid each other in cases where the number of officers in one area is not large enough to handle an emergency such as large fire or a train wreck or in any case where help is required by a neighbouring police department.

Eventually it is hoped that the plan can be incorporated into the Emergency Measures Organization, the thought being that it would be applied in the event of a national emergency.

Arrangements for cover-up polling are also included in the plan, that is, when officers of one department are giving aid in a neighbouring municipality, the department giving the help is in turn assured of assistance from another force.

In passing a by-law permitting this type of plan, some of the responsibility that is placed on the chief constable in giving aid to another community is removed.

It is hoped that the plan will eventually include all municipalities in York County.

School Numbers Now Up To 3460

Population of Richmond Hill's public schools has climbed slightly since the bells first rang in the fall. Net result 17 more pupils, bringing total registration to 3,460 at the end of November.

Beverly Acres has gained three pupils since the end of September. Crosby Heights is up ten. MacKillop stands just where it was. McConghy does likewise. Pleasantville and Walter Scott Schools are up two each.

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Senior Citizens Aid "Operation Friendship"

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Markham To Make High School Bd. Appointments On December 29th

Mrs. Kathleen James, Markham Township representative on the York Central District High School Board, whose letter of resignation was referred by Markham Township Council recently, reconsidered last week and will return to the board to complete the remaining year of her three year term as a trustee.

Mrs. James tendered her resignation six weeks ago, saying she could not condone actions of the board without betraying the trust placed in her. She was referring to the appointment by a majority decision of the board of a secondary school superintendent at a salary of \$15,500.00.

With Mrs. James' decision to remain on the board now official, Markham Council still have two appointments to make to complete the Markham representation. Mr. E. R. Alexson, 1961 chairman of the board, has tendered his resignation, giving as his reasons, pressure of other business. Mr. Alexson is a resident of Highland Park.

Council was also informed that the term of John Honsberger of Thornhill has expired. A number of names are before the council and the positions will be filled at a meeting on December 29th.

Little Metro To Meet In Early January

Vaughan Township Council has approved of a recommendation by the finance and general purpose committee of council to hold a re-organization meeting of the Vaughan-Richmond Hill-Markham Co-ordinating Committee.

The meeting is to be held early in 1962 at the council chambers Maple and in addition to the original members, representatives of the municipalities of Woodbridge and Markham Villages will also be invited to attend.

The purpose of the committee or "Little Metro" as it was popularly called is to co-ordinate various municipal activities. It is felt that the need for adequate water supplies in the municipalities was a prime factor in reviving the committee.

The committee ceased operations in 1960 after Vaughan withdrew its representative. Since then the municipalities have expressed a desire to re-establish it.

Vaughan Halts Use Of Firearms

Vaughan Township Council, at its December meeting gave first and second reading to a by-law to "prohibit and regulate the discharge of guns and other firearms, air guns and spring guns." This by-law was recommended by the finance and general purpose committee of council after investigation into the matter of reported indiscriminate shooting during the recent hunting season.

The by-law, which comes into effect March 1st, 1962, states that "no gun larger than 22 caliber, other than a shotgun, shall be discharged in the Township of Vaughan, except on the land of the person doing so or on the lands of his employer or parent and only in defence or preservation of property."

Only persons in possession of a permit signed by the Chief of Police of Vaughan shall be authorized to discharge firearms, and then only in accordance with the regulations.

The by-law does not prohibit shooting at a lawful shooting range or gallery, skeet club or shooting match which has been authorized by a resolution or by-law of council.



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