

Don't Leave Cars On Street - Police

Police in Richmond Hill report a rash of accidents involving parked cars during recent weeks and Chief R. P. Robbins has warned motorists to get their cars off the streets at night, whenever possible.

Early Saturday morning, a parked car on Dufferin Lane owned by Kenneth McLaughlin was struck by an unknown vehicle, resulting in an estimated \$200 damage.

Monday evening, a car owned by the Victorian Order of Nurses parked in front of 146 Mark-

Officials Refuse To Comment On Closed Session

Councillor Alex Campbell, chairman of the personnel committee, and John Graham, chairman of the industrial commission, declined to make a statement Tuesday night following a closed meeting of the personnel committee called to deal with a town employee.

Both officials said the matter would be discussed by the 1963 council.

"The Liberal" has learned that J. D. Lucas, town solicitor, told the meeting it had no jurisdiction to make a decision until next year's council was installed.

Maple Residents Invited To Join In Carol Singing

Toronto Department Stores don't have a monopoly on early-morning carol services the week before Christmas.

Residents of Maple will have to go no further than Vaughan Township Municipal Offices in Maple Thursday and Friday morning to join in the singing of carols, according to Councillor Mrs. Ruth McConkey.

Carol singing began Wednesday morning and lasts each morning from 8.30 to nine.

Leading the singing will be Hugh Martin, music instructor in Vaughan Township and the senior choir of George Bailey Public School.

A Novel Stocking Stuffer For Christmas

Are you prepared for the children's after Christmas blues? Why not include a ticket of the Curtain Club's production of "Aladdin" in their stocking? Children from 3 - 99 years will enjoy this gay and sparkling presentation of this universally favourite fairy tale.

Heading the cast, and also directing the pantomime is Rex Sevenoaks, who this year is joined by his son Timmy, who is making his stage debut as the Sultan's page. Join in the fun at the Lion's Hall on December 27, 28 and 29th. Tickets, adults \$1, children 50 cents, can be reserved by calling AL 7-2644 - don't be disappointed - call today!



Honor Clerk For Long Service

Recognition for 20 years of municipal service was made last Friday night by members of Richmond Hill Town Council to Clerk Russell (Curly) Lynett with the presentation of an inlaid teakwood tray. Reeve F. R. Perkins makes the presentation while Mrs. Lynett looks on.

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To All Our Friends and Customers
"Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes For 1963"
Powell Furniture
85 Yonge St. N. Richmond Hill
TU. 4-2922

Deadlock For Ward 1 School Post Sets Record Here

For the second time within a week a tie vote has occurred in elections to fill public offices in Richmond Hill.

David A. Stephenson and George Gray each polled 53 votes in a special election held Saturday, Dec. 15, the eighth member to the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Donald Nesbitt with 32 votes and Eric George with 14 trailed far behind in the

four-way fight for the second Ward 1 seat.

Town Clerk Russell (Curly) Lynett said Tuesday he will apply for an official recount by a county court judge as required under the Ontario Municipal Act.

In the event a tie still remains following the recount Mr. Lynett will cast the deciding vote.

Floyd R. Perkins and Thomas Broadhurst tied with 1,833 votes in the race for

the reveship in the December 8 municipal elections. Mr. Perkins retained the post following a judicial recount by County Court Judge J. Ambrose Shea Monday.

Saturday's election was made necessary when only one candidate, Basil G. Pappas, qualified at the regular nominations November 26.

At a second nomination meeting December 6, Saturday's four contestants put their names forward to force

the special election.

Two trustees are elected from each of the four wards to form the eight-member board.

Other trustees returned by acclamation at the first nomination meeting were Harold Sanderson and Mrs. Ruth Castle in Ward 2; Walter Hutchinson and Mrs. Deena Simpson in Ward 3; Jack Knott and Donald Scott in Ward 4, and Mr. Pappas in Ward 1.

Edges Broadhurst By Three Votes

PERKINS WINS RECOUNT

Defeated Mayor Wants Hydro Head To Resign

Outgoing Mayor James Haggart of Richmond Hill Friday night charged Managing Editor W. S. Cook of "The Liberal" with a conflict of interest and called for Mr. Cook's resignation as chairman of the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission.

Mayor Haggart based his charges on the sale by the Richmond Hill Liberal of printing, stationery, rubber stamps and other supplies to the commission.

Other members of the commission are Mayor Haggart and William Wagner.

Minutes of commission meetings indicate that Mr. Cook had failed to formally disclose his connection with the newspaper.

The charges were made in a report submitted at a commission meeting Thursday afternoon and to town council Friday.

Mayor Haggart made his charges after a letter from Town Solicitor J. D. Lucas indicated that Mr. Cook did have an interest which should have been declared when accounts were passed.

Mr. Lucas' letter was in reply to a letter from Mayor Haggart. His opinion was based on the circumstances outlined in the letter.

Mr. Cook's name was not mentioned in the letter. Mr. Haggart identified him as "chairman of a utilities commission and managing editor of a newspaper."

In explaining his opinion, Mr. Lucas quoted a section of the Ontario Municipal Act which requires an individual sitting on a municipal body to withdraw from discussion and voting on any business which affects financial interests of the municipality.

Although I never formally declared my association with "The Liberal" when accounts were passed for payment, my place of employment was well known to the commission since 1957. And this includes the past 24 months when Mr. Haggart also served on the commission but never once questioned my association until after he was defeated at the polls.

The following statement is published at the request of Hydro Commissioner William Wagner:

For the past four and a half years I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a commissioner of the Hydro-Electric Commission of the Town of Richmond Hill. This commission consists of three members - two elected by the citizens and the mayor as the third member.

The duties of this commission are to administer the complete business of the hydro-electric affairs in Richmond Hill. This commission has held its regular meetings, all of which have been congenial and businesslike and always in the best interests of all the citizens of Richmond Hill. This commission is trustee of public funds and therefore has been very careful to spend money only in the best interests of all citizens of Richmond Hill.

During the period mentioned above this commission has been successful not only in holding hydro rates but even reducing them a number of times to consumers. The latest reduction was in November of this year (Continued On Page 20)

Three votes was the margin of victory Monday for Richmond Hill Reeve Floyd R. Perkins who retained his seat against Thomas Broadhurst following a judicial recount by Judge J. Ambrose Shea.

Mr. Perkins picked up three more votes in the recount, made necessary when the two candidates deadlocked at 1,833 votes each in the December 8 municipal elections, to edge out Mr. Broadhurst 1,836 to 1,833.

It was the first time in Richmond Hill's history a tie had occurred for one of the top three posts.

Town Clerk Russell (Curly) Lynett asked for the recount to be conducted by a county court judge under the provisions of the Ontario Municipal Act.

A total of 119 rejected ballots were inspected by Judge Shea but according to Mr. Lynett they did not figure to any extent in the final outcome.

At least 95 per cent had been marked only for deputy-reeve and not for reeve, the clerk said. Candidates for both offices were on the same ballot.

Mr. Perkins picked up six votes but lost three while Mr. Broadhurst gained three and lost three to remain at his original figure.

Work of the deputy returning officers was praised by Mr. Lynett who said the counted ballots and rejects were all in order and Judge Shea experienced no difficulty at any time during the recount.

Judge Shea assisted by his clerk, W. Book, took slightly over five hours to complete the job.

No markings other than X were allowed.

Predicting a good year in sight Mr. Perkins said he was very happy with the outcome.

"The 1963 council will be a good council and I feel sure that progress and good government will go hand-in-hand during the next 12 months," the reeve said.

Mr. Perkins gained the reeve-ship last year by acclamation. He was defeated for the post in 1960 by James Haggart. Prior to that he served as a councillor.

During 1962 Mr. Perkins was commissioner to York County Warden William Sellers.

Mr. Broadhurst was making his first bid for the reeve-ship, moving up from deputy-reeve, which he gained by acclamation last year.

He was chairman of the finance committee and a representative on York County Council during 1962.

First meeting of the 1963 council is slated for January 7.

ONE DAY LATER

"The Liberal" will publish Friday instead of Thursday next week due to the Christmas holidays.

Mortgage Firm Locates Office On Yonge South

Officials of the British Mortgage and Trust Company have declined to release detailed information on an office which apparently is to be located at 53 Yonge St. S., next door to the K & K Bakery.

According to a well-informed source, the office being established there will be temporary. An official opening of the new office is expected for some time in January.

Remodelling work of the old Dominion Store has been going on for some time. On Tuesday, a sign erected on the front of the store identified the new tenants.

Opening of the temporary office will in no way affect plans for an office building at Yonge and Crosby. Present buildings on that property are being wrecked.

Over Thousand At Open House To See Flowers

Over 1,200 people took in the floral displays of H. J. Mills' first open house Sunday. Visitors to the firm's plant at 123 Dufferin Lane were taken on a guided tour of the company's offices and greenhouses.

Each lady who visited Mills was given a rose. One of the visitors was Santa Claus, who came to see the children attending the open house.

Tours of the greenhouses were conducted by the company's growers (gardeners).

Special feature of the afternoon was a raffle on a large arrangement of mums and snapdragons, worth \$25. Proceeds from the raffle (\$32.25) will go to the United Hospitals Fund Campaign.

For Markham Students

Allow Oral French Lessons Next Year At Langstaff

Markham Township pupils attending Langstaff Public School in Vaughan Township will begin the study of Oral French at the beginning of the year.

Vaughan Township School Area Board Thursday night agreed to a request from Markham Township School Area No. 1 that a classroom be made available for this purpose three days a week after 3:30.

Markham T.S.A. No. 1 will provide the teacher. About 22 pupils in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be eligible for instruction.

Sixty pupils from Markham in all grades are in attendance at Langstaff School.

Superintendent Joseph Gibson reported that in 1961 Richmond Hill Public School had an average attendance of 2,923-57, while Vaughan Township had an average attendance of 2,694.04.

"In the past there has been some doubt as to which board should appoint a representative to the District High School Board. This year it is quite evident Richmond Hill will have the privilege," Mr. Gibson said.

Mr. Gibson also reported that although there had been some variations in enrolment at various schools, enrolment on December 1 of 3,121 indicated an increase of only three pupils in three months over the township as a whole.

On December 12, approximately 900 pupils in Grades 7 and 8 had been transported to Mart Kenney's Ranch to hear a program of band music presented by the R.C.A.F. Command Band, reported the superintendent.

Later the finance committee chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Robertson, recommended that approval be given for an expenditure not to exceed \$300 to cover the expenses of the concert. The band gave its services free of charge, but the board was responsible for providing accommodation and transportation.

A report from the York County Health Unit in regard to Patterson School stated that an inspector, November 16, found the school in satisfactory condition generally, with recommendations for improvement of toilet and drinking water facilities.

The report said the well water was seepage from the nearby creek but with chlorination it made satisfactory drinking water.

Trustee Goodwin reminded the board that an attempt by the former section trustees to have a well drilled had been a failure.

Trustee Dorothy Robertson said that in view of the small amount of property at the school she wondered if it would be economical to spend the amount of money needed to put facilities in good condition. The matter was left for the 1963-64 board to study.

A 15-page report from Timmins and Bristow on the purchase of site for Roselawn (Continued On Page 7)

You Never Can Tell

What did he find 'neath the Christmas Tree —
The curly-haired boy who had just turned three?

A bear that knits and a duck that quacks,
An electric train with all the tracks,
A transport truck with the cars inside,
A horse with the saddle equipped to ride,
A host of books and a bag of blocks,
And a big green parrot that sometimes talks.

What does he play with most of all?
The vacuum cleaner and an old golf ball!

Robert D. Little