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Past Presidents Of Richmond Hill Lions



- 1938-39-40 — Jim Stewart
- 1940-41 — Jack Smith
- 1941-42 — Bob Little
- 1942-43 — Paul Angle
- 1943-44 — Frank Hogg
- 1944-45 — John Greene
- 1945-46 — John Wilson
- 1946-47 — P. C. Hill
- 1947-48 — Ralph Paris
- 1948-49 — Dick Edmunds
- 1949-50 — Albert Hill
- 1950-51 — Mel Malby
- 1951-52 — Ken Tomlin
- 1952-53 — Doug Boyd
- 1953-54 — Hugh MacKay
- 1954-55 — Bill Wagner
- 1955-56 — Howard Jackman
- 1956-57 — Basil Mundy
- 1957-58 — Bill Brown
- 1958-59 — Harold Sanderson
- 1959-60 — Jim Langstaff
- 1960-61 — Denny Featherstonhaugh
- 1961-62 — Don Little
- 1962-63 — Walter Mason

Joint Meeting Solves Town Parking Problem

Richmond Hill's vexing parking problem was solved at a joint meeting of the planning board and town council held in the council chambers Tuesday night.

Following an hour and a half discussion on the many problems inherent in the various proposals put forward by the planning board in an effort to resolve the town's parking problems the meeting went into committee and an hour and a half later emerged with the decision that:

ises for new uses however would be required to pay a 'fee in lieu of parking' contribution that would be collected by the town for use in the construction of future municipal parking lots. Such a fee had previously been set at \$300 per parking space required but following last Tuesday's meeting it was stated that a new figure would be set at a later date.

The arrangement reached at the joint meeting of town council and planning board will not become effective until it is approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

During discussion on the problems continued reference was made by many members of council to the question of granting a permit for Pop's Restaurant for renovation as a licensed liquor outlet. Such a permit has been held up pending a solution to the parking facilities that will be needed by the restaurant. With regard to such references Chairman Cecil Williams remarked that he was sick and tired of repeated references to Pop's Restaurant and reminded the meeting that its purpose was to resolve the town's parking problems for the good of all concerned and that the discussions should not be predicated on the immediate need of Pop's Restaurant.

Rabid Fox Handled By Maple Boys

A young fox that had been captured and handled by five Maple boys has been reported rabid by government health authorities. While none of the boys had been bitten or scratched by the animal, they will all undergo observation for possible contagion rabies.

The boys, whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years were Tony and Martin Lord, Claude Holmes, Joseph Scott and Jim Emanuel. All but the latter live in Maple while the young Emanuel boy is a resident of Meadowvale.

They told "The Liberal" they had been watching the fox at play for several days in a field on the property of Canada Packers' Shur-Gain farm about a mile north of the village. A week ago Tuesday the animal appeared to be dragging its hind legs, and when the boys approached it, while it did not attempt to get away, still it did not attack or show signs of fright.

It died as Tony Lord carried (Continued On Page 3)

Jimmy Linderman Rides In Leaf Parades

One of the happiest boys last Friday was six year old Jimmy Linderman of Essex Avenue who rode in a convertible in the Maple Leaf victory parade. The parade was held following Leafs' Stanley Cup win Thursday night.

Jimmy's father, who is a leading salesman with York Mills Pontiac had Leaf ace Bobby Nevin and Johnny MacMillan in his convertible. Following the parade and civic ceremonies the players and cavalcade returned to Maple Leaf Gardens for a buffet luncheon.

This has been an exciting year for young Jimmy as recently he also enjoyed a trip to New York.



Congregation Honours Minister

The congregation of St. Matthew's United Church honored their retiring minister and his family at a surprise party held Saturday evening at the Church.

They presented the Pattersons with a lovely new TV set in appreciation of their five years of service to the congregation. Mr. Patterson has accepted a call to Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls, as associate minister. He begins his new duties on May 1.

Grouped around the set are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, and leading laymen Walter Scudds and Bud Justice. Son Jimmy, 10, the youngest of the Patterson children is crouched in front of the set.

Organize Summer Season

Town Sports Day Parade June 19

In a meeting held at McConaghy Public School last Monday night, President James Mansbridge of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association announced that the annual Sports Day celebration will be held on June 19th. Plans are afoot for a special event to be held in the town park but are not yet firmed up enough for a press release at this time. Mr. Mansbridge indicated that the celebration this year would be the equal of those events held previously.



Residents are reminded to put their clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time, another sure sign of the summer season officially starts this Sunday morning at 2 a.m. and will be with us until the last weekend in October.

Chief purpose of the meeting was to allocate teams to coaches. Over 40 would-be coaches and assistant coaches turned up at the meeting and team allotment was speedily accomplished. After the coaches had their innings a brief executive meeting was held.

Asks Council Speed Up Building Permit

Mr. F. Barrett, president of the Royal Canadian Legion of Richmond Hill has notified town council that the Legion has decided to purchase the discount plaza on Yonge Street North. It is the intention of the Legion to use the entire second floor of the premises for Legion activities for which a liquor license has been granted by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario for club use.

In his communication with town officials Mr. Barrett points out that under the terms of the purchase offer that the Legion are entertaining it will be incumbent upon the Legion to receive a 'use and occupancy permit' from the town that will permit the Legion to use the building as a licensed legion hall.

Before the Legion can occupy the premises considerable alterations will have to be carried out, Mr. Barrett has informed the council. In addition, he has informed council that the closing date on the offer to purchase is May 1. In view of the urgency which this closing date imposes upon the Legion in its transaction he has requested council that the required 'use and occupancy' permit be issued to the Legion as soon as possible.

Council's reason for not having issued a permit to date is use of the discount plaza as a licensed liquor outlet is contrary to established zoning by-laws.

Parental support and attendance at games will be much sought after again this year. Young Johnny is proud of his team and would like to know that Mom and Dad are interested in their welfare. Maybe this is the year you should let the garden slip just a bit and take a breather by watching a ball game. What could grow out of this would be far more rewarding than anything ever grown in the home vegetable patch. Care to try?

Parks Chairman Fights For More Budget Money

The most contentious issue arising from Richmond Hill's recently established budget for 1963 is the appropriation that has been allocated to the parks board.

Whereas the parks board asked for an amount of \$27,000, council reduced the figure to \$20,000.

The point at issue which has aroused the ire of park board members is the contention that, of the amount of \$20,000 allocated by town council for their use during 1963, no less than \$11,279 of it had been saved by the parks board from their budgets of 1961 and 1962. In other words, as far as parks board members are concerned, they are of the opinion that town council this year is only raising an amount of \$9,000 for their use.

In laying the grievances of figures that it knows more about parks than we do, because this normal courtesy was not afforded to us and council arbitrarily hacked our budget without the slightest attempt being made to find out from the parks board what it had in mind.

"This is the first council," Mr. Smyth's presentation continued, "to treat its

purpose in appearing before the council was not to rebuke them for their calculated rudeness, but to demonstrate clearly and unmistakably to the citizens of Richmond Hill that the responsibility for the stagnation of our parks system rests squarely on the shoulders of the municipal council and is not due to any lack of effort or energy on the part of its parks board.

The year before last, Mr. Smyth pointed out to council, the parks board was allocated a budget of \$20,000. Last year we were again given \$20,000. This year you have decided again that we will receive \$20,000. Of this \$20,000, Mr. Smyth said, just over \$11,000 was carried over from last year. In effect you have only raised approximately \$9,000 from this year's taxes. This is contrary to a motion of council setting up the parks board in which we were to receive up to a maximum of one mill but not less than a half mill or about \$15,000 this year. Thus you can see that we have received at least \$6,000 less than we are entitled to Mr. Smyth said.

that the greater part of the parks budget represents uncontrollable items. Out of the board's appropriation of \$20,000 wages and salaries come to \$13,320 most of which goes back to the town in town labour. You fix the rate for that. Mr. Smyth told council, not us. Rentals, maintenance and operation of equipment account for another \$3,000 and insurance and hydro push the total up to \$17,000 (Continued On Page 3)



AL SMYTH
Parks Chairman

Schools Increase Vaughan Taxes

In striking a residential rate of 8.8 mills, and a commercial rate of 11.5 mills, Vaughan Township Council have proven to be one of the few municipalities in the country who have "held the line" in that the tax rate is the same as last year. A budget of \$481,000 was brought in when council met Monday night. To this figure must now be added the high and public school rates. The high school rate for 1963 is up 5 mills.

"We've got to hold the line somewhere," said Reeve A. H. Rutherford. "There's many a person finding it pretty rough with taxes as they are today, but one of the hardest struck is the pensioner. We have to think about them also," he claimed.

Following is a breakdown of the 1963 budget: income - taxation \$302,500; license and permits \$19,000; grants and subsidies \$41,700; hospitalization and welfare \$1,000; sundry income \$56,800; fines \$5,000; interest and penalties \$30,000; prior surplus \$25,000.

Expenses - executive salaries \$12,000; administrative salaries \$113,380; administrative expenses \$76,180; fire protection \$47,530; police protection \$127,410; welfare \$40,000; debt charges \$33,500; sundry items \$31,000.

Finance committee reported debentures totalling \$199,795 will be offered through Wood, Gundy Company Ltd. of Toronto, for the Edgeley Waterworks system presently under construction at Jane Street and No. 7 Highway.

In reviewing tax arrears the committee recommended the treasurer inform all delinquents that the problem of tax collecting would be put in the hands of the bailiff after July of this year.

In continuing his presentation Mr. Smyth said

Anniversary

Twenty-five years — A quarter of a century! Since that night in April, 1938, When twenty of us gathered together To receive a Lions Club charter. The years have rolled along — The original ranks have been thinned, As many have passed to their rest. New workers have joined the group To carry on the torch of service; — Service to their fellowmen, And the young unfortunate; Sight conservation; Aid to the handicapped, Community betterment; A helping hand to a family in distress; These are the intangibles That crowd in on an anniversary. Twenty-five years — A quarter of a century! — Robert D. Little

Rejects Tax Offer Then Levies Fine

A request by the Ferraro Construction Company Limited seeking permission from Richmond Hill Council to pay off their tax arrears on the plaza commonly known as discount plaza, Yonge St. N., at the rate of \$1,000 a month was dealt with at the Monday meeting of council.

The request received by council in the form of a communication was signed by Sam Sorbara who stated that the company would make the first payment on the tax arrears on June 1.

In his communication Mr. Sorbara pointed out that the construction of the buildings in question had cost the Ferraro Construction Company several thousands of dollars in actual losses. He also asked that council consider the possibility of reducing the amount of taxes due by reason of the fact that the buildings are actually not occupied by anyone and that the business being conducted in them is for the sake of appearance and is being carried on at the expense and loss of the Ferraro Construction Company Limited.

Mr. Sorbara said that if the company obtained the cooperation of council and various other departments of the Town of Richmond Hill it may be possible to have Branch No. 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion as occupants and owners of the building in question on or before June 1.

In dealing with Mr. Sorbara's request for a reduction of the taxes council disallowed his submission. On the other hand, the newly imposed eight per cent fine on late taxes will be imposed as a penalty on the owners of the property.



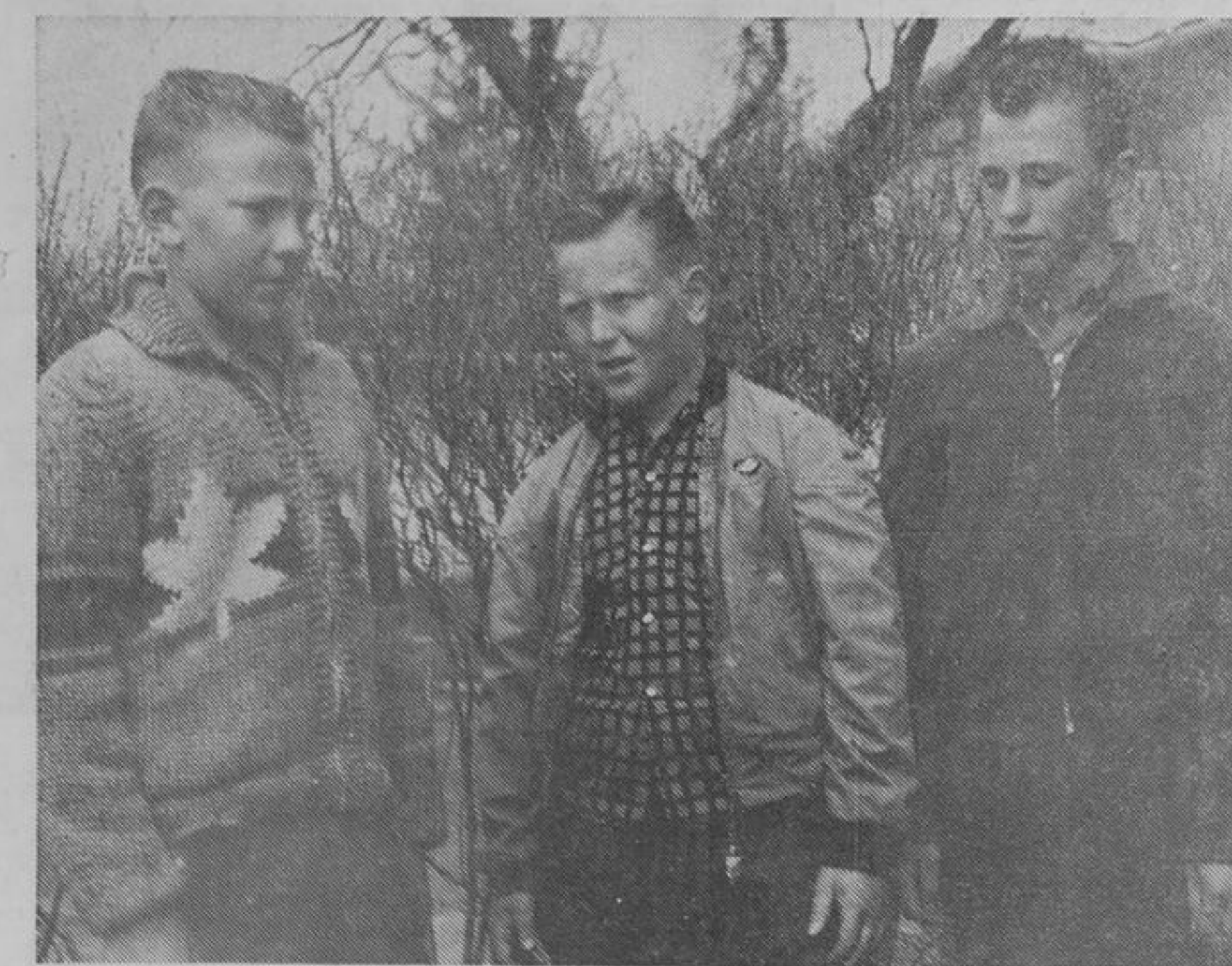
Charter Members Still Active

Richmond Hill Lions Club, the district's longest established service organization will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary at a special meeting on May 2nd. The Lions with a quarter century record of outstanding community service were first organized here early in 1938, and charter night was observed April 5th of that year.

There were twenty charter members, and shown above are five still active in the club activities. They are (left to right): Dr. Walter Mason, Paul Angle, Dr. James Langstaff, E. C. Mansbridge and Robert D. Little.

Of the twenty original charter members, eleven are still living and the above five are still active in the club.

The charter members were: Paul E. Angle, H. F. Austin, J. A. Bales, William Cotton, J. A. Boyd, Douglas G. Boynton, William D. Brown, William Calder, George Chasie, A. C. Clayton, Don Coghill, Dr. W. Bertram Twiddy, Roy Warner, Fred C. Waters, R. A. Williams. Honorary members: J. A. Bales, Tom Lamb, J. E. Smith, W. W. A. Trench, W. A. Wagner. Members at large: Warren Davey, John A. Farrow, Stuart P. LeClaire, Donald L. Little, Parker Q.C.



There's Danger In Handling Foxes

These three district lads had a close brush when a fox they had captured with their bare hands later proved rabid. The boys are still under observation for possible rabies, but it is felt by medical authorities they are now in the clear. They are, left to right: Tony and Martin Lord, and Claude Holmes all of Maple.