

Hilltoppers To Raise Funds For Drummer Corps

A new association has been formed in Richmond Hill and will be known as the "Hilltoppers Parents Association". Members of the association are parents of the boys and girls who make up the Richmond Hill Drum Corps. Purpose of the association is to raise funds for the drum corps which in the past has been financed to a large extent by the Lions Club. In recent months however, the Lions club has been preoccupied in raising funds for the new hospital so parents of the boys and girls of the drum corps have agreed to combine their efforts and take over the responsibility of raising funds for the corps in order that it may fulfill its many commitments in 1963 and the years ahead.

Two general meetings have already been held and the association is confident that, with the help of the citizens and merchants of the town that their aims and ambitions will soon be realized.

It is the feeling that an efficient and competent corps will bring further recognition to Richmond Hill as the corps will, in the near future, be carrying the town's name with them in their travels throughout Ontario and into the United States.

As their first venture to raise funds, the Hilltoppers Association are planning a social evening and dance to be held some time in the near future. It is the hope of the association that the people of Richmond Hill will lend their full support to this effort.

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Bayview Students Put Candidates On Griddle

If Messrs. John Addison, Charles Hopper and Stanley Hall, running candidates in the York North riding for the forthcoming federal election were under the impression that their meeting with the student body of Bayview Secondary School was going to be a breeze, they now know that they were labouring under a misapprehension.

Confronted with roughly 150 placard bearing enthusiastic students the candidates were the subject of a barrage of questions from the student body - some of which were obviously not too easy to answer by the three candidates.

First speaker at the meeting was John Addison, Liberal standard bearer for the riding who told the students that first and foremost in the Liberal platform was the formation of a government that had the good of the country at heart. Before any government could work for

the good of the country he said, it must have sufficient strength and that unless a government was returned to Ottawa that had a working majority there could only be regional representation, a situation which, he said, was dangerous and uneconomical.

In recalling the days preceding the last election he reminded the students that the Prime Minister had told the country that it had never been in better shape in all its history but shortly after the election Canada had found itself in one of its gravest financial positions of all time.

He said that a break-up in the Conservative party had been obvious for some time but that weakness of the Conservatives really came to the fore during the Cuban crisis when, he said, it took the Conservative government at Ottawa 72 hours to decide what it was going to do in the crisis.

Stanley Hall, N.D.P.

candidate, told the students of the three major platforms of his party and how it was proposed to go about achieving them. He recalled to the students that it was the C.C.F. the forerunner of the National Democratic Party, that had instituted socialized medicine in Canada as far back as 1947. In the matter of nuclear armaments he said that his party was "emphatically unequivocally and unalterably opposed" to nuclear weapons and charged that the Liberals were advocating the use of nuclear weapons as a psychological sop to comfort the conscience of Canadians. He said that if Canadians accepted the Liberal argument on nuclear weapons they would find it to be an expensive tranquilizer in the long run.

Charles Hooper, Progressive Conservative, recalled

to the students that under Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's government in Ottawa that one of the greatest pieces of Canadian legislation in the country's history had been put onto the statute books. He was referring to the Bill Of Rights which he read out in part for the students.

Mr. Charles Hooper claimed that if it had not been for the badgering tactics of the opposition parties during the brief tenure of the last parliament that a great deal more legislation would have been accomplished for the good of the country.

The candidates were introduced to the students by Principal J. W. Kippen who turned the meeting over to the panel comprised of Duane Patfield, Martin Connelly, Miss Pat Baker, and Brad Bellis.

Holstein Association Hears Dr. A. C. Forrest

By JEAN B. LEAF

"We must educate ourselves to become a part of the Republic of Learning—learning to understand. The wise and educated man knows there are no simple solutions to the problems of underdeveloped countries today."

This was the essence of an address by the Rev. Dr. A. C. Forrest, editor of The United Church Observer, who was guest speaker Friday evening last when members and guests of the York County Holstein Association held their annual banquet at St. Andrew's United Church, Markham.

Dr. Forrest who grew up on a dairy farm at Maple and attended public school there and Aurora High School before going on to University, was introduced by Mr. Allan Orr of Victoria Square.

Dr. Forrest said that, "Revolutions are whirling in the world today. We who saw our fathers concerned with the plight of Canadian neighbours during the Saskatchewan drought and the Winnipeg flood, must now set our sights on wider horizons — the revolution in Cuba, the hunger in China, the poverty and malnutrition in Africa. Now everyone becomes a neighbour," he said. "As long as many live in poverty, or are underprivileged because of color or race, the world is in danger."

Dr. Forrest spent some time in Angola recently, and was struck by the stark poverty and great need there.

"In one Angola village there was no milk. Children were

running about — and there were no schools. There was no doctor, and the population suffered from malnutrition because they live chiefly on a diet of cornmeal mush.

"In this beautiful rolling country which is potentially rich (seeds will grow if planted) many are hungry," said Dr. Forrest. "This is the thing which strikes the traveller from the western world."

Dr. Forrest stressed that for Canada to send help in the obvious way would be disastrous. "One of the worst things we could do for the people of Angola would be to send them our surplus foods free. They are learning to develop their lands, use fertilizers, etc. They are developing trade. Our surpluses would upset their market."

The speaker pointed out that over the past hundred years Canadian farmers have met and

solved many agricultural problems. With better nutrition there are few deaths from childbirth, and the infant mortality rate is low. Close watch on dairy herds through inspection has cut the incidence of tuberculosis. Underdeveloped countries are still fighting these ills, and could use our technical knowledge.

Dr. Forrest also pointed out that Western methods of agriculture are not always applicable. He cited the case of one piece of weed covered land he thought should be plowed and fallowed, but an African assured him this would not do. The hot, dry winds would blow away the top soil if the land was plowed.

At present, land is cleared by burning off the brush and after a year or two of this treatment crops are poor. Better ways must be found.

"The best way to help them with their problems," Dr. Forrest said, "is by understanding, and sending to their aid the most dedicated people we can find."

"In Africa, if you meet someone who has emerged from the tribe to become a teacher, agriculturist, or doctor, it has been made possible because of education brought by workers of the Church."

"We who have had the advantage of free education in a free

country for a century must give of ourselves, that they who are in need will find the best for their children."

Meeting Well Attended
This was the largest banquet the Holstein Association has ever had, with approximately 300 present.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Murchison; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gough; Mr. and Mrs. Al Wall, Agricultural Representative of York County; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riseborough, and Mr. Trevor Watson.

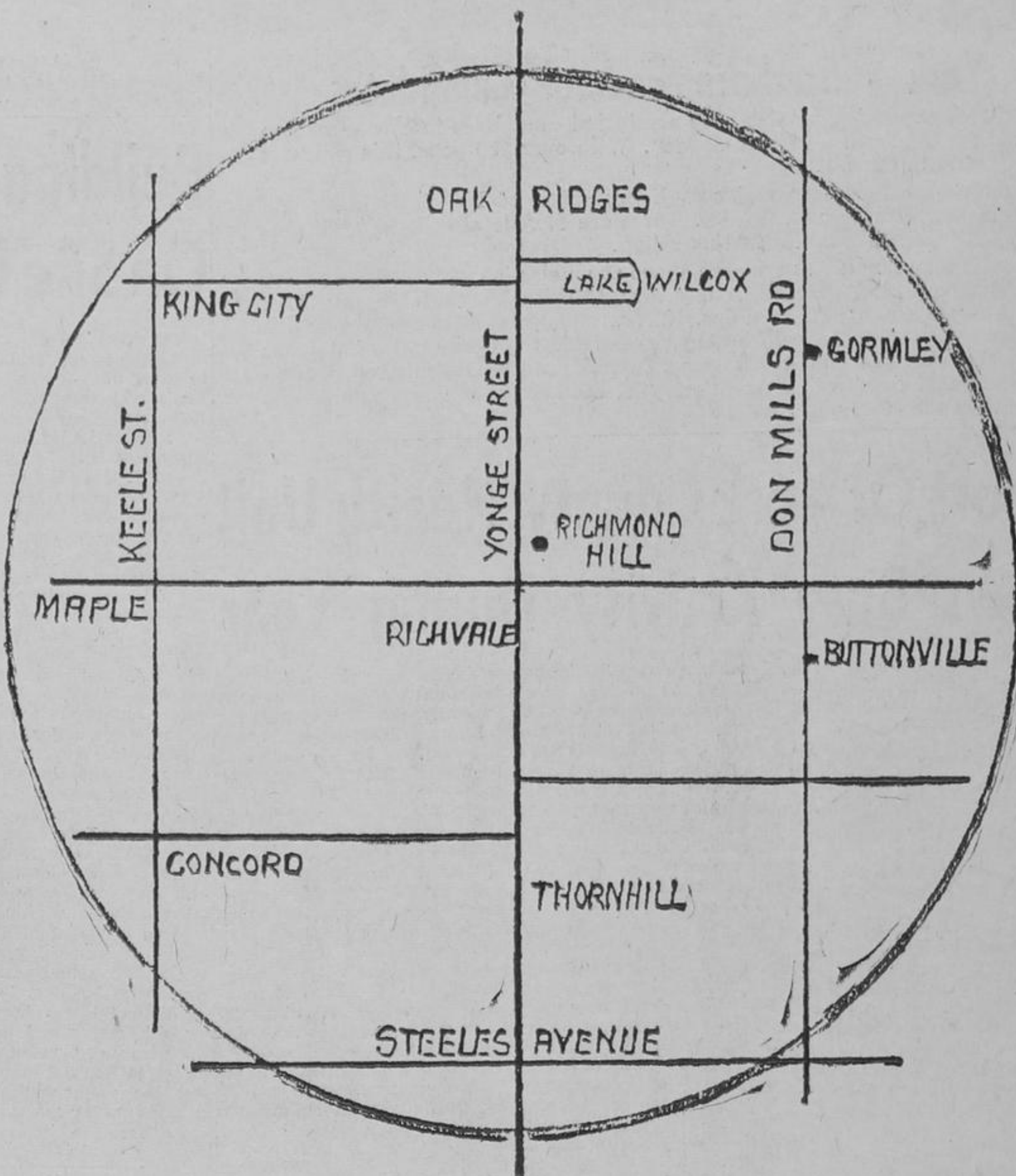
During the evening Mr. Wahl introduced, Charles Haines, who replaces Sam Gough as the new sales agent for the county club; and Trevor Watson, the new secretary, replaces Roy Barker who served for 18 years. Mr. Gough and Mr. Barker were tendered parting gifts.

Draw prizes were won by Mrs. Bruce Davidson, Roy Robinson, Wesley Clarke, Gordon Miller, Roy Barker, Mrs. Walter Atkinson and Mrs. Jessie Laver.

A delightful musical programme was provided by the three Haines sisters, Ruth, Beth and Joan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines of Sharon, who sang several ballads and folk numbers.

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Hill Council Briefs

POLICE AGREEMENT
Council approved an agreement with the Richmond Hill Police Association outlining a salary schedule for 1963. Councillor Campbell questioned a clause dealing with the hours of work but his amendment that the clause be reviewed failed to get a seconder. The councillor's question was whether the agreement called for an eight or a seven hour day. Police now work in three eight hour shifts with up to an hour allowed for lunch.

Chief R. P. Robbins who was in attendance said that lunch time for police depended on the work of the day. "Some times when they are busy they have no lunch time, other days they might get up to an hour," said the chief.

Regarding Councillor Campbell's request for a clear definition of an eight or seven hour day Councillor White said "I think you're making a mountain out of a molehill."

Mayor Neal complimented Councillor Campbell for "raising a good point" and said it was something which might be given more consideration next year.

APARTMENT AGREEMENT
Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker insisted that a by-law submitted to council by Planning Director Harold Deeks be referred to the town solicitor for approval. "There have been by-laws passed which did not always afford the proper protection for Richmond Hill and we don't want to repeat such mistakes," said Mr. Tinker. The by-law provided a site plan for planned apartment construction.

POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY
Councillor Thomas Murphy presented a report of a meeting of the police committee which recommended that the chief constable have a salary schedule with a minimum of \$6,500 and a maximum of \$8,000 and an annual increase of \$300. It was stated the present salary of the chief is \$6,450 per annum.

Mayor Neal questioned the recommendation for an annual increase of \$300. It was pointed out this is the same annual increase given the clerk and works commissioner. The report which was adopted provided that the \$300 increment

will be effective this year. On motion of Councillor Walter Scudds it was recommended that the police patron receive an increase of \$150.

CONVENTION POLICY
Deputy-reeve Tinker reported for the finance committee with a recommendation that the existing policy governing attendance of officials at conventions be unchanged. It was explained that the existing policy is that convention trips in Ontario may be authorized by the responsible committee, but trips to conventions outside Ontario must have approval of the whole council.

Accounts authorized for payment by the finance committee included a November 1962 expense account of Industrial Commissioner Langford for \$113.15; Councillor Scudds expenses attending O.M.A. Convention \$18.00; County of York entry fee for county bonspiel \$20; J. E. Buchanan January garbage collection \$3,335.38; school guards for February \$558.84; Trailways of Canada, February bus operation \$2,167.20; York Sanitation, February garbage collection \$3,000; Royal York Hotel convention expense \$375.51.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S SALARY
Council took no action on the proposed budget of the planning board which recommended salary increases, including an increase of \$500 per year for Planning Director Deeks who is now paid at the rate of \$8,500 per annum.

Council passed a motion by Councillor Campbell that the planning board chairman be asked to confer with the town personnel committee regarding salaries.

Council members gave no indication as to whether or not they intended to support a \$500 increase for the planning director. The planning board budget recommended in addition to the increase for the planning director increased amounts for the secretary and the planning assistant.

NEW DEPARTURE
Something new in local administration was reported by Councillor White, chairman of the administration and procedure committee. A meeting was held recently attended by May-

or Neal and all members of council, with Clerk R. Lynett, Works Commissioner O. S. Whalen, Planning Director H. Deeks, Deputy Clerk M. Clement, Fire Chief A. Stong, Building Inspector J. Hollowell, Industrial Commissioner R. Langford, Assessment commissioner R. Johnston, Welfare Officer N. Lewis and Police Chief R. P. Robbins. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the department heads various problems of municipal administration. "I think the meeting was most helpful" said Councillor White who added that it is planned to hold similar meetings monthly.

PARK PLANS
On motion of Councillor Scudds it was decided to proceed at once with expropriation proceedings to acquire an acre of land on Crosby Avenue for park development. It was stated that a park is needed to meet the recreation plans for the area. The acre to be expropriated will supplement four acres already owned and ready for development. It is planned to proceed at once with improvements so the park space can be used this coming summer.

CHRISTMAS CHEER
Co-ordinated Welfare Counselling Service a co-operative group of local agencies interested in public welfare wrote town council some time ago asking rebate of some of the money spent on Christmas baskets to the needy. At Christmas 1961 baskets were sent to 53 families and last year's council voted \$295.12 toward the total cost of \$488.81.

At Christmas 1962 there were 45 baskets sent out at a cost of \$584.34. Asked to share in the cost the finance committee of council requested a list of names and addresses of recipients. Monday night a letter to council stated "last year this was not necessary and we feel this is our own personal concern and do not care to divulge this information."

The letter was referred to the finance committee. If we're asked to pay the bill I think the information asked for is very much our business," said Deputy-reeve Tinker. The deputy-reeve said most people thought this expense was taken care of by the service clubs.