

Ballot Battle In Sight For 3 School Posts

At least four candidates and possibly seven will fight to fill three vacancies on the Richmond Hill Separate School Board December 8.

Thomas J. Ormesher, 251 Neal Dr., William N. Parker, 319 Palmer Ave., C. L. Thompson, 412 Lynett Cres., and Robert Steele, 411 Wenlock St., announced this week they will seek election to the board.

None of the three incumbent members, Neil Meehan, 43 Bedford Park Rd., D. A. Gray, 31 Cartier Cres., or Frank T. Shorter, 51 Palmer Ave., have indicated they will try for another two-year term.

When contacted by "The Liberal" Tuesday the three sitting trustees said they are considering seeking re-election but would make no



C. L. THOMPSON

announcement till later in the week.

A resident of Richmond Hill for five years Mr. Ormesher is a member of the Richmond Hill Library Board.

Born and educated in Toronto, he is a graduate of De La Salle Oaklands School. He is married with four daughters.

Mr. Ormesher is employed by A. E. Ames & Company, a Toronto stock brokerage firm, as a bond trader.

He is of the opinion that every parent should take an active interest in school board affairs and said his decision to run was in part due to a desire to be of public service.

Predicting a heavy influx of population to the area during the next few years,



T. J. ORMESHER

Mr. Ormesher said additional schools will entail a higher work load for trustees.

"There will be many problems to be ironed out, especially with the building of the new parish church on Bayview Avenue and I feel it is the responsibility of every one to do his part", the candidate said.

A 30-year-old industrial and commercial representative for Consumers Gas Company in Richmond Hill, Mr. Parker says he can devote more time to school board duties than candidates working outside the area.

He is married and has two children, a girl six and a boy nine months. Mr. Parker has lived in Richmond Hill for five years.

Making his first bid for public office, Mr. Parker is



ROBT. STEELE

Corps Director of the Hill-toppers Drum Corps, formerly called the Richmond Hill Police Band.

He attended De La Salle Oaklands School, Toronto, and is a graduate in retail merchandising from Ryerson Institute.

Mr. Parker feels there are many problems confronting the present school administration and not enough public interest has been shown by school supporters.

He is a member of Our Lady Queen of the World Holy Name Society.

Mr. Thompson, proprietor of Property Damage Appraisal Services, Willowdale, is married and has one boy and six girls.

A resident of Richmond Hill for the past eight years,



W. N. PARKER

He is a graduate of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

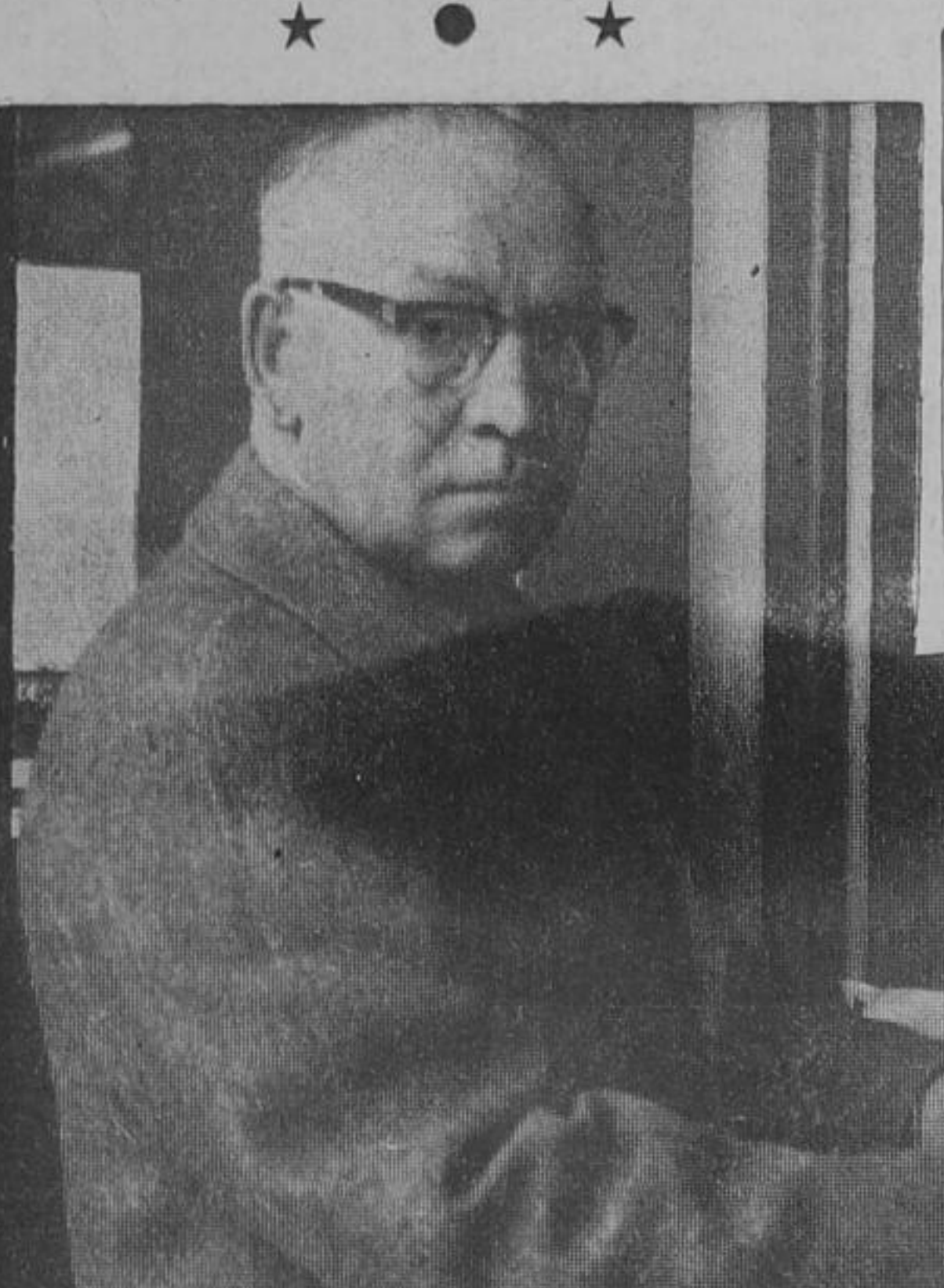
He firmly believes the school board should come more in contact with the public. They are the representatives of the taxpayers, Mr. Thompson said.

Advocating a more democratic administration, he urges better co-operation between board and teachers.

At present Mr. Thompson is the treasurer of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady Queen of the World.

Also making his first bid for public office, Robert Steele, 35, has lived in Richmond Hill for six years. Born and educated in Toronto, he is married with one boy and one girl, both in school.

Mr. Steele is the office (Continued On Page 15)



Dignitaries Attend Opening

Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township is seen cutting the ribbon officially opening the new Thornhill Post Office Monday morning. Below, letter carrier Gordon Holmes initiates letter carrier service by delivering the first letter to Markham Township Reeve Wilfred Dean. The new post office and carrier service will service customers in the Thornhill area who formerly picked up their mail at small local post offices.

"Redevelopment Step" - Broadhurst

Suggests Meter Revenue To Buy Parking Property

Richmond Hill Deputy-reeve Thomas Broadhurst suggested to council Monday night that revenue from parking meters be used to buy land for off-street parking purposes.

He said property is available on Centre Street West for approximately \$30,000 that could be debentured from meter money.

Purchase of this property would give access to stores on the west side of Yonge Street, Mr. Broadhurst said. He termed this a move forward in the redevelopment of the downtown area.

Besides increasing parking facilities, there would be no increase in taxes if it was financed this way, the deputy-reeve said.

In peak years about \$4,500 was realized from the meters, but this figure has dropped during the past year.

Mr. Broadhurst estimated that after servicing costs of \$1,500 were deducted it would leave \$3,000 annually to finance purchase of land.

Transportation and Parking Committee Chairman John MacDiarmid said the suggestion has a lot of merit but would need to be studied further.

Employing a school crossing guard on a part-time basis to look after the meters was suggested by Councillor Al White.

He said it would be cheaper than having a highly paid police constable patrol Yonge Street.

Council was informed by Mr.

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Broadhurst, MacDiarmid Move Up Mayor Haggart Seeks Third Term

Block School Board

Turn Down Third Reading On Oral French Question

Vaughan Township Councilin avoided a proposed plebiscite on teaching oral French in public schools when they refused to give third reading to a by-law calling for the plebiscite Monday night.

The public school board had asked for the plebiscite to be held in conjunction with the municipal elections December 8.

Failure to give third reading means the plebiscite could not be held at that time. It leaves insufficient time for the required amount of publicity for the bylaw.

While the council meeting was going on, the school board was meeting in committee in another part of the municipal building.

Representatives of the Federated Ratepayers Association of the township and home and school groups attended the meeting.

Under discussion was a by-law "to authorize submission of a question to the electors." A second bylaw "to provide for the submission of a question to the electors" did not reach the discussion stage.

Wording of the question was "Do you approve the introduction of oral French into the curriculum of all schools under the jurisdiction of the Board for the Township School Area of Vaughan, commencing September 1963?"

During discussion of a committee report recommending writing of the two bylaws, Councillor F. M. Windatt said: "This is a school board matter and it is within the authority of the school board to authorize teaching of French."

"For the school board to ask us to pass a bylaw on this matter is highly out of order," he charged.

Reeve Albert Rutherford held up discussion of the bylaws as long as possible, apparently hoping the board, meeting

committee, would withdraw its request.

Before beginning discussion, he sent out Clerk Jim McDonald to ask the board whether they were sticking to their request.

"This puts council in a very embarrassing position," explained Mr. Rutherford. "The question of oral French can be a very contentious issue either way."

"I don't feel a question of this type should go to the people," commented Mrs. A. W. Trow, Thornhill, of the oral French committee.

"The school board can't make up its own mind, so they've thrown it to the people," charged Councillor Mrs. McConkey. She warned that the board was trying to turn the question of oral French into a "political football." "This question doesn't have to go to the people. Now they're trying to jam it through before election time, after discussing it for months."

Pat Trant of Thornhill, said: "It is almost as illogical to ask people to approve of oral French as of arithmetic or art. It is the job of the educators and the school board to make these decisions."

"What's the point of having a school board if they're going to pass their problems on to you?" asked Mrs. R. D. Stubble of Thornhill.

"Only we can pass a bylaw authorizing such a plebiscite," replied Mr. Rutherford.

"Will all curriculum problems from now on have to be put to the electorate?" asked A. W. Stevenson, representing the federated ratepayers.

"The cost of such a plebiscite, which would have to be born by the municipality, is just another sign of the school board's incompetence."

"We also object to giving three readings in one night (Continued On Page 15)



JOHN MACDIARMID Wants Deputy Post



THOMAS BROADHURST Goes For Reeve

Three Richmond Hill Town Council members announced this week they will seek re-election, two of them vying for higher posts and the other, Mayor James Haggart, going after his third term for the town's top administrative position.

A newcomer to the local political scene, Stanley A. Ransom Jr., of 88 Roseview Avenue, said Wednesday he will enter the fray in Ward 2 against Pat Smith and incumbent Alec Campbell in the December 8 municipal elections.

Deputy-reeve Thomas Broadhurst announced at Monday night's council meeting he is throwing his hat in the ring for the reeve's chair and Councillor John MacDiarmid said he would let his name stand for the deputy-reeve spot being vacated by Mr. Broadhurst.

All three made their intentions public in short statements prior to the close of the meeting.

Mr. Broadhurst is completing his first year as deputy-reeve having previously served as a council member for three years before gaining his present position by acclamation last December.

Finishing his first year on council, Mr. MacDiarmid also gained his seat by acclamation.

Reeve F. R. Perkins has not committed himself as yet whether he will seek another term. He told "The Liberal" he would decide this week and make an announcement Monday night.

Other than Mr. MacDiarmid, no one else has shown any indication of running for deputy-reeve.

At least two candidates are rumored to be seeking the top administrative post now held by Mr. Haggart. Both said Wednesday they will make no announcement until next Monday.

Nominations for council, public and separate school boards and hydro commission will be held next Monday night between 7.30 and 8.30 in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill High School.

Candidates who are nominated have until 9 p.m. Tuesday to sign their papers.

Walter Scudds of 295 Blue Grass Blvd., is the only candidate so far to signify an intention of contesting the Ward 1 seat.

In Ward 2 three candidates have indicated they will let their name stand. Besides sitting member Mr. Campbell of 64 Cartier Cres., Pat Smith of 433 Centre St. East, and Stanley Ransom Jr., of 88 Roseview Ave., will also contest the seat.

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell will seek her fourth term in Ward 3. As yet no opposition is indicated for the veteran council member.

Incumbent Al White will have opposition in Ward 4 from Robert Saunders of 22 Benson Ave., who was the first candidate in the field declaring himself early last summer.

One member will be elected from each of the four wards to fill council vacancies and two (Continued On Page 3)

S. Ransom Vies For Ward 2 Berth In Hill Elections

Yonge Street businessman Stanley Ransom announced this week he will be a candidate for Councillor, Ward 2, in the December voting for Richmond Hill Town Council. A member of an old Richmond Hill family, Mr. Ransom is the third generation to carry on business here. The Ransoms have four children and reside at 88 Roseview Avenue.

Mr. Ransom is active in community affairs. He is a member of the parks board and is well known in sporting circles. He is a member of Richmond Lodge, AF & AM and Deputy Master of L.O.L. 2368.



In his announcement, Mr. Ransom stated he is opposed to any further annexation at this time. Council was recently reported studying the proposed annexation of a large area in Markham Township lying north and east of the town. Mr. Ransom also feels that more economies could be effected in the administration of our local affairs.

In his bid for a council seat, Mr. Ransom will be opposing a member of the 1962 council, Alec Campbell. Another announced candidate in Ward 2 is Mr. Pat Smith of Centre Street East.

Okay Edgeley System No Vote Needed - OMB

Officials of Vaughan Township were notified Tuesday morning the Ontario Municipal Board had given approval to the establishment of a municipal water system in the Edgeley area without a vote of the electorate.

OMB approval came after a public hearing held because of objections registered with the board by the Concord Ratepayers Association and Ronald Fern, a district property owner.

"I'm very happy with the province's decision," commented Councillor Ruth McConkey, chairman of the township's waterworks commission. "It's part of our overall plan for the township."

Reeve A. Rutherford's only comment was "I'm very happy it has come through."

President R. M. McLean of the Concord Ratepayers Association expressed disappointment at the board's decision.

"Needless to say, the association is disappointed to hear the voters of Vaughan Township will not have an opportunity to vote for a water program," Mr. McLean said in a prepared statement.

"It is quite evident the planning board has no plans for development of our water resources and the responsibility for their development falls on the waterworks committee," he charged.

"Our request to have the waterworks committee formulate alternative plans to develop our own wells and let the people decide what they want, can still be gone ahead with after the election," he continued.

He explained the association was not opposed to the Crothers development, but "only to spending more money on the Edgeley Well before a proper plan had been put before the electors."

Edgeley will be the first area in the municipality to be paid for by the township as a whole. Concord residents first objected because they had been asked to pay for a municipal water system themselves.

Local Lions Donate \$20,000 Hospital Drive

The Richmond Hill Lions Club has made the largest single service club contribution to date in York County to the united hospitals campaign.

Don Little, vice-chairman of the service clubs committee of the hospitals' campaign and past president of the Lions Club, announced that the club has contributed \$20,000.

"It's certainly a pleasure to make this announcement," he said, "and every member of the club can be proud."

President of the Richmond Hill Lions is Dr. Walter Mason.

Charles E. Boyd, service club chairman, also announced that the Bradford Lions Club has made a \$10,000 contribution.

Previous service club donations included a \$12,500 gift from the Newmarket Lions Club.

Staff Wilson - Niblett Will Get 'Flu Shots

Mr. Gordon Wilson, president and general manager of Wilson-Niblett Motors, announced this week that every member of the staff of this well known General Motors dealer will receive 'flu shots. The shots will assist the staff to maintain good health during the winter months.

Local physician, Dr. A. Smith of the Langstaff Clinic, will administer the shots.



To Contest Seat If Any Danger Of Acclamation

A former Richmond Hill councillor and deputy-reeve said Wednesday he will contest any of the three top offices in the forthcoming municipal elections if they are in danger of being taken by acclamation.

S. F. Tinker, who served two years as councillor and two as deputy-reeve, said "wholesale acclamations are not good for sound town administration."

"It is an affront to the electorate to deny them a choice of candidates for mayor, reeve or deputy-reeve," Mr. Tinker told "The Liberal."

A long-time resident of Richmond Hill, Mr. Tinker is street lighting superintendent with the Toronto Hydro.

He also served five years on the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Vaughan Reeve After Second Term

Vaughan Township Reeve Albert Rutherford announced Friday afternoon his intention to seek another term in the reeve's chair. Mr. Rutherford was first elected reeve in the controversial 1960 elections, when he won a landslide victory over John Perry.

Mr. Rutherford's 1960 victory came after defeats by Mr. Perry in 1956 and 1957. Before that, Mr. Rutherford served as a councillor for three years and as deputy-reeve for five.

After farming for many years at Veilore, Mr. Rutherford retired and now owns an insurance agency near Woodbridge.

All indications right now point to a quiet election year in Vaughan. While Councillor F. M. Windatt has announced his withdrawal from municipal politics, all other members of the present council have indicated they will run again for the same offices.

No other candidates for council have stepped forward so far. According to a usually reliable source, several candidates are waiting until nomination night to announce their candidacy.

In addition to Mr. Rutherford, Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson and Councillors Wilfred Keffer and Mrs. Ruth McConkey will seek re-election.

Nominations are set for Nov. 26 at the Community Centre Hall, Maple. Elections will be held Dec. 8. Term of office in Vaughan is two years.