

Mayor Welcomes Organization In "A Town With A View And A Vision"

Richmond Hill Chamber Of Commerce Now Functioning

These Lovely Ladies Will Be Featured At Carnival



"The Four Winds & Rain", one of the numbers being presented at the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club Carnival, to be held at the local arena on Friday and Saturday evening, March 9 and 10. Shown above back row (left to right): Carol Hack, Marilyn Elvidge, Judy Curtis, Debbie Hasselfeldt, Lynda Clement, Pat Bransfield, Lesley Lengerke; front row (left to right) Vicki Clarke, Dianne Boylan, Beverly Smith, Yolanda Powell, Connie Madaleno, Peggy Fraser, Lynn Hamilton. The programme features guest stars Marjorie Hare, Elinor Flack

and Philip McCordick, and production numbers range from "Calypso", sequences from "Over the Rainbow", "Comedy", "Easter Time"; to "Robin Hood". Over 170 skaters will be taking part, under the capable direction of club professionals, Miss Eleanor McLeod and Mrs. Jane Milne. Why go to the big city to take in a show, when a first class evening's entertainment is right here in town. Come one, come all, come and see "ICE REVUE FOR '62"

(Photo by Lagerquist)

Advise Teachers Giving Of Rides To Pupils Barred

All teachers in the Richmond Hill public school system are to be advised that they should not carry pupils in their private cars in the line of duty, the public school board decided at its meeting last week, clearing up a point which has been under discussion several times in recent months.

Reason for the board's decision is to clear up any question of liability if an accident should happen to a pupil while riding in a teacher's car. A case in point would be a youngster being taken ill at school, with a teacher being kind enough to take the invalid home. In such a case, the board intimated, the principal should secure a taxi.

Change House Change Under Consideration

For some months the Richmond Hill Parks Board has been making plans for the building of change houses and wash rooms in the main town park. A change of thinking has now resulted in the board discussing the subject with arena authorities, considering whether it would be better to build on the front of the arena instead of erecting a separate building.

Parks board officials say that it is not likely that cost would be reduced but that a more efficient operation might be the outcome, together with an improvement of the appearance of the park and arena.

The change house project is one of two major items being considered by the parks board at the present time, the other being the extension of the Crosby Park.

Officers And Directors Are Given Acclamations

By Larry Emrick
Richmond Hill's new Chamber of Commerce got off the ground last week, at an organizational meeting held in Richmond Hill High School attended by business men and women from all sections of the community. Basic planning has been proceeding since last November, when a steering committee was named by a group of business men. It reported last week and, as a result, the new Chamber was officially launched and officers and directors named.

Richmond Hill was a "town of vision" declared Mayor James Haggart, welcoming those attending. He said that the Chamber could play a major part in assisting in the development of the town. Five of the Hill's seven council members were present at the meeting, Deputy Reeve Tom Broadhurst, Councillor Al White, Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell and Councillor John MacDiarmid, accompanying the Mayor. Reeve Floyd Perkins, explained the latter, was at an official York County function and Councillor Alec Campbell had a previous engagement.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a number of individuals and businesses joined the Chamber of Commerce. The number, said Chamber officials, was greater than was expected at an organizational meeting.

Chairman F. J. Picking of the steering committee which has been looking after organizational work, was in charge of the meeting. In giving the committee's report, he emphasized that the group had felt that it should not act as a nominating committee to select a slate of officers. A completely independent committee consisting of John Graham, president of radio station CFGM, J. E. Smith, publisher of "The Liberal" and Mayor James Haggart, had undertaken the job.

Mr. Graham presented the proposed slate of officers and directors, which was adopted by acclamation. The officers are: president, F. J. Picking, news editor, "The Liberal"; 1st vice-president, A. S. Mahaffey, business manager of Scholastic Publications Ltd., Industrial Road; 2nd vice-president, Stewart Coxford, station manager, CFGM; secretary, Tom Mills, manager of the S. S. Kresge store, Richmond Heights; treasurer, Roy Chandler, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Key-note of the Chamber's policy was sounded by President Picking as he brought the meeting to a close. Pointing out that Richmond Hill had many severe problems, which the Chamber of Commerce must join with town council and other citizens in solving, he declared that the Chamber would adopt an active policy in its approach to them. He quoted Marshal Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies who was called on to unify military action in the first world war, when the allies were facing defeat. "My right is retreating, my left is shattered. My centre is pierced. I am attacking," the Marshal declared, as he embarked on the campaign which brought victory within a few months thereafter. "That must be our attitude as we deal with Richmond Hill's problems," said the president. "We must co-operate with each other, and we must attack these problems, not just sit and look at them."

Appoint Hydro Superintendent

The Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission announced this week the appointment of Mr. R. Allan Horwood as the new superintendent of the local power system. Mr. Horwood who was chosen from among 29 applicants comes from Ontario Hydro. He replaces Mr. Verne Snider who recently accepted the position of a manager of the Hanover P.U.C.

A native of Richmond Hill, Mr. Horwood has served with the provincial system since August 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Horwood and their two children reside on Mill Street.

(Photo by Lagerquist)

Aid To Employment

Work To Begin On Town Building

Work is expected to start next Monday on the extension to Richmond Hill's municipal building which will see another floor added to the southern part of the building, the provision of adequate quarters for the magistrate's office and staff and also additional space for the town's employees.

Council last week opened tenders for the job, the lowest being that of the Wien Construction Company of Richmond Hill for \$61,400. Necessary checks by the works department have been made and a contract signed.

Interchange Of Water Across Yonge Planned

Three tenders were opened by Markham Township Council this week, covering a water-main crossing under Yonge Street near Elgin Street in Thornhill. Purpose of the installation is to provide an interchange of water between Vaughan and Markham Townships in case of an emergency. The cost will be split between the two municipalities.

Lowest of the three tenders was that of the Carroll Sharp Construction Company, at \$5,115. The other two were both in the \$6,800 neighbourhood.

Markham, Whitchurch Annexation Proposed To Help Stouffville

Markham Township will lose \$125,780 in assessment if Stouffville is successful in a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board in April. The village is seeking land abutting the road to Ringwood — the town line between Whitchurch and Markham Townships — which would square off the western limits.

Both townships, Whitchurch and Markham, are involved, and their councils will hold a meeting on March 6th to decide on their attitude to the application.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" the community directory of interesting dates to remember on page Three.

School Board Said Satisfied

Following vandalism at one of the public schools last summer the board decided to take action to protect the property of tax-payers. The culprits were discovered and charged.

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School board members asked that the chief of police and members of council appear before the board to give an explanation. Irked at what they considered a somewhat arbitrary demand, council members refused, declaring that as the result of an investigation they found the police department blameless.

Probation Officer's Explanation Writes Finis To Vandalism Story

A situation in which the Richmond Hill Police Department was involved and which resulted in a certain amount of bad feeling between town council and the public school board has been revealed to be due in part to a misunderstanding and in part to the error of a court official.

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Acceptance Slow On Water System For Elgin Mills

More Elgin Mills residents have indicated during the past week that they will take advantage of the opportunity to have water piped into their homes being provided by Vaughan Township. A week ago the number was 76. It has now risen to 85.

Vaughan has entered into an arrangement with Richmond Hill through which the latter will supply water if Vaughan installs the system. Vaughan will do so providing enough Elgin Mills property owners agree to carry costs through a local improvement plan.

Markham's New Plan Will Be Shown Soon

Markham Township's official plan is now ready for unveiling, the township's planning director, Ron Forrest, has announced. The first presentation was made to the planning board last Thursday.

Talk School Budgets

It will be "Budget Night" in Markham Township on March 15th, insofar as schools are concerned. On that evening trustees of all schools and school areas in the township, both public and separate, will enjoy a meal with township councillors, afterwards settling down to budgets for the year.

Many Break-ins In Background

Three Markham Arrests May Have Ended Gang

As a result of investigations of a number of recent break-ins in Unionville, Markham Township Police may have broken up a three-member gang of alleged "break and enter" artists. The three men, David Meredith, 22, Garry Smith, 19, and Allen Hartford, 16, of Richmond, were arrested early Sunday morning on information relayed to Markham police by Ontario Provincial Police at Toronto.

The most recent break-in occurred at the Unionville Arena and a curling rink in the same area. About 2 a.m. last Monday, entry was gained to the curling rink by smashing a window. The pins were then removed from the hinges of a door and one of the booths in the rink was entered. Although there were a number of valuable articles in the rink, nothing was taken. This indicated to police that whoever broke into the building was after nothing but money.

A short time later the skating arena nearby was also entered. A booth in the arena was broken into by "slipping" the lock on the door. Forty-three dollars was stolen but a cheque for \$54 was left behind. From the method of entry used, and the care used to ensure that nothing they took

Crossing Guards Urgently Needed Assert Trustees

Delegations Visit Vaughan Council

Richmond Hill Public School Board, in addition to handling matters reported elsewhere in this issue of "The Liberal," dealt with a varied list of smaller problems.

Trustees heard their chairman, Harold Sanderson, suggest that with the size of the present school system, Richmond Hill could hold its own school musical festival. He asked for study of the proposition and the board passed it on to the education committee.

Crossing Guards Wanted

On October 27th last year town council had been asked to provide crossing guards, it was disclosed. Nothing had been heard about this being done. Home and school associations pressed for this protection, said the chairman, and it was a council responsibility. A letter will ask for the score.

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Ratepayers Talk Roads, Drainage

Paving in the East Ridge area — the district including Roosevelt Drive and Westwood — and a water problem in Elmwood Acres in the fifth concession of Vaughan were discussed when a considerable number of ratepayers from both areas were present at the last meeting of Vaughan Township Council. The paving situation was disposed of fairly rapidly but the Elmwood Acres water problem was discussed for an hour and three quarters, council not settling down to its post-delegation routine until 10 p.m.

The East Ridge Ratepayers Association members wanted the principal roads through their area paved, with the cost being borne by the area as a whole. They wanted to know what the cost would be and what effect the action would have on their assessment. Council agreed to provide figures.

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Silver Medal Award One Of 28

Rare Horticultural Honour Given To R. D. Little Of Richmond Hill

The highest honour in the gift of the Ontario Horticultural Association is to be given to a Richmond Hill man—Robert D. Little, president of R. D. Little and Son, and for many years an outstanding figure in the horticultural world. A letter from R. F. Gomme, secretary of the association, tells the story. It says in part:

"It is a pleasure indeed to inform you that the Ontario Horticultural Association intends to honour you for your many years of untiring efforts in the field of horticulture. Your leadership and interest have been a great asset not only to the horticultural societies but to the general public as well. In order to recognize your outstanding abilities and show our appreciation, the directors of this association were unanimous in their approval that you receive the Silver Medal which is the highest award of this association. The medal which Mr. Little is to receive is not handed out lightly. So far only 28 have been given by the association since the issue was started in 1932. Some years no award is made. Awards are made on the basis of recommendations by local horticultural societies which then go to a special independent awards committee for screening. Long Term Horticulturist Mr. Little has been a well-known figure in the horticultural world for many years. Besides creating a local reputation, he has become known far and wide through his assistance to horticulturists elsewhere. He has been a member of the Richmond Hill group since 1932 and was president for five years. While he is thoroughly conversant with horticulture in many lines, he has specialized in iris, delphinium, daylilies and lilies. The results of his interest will be particularly evident this summer, when a special bed prepared under his direction and filled with plants given by him