

Coming Events

MAY 3 — Friday, 8 p.m. Eucharist Benefit at Buttonville W. I. Hall to aid Retarded Children. Sponsored by Buttonville W.I. Admission 50 cents, refreshments, prizes. Everyone welcome. c1w44

MAY 4 — Saturday at 10 a.m. Rummage sale at Richmond Heights Centre Mall. Good used clothing. Coffee and doughnuts available. Sponsored by the Richmond Hill Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. c1w44

MAY 6 — Monday, 8 p.m. Vellore Eucharist Club will hold its last eucharist of the season in Vellore Memorial Hall. Total proceeds for York Central Hospital. Everyone welcome. Lunch provided. Admission 50c. c1w44

MAY 9 — Thursday, 8 a.m. Lions Hall, Centre St. East. Meeting of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. All welcome. c1w44

MAY 11 — Saturday, from 2 to 4 a home baking, rummage and white elephant sale and tea in Victoria Square Community Hall. Sponsored by the Gormley, Headford and Victoria Square Women's Volunteer Hospital Auxiliary. c2w44

MAY 11th, Saturday, 12 noon. Sale and auction at Wilf Dean's Barn, adjoining Farmer's Market, Yonge St, Thornhill. Beds, furniture, dishes, tools, hot water tanks glass, tile, washing machines ranges, (electric and gas), used T.V. sets, varied collection of all types of useful articles. Sponsored by The Thornhill and District Lions Club. c2w44



Thornhill Players Win High Honours

Three leading members of the Onstage Players of Thornhill Secondary School won high honours in their presentation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Simpson's Collegiate Drama Festival held last weekend in the Hart House Theatre.

Seen above are (left to right) Robert Reoch who won high praise from the Adjudicator, Alita Wise, Best Actress and Keith Corkill Best Actor. See Page 4 for a full report. (Photo by Barbour)

Contract Awarded For Sewer & Pump House

Dundas Construction Company was awarded the contract to lay 3,460 feet of eight inch sewage force main from the new York Central Hospital pumping station to the main gravity sewer. Cost of the contract is \$30,900. Construction of the pumping station proper, which will be a factory built installation purchased by the town of Richmond Hill and supplied to the general contractor was awarded to Power Plant Supply Company, at a cost of \$22,378.

Additional costs involved in the end price of the pumping station are \$2,378 for engineering, cost of land \$1,800, soil tests and borings \$200. Cost of land for laying of the sewer was \$2,500. Cost of the total installation comes to \$60,600 of which \$6,000 will be contributed under the winter works programme providing that a substantial amount of the work is completed by May 31.

Other tenders submitted to council for laying of the sewer were from: Marina Construction, \$34,548; Rutliff - Grass Construction Company Limited, \$43,810; Armstrong Construction Company Limited, \$55,175; Alcan-Colony, \$33,215; McDonald Sykes Limited, \$37,444; Renzetti Construc-

tion Company Limited, \$31,830 and Tripp Construction Company Limited, \$52,050.

The total estimated cost of the project was \$56,500 but this estimate did not allow for the cost of the land.

YWCA Swim Program Starts May 6

Families in Richmond Hill suffer from the lack of a swimming pool, swimming instruction and water safety. To relieve this situation a bit the YWCA has obtained the use of the York Mills Pool on Monday nights 8.30 - 10 p.m., May 6th to June 17th. Single women, married women and their teen-agers will be given expert instruction and prepared for Red Cross tests if they so desire. These splash parties should be fun but they should also make for safer, happier holidays for local families. Let us hope that Richmond Hill will soon have its own indoor pool for the pleasure and safety of all citizens.

Hill Council Briefs

Council Briefs
A request from the March of Dimes to Richmond Hill for a contribution in aid of their work was passed on to the finance committee for their consideration at the council's Monday meeting.

The purchase of one acre of land on Crosby Avenue for park use at a cost of \$5,000 has been approved by council. Original appraisal of the land was estimated at \$3,600 but such a price did not include the costs of legal fees for expropriation and other costs that would normally be incurred in taking over the land. It was thought that such costs would exceed \$1,400 bringing the value of the land up to the \$5,000 mark. A price council anticipates will buy the land without the cost of expropriation proceedings.

The Victorian Order of Nurses and particularly those whose area of activity covers Richmond Hill and immediate vicinity came in for some glowing words of commendation.

from Councillor Al White and Reeve Floyd Perkins when a request for a \$2,000 contribution came before council at their Monday night meeting. The V.O.N. pointed out in their letter that this year the area of their coverage will be increased to take in a greater part of Markham Township and that it may be necessary to add one nurse and another automobile to their organization. The \$2,000 asked for, already appropriated in council's budget for 1963, was given without dissent.

Permission was granted by council for the York Mental Health Association to canvass residents of the town on June 3 and 4. The canvassers will seek funds to further the work of the organization.

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Planning Board

Wants Better Public Relations

Chairman Cecil Williams' opening remarks to the Tuesday night meeting of the Richmond Hill Planning Board were aimed at removing any suspicion that may exist that there is any difference of opinion between the planning board and town council. If there has been any misunderstanding between the two bodies, Chairman Williams said, it was due to the lack of poor communications a situation which he accepted as being the fault of the planning board. Mr. Williams said that he was more than gratified with the support that council had extended to the planning board and commended Planning Director Harold Deeks for the excellence of the report he recently submitted to town council on the matter of town planning for Richmond Hill. He said that Mr. Deeks had come up with the right answers to the problems confronting the planning board but that the board had fallen down badly in selling such ideas to the public.

Chairman Williams announced the resignation of Al Rice from the planning board and said that the vacancy on the board created by his resignation should be filled by a person competent in the art of public relations. It should be the prime duty of the new incumbent to see to it that the aims and objectives of the planning board were adequately communicated to the public through the press and other media before everybody gets the wrong idea of what the planning board is trying to accomplish.

In discussion on the controversial matter of issuing a building permit for Pop's restaurant Chairman Williams suggested to the board that they do everything possible to help get this matter settled. To this effect board decided to notify both the proprietor of the restaurant and his solicitor that a building permit would be made available to renovate the premises for use as a restaurant. Such a move it was stated would at least allow the owner of the premises to carry on his business until such times as a building permit could be issued in accordance with the parking bylaws that would permit Pop's restaurant to operate as a licensed liquor outlet.

On the controversial matter of site plan agreements and approvals Deputy-reeve Stan Tinker queried Planning Director Deeks about an alleged statement attributed to him to the effect that all building in Richmond Hill would be held up for a year if site plan agreements were not signed. Deputy-reeve Tinker said that such an allegation had been made by prospective builders at Council's Monday night meeting.

In answer Mr. Deeks reminded the board that he was not permitted the same latitude of expression afforded to others and took exception to certain statements made in public.

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Dispute Site Plan Agreements

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some people want to run the town. Mr. Seaton claimed that Planning Director Deeks had told Mr. Norman Todd, a lawyer acting on behalf of the local builders, that if no one would sign 'site plan agreements' then all building in the town would be held up for a year. Mr. Todd who was one of the delegation confirmed Mr. Seaton's remarks.

Queried by Mayor William Neal as to whether he thought that Richmond Hill needed a planning Board Mr. Griffin offered the suggestion that he did not think the board worked so well because it had its thinking done for it by its director.

Reeve Floyd Perkins said that that was why the planning director had been hired and that he for one would not want to question his ability.

"Why not?" asked Mr. Todd, "Isn't that your job as an elected representative of the people?"
Mr. Seaton told council that there was a great deal of confusion surrounding the whole matter and the first thing to do in resolving the issue was for council to make sure that the tail wasn't wagging the dog. He said that he had no doubt that builders and developers in Richmond Hill would be more than willing to co-operate in every way with authorities and that if they could get together over a meeting table that present problems could be solved with no great difficulty. However, Mr. Seaton said, if new imposts were going to be imposed they should be imposed with equality and not levied on the principal of making fish of some and fowl of others. He did not like the idea of doing business with a gun pointed at his head.

Mr. Seaton also took strong exception to the wording used in a report on town planning recently issued by Mr. Deeks, in

which he referred to "uninformed and vicious winds of malicious gossip fanning flames destined on destruction, economic rape and anarchy". This type of language Mr. Seaton said was no way to engender good will.

Mayor Neal said that the planning director could be wrong in many things and that it would be necessary to have another meeting between council and the planning board to get the matter cleared up once and for all.

At this point Mr. Todd, legal representative for Wood Lane Developments Limited, said that he was under the impression that the present meeting had been called for the purpose of getting the issue cleared up and asked how much longer it was going to be dragged out.

Mayor Neal told Mr. Todd that the matter could not be cleared up at the time but promised that Mr. Todd's client could look forward to getting his building permit within the week.

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