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# MAJORITY FAVOR LIQUOR LIGENCES

Flashback In History -

## Old Files Tell Story Of Over Century Long Liquor Battles

Richmond Hill Dry Since 1906 Reversed Decision in Liquor Referendum - First Hotel Erected Here in 1806 — One Time Six Hotels and Six Grocery Stores Sold Liquor — Distillery Worked Around the Clock — Banish the Bar Rallying Cry of Early Local Option Contests —

"dry" since 1906. was much closer, but still a substantial majority in not have the franchise.

been dry since 1917 or forty-five years". We have demnation of all the evils of behalf of repeal. and understandable that they are not familiar with after many years of dedicated ected here in 1806 and for one line o'clock. the history of our town.

found an interesting story of erating Richmond Hotel, located

tion there were three unsuccess- the polls and registered a deful attempts with votes in 1909, cisive "no" majority. To repeal

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a vote on local option at the was "no" 538, "yes" 175. same night.

Richmond Hill voters last Saturday gave a sub- A feature of the vote which campaigning by temperance cieties, pledge cards, old time al campaign for funds to support stantial majority in favor of the retail sale of liquor should be noted by present day workers. Three years later it revivals and all out war on the the Canadian Peace Research and as soon as licences can be issued there will be legal and as soon as licences can be issued there will be legal and on that occasion was 30 per line 1912. Open bar and the evils of the Institute headed by former number of the glass in this municipality which has been considered and again in 1912. Open bar and the evils of the Institute headed by former number of the glass in this municipality which has been considered and again in 1912. Open bar and the evils of the Institute headed by former number of the glass in this municipality which has been considered and again in 1912. sale by the glass in this municipality which has been cent of the possible, compared 177 votes, and in 1909 205 elec- The local option battle of Alcock.

to a 62 per cent vote last Sat-tors exercised the franchise. In 1906 was keenly fought accord-Repeal of the local option by-law required a sixty urday. This was the first time the 1912 vote the majority for ing to all newspaper accounts. per cent vote and the ballot on the licencing of dining lounges received a majority considerably in excess of lounges received a majority considerably in ex the requirement. On the issue of cocktail bars the vote 1909 and 1912 votes women did favor of the by-law and 44 in Some feared it would be imnot have the franchise.
In 1906 when local option 82 for local option. This was feared the cancellation of hotel first carried, Richmond Hill was taken as a most decisive victory licences would so impair the ac-

It has been reported in error many times during a small village and the campaign at the time and until 1935 no commodation for the travelling the campaign just concluded that "Richmond Hill has was featured by a frank con- further attempts were made on public as to be a serious conse- Richmond Hill Town Council that apartments should be at handling the voters and recording the votes. The many newcomers in our midst and it is pardonable and understandable that they are not familiar with

hundred years the liquor traffic law carried and after three used for apartment develop- Reeve Perkins. He estimated To put the record straight we request of Donald Taylor, who Break & Enter Theft after the erection of the first Then again in 1912 after six forcibly to the attention of will be built in the Bayview Lynett Monday afternoon were as follows: hotel the citizens of Richmond years of local option the people council when builder Ben Free- Avenue South area this year. searched the eighty-four year published elaborate plans for old files of this newspaper and the remodelling of the then opon John Barleycorn and adopted cided the new conditions were \$1,950 in lot fees he had already Deputy-reeve Tom Broadhurst almost a century long battle at the corner of Yonge and Ar- Richmond Hill Police are in- local option. Now just a little to be preferred to the old. In paid on three lots on Colborne reported that the finance comwith John Barleycorn.

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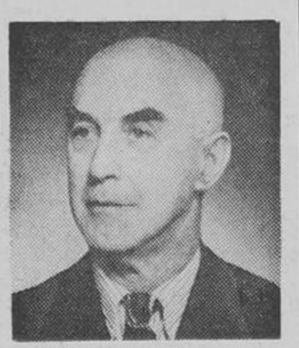
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On November 15th, 1935, description of the blad original transfer or the blad or th cessful effort to repeal local op-Richmond Hill voters went to Centre sometime early Tuesday population of more than 8,000 paper said, "As a result of local eith but has decided to build three houses on the fund on his lot fees subject to

the local option by-law would the two shops, Jack Fraser interesting sidelights in the his-been blessed." In the year 1935 the munici- have required then, as now, a Men's wear and the Stag shop, tory of the town and the long The election in 1906 was no Mayor Declares Interest pal council at the request of a sixty per cent vote. The result Police report that similar struggle against the evils of easy walk-away. The result of At the start of the debate, who challenged the recommendpal council at the request of a sixty per cent vote. The result petition signed by the required was that the people voted "no" break-ins occurred in Toronto, strong drink and the open bar, the vote which prought local maintained that Mr. Freedman he had an interest in the matter had a good case for a refund and thus could not take part in and thus could not take part in and thus could not take part in from the town, as the planning the discussion or vote. Recent board has changed back his the days of the Temperance So-(Continued on page 3) provincial amendments in muni-cipal legislation now make it lots to just one lot. In reply

Honourary Chairman For Peace Research



R. D. Little Mr. R. D. Little, well known and highly respected citizen of Richmond Hill, has been named honourary chairman of the locMake \$250 Grant To Curtain Club

Richmond Hill Town Council in session Monday unanimously granted the Curtain Club \$250, to help defray the expense of sending a full complement of actors and stage crew to the Dominion Drama Festival in Winnipeg on May 14 to 19th. Mrs. Margot Crack and Mr. Dennis Thatcher waited on council to request assistance. Mr. Thatcher stated that the club wished to send an extra four people over and above the number allowed for by the festival officials. He esextra \$600. The club hopes to raise \$300. to \$350. through donations.

The local group will present their award winning play, "Don't Listen Ladies" on the final night of the festival before Their Excellencies Governor General and Mrs. Vanier.

money. Councillor Al White

Councillor White who opposed

In a liquor referendum last Saturday Richmond Hill voters voted over 64 per cent in favor of licencing dining lounges for the sale of liquor. This was better than four per cent more than the sixty per cent required to repeal the Local Option By-law passed in

On the question of licences for cocktail lounges the vote was just two short of the required 60 per cent. It has been intimated a recount will be asked for when a County Judge will rule on the count of accepted ballots, and also on the validity of 215 rejected ballots.

In the count by deputy-returning officers ballots not marked with the required X are rejected. Sometimes in a recount a Judge might take the view that if the voter's intent is clearly indicated the ballot may be counted.

The requirement of an X, and only an X on a ballot is based on the need for preservation of the secrecy of the ballot. Any mark other than an X might identify the ballot of a particular voter. The law is designed to protect the secrecy of the ballot and eliminate as far as possible any corrupt practices in voting at all elections.

Active and hard-working committees for both the "Vote Yes" and "Vote No" committees toiled hard throughout the day getting the voters to the polls. The deputy-returning officers, poll clerks, scrutineers and special constables at 21 polls did an excellent job quence for the village. Some decided Monday it will have to charged on the basis of the count was completed in short order and the official returns announced by Returning Officer Russell Lynett

The official results released by Returning Officer

Dining Lounge Licence Rejected Ballots Yes - 64.329 per cent Lounge Licence 1970 215 Yes - 59.984 per cent

The detailed results of the voting by subdivisions which follows shows that of 8175 eligible voters, 5138 imperative that a person hold-both Reeve Perkins and Councilexercised the franchise, a voting record of 62.45 per personal interest they have in that the building inspector had cent.

### Local Lads Win Mason Bowling Classic



A team of bantam bowlers from Allencourt Lanes won the Mason Trophy at the National Bantam Bowling Championship held last Saturday at the Allencourt Lanes. The trophy went west last year with a team from Lloydminster, Sask., capturing the prize trophy.

(By Ron Craine)

Grouped around the trophy after their starry victory are (left to right) Allencourt Manager Doug. Miller, Robert Callan, Brian Thomas, Jack Mason, John Beaton, Ian Cameron, David Webster, Stephen Royston and Professional Instructor (Photo by George Chaplin) Jim Hoult.

Mason Trophy Bantam Bowling onto and the Allencourt team Parents and spectators were not result was in doubt to the final win capped months of prechampionships last Saturday, for the boys championship, disappointed. Beach Lanes ball of the final frame and a paration for the event and vic-Throughout the long day 95 When the smoke and excite-bowled 1002 for their first wild cheer went up as the nar-tory was doubly sweet due to teams of boy and girl bowlers ment had died down the Allen-game with Allencourt bowling ow Allencourt victory was made the closeness of the play. vied avidly for the championship court team had achieved a nar- a total of 960. awards. Two teams bowling in row 4 pin victory, bowling a As the second game of the Steve Royston, Ian Cameron, The girls championship was the final flight of the champion- total of 1925 pins to Beach two game set got under way David Webster, Brian Thomas, won by a team of girls from ship play provided most of the Lanes' 1921. It was a terrfic the Allencourt team, down by John Beaton and Robert Cal- Parkway Lanes in St. Cathabowling effort by two teams of a total of 42 pins, continued lan, all members of the victor-rines. Bowling like old profes-The final flights began to very fine bowlers. From the to bowl in a determined man-jous Allencourt Bantams, were (Continued on Page 12)

A team of bantam bowlers into a tooth and nail fight be-evident that these were THE possible victory, cooled out sor Jack Mason presented the

from Allencourt Lanes won the tween Beach Lanes from Tor-teams to beat in the tournament, slightly in the second game. The Mason Trophy to the team. The

bowl at 7 p.m. It soon turned outset of the final round it was ner. Beach Lanes, scenting a wreathed in huge grins as spon-

can be counted.

### F. Hoover Victim Tragic Car Crash

Mayor Calls For Unity

Now that the liquor vote is all over Mayor James Haggart urges all citizens to work together in a spirit of harmony and co-opera-tion for the good of the community. The mayor made his remarks at the close of Monday's town council meeting. He noted that feelings had run high during the campaign and that the town had been fairly well divided on the issue of liquor outlets. His Worship made an urgent call for unity and co-operation. "Let's join together and boost our town", said Mayor Haggart.

As an aftermath of the large number of spoiled ballots at Saturday's voting, Councillor White moved a resolution that council at the forthcoming convention of the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves petition the provincial government to allow the counting of ticks and checks on all ballots. At present only crosses are allowed. On Saturday, a zens marked their ballots trary to the election act cipal Board. which clearly states that

injured in the crash. Fred Hoover died about three Mrs. Hoover sustained broke arms, broken shoulder as we as severe head and other in juries. She was in a semi-cor scious condition when admitte to Hospital but has since lapse into unconsciousness. She di

Plan For Early

(Continued on page 7)

Tenders for construction the new hospital at Richmon Hill were opened Wednesda and it is expected the contract will be awarded within a fe

Building Committee Chairma John Griffin reported to meeting of York Central Ho pital trustees this week that thirteen of the country's be contractors were figuring the job. Following award the contract, actual construction work on the Hospital to be bui on the Vaughan Road just we of Richmond Hill town limi large number of local citi- will await only final approve by the Ontario Hospital Con with ticks and checks con- mission and the Ontario Mun

Ceremonies to mark the turn only crosses made by the ling of the first sod and start pencil in the voting booth | construction are planned for date later this month.

#### their interest they must then pense and that the town should refrain from entering the dispense and that the town should be compensated accordingly.

| For several years now the municipality has been charging a lot fee of \$500 for single lots and \$800 in the case of semi-detached lots plus \$150 per lot for park purposes. "This whole matter is very serious", stated | Polling Subdivision      | Yes   | No   | Rejected<br>Ballots |
|---|--------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|
|   | Advance                  | 74    | 26   | 7                   |
|   |                          | 97    | 94   | 6                   |
|   | 2. McConaghy             | 109 * | 158  | 11                  |
| Reeve Floyd Perkins. "Under the matter. The actual setting present legislation a man erect- of a new schedule of lot fees   |                          | 101   | 63   | 10                  |
| ig an apartment building would for apartment developments will  | 4. McConaghy             | 86    | 57   | 7                   |
| only have to pay a lot fee of be the sole responsibility of \$800." The reeve suggested council.  | 5. Walter Scott          | 149   | 69   | 11                  |
| Funeral Tuesday  F. Hoover Victim Tragic Car Crash  | 6. Walter Scott          | 133   | 55   | 7                   |
|   | 7. Walter Scott          | 97    | 47   | 14_                 |
|   | 8. Walter Scott          | 229   | 87   | 13_                 |
|   | 9. Crosby Heights        | 152   | 68   | 9                   |
|   | 10. Crosby Heights       | 227   | 74   | 10                  |
|   | 11. Beverley Acres       | 178   | 70   | 10                  |
|   | 12. Beverley Acres       | 202   | 56   | 19                  |
|   | 13. Beverley Acres       | 187   | 78   | 14                  |
|   | 14. Beverley Acres       | 137   | 57   | 18                  |
|   | 15. Beverley Acres       | 220   | 74   | 16                  |
| A tragic car accident in Fair-serious injury and is in the fax, Virginia, last Friday caused Hospital at Fairfax in a very  | 16. O. M. MacKillop      | 139   | 93   | 9                   |
| the death of Fred Hoover, re-critical condition. tired bank manager and one of The unfortunate accident oc  | 17 Municipal Hau         | 111   | 59   | 3                   |
| Richmond Hill's most highly curred at the junction of U.S.  | 18. O. M. MacKillop      | 132   | 86   | 1                   |
| esteemed citizens. His wife, Mrs. highways 29-211 and numbe<br>Bernetta Hoover suffered very 15. According to reports the   | 10 Pleasantville         | 179   | 125  | 12                  |
| Hoover car was hit broadside  |                          | 146   | 171  | 7                   |
| Mayor Calls by a station wagon and sput into the path of another can  | 1 2 1 1/1/21 /3112431/11 | 80    | 88   | 8                   |
| For Unity  In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover nine other persons wer  | TOTAL 4920               | 3165  | 1755 | 217                 |

#### hours after the accident and Vala For Cockbail Jounge licences

| Vote For Cocktail   | Loung | Lounge Literites |                     |  |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Polling Subdivision | Yes   | No               | Rejected<br>Ballots |  |
| Advance             | 71    | 27               | 9                   |  |
| 1. Municipal Hall   | 94    | 97               | 6                   |  |
| 2. McConaghy        | 107   | 162              | 9                   |  |
| 3. McConaghy        | 97    | 68               | 9                   |  |
| 4. McConaghy        | 87    | 89               | 4                   |  |
| 5. Walter Scott     | 131   | 88               | 10                  |  |
| 6. Walter Scott     | 125   | 62               | 8                   |  |
| 7. Walter Scott     | 92    | 55               | 11                  |  |
| 8. Walter Scott     | 206   | 109              | 14                  |  |
| 9. Crosby Heights   | 138   | 82               | 8                   |  |
| 10. Crosby Heights  | 202   | 97               | 12                  |  |
| 11. Beverley Acres  | 165   | 83               | 10                  |  |
| 12. Beverley Acres  | 210   | 46               | 21                  |  |
| 13. Beverley Acres  | 174   | 88               | 17                  |  |
| 14. Beverley Acres  | 128   | 67               | 17                  |  |
| 15. Beverley Acres  | 212   | 86               | 14                  |  |
| 16. O. M. MacKillop | 126   | 107              | 3                   |  |
| 17. Municipal Hall  | 103   | 66               | 4                   |  |
| 18. O. M. MacKillop | 121   | 96               | 2                   |  |
| 19. Pleasantville   | 162   | 144              | 10                  |  |
| 20. Municipal Hall  | 132   | 183              | 9                   |  |
| 21. McConaghy       | 70    | 98               | 8                   |  |
| TOTAL 4923          | 2953  | 1970             | 215                 |  |