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Honor Fallen Comrades Of Two World Wars

Cloudy skies and threat of rain failed to halt the large turnout of people who attended the annual Remembrance Day services honoring the dead of two wars at the cenotaph in Richmond Hill Sunday. Legion members from here and Toronto, led by two bands, marched to the cenotaph for the three o'clock services. TOP: Magistrate James Butler of Richmond Hill is seen calling out the names of those who laid wreaths on behalf of fallen friends. CENTRE: The renowned Clans of York Kiltie Band led by Drum Major Len Davidson of Toronto march down Yonge Street. BOTTOM: Some of the dignitaries taking part, left to right, Sid Sparks, Mayor James Haggart, Magistrate James Butler, Rev. James O'Neil of St. Mary's Anglican Church; A. A. MacKenzie, M.C., M.L.A.; Police Chief R. P. Robbins; Rev. Fred Jackson of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richvale; Jack Sanders, treasurer of the Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion.



(STAFF PHOTO)

Pat Smith After Ward 2 Seat

Seven Seek 4 Council Posts Mayorality Battle Looming



MRS. M. SOUTHWELL

PAT SMITH

AL WHITE

Although nomination day is still over two weeks away political activity is starting to simmer in Richmond Hill with contests assured in Wards 1, 2 and 4, and unconfirmed rumors of a ding-dong battle shaping up in the mayorality race.

Councillors Alec Campbell, John MacDiarmid and Al White have stated they will seek re-election December 8, but all will face opposition. As yet, no candidate has come forward to vie for the Ward 3 seat held by Mrs. Margaret Southwell, who said Wednesday she will seek a fourth term on council.

At least two and probably three candidates are rumored to be seeking the top administrative post now held by Mayor James Haggart.

An announcement can be expected within the next few days from one of the contenders, "The Liberal" was informed Wednesday.

Latest to place his name before the electors is Pat Smith of 433 Centre St. East, who announced Tuesday he will make a try for the Ward 2 seat now held by Mr. Campbell.

A resident here for seven years Mr. Smith, 39, is area supervisor for the Ontario Construction Safety Association. He is married and has three boys and one girl.

Active in Scout work for nearly 10 years he was the founding member of two local Scout groups and is presently chairman of 8th Richmond Hill Scout Troop.

Mr. Smith is past chairman of the now defunct Richmond Acres Ratepayers Association. Several years ago he headed a delegation that was successful in getting local bus service in Richmond Hill.

Claiming his main interest is in industrial development, Mr. Smith says he will work towards balancing the top-sided industrial-residential assessment ratio.

Making his first bid for public office he is a strong advocate of more parkland and increased recreational facilities for our youth and supports the swimming pool project now being launched by Councillor John MacDiarmid.

"I will work towards keeping taxes down, increased industrial development and strive at all times for honest and constructive government in Richmond Hill," Mr. Smith stated.

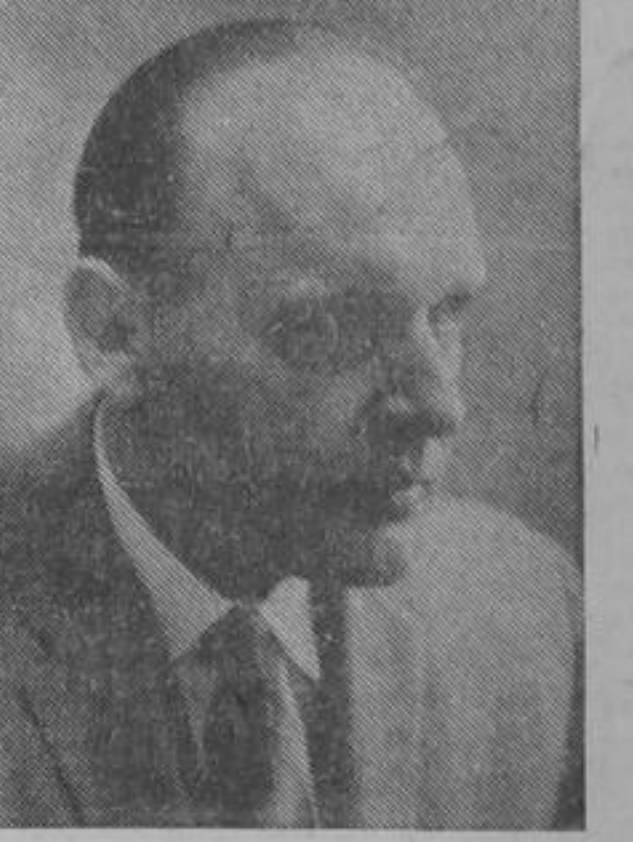
Opposing Mr. Smith for the Ward 2 seat is incumbent Alec Campbell now completing his first term of office.

Gaining the post by acclamation last year, Mr. Campbell has been chairman of the welfare and personnel committee as well as serving on the parks board and industrial commission.

Born in Windsor and educated in Toronto he is employed by A. E. Ames & Company in the industrial stocks and bond field.

A graduate of the University of Toronto where he received his B.A. and Bachelor of Education, Mr. Campbell was a high school teacher prior to entering the business world.

He is also well known in sporting circles having played with the Toronto Argonauts in (Continued On Page 18)



ALEC CAMPBELL

Sell Greenbelt For Residential Say Parks Board

Richmond Hill Parks Board last Tuesday night recommended that council sell the greenbelt area they own just east of Newkirk Road from South Taylor Mills Drive north to Elgin Mills Sideroad for residential purposes.

Funds realized from the sale of the land would revert to the parks board and would be used for acquiring parkland elsewhere.

The land presently serves as a buffer between the residential area of Beverley Acres and an industrial area along the CNR.

Members of the board expressed belief the board should try to create larger, more compact parks. It was felt that revenue from the sale of the greenbelt could be used in acquiring land for larger parks.

The land in question is a narrow strip behind homes fronting on Axminster Dr. and Demaine Crescent. There is room on the parkland for only one row of homes.

If the land is sold, closest park for most children will be Crosby Heights School.

Council would have to accept the board's recommendation before any sale could go ahead and the planning board would have to change the zoning of the strip from greenbelt to residential.

Since most of Richmond Hill has been developed, any future parkland would have to be developed on land outside the present town limits.

Perry Mason Loses His First Case

Douglas Calder of Headford returned from a business trip to Cochrane with an interesting story about Perry Mason (Raymond Burr). Mr. Burr and party were hunting in that area and left it while they walked out to get their truck. When they returned the hind quarters and choice cuts were gone. The current quip in the north is that Perry Mason lost his first case, in Canada.

Land Not Available For R. C. High School

Plans for a proposed new Roman Catholic High School at Bayview and Steeles Avenue have apparently fallen through. Markham Township Council learned Monday night the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Toronto had been unable to assemble enough land for the school.

Council repealed a bylaw passed two weeks ago permitting the school and exempting it from paying taxes.

Hydro Users Get Break On Rates

Domestic hydro rates will drop for local consumers after November 20th. The Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission has approved a new domestic rate structure which will replace the present four block system. The new rate structure will have three blocks or categories instead of the current four.

The first two blocks will remain the same, that is 3.4c gross for the first 50 kilowatt hours per month and 1.7c gross for the second 200 kilowatt hours per month. The third or final block will drop to 1.0c gross for the remainder of the consumption.

The new system will mean the larger user of power will not be penalized when he reaches the final block by having to pay an increased rate from 1.0c to 1.4c. Under

the old system a customer paid a rate of 1.0c for the third block and then an increase of 1.4c in the fourth block. Now any charges over 250 kilowatt hours will be calculated at the one rate of 1.0c.

The commission has also made a reduction in the cost of electric heating for both domestic and commercial purposes. The new home heating rate will be 1.2c gross while the commercial rate will be 1.5c gross. The old domestic heat rate was 1.5c gross. Many new housing subdivisions are featuring the all-electric home. All power charges will now be shown on one meter. Before homes using electric heat required two meters.

Announcement of the new rates followed several months negotiations between the lo-

cal commission and the consumer service division of Ontario Hydro. The new rates are subject to final approval by the provincial hydro commission. This will mark the third rate re-adjustment the local commission has granted since its inception in January 1957.

In addition, the commission pays the 3% provincial sales tax on all rental water heaters. The monthly rental rate to Richmond Hill residents is \$1.70 with the commission paying the 5c sales tax.

"The commission will continue to strive to serve the people of Richmond Hill with cheap public power," stated Chairman Sam Cook in announcing the new rates. The members of the commission are Chairman Cook, Commissioner William Wagner and Mayor James Haggart.

Langford Must Toe Mark

Commission Wants Chief To Table Weekly Report

A resolution which will place more responsibility in the hands of members of Richmond Hill Industrial Commission and less in the hand of Industrial Commissioner Robert A. Langford, was passed Thursday night by the commission.

The resolution, moved by William Angus and seconded by Councillor John MacDiarmid, called for Industrial Commissioner Robert Langford to meet weekly with Chairman John Graham to report sales, negotiations and other business conducted during the previous week.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Langford would decide what material should be brought before the commission.

The recorded vote on the resolution was five for and one against. Only opponent was Gordon Phillips, Chairman Graham participated in the vote.

In a prepared statement released Friday morning, Mr. Graham said:

"The reason for this resolution is that the Industrial Com-

mission feels it can do far more to attract industry to Richmond Hill if it has more information at its disposal."

Mr. Graham, who is general manager of CFGM, continued, "Under this new system, the Industrial Commissioner will be more fully assisted by the experience and contacts of various of the commissioners."

Most members of the commission are extremely successful businessmen and executives with many contacts.

William Angus, of 14 Bridgeford Rd., for example, is a management executive with one of Canada's largest advertising firms, McConnell-Eastman, and is on a first name basis with heads of about 80 firms, Mr. Graham said.

Mr. Angus predicted that the move would "bring more 'group thinking' to bear on the problems of attracting industry to Richmond Hill."

Gordon Phillips, only board member to oppose the resolution, lives at 345 Sugar Maple Lane, and is employed by Norwich Union-Scottish Union Insurance Group, Toronto.

Former Mayor Ken Tom-

lin, 59 Benson Avenue, appeared to be strongly in favor of the motion. Secretary-treasurer of Mills and Hadwin, a Toronto car dealer, Mr. Tomlin is rumored to be considering seeking the mayor's chair this year.

Council's representatives on the board are Councillor John MacDiarmid of 350 South Taylor Mills Dr., and Councillor Alex Campbell of 64 Cartier Cr., an employee of A. E. Ames and Co.

Other member of the board is A. S. Mahaffey of Scholastic Tab Publications. Richmond Hill's Industrial Commission was set up in its present form in 1960. In its capacity as an advisory board, it may spend the money allocated to it by council as it sees fit.

No mention of a term of office is included in the bylaw, indicating that appointed members may serve for an indefinite period.

The first industrial commission was established in March of 1956. Robert Langford was hired as industrial commissioner in 1957.



ROBERT LANGFORD
Industrial Commissioner

Report Makes Recommendation

May Amalgamate Three Boards Under One Head

A recommendation that Richmond Hill's Recreation Commission, Parks & Arena Boards be merged into one will be included in a year-end report to council from Parks Board Chairman Russell Tilt.

The board last Tuesday night gave unanimous approval to a motion calling for amalgamation of the three groups. The resolution was moved by board member Bill

Ruttle, also chairman of the recreation commission.

Members of the parks board suggested there was quite a bit of overlapping between the three bodies.

Mr. Tilt suggested the three boards should be combined under one trained, full-time man, who would do all the detail work, much of which is handled now by the chairmen of the three boards.

A board chairman who is responsible for a full-time city job finds it difficult to do justice to the commission he is serving on, Mr. Tilt suggested.

"We are all trying to do the same thing," he said. All three boards are appointed by council and include two members of council.

Both the arena board and

recreation commission have been in existence for some time. The parks board was formed about two years ago, with Russell Tilt as chairman.

The parks and arena boards are responsible for providing facilities for recreation, while the recreation commission is responsible for utilizing these facilities.

Claim Better Service

Announce Bus Schedules To Be Effective Monday

Starting next Monday further changes will be made in the local bus service according to Transportation and Parking Committee Chairman John MacDiarmid in a statement released Wednesday.

The present route from Bayview Plaza covers Beverley Acres, Crosby Avenue, Cartier Crescent, Centre Street West to Allencourt, Glenbrae, Markham Road, Yonge Street, Pleasantville, Richmond Heights to Levendale Plaza returning over the same route.

Mr. MacDiarmid said this route will be followed except that the two ends will be joined from Levendale Plaza via Yonge Street, Centre Street East, Newkirk Road and Crosby Avenue to Bayview Plaza.

Two buses will travel the route, one in each direction. They will be numbered one and two and will make the circle once every hour in opposite directions.

The Harding Avenue area

will continue to be served and buses will be timed to meet the requirements of the main traffic flow, the chairman stated.

Mr. MacDiarmid also announced that transfers will be eliminated when the changes commence.

Buses going west of Yonge Street will now use Richmond Street instead of Centre Street. Longer layovers at the plazas will now be started due to the relaxed schedule. As well, bus speeds will be reduced on residential streets.

On the new system 15 to 20 minutes is estimated as the maximum time required to travel to any destination from any point on the route.

Extended service Thursday and Friday nights will be continued on a trial basis until the end of December but the extra late bus at 8.40 on these nights will be discontinued as it has not shown any signs of increase in passenger volume, the report

stated. Separate and high school students will have adequate service and the present shift in bus times will not affect school coverage, the committee head said.

Legion Church Parade St. Mary's Anglican Sun.

In observance of Remembrance Day, Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion will attend the morning service at St. Mary's Anglican Church this Sunday. The legion parade will form up behind the post office on Arnold Street at 10.30 a.m. and then proceed down Arnold and Yonge to St. Mary's.

Rev. James O'Neil of St. Mary's is chaplain of Legion Branch 375. During the service Mayor James Haggart will read the first lesson while Legion President Frank Barrott will read the second lesson.

Dramatic Rescue Of Stranded Pup Made By Officer

"Trapped in the main sewer line deep under Crosby Avenue for over an hour, a six-month-old mongrel pup was rescued from certain death by Canine Control Officer Jim Ryan Friday night.

The pup had wandered through a run-off culvert and fallen into the sewer. It was unable to jump back to safety from the watery depths.

Mr. Ryan was lowered by ropes over 40 feet through the narrow pipe on his stomach before reaching the stranded animal. Grabbing the pup by the neck he lifted it up and pushed it ahead of him to safety.

Waiting at the top of the culvert was the young owner, Karen Haessler of 392 Becker Ave., Richmond Hill, sobbing quietly while the dramatic rescue was being carried out.

Karen and Trixie, who is part Spaniel and Collie, were happily reunited with no ill effects to either reported.

When asked to comment on his daring rescue bid Mr. Ryan said: "An animal was in trouble. I gave it a helping hand."