

Industrial Land Sold Last Week - Factory Permit Issued This Week

Building Permits Show Sharp Upturn During March

Thornhill Lions Club Holds Its Annual Ladies Night



The Thornhill Lions Club held its annual ladies' night at the Four Winds Restaurant Friday evening of last week. The head table guests were (left to right) Secretary Roger Priestman, and Mrs. Priestman, District Governor Jack Filkin and Mrs. Filkin, President William Doherty,

Mrs. Markle and First Vice-President Les Markle, Mrs. Timmins and Third Vice-President James Timmins, Mrs. Bone and Second Vice-President Arthur Bone.

(Photo by David Barbour)

Council Approves Registration Week

The week of April 7th to 14th will be "Registration Week" in Richmond Hill for the purpose of registering as many youngsters as possible for minor softball activities. Town council, at its regular meeting, approved a request from the Richmond Hill Ball Association to this effect.

Church Position Sets Zoning By-law Status

Richmond Hill's zoning by-law, on which an Ontario Municipal Board hearing was held in Richmond Hill some months ago, still has not been given the board's final approval. Hold-up at the present time is the zoning of the four church properties on Yonge Street - the Roman Catholic, United, Presbyterian and Anglican.

Pupil Transport For Emergencies Gets Board's OK

The policy regarding transportation of students by teachers who use their own cars was further clarified at the Richmond Hill Public School Board's last meeting. In cases of emergency, it was decided that teachers might, when authorized, provide transportation to the pupil's home or a doctor's office.

Plumbing Inspection Fee Raise Action Deferred By Markham Tp.

Fees for plumbing inspections must be increased if it is wished to continue this work on a county level. Reeve Wilfred Dean explained at Markham Township Council meeting, the system of inspections of plumbing installations was started some years ago as a protection to house-buyers, with inspectors being taken on to the staff of the York County Health Unit.

High School Costs Show Big Increase Nearly Double '61

This year's York Central High School budget will show a staggering increase, figures released by the board this week disclosed. The 1961 budget called for \$989,555. It will take \$1,759,882 to satisfy this year's demands. Of the latter amount, some \$508,000 will be returnable in the way of grants.

Shooting By-law In Vaughan Twp. Given Deferment

Vaughan Township Council decided Monday to defer the passing of a by-law to regulate shooting in the township until further study of the by-law has been made to ensure its effectiveness and validity.

Vaughan Raises Fees

In line with other municipalities in York County, Vaughan Township decided Monday to raise the fees for plumbing inspection services. The services were subsidized at one time by the provincial government but the province's decision to discontinue the subsidy prompted the township to put the services on a self-supporting basis, with the Health Unit collecting the fees.

Two-car Crash On Yonge Sees Heavy Damages

A total of \$1,175 damage was caused in two separate accidents in Richmond Hill recently. The first occurred at the corner of Yonge Street and Bedford Park Avenue when a car driven by James Mangos of Toronto was in collision with one owned by Margaret Waters of Richmond Hill. The Waters vehicle was parked at the time of the accident. The Mangos car suffered \$450 damage while the other had \$350 damage.

Council Ordered Letter of Congratulations

Council ordered a letter of congratulations sent to the Allencourt Lanes bantam bowling team, which had won the Toronto and District championship at the Sportsmen's Show.

Also Dealt With by Council

Also dealt with by council was a letter from York County Emergency Measures Organization, which said that a special course for senior police officers and senior members of municipal staffs would be held in Newmarket on March 15th and 16th. Fire Chief Stong was detailed as Richmond Hill's representative.

Started As Junior - Returns As Manager

Manager J. Kenneth Clarke, in charge of the 57 Yonge Street South branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (the oldest of the bank's four branches in Richmond Hill) has been promoted to the management of the bank's Cobourg branch and will leave in about two weeks to take up his new appointment. He has been in Richmond Hill since May, 1958. He will be succeeded by A. T. Crosier, manager of the Richmond and Merritt branch of the bank in Chatham, Ont.

Bank Manager Ken Clarke Moved To Take Over Branch At Cobourg

Mrs. Clarke and son Kenneth Jr., who is in Grade 12 in Richmond Hill High School, will remain in the Hill until the end of the school term, as will daughter Vicki, a pupil in Grade 8 at MacKillip Public School. Mr. Clarke, a member of the Rotary Club, is treasurer of the Richmond Hill unit of the Canadian Cancer Society and is also president of the Presbyterian Church Men's Club.

Vote No Committee To Meet Sunday

Announcement was made this week that the vote no committee is holding a public meeting in the town council chambers Sunday evening March 18th. Everyone interested in opposing the introduction of a cocktail lounge and hotel in Richmond Hill are urged to attend this important public meeting. Proceedings are timed to commence at 8.15 p.m.

"Liberal" Article Said Helpful

Advertisements declaring the intention of Markham Township to extend the present water system, building a water tower on Bayview Avenue as well to aid pressure, have brought many enquiries as to what was planned and the reason for it, members of Markham Township Council said this week at their regular meeting. One interested township resident, Mr. J. S. H. Thomas, even appeared as a one-man delegation at council meeting, seeking information as to what was planned, and where.

1961 Surplus Likely In Markham Township

A possibility of a \$24,000 surplus on 1961 operations was revealed this week in Markham Township, when councillors started studying figures for the 1962 budget.

Supplementary Assessment at the Later Part of the Year

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Speaker Just Back From Congo

Man Who Aided Hungarian Refugees To Be Heard In Hill On March 21st

An individual who has seen at first hand the seamy side of life created by "man's inhumanity to man" will be heard in Richmond Hill next week when a meeting to re-organize the local unit of the Canadian Red Cross is staged in the council chambers at the municipal building on Wednesday, March 21st, at 8 p.m. The former unit rendered fine service during the war years.

One of the top officials of the Red Cross in Ontario, Mr. J. R. M. Wilson, president-elect of the Ontario Division, will be in the chair. Invitations have been sent to a number of groups but Red Cross officials stress that any individual or organization, whether in receipt of an invitation or not, will be welcome. Particular interest is being shown in the revival of the local unit because of the near completion of construction of the York Central Hospital. Many Red Cross services, such as blood transfusion, while not associated directly with the hospital, complement it.

International Hospital The guest speaker will be Reuben C. Baetz, who was appointed assistant national commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society in 1957, after serving as director of disaster services for more than a year.

Aided Hungarian Refugees

Since joining the Canadian Red Cross Society, Mr. Baetz has been on several foreign assignments. In 1956, he went to Austria and organized Canadian Red Cross participation in the Hungarian refugee operation. In May, 1960, Mr. Baetz went to Chile within a week after the earthquake disaster, where he served as a delegate of the League of Red Cross Societies. During his month in the stricken nation he spent most of his time in the disaster areas in the south. Again in July, 1961, he accepted another assignment of the League of Red Cross Societies and served for three months in the strife-torn Congo Republic. While in Africa he handled several international Red Cross projects and was relief co-ordinator among thousands of refugees who fled into the Congo following the distur-

Born in 1923, son of a Lutheran pastor, Mr. Baetz received his early education in Chesley, Ontario. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in political science, followed by post-graduate studies in Columbia University, New York City, where he received his M.A. in history, and was granted the Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Toronto. From 1949 until 1956, he held various positions with Lutheran World Federation Service to Refugees, Geneva, during which time refugee projects which included the resettlement of over 100,000 refugees to the United States, Canada, Australia and South American countries, as well as large-scale medical and relief programmes in western and eastern Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and other areas in Asia.

Proportion Said Good - But Slipping

Town Council Approves Action On Tax Arrears

Richmond Hill taxpayers whose business taxes are in arrears will have their accounts handed to a bailiff, town council decided at its meeting this week on recommendation of the finance committee. Property owners who are behind on their realty taxes for three years or more will have tax certificates registered against their properties.

The proportion of taxes paid was good, said Deputy Reeve Tom Broadhurst, but it had slipped behind in the last two years. He felt that the process of registration was cumbersome but must be carried out in fairness to the town as a whole. Mayor Haggart declared that no action would be taken against those who were trying to liquidate their indebtedness.

Notices will be sent to all those in arrears, both in business and property tax, before any action was taken, it was declared.

Back Plumbing Inspection

Council agreed to amend its by-law covering plumbing inspections conducted by York County Health Unit on its behalf, with Reeve Floyd Perkins and Deputy Reeve Tom Broadhurst explaining that the Ontario Government has ceased subsidizing this work and that the county, in order to continue it, had decided that it must be placed on a self-supporting basis. Inspections are made by inspectors appointed by the health unit and payments go to the unit. This was good value for the municipality, which was at no expense, said Mayor Haggart. It ensured that those purchasing new buildings, commercial or residential, had some definite assurance that plumbing had been properly installed.

Condition of the Sidewalks

Condition of the sidewalks in front of the high school brought criticism from Councillor Al White, who declared that the covering by-law should be enforced. He was advised that the old by-law was being studied.

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VON Is Encouraging Public Health Work By Bursaries Offer

The Victorian Order of Nurses is once again offering bursaries of \$1,000, permitting a winner to take the public health course at whatever university is chosen. This is a one-year certificate course. A successful applicant would be required to spend a year with the Victorian Order of Nurses, wherever services are most necessary.

Application Forms May Be Obtained From the Richmond Hill Branch of the Order at the Municipal Building, Richmond Hill.

Officers of the V.O.N. in Richmond Hill for 1962 are as follows: president, Mr. W. McDougall; 1st vice-president, Mr. H. R. Ludlow; 2nd vice-president, Mr. J. M. Langton; secretary, Mr. S. Neal, 59 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill; treasurer, Mr. Roy Chandler.

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Route Extension For Elgin Mills Is A Step Closer

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Letter From the Commission

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New Factory And Motel Help Swell Assessment

Building in Richmond Hill, while not spectacular, showed a strong upturn for the first part of March as compared to a year ago. One of the interesting features was that the Varmo Construction Company of Willowdale, which last week bought 2.6 acres of the municipally-owned land in the industrial area, declaring that it intended to erect factories on a speculative basis, has already taken out a permit for an 8,400 square foot factory, valued at \$40,000. A twelve-unit motel for North Yonge Street is also included in permits issued for the month of March so far.

January in 1961 and again in 1962 showed equality in building permits issued. Each month ran approximately \$15,000. The pattern of February 1961 was repeated in February 1962, each month being around \$19,000. But March has turned the tide. To this day last year only one permit, valued at \$20,000, had been issued. So far this month eleven permits totalling \$226,000 have been issued by Building Inspector Jack Hollowell. Even though \$62,000 is included in these figures for the extension to the municipal building - which is non-assessable - the figure still stands at \$164,000.

The Varmo factory, when completed, will provide additional assessment of approximately \$20,000. Land on which it will stand produces nothing in the way of taxation at the present time. The new motel which will be located on vacant land to the north of the Wilson-Niblett motor sales agency, is valued for permit purposes at \$40,000. It will hold twelve units and a snack bar and is said to be the first of its aluminum-clad type of construction in Canada. It is being built by Conventional Investments Ltd. of Toronto.

Balance of the permits issued cover housing, including one triplex.

Fear Piecemeal Action

Markham Council To Try RR Crossing Discussion

Fear that the railway crossing situation in Markham Township would be dealt with piecemeal, to the disadvantage of the municipality, was expressed by members of Markham Township Council this week. The crossings, subject of much discussion in recent months, have become likely because of the laying of the access line which will feed the big CNR marshalling yards in Vaughan Township. Township council members claim that when the line was first proposed they were told that there would be no level crossings. Now, it is indicated, five or more might be needed.

The township's solicitor, J. Douglas Lucas, Q.C., told Markham Council this week that the railway was pressing the Board of Transport Commissioners for a decision on two of the crossings so that work could be proceeded with. Mr. Lucas said that he had talked with the board, saying that there was no desire to hamper the railway's work, but that it was felt that all crossings in the township should be dealt with at one time.

Council asked Mr. Lucas to try and arrange a meeting with all interested parties. It was decided that if possible a meeting should be held in Buttonville so that the proposed crossing sites might be inspected. It was also decided that the township's view should be made known to Ottawa authorities and Mr. Lucas was asked to make arrangements for the necessary interviews also.

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