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Re - Elect Storms Hospital Head

At the regular meeting of the trustees of York Central Hospital Douglas H. Storms was re-elected as chairman of the board for the coming year. Mr. Storms, a charter member of the board, has been chairman since the inception of the hospital organization, and all members paid tribute to his great service and outstanding leadership. Other officers are: Vice-Chairman Stuart Parker Q.C., Secretary Dr. A. J. Smith and Treasurer Don Stewart.

Trustee John Griffin, chairman of the building committee reported that satisfactory progress is being made on the new building on Vaughan Road and that construction is proceeding on schedule. It is planned to have the new hospital open by December of this year.

Curtain Club Players Prove Versatility

A change of cast was cleverly handled by two Curtain Club actresses, proving once again how professional the local dramatic group has become since its founding in 1952. Saturday morning, one of the cast of "When We Are Married" was suddenly taken ill and Mary Monks stepped with aplomb into the magenta velvet costume of Mrs. Helliwell and did her sizeable part that evening.

Dorothy Painter, knowing nothing about the play, wound a feather boa around her neck and sashayed into the part of Lottie Grady, previously taken by Mary Monks. The Saturday evening performance went off without a hitch.

MARKHAM: Twelve members of the Markham Shopping Centre voted against and three voted for a billiard academy in the shopping centre according to a letter addressed to Markham Village council recently. Council pointed out that the matter should be resolved by members of the merchants association and owners of the shopping centre.

AGREEMENTS HOTLY OPPOSED



Lions Charter Members Fifteen Years Ago

Back in 1948 Richmond Hill Lions Club observed its tenth anniversary and the above photo shows charter members in attendance on that occasion. Seated (left to right) H. F. Austin, E. C. Mansbridge, I. D. Ramer, W. W. Trench, Dr. James Langstaff, J. A. Bales.

Standing back row (same order) James Stewart, the club's first

president, J. E. Smith, R. D. Little, Paul E. Angle, Dr. Frank Hogg, Dr. W. S. Mason, J. A. Greene, Dr. J. P. Wilson, Fred Hoover, William Cotton. On Thursday, May 2nd, the club with a very special program will mark its twenty-fifth anniversary.

(Photo courtesy R. D. Little)

Richmond Hill's proposed site plan agreements — agreements that would require builders to submit payments to municipal authorities before being granted a building permit — was cooked on the griddle of criticism by a delegation from the Woodlane Developments who attended Monday's meeting of council.

Nearly 30 land developers, real estate agents, and property owners spelled out in no uncertain terms the stagnation that will overtake the town if the proposed 'site plan agreements' are not scrapped and scrapped fast.

The new type of agreement is the brain child of Richmond Hill's town planning board that is headed up by Harold Deeks, planning director, and has inherent in it a condition requiring the payment by builders of certain amounts of money, depending on the size of the structure to be built, before a building permit would be issued. In the case of a fourplex building with a 65-foot frontage and with 13,000 square feet of floor area, the fee required would be \$1,300.

At one point in the discussion, John Griffin well known Richmond Hill land developer and president of Griffin Investments rose to his feet and told council that the proposed 'site plan agreement' was only fit to be applied to the 'sticks' and not a developed area like Richmond Hill. He said that since the first mention of the new type agreement had been made land values in Richmond Hill had dropped by 25 percent. His firm, Mr. Griffin said, had bought land in Richmond Hill in good faith and in accordance with the existing zoning laws at the time and now they were being strangled by the imposition of the new agreement. This, he claimed, was tantamount to a breach of faith on the part of the authorities who, he said, seemed to regard new industry coming into town as a "bunch of money grabbers".

Mr. Griffin suggested to council that they forget about the new agreement, revise existing bylaws as needed and forget about the whole hassle. He said that if people with money to invest in building up Richmond Hill had to wait 20 years for the grandiose ideas of the town's planning board to take effect, plans that called for a tunnel and other refined traffic developments on Yonge Street, then it would be better to pack up and go home.

Even at this date Mr. Griffin said, land that his company had purchased in town three years ago was worth less now than it was when it had been bought.

Jack Seaton, another member of the delegation, referred to the new 'site plan agreements' as some sort of municipal piracy and demanded protection from what he terms was the autocratic manner in which

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Hill Police Recover Car

Richmond Hill Police have recovered one stolen vehicle, but are still searching for a 1955 Chevrolet taken from the residence of Hans Fack, 100 Lawrence Avenue, sometime during Monday night.

The same evening police had recovered a 1956 Chevrolet, owned by Edward G. Pallister, 215 Browndale Avenue. The car was taken from in front of Dr. Victor Zuck's office on Markham Road. Investigation into both thefts is continuing.

Hill police investigated a breaking and enter and theft case reported by owners of Alencourt Bowling Lanes last Saturday night. The thieves had smashed a coin changer, and forced a cash register open. It is not known what amount of money was stolen.

New Plant Will Create 25 Jobs

W. D. Branson Limited of Bradford and Toronto, importers, exporters and processors of vegetables have purchased a four acre site on Newkirk Road from the town for the construction of a 12,000 square foot processing and packing plant. Price paid for the land was \$13,000.

According to McLean Real Estate, who were the negotiating agents in the transaction, it is the intention of the new owners to start construction of their building at the earliest date possible. This, it was pointed out, will depend on the length of time required to obtain the necessary clearances and permits for construction.

Initially the new plant will create 25 jobs for Richmond Hill and it is anticipated that the operation will be tripled in size in the near future by moving the Toronto facilities of the company to Richmond Hill.

B. A. Grade 8 Pupils To Crosby

Grade 8 pupils from Beverley Acres Public School will attend classes in Crosby Heights School starting in September. This was learned by parents of children now in grade 7 at the former school, Monday evening, when they met with members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Chairman Harold Sanderson, of the board, presided over the meeting and explained the reasons for the plan. He reviewed the situation last September, which required the transfer of some kindergarten pupils from Beverley Acres School to Crosby Heights and reported that already 81 children have been registered for kindergarten in the Beverley

Acres Area. If the trend of former years continues enrollment in kindergarten in this area will exceed the 100 pupils which can be handled by two teachers in four half-day classes.

One portable has been purchased and another is being sought for Beverley Acres School to take care of enrolment from kindergarten to grade 7 within the original boundaries of the school district.

Chairman Sanderson pointed out that combining all grade 8 children in the area served by the two schools at Crosby Heights School will enable them to have a fuller rotary programme. The board will be

able to secure and organize the best staff available to teach these grade 8 pupils.

During the question period which followed Superintendent G. McIntyre clarified the proposed set-up by reporting that each child in grade 8 would have a home room and home teacher for at least half of each day. This will give them someone to whom they can take their problems and with whom they can feel safe and happy. This was in answer to a question from a parent about the proposed plan increasing the anxiety felt by some pupils in going from grade 8 to grade 9.

Superintendent McIntyre promised that he would follow the progress of these grade 8 pupils with great care during the next year, believing that it could prove to be one way to bridge the gap between the maternal atmosphere of the elementary school and the adult world of secondary schools. He said he felt it was in the

best interest of the children concerned so that the best instruction can be given.

Questions and answers also brought forth the information that five classrooms of approximately 30 to 35 pupils will be provided next year in Crosby Heights for grade 8 pupils. No bus will be provided, as every child will be within approved walking distance. It will not be a junior high school as shop and home economics will not be included in the course, but a rotary programme of teachers will be used.

Pupils living more than three-quarters of a mile from Crosby Heights School will be permitted to use lunch facilities, according to the board's policy.

Grade 8 children from the two areas will not be kept separate, but will be integrated on the recommendation of Principals G. Nighswander and E. Gooding. No protest to the board's plan was voiced by any parent present.

Survey Underway On Housing Need

A two-man survey team are currently working in Richmond Hill in an attempt to determine how great is the need for low-rental housing for elderly citizens.

Earlier this Spring town council made a formal request to the housing branch of the Department of Economics and Development, at Queen's Park for the above survey.

Present work of the survey crew, Miss Rosemary Ford and Mr. Coleridge Orr, is interviewing elderly members of the community who would like to know more about the possibilities of acquiring new homes at low rent.

As the seeking out of these residents is one of the most difficult problems, a form has been

used which can be found elsewhere in this week's edition of "The Liberal". Any persons over 60 years who are interested in finding out all the facts, or discussing it further are asked to use the form, and send it in to the address given.

A similar project was followed through in Owen Sound where a number of low rental homes are now in use by senior citizens, and it is reported their enthusiasm for the government plan, now that it is in effect, is little short of tremendous, said Miss Ford.

She drew attention to the fact that those persons interested in receiving further information should send their names and addresses in no later than the 25th of this month.



Prom Queen And Her Court

Sharon Bell (wearing diadem, in centre) is surrounded by her princesses after being chosen Prom Queen at Bayview Secondary School's annual prom Friday night. Clockwise, from lower left are Ginny Hipkiss, 18, grade 11; Patsi Higgs, 17, grade 11; Ginny Wilson, 17, grade 12; and Vivian Nieberg, 18, grade 13.

Liberals To Name Candidate

Officials of the York North Liberal Association announced this week a provincial nominating convention will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in Aurora High School. Three candidates, two from the southern part of the county and one from the north, have already announced their intention of seeking the nomination. They include Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill, Donald Deacon of Unionville and Mrs. Caroline Ion of Newmarket. All three candidates have had experience in municipal politics. Mr. Plaxton has served as deputy-reeve of

Richmond Hill, while Donald Deacon has held the same office in Markham Township. In addition Mr. Plaxton is a former public school trustee. In 1959 he was the provincial Liberal candidate in York North. Still active in municipal life Mrs. Ion is the deputy-reeve of Newmarket, and was a candidate for the wardenship of the county last January.

Party officials hope to have Ontario Liberal leader John Wintermeyer as keynote speaker at the convention. Elected party leader in May, 1958, Mr. Wintermeyer represents Kitchener in the legislature. A member

since 1955 he is a former Kitchener alderman. The last provincial member to speak at a York North rally was Elmer Sopha who represents Sudbury. Mr. Sopha was the keynote speaker at the county rally in December 1961.

York North has been represented in the legislature by Conservative Lex MacKenzie since 1945. A former member of Woodbridge Village Council Mr. MacKenzie first entered provincial politics in 1943. During the Hepburn era from 1934 to 1943 the riding was held by Liberal Morgan Baker. A former reeve of Whitchurch

Township Mr. Baker is now retired and living in King.

For one short period from 1943 to 1945 the riding went C.C.F. when former North York Township Reeve George Mitchell won it for that party. The 1943 provincial election saw the C.C.F. come very close to winning the government. The Tories under the leadership of George Drew formed a minority government that year and have been in power ever since. In the 1945 provincial election C.C.F. strength dropped and the Liberals once again became the official opposition. York North has not had

a provincial returning officer since the death last January of Arthur Wells of Maple following an automobile accident. Provincial Returning Officer Roderick Lewis has stated no new appointment will be made until the date of the next provincial election is announced.

The present Conservative administration was elected in June, 1959. Premier John Roberts who took over as leader from Leslie Frost in October, 1961, can continue in office until June of next year. However he is expected to call a general election sometime this fall.



Off To See Canada's Capital

The above six pupils will represent Richmond Hill when some 10,000 children from across the country meet in Ottawa next week for the annual school safety patrol jamboree. Shown above (left to right), front row, Christina Munsey, Anne Karu, and Arlene Haggart. Middle row, Captain Brian Haviland, Dick Armstrong, and Lynda Brocklehurst. In the back row are, safety counsellors, Constable Douglas Young and Chief Constable Robert P. Robbins.