

**Coming Events**

**FEBRUARY 13** — Wednesday, 1.30 p.m. Dessert luncheon at Richmond Hill United Church, speaker Mrs. R. G. Riddell. c1w29

**JANUARY 18** — Friday, Richmond Hill Naturalists meet 8 p.m. Public Library auditorium. Everyone welcome. c1w29

**JANUARY 18** — Friday, Presentation and dance for Mr. and Mrs. Don Cober (nee Carol Black), Schomberg Community Hall, Hollingshead Orchestra. Ladies please provide. Everyone welcome. c1w29

**JANUARY 23** — Wednesday at 2.15 p.m. Kingcrafts General Meeting, Speaker Mr. J. Sime, president of Hockley Valley School of Fine Arts and Crafts, c1w29

**JANUARY 25** — Friday, 8.30 p.m. Velloro Old Boys 81st Annual Dance and Euchre, Velloro Memorial Hall, Hollingshead's Orchestra. Modern and old time dancing. Admission \$1.25. Lunch provided. Alex Bishop, president; Howard Plunkett, secretary; Brit Plunkett, vice-president; Jack Williams, treasurer. \*1w29

**Dean Breaks Tie Vote**

**'Appointments Are Payoff' Markham Member Charges**

Councillor Al Sumner of Markham Township Monday afternoon charged some members of council are paying off election debts by securing township appointments for supporters.

Mr. Sumner levelled his charges after Reeve Wilfred Dean had cast the deciding vote to carry a resolution supporting the appointment of Unionville real estate man Vern Griffin to the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board.

When Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper asked Sumner to repeat aloud a comment he made under his breath, Mr. Sumner raised his voice to a shout and repeated, "Is that another election debt paid off?"

Earlier, Mr. Sumner had warned that "the municipality is placing itself in a position of jeopardy. I do not approve of a real estate man on a planning board."

"This kind of thing can put the municipality in a very bad light," he explained. "It leaves us open to a lot of criticism."

Council's support of Mr. Griffin came as approval of a recommendation from a joint meeting of representatives of Richmond Hill, Markham Village, Stouffville, and Markham Township, held in Buttonville last Thursday night.

Mr. Griffin, who was nominated at the joint meeting by Deputy-Reeve Harold Lawrie of Markham Village and Mr. Hooper, received support from Markham Township, Markham Village and Stouffville.

Richmond Hill supported former Richmond Hill Deputy-Reeve John Bradstock.

A real estate salesman with Thomas N. Shea, Mr. Griffin was Reeve of Markham Township in 1948 and in 1949. Appointment is as representative of the northeast district; of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board.

Councillor Hoover supported W. J. Spears, a resident of Markham Village, for the post. Mr. Spear's name received no support at the joint meeting.

Deputy-Reeve Hooper explained he was supporting Mr. Griffin over Mr. Spears because he was a resident of the municipality.

"Besides, Mr. Spears is an old man," Mr. Hooper added. "Isn't he an older man than you?" he asked turning to Mr. Hoover.

"I don't know how old he is," Mr. Hoover replied.

Well, isn't he getting the old age pension?" Mr. Hooper persisted.

"I don't know that," Mr. Hoover replied.

Mr. Sumner also suggested Mr. Dean and Mr. Hooper had council's full backing at the meeting. "Wasn't the impression given that you had council's backing?" he asked.

"That's out of order, Mr. Reeve, the resolution has already been carried," Mr. Hooper replied.

"No, we at no time said you were backing us," Mr. Dean replied.

"I don't have to answer that question. It's out of order," repeated Mr. Hooper.

"Mr. Hooper doesn't have to answer your question," explained Mr. Dean. "I only answered out of courtesy."

No report on the joint meeting was made at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Council.

Next meeting of Markham Village Council is slated for Monday night.

Representatives of Stouffville, who did not attend the meeting, will probably endorse Mr. Griffin's appointment.

Earlier in the meeting, council appointed Mr. Sumner and Harry Maynard to the township planning board.

Mr. Maynard's appointment also split council. Reeve Wilfred Dean and Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper backed C. J. Palmer of Thornhill, opposing Mr. Rumble, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Sumner.

Mr. Palmer, who moved into the township a year ago, had been a member of North York Planning Board for four years.

**Maple Sideroad Scene Of Crash**

A Maple man and a Richmond Hill man are still in serious condition in Branson Hospital after the cars they were driving collided on the Maple Sideroad, one-fifth of a mile west of Bathurst Street, early Thursday evening.

Arthur Wells, Maple, and John Hough, Apartment 206, 50 Benson Avenue, Richmond Hill both received serious injuries. Mr. Wells is provincial returning officer.

Mr. Wells is suffering from a fractured femur (thigh bone), a broken ankle, fractured ribs, a fractured arm along with head and internal injuries, according to police.

He is still unable to talk coherently with police.

Injuries to Mr. Hough include facial lacerations, head injuries, a broken right arm and chest injuries.

Both cars involved in the accident were total wrecks, police say.

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**Reveals Plans For New Block**

Plans for a proposed new 41-suite apartment building near Richmond Heights Centre were revealed at Thursday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Public School Board.

According to a letter to the board from Planning Director Harold Deeks, the apartment house will be located at "Rayborne and Jacey Anne Blvd. Included in the proposed 41 apartments are five bachelor, 22 one-bedroom and 14 two-bedroom suites.

Application for the building was from Ben Freedman, who has built several apartment buildings on Bayview Avenue, south of Markham Road.

Mr. Deeks has submitted plans for the building to the various boards in town which would be affected by the move. The proposal has yet to be discussed by the planning board.

The board approved the plans Thursday night, with the proviso that there be no change in the number of suites, increase in school enrolment resulting from the proposal would be 10 to 15, the board estimated.

**Edwardian Costumes Enhance Pirandello Play Of Curtain Club**

To a little Sicilian town comes Signora Ponsa, his wife and her mother, Signora Frola. The neighbours' curiosity is aroused when it is found that Signora Frola lives in comfortable circumstances while her daughter exists in a tenement house and remains secluded and a figure of mystery. This situation in the play, "Right You Are If You Think You Are", is to be produced by the Curtain Club and is concerned with the struggle caused by the desire of people to know the truth of a certain family, the Ponsas.

The author Pirandello was fascinated with the then, new idea of a split personality - a different truth for each person. He maintains that truth is relative and subjective - the joke being that people know the truth already since whatever seems to each of them so, is so.

The play was written in 1916 and the Curtain Club has chosen to present it in the elegant Edwardian period with two sets. It will commence February 6-9, 13-16 and tickets are available through club members and by calling TU. 4-2107.

**Scudds Will Attend Regional Conference**

Councillor Walter Scudds of Richmond Hill was authorized by council Monday night to attend the regional conference of the Town and Village Section of the Ontario Municipal Association in Preston, January 26.

**Reappoint Ex-Mayor To Metro Body**

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forward by Councillor Al White and Mr. Williams was nominated by Councillor Scudds.

Mr. Williams garnered four votes, Mr. Ransom three, Mr. Whalen two, and Mr. Smith one.

Deputy-Reeve Tinker is the only council member on the board.

Five names were tabled for two vacancies on the parks board formerly held by Mr. Smyth and Mr. Ransom who resigned prior to entering the council race.

Mr. Smyth was reappointed along with James Mansbridge, who will be serving his first term as a council appointee.

Others nominated were C. Cripps by Councillor Murphy, Pat Smith by Councillor Campbell and Peter Sale by Councillor Scudds.

Topping the poll with four votes was Mr. Smyth. Mr. Mansbridge received three, Mr. Sale and Mr. Smith two each, and Mr. Cripps one.

There is no specified time limit to parks board appointments.

All incumbent members were returned to the recreation committee, fence viewers, committee of adjustment and the library board.

Slated to serve another one-year term on the fence viewers committee are F. Rumble, R. Giles and K. Flynn.

This committee arbitrates disputes over fence locations on property lines as well as making recommendations to council on fencing requirements in the town.

Returned for further three-year stints on the committee of adjustment were Harry Sayers and A. Stewart.

No other names were tabled to fill the two posts.

Returned for a one-year term on the recreation committee were Mrs. D. Turner, Mrs. M. Williams, Ron Craine, Ray Gemmill and William Ruttle.

There is a possibility this committee may be amalgamated with the parks board later this year.

Thomas Robertson will serve another three-year term as council's representative on the library board.

His name, put forward by Councillor White, was the only one submitted for council's consideration.

Town Works Foreman Fred Bovard will serve another year as weed inspector.

Council members named to board posts are: Councillor Campbell, library board; Councillors Murphy and White, recreation committee; Councillor White, VON board; Councillors Campbell and Scudds, industrial commission; Deputy-Reeve Tinker, planning board; Reeve Perkins and Deputy-Reeve Tinker, arena board; Reeve Perkins and Councillor Scudds, parks board, and Mayor committee may be amalgamated

**Future Programs At Four Schools Shown Students**

Grade 8 pupils in Richmond Hill should have an easier time deciding what course to take when they enter high school next fall.

Parents of pupils will have an opportunity to visit the three area high schools to hear descriptions of the programs available to their children.

General meetings have been set for January 24 at Thornhill Secondary School and January 29 at Woodbridge High School. Bayview Secondary School had their meeting Wednesday night.

Addressing the meetings will be Secondary School Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman, a guidance head, a principal, a commercial teacher, a technical director and an elementary school inspector.

**Blame Blaze On Hot Plate**

Firemen blame a hot plate for a fire which gutted this home on Clark Avenue in Thornhill Monday morning. Officials say a child apparently turned on the plate and the resulting heat set fire to an adjoining wall. Damage to John Reim's \$10,000 house was \$7,500, officials estimate. Contents of the house worth an estimated \$2,500 were also lost. (Photo by Barbour)



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**Planner Deeks**

**No Easy Solution Local Problems**

In an address to the members of the Rotary Club Monday evening F. H. Deeks, planning director, Richmond Hill Planning Board discussed many of the problems facing this municipality and urged courageous action to meet them.

"Right now Richmond Hill is like a young girl with a girldle so tight, one eye was green and the other eye red from crying about it - her suitor didn't know whether to stop or go ahead so she lost him," said Mr. Deeks who has been planning director here since early last year.

"Gentlemen, don't lose the excellent future that can be Richmond Hill's," said the speaker. "You must be prepared to spend tax money not only on schools, but also on physical development of your community: storm sewers, water mains, roads and parking facilities. You must be prepared to put up with the time it takes to plan and with the many zoning amendments that follow. You must be prepared for a modernization of the central business area through a planning process directed to:

- (1) Provide parking.
- (2) Relieve traffic congestion and minimize hazards to pedestrians inside the centre.
- (3) Eliminate non-shopping land use in the centre.
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- (5) Protect adjacent neighbourhoods by setting the centre apart from residential areas, providing adequate traffic ways into the shopping area and providing ample parking space within.

You must be prepared to consider industrial annexation."

The planning director said that during the past six to eight months much data and material has been gathered for the planning board but there still is a great deal to accumulate which will take more time. He said, "there are no easy solutions to the planning problems of Richmond Hill."

A full text of the interesting address by Mr. Deeks will be published in our next issue.

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