

## Election Of Councillors By Wards For 1963 Forecast

# Ontario Legislature Is Certain To Pass Private Bill

Citizens To Vote April 28th

## Rev. Patterson Details Opposition To Proposed New Cocktail Lounge

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with his face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

Quoting these lines from the poet Poe, dead now over two hundred years, Rev. W. W. Patterson of St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill East, began his sermon on Sunday in which he discussed the reasons why he is opposed to the introduction of licensed premises in Richmond Hill. There were three reasons which he was able to identify, the speaker said.

In the first place he acknowledged that he was prejudiced. Having grown up on a farm in Ontario, with parents who were good Methodists, he had the example of a father who was a total abstainer. He did not make an issue of it but just took for granted that this was the standard that the family followed. And he always insisted on respect for the views of those who differed from him. "All my youth," Mr. Patterson related,

## Industrial Expenses Restricted

## Civic Salaries, Budgets Are Council Highlights

A lengthy discussion at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting this week regarding salary and wage scales for civic employees ended in a decision to discuss the whole pattern of remuneration in a "committee of the whole" meeting, with all members of council sitting in. Council members indicated a strong desire to bring a greater degree of uniformity into remuneration patterns.

The shadow of the upcoming first made some years ago. With economy the main factor, Deputy Reeve Broadhurst admitted that the town had been able to operate well on the volunteer system. The chief said that there had been no trouble yet, he asserted.

The fire department budget is up only \$100 over last year, total amount being \$18,650.

**Surprise Package**  
Deputy Reeve Broadhurst dropped a bomb by pointing out that under provincial legislation a municipality was restricted in the amount it could spend on an industrial commission. In the case of Richmond Hill this would be \$12,000, according to the scale laid down by provincial legislation. Only exception to this rule would be by vote of the electors. The reason the deputy reeve thought, was to restrict expensive competition between municipalities.

Councillor John MacDiarmid presented the industrial commission's budget, amounting to \$15,000, as vice-chairman. He represents town council on the commission. He said that he was not in favour of the budget as he felt that the town was not able to afford it.

## Physical Education Demonstration



Taking part in the physical demonstration are (left to right) David Lund, Derek Andrews and Mr. Ralph Gordon, assistant supervisor of physical education for North York Township. (Photo by Lagerquist)

## Hospital Pictures Now Being Shown

On display in the window of "The Liberal" at 53 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill, are two large pictures which will be of special interest to citizens. Loaned by Chairman Douglas Storms of the York Central Hospital Board, they are architect's conceptions of the new hospital to be built on Vaughan Rd. One shows the first stage, which is expected to be in operation in 1963. The other shows the second section, to be completed at a later date.

## Deserted House Case Is Closed

Vaughan Township Council, with the aid of its roads department and its equipment, stamped "case closed" to the case of the ditched house, the building which has been blocking Bathurst Street south of Maple Road for the past month.

A writ of mandamus was issued to the mover of the house, Howard Hunter of Densgrove Construction of Toronto, last Wednesday. Under its terms the house had to be completely moved by 8 a.m. Thursday, March 1. However, at 8 a.m. Thursday there was little evidence to show that any attempt had been made to move the building. Thursday afternoon, township council held a special meeting with Hunter at which a by-law was passed to extend the time for removal to Friday at 8 a.m. When the deadline came around and still nothing had been done to move the house, Vaughan Township Roads Department went into action — with bulldozers.

The house was demolished and the rubble was hauled to the township dump.

## February's Snow 40-Year Record

York County's average snowfall for the month of February was 29 inches — a forty-year record. The average for the month over a period of years is 13 inches — so this February's fall was two and a half times the normal.

## New School To Be Shelved

The idea of building a new separate school on property in the south-east section of the town, on land just outside the municipal limits had been shelved for the time being, a representative of the Separate School Board told "The Liberal" this week. Difficulty of securing the land due to the problem of services was said to be the main hold-up.

Instead, it is likely that three rooms will be added to the existing Our Lady Help of Christians school, in the Beverley Acres area, with a gymnasium being a possibility. Application for approval had already been made to the Ontario Department of Education, it was said, and architects had already been named.

## Red Cross Plans Re-organization

Tales of the present situation in the Congo will be told when a meeting to reorganize the Red Cross unit in Richmond Hill is held in the town council chambers on Wednesday, March 21st at 8 p.m. Guest speaker on that occasion will be Mr. Reuben C. Baetz, Assistant National Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society and National Director of Disaster Services. He recently returned from a four-month Red Cross assignment in the Congo. Chairman of the meeting will be Mr. J. R. M. Wilson, president-elect, Ontario Division, The Canadian Red Cross Society.

The meeting has been called to discuss re-organization of a local Red Cross Branch in Richmond Hill. The community had an excellent branch during war years, having received a charter in September 1939. It ceased to be active in 1949.

## The Easter Seal Campaign Gets Under Way



It won't be long before members of the Richmond Hill Lions Club will be handling their annual duty of selling Easter seals to help crippled children. Members had advance notice at their recent meeting, when three of those who have benefited by the work of Lions, and the sympathetic support of the public, in the past were guests of the Lions. They are pictured above, with some of the people who are doing their best to lighten the burden. The three leads are Bill Hassall, John Corbet and Patrick McGurran of Beverley Acres.

## Young Liberal Carrier Shows Lots Of Initiative

Martin Mickeler, a "Liberal" carrier boy who organized a paper route in the Richmond Heights Subdivision is using a down to earth type of sales promotion that is most refreshing in this day and age of customer motivation and high pressure advertising.

The key to Martin's success as a carrier boy lies in the friendly letters that he sent to all the residents in his area explaining that a new carrier route had been organized. The idea of sending hand written letters to the home owners was Martin's very own and in his own words, "I wanted to contact the people on my route who were not taking 'The Liberal' and introduce the paper to them. Friendly letters seemed the most logical and sincere way of doing it." Impressed by Martin's individual initiative the circulation department of "The Liberal" printed his sales letters for him.

In addition to sending out his letters to the people in his area Martin like any good businessman makes periodic visits to his regular customers to ensure that they are completely satisfied with his service. Another method he uses to secure leads on prospective customers is by keeping in touch with the local real estate people. Once he discovers a new family has moved into his area he makes a friendly call and introduces them to "The Liberal."

Martin is a grade 8 pupil at MacKillop Public School. His favourite subject is arithmetic but he also likes writing. In sports he likes both hockey and basketball. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mickeler of Yonge Street North. Martin has a sister, Marlon, a grade 5 pupil at MacKillop School.

Here is Martin's friendly sales letter:  
Dear Neighbour,  
Started in this area. The paper is called "The Liberal" and is delivered each Thursday afternoon.

## Council To Cancel ABC Alley Appeal

Richmond Hill Town Council will withdraw its appeal from a decision of the committee of adjutants on ABC bowling alley property, which would have been heard by the Ontario Municipal Board. The town was seeking power to reserve land for a roadway which would cross the property. Town Planning Director Harold Deeks told council that he did not feel that there was a definite need for either an arterial or collector road through the property.

## 1960 Vote Of Electors Set Pattern Of Action

In December 1960 Richmond Hill electors, by a vote of 1,928 to 1,227, decided that they wanted to elect their councillors by wards. By a vote of 1,816 to 1,070 they also decided that they wished to elect public school trustees the same way. Subsequent months saw a considerable amount of indecision on steps to be taken, authorities finally deciding that if Richmond Hill wished to continue with a council of the present size — which is what electors voted for — existing provincial legislation did not provide for it. A private bill of the Ontario Legislature, it was decided, was needed.

Council took the necessary steps and, on Tuesday this week, the private bills committee of the legislature gave unanimous consent to a recommendation that the bill should be adopted. Committee approval is practically tantamount to passage on the legislature floor, with little likelihood of argument. Passage of the bill means that councillors elected in December 1962, to serve in 1963, will be elected by wards. The mayor, the reeve and deputy reeve would be elected by voters from the whole town.

**Four Wards Named**  
The four wards will be: No. 1 — From Crosby Avenue North on the east side of Yonge Street; No. 2 — From Markham Road to Crosby Avenue on the east side of Yonge Street; No. 3 — All territory south from Markham Road on the east side of Yonge Street; No. 4 — All of the town on the west side of Yonge Street. The areas are very roughly equal in population, Town Clerk Russell Lynett said.

Public school board members may decide whether they wish to be elected by the ward system or at large. They must advise council of their decision by the middle of the year. If they choose the ward system it is likely that two trustees will be elected in each ward. It is considered likely, in the light of enough residents agree to take part in the undertaking and pay costs through a local improvement plan.

**Need 18 Names For Elgin Mills Water Contracts**  
In the last two weeks, the number of Elgin Mills people who have indicated that they will take advantage of the opportunity to have water pumped into their homes by Vaughan Township has risen from 76 to 93. The number needed before the services can be started in the district is 111.

Richmond Hill and Vaughan have entered into an agreement through which Richmond Hill will supply the water if Vaughan installs the system. Vaughan will only provide the system if enough residents agree to take part in the undertaking and pay costs through a local improvement plan.

**Now Within City Figure**  
Richmond Hill is now Ontario's tenth largest incorporated town and, come April 1st, will advance a step in rank as Brockville takes on city status. An accretion of population will see the Hill climb into a much higher position. A number of Ontario towns are now close together in population — Riverview, Mimico, Leaside, Richmond Hill and Brampton. The first three have more or less stabilized population within their present limits while both Brockville and Richmond Hill are still attracting new residents.

Richmond Hill Town Council adopted a new tactic when a letter from the Toronto Metropolitan Home Builders Association asked that "National Home Week" should be proclaimed. Councillors felt that this was another of the "weeks" designed to boost business for a commercial group, and that the town would be put to needless expense thereby.

Deputy Reeve Tom Broadhurst sponsored an original motion. It agreed to the naming of the "National Home Week" providing the sponsors paid the cost of the advertising program. The week, Councillors, claiming the week. Councillors, smiling broadly, agreed unanimously.

**Exchange Of Ideas And Understanding Are Goals**  
**Redevelopment Committee & Property Owners To Discuss Rehabilitation Of Down-town Area**  
The redevelopment committee will begin a series of meetings at which the situation of down-town property will be discussed directly with property owners, said Mayor James Haggart this week. Mayor Haggart is chairman of the committee, formed some time ago to help advise Richmond Hill Planning Board and town council on redevelopment of the area, in which business has been deteriorating for some time.

Mayor Haggart said that his idea was to have the committee meet with property owners block by block. That way, he said, each owner would have full opportunity to discuss the problem as it reflected on him and the fullest possible consideration can be given.