



Cheque For Hospital

Richmond Hill Rotary Club President Donald Plaxton (right) recently presented York Central Hospital Administrator Garry Chaffin with a sizeable cheque on behalf of the service club members for the new hospital. The presentation was made at a Rotary meeting.

Black Cat Brings Luck Of The Irish To King Woman

Who said black cats aren't lucky? King City housewife Sue Powell named her Irish sweepstakes ticket "Black Cat" after the family pet, Mandy, and it just happened she won \$60,000. Mrs. Powell was one of nine Canadians whose luck was pinned on "Vic Mc Chiro", the horse which finished second in the Irish Derby last Saturday. "As a rule I'm not lucky winning anything," Mrs. Powell told "The Liberal". "It all seems so unreal I'm sure I'll wake up," she said, stunned. "I'm superstitious enough not to want to win big money." She learned the results at breakfast in the Royal York Hotel, to which she and her husband Frank and their teenage son Roger were invited by a Toronto newspaper.

June Water Use Hits Record High In Richmond Hill

If Richmond Hill is noted for its roses, it can also take a bow for being the thirstiest, cleanest and most well-watered community of its size. In June, water consumption broke all previous records with a staggering 39,400,000 gallons pumped into homes with a maximum daily average of 1,700,000 and a maximum daily minimum of 875,000 gallons. Six million gallons of the total were pumped direct through well no. one without treatment in June. Water Commissioner Otto Whelan said in July, 1962, 32,000,000 gallons were used, almost a million and a half less than June this year. "I think people realize primary reasons for the current restrictions - the fire hazard and domestic use - and are really co-operating. If this continues and if we don't meet any real emergencies, our supply and reserve is sufficient until the new well is opened." If water pressure is down, it usually implies a heavy concentration of sprinkling in specific areas, Mr. Whelan said.

T.T.C. FARE UP

Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan councils approved a hike in North Yonge TTC bus fares at their respective meetings Tuesday night. Mayor William Neal at Hill Council said the TTC estimated the change will be in effect for seven years and would bring in an estimated \$10,000 revenue.

County Thumbs Down On Tax Free Farm Land

County council members last Friday defeated a recommendation calling for lifting of taxes on farm land. They did approve a motion by Vaughan Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson and Woodbridge Reeve N. Garriock that assessors and assessment officers be required to show at the Court of Revision why taxes were increased on farm property. The action followed recommendations in a brief presented by the York County Federation of Agriculture to lift the taxes and make assessors show why they had made increases. The brief requested support for certain legislative changes which in their opinion would correct unfair assessment and taxation on farm land. It pointed out that a farmer requires larger areas of land than any other industry but requires little in the way of municipal services in comparison. Members of the county's agriculture committee said they were conscious of the problems since urbanization in the county has affected rural areas greatly, education being the largest item on the tax bill. High school areas put farm and residence together and creation of public school areas is also grouping rural and residential together. Lack of industry in the growth of the county and its municipalities has contributed to high taxes and the farm with its considerably higher assessment than a residence is causing concern to the farmer who has to pay taxes in excess of his requirements, the committee said. "Land A Tool" Mr. Byson said, "The farmers feel their land is a tool towards production equivalent to a saw mill or a punch press. The average farm assessment is about \$10,000 compared to a residential average of about \$5,000. Rising taxes are creating quite a burden on county farmers". Don Head Farms president and federation member Frank Redelmeier told members, "Taxation has increased very rapidly but the net profit a farmer receives from his land has increased slowly if at all and in some cases decreased". Markham Reeve Wilf Dean queried, "Would farmers be prepared to pay a business tax if taxes were taken off their land? The farmer will take the increase in the valuation of his land over the years but someone has got to pay for services."

Ratepayers Criticize Roads, Sewer Problems

Claims that installation of sanitary and storm sewers in the Highland Park area and subsequent lowering of road grades has left watermain and services in many cases so close to the surface of the ground that there is great danger of freezing, were made by E. M. Axelson, spokesman for a 30-person delegation at Markham Township Council Monday night. Mr. Axelson claimed it cost the township \$6,500 to thaw out water services in the area last winter. Finally some residents were told to keep water taps running to prevent freezing. He also claimed that employees of the contractor had told him that when they brought matters to the attention of the consulting engineers they were told to mind their own business and nothing was done. Installation of sanitary and storm sewers in water area number one Markham Township is being carried out by the Ontario Water Resources Commission for the township. Cryslar, Davis & Jorgensen are the consulting engineers employed by the O.W.R.C. on the project. Contractor is Wimpy Construction Company. E. Jorgensen of the engineering firm claimed that all matters which had been reported to them in writing had been taken care of. A ratepayer charged that Mr. Davis of the same firm had told him that the contractor's work was substandard, and went on to enumerate instances.



Topped The Field

Stephen Cronkwright, primary student at McCaughey School, was chosen individual Richmond Hill public school champion following last week's all-school track and field meet in the town park. Stephen won five firsts in the standing broad jump, running broad jump, high jump, hop, skip and jump and 50-yard dash. He was also a member of the McCaughey relay team that was beaten by Walter Scott. McCaughey School won the school trophy for its performance with 179 points, followed closely by Walter Scott with 154, Beverley Acres 71, MacKillop 57, Crosby 36 and Pleasantville 34.

Ask Government Action If Bayview Not Paved

A Bayview church delegation said it would go to a higher level of government if Richmond Hill Council didn't act on its road problems. James McArthur, president of Holy Name Society queried council Tuesday night on its plan for the pot-holed Bayview thoroughfare on the eastern outskirts of town. Earlier, Rev. Robinson presented his brief on Bayview roads. "We haven't relaxed our efforts and have met with the county engineer several times and plan another meeting this week. If the county had the money in its budget, the road would be paved," he said. Reeve Perkins said cost of the job would be up to the (Continued On Page 7)

Richvale Boy Drowned At Lake Wilcox

A Richvale boy, Zorin Maznevski, seven, drowned in Lake Wilcox last Sunday during a swimming party with members of his family. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maznevski, 9006 Yonge Street. He was found missing from the group around 7 p.m. and after a search of the beach was discovered in two feet of water on the east side of the lake. Efforts of resuscitation by Vandorf Provincial Police failed. Surviving are his parents, a sister Amelia, 13, and brother, Brownie, 11. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday followed by interment at York Cemetery.

Accident Report

Three people were taken to Branson Hospital Tuesday night and later released following an accident in front of the Dominion Store, Yonge St. Injured were Joseph Capella, Toronto, Richard Weber and William Weber of Richmond Hill. Driver of the first car was Mrs. Margaret Weber, 31 Wright St. Car damage was extensive. Bond Lake O.P.P. investigated. A family of six were injured in a car crash Sunday at Yonge St. and Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill police reported. Driver of one car, Harry McDonald of Downsview escaped injury but his wife, Lois, suffered face abrasions, Debby, six, back bruises, Bernie, five, hip bruises, Donna three, abrasions and shock as did Brian, two and Darlene, 5½ months was cut on the face. The McDonald car was in collision with one driven by Stephen Donachie, St. George St., Toronto. Damage totalled \$1,200 to the two European cars and McDonald was charged with going through a red light. A half ton truck driven by Ernesto Natarrelli, Perth Ave., Toronto was in collision with a car driven by Rev. Frederick McGinn, Yonge St., Richmond Hill at 11:20 a.m. Saturday. Damage was \$90; there were no injuries or charges. Damage totalled \$750 following an accident Tuesday at 8:47 a.m. when cars driven by Gerald Roy, Baker Ave., Richmond Hill and Johannes Wintjes, Trench St., Richmond Hill collided at the intersection. There were no injuries or charges.

Committee To Probe Financing, Bring Report

Richmond Hill Council Tuesday night set up a three-man committee to plan for a community swimming pool. A delegation of about 60 ratepayers jammed the town council chambers to put in a bid for the pool but Councillor Walter Scudds had prepared a resolution calling for the committee to be formed and report back with a concrete proposal for the first council meeting in September. He, Mayor William Neal and Councillor Al Campbell will form the committee which will be added to from among interested citizens. Two major problems were raised by both council and the ratepayers... whether the pool should be indoor or outdoor such as the pools at Thornhill and the new one at Aurora and its financing. Site Chosen A site at Crosby Ave. and Newkirk Road has been chosen as the probable location for the pool. Council will debenture \$20,000 to purchase the site. Spokesman for the delegation, Mrs. Lois Hancey, a Red Cross volunteer said money that is being spent by various Richmond Hill groups to send their children out of town to swim could be used to help maintain such a pool. "We'd rather have an outdoor pool now than none at all." She suggested a plebiscite be held to prove that Richmond Hill wants a pool. Mayor Neal said he felt the money could be raised through public subscription. He pointed out that the Aurora pool cost \$56,000 and said the town could aim for a \$60,000 pool. Councillor Scudds said, "Everyone who has run for office in Richmond Hill in the past five years has promised a pool and we are still waiting." He gave an example of a \$100,000 outdoor pool which would be one-half a mill or 3¢ on the average annual tax bill. Several service club members among the delegation said they felt their clubs although in support and willing to work for it, were already heavily laden with community work and it would take too long to raise the needed funds if the pool was built as a service club project. "We need it now," was one such comment. Councillor Campbell said he was not in favour of debenturing for pool construction. "Our credit is in good shape and we must not jeopardize our position on the borrowing market for an amount such as \$100,000." He suggested a smaller sum of \$20,000.

Don Mills Detour Backs Up Traffic

Motorists using Don Mills Road for points north are road clogged between Gormley and Vandorf. Northbound traffic has been detoured for a mile and a quarter to the east and in total is about six miles until rejoining the Don Mills Road. The road was closed to allow moving of heavy equipment last weekend. The program by Toronto and York Roads Commission is a complete reconstruction of the road section and is estimated at \$600,000. County Roads Engineer Jack Rietie said the project will take all summer and into the fall but the current closure will be about six weeks. If motorists can find alternate routes, they are advised to do so, Mr. Rietie said. "The going will be slow", said cars were backed up bumper to bumper to Lake Simcoe because of the Vandorf-Gormley road closure on Don Mills and the shift in traffic to Highway 48 at 11:45 p.m. Monday night. A police official said speed was 30-40 m.p.h. average and it was "very fortunate" there were no serious accidents.

Boyd Park Attendance Sets Week-End Peak

Attendance at Boyd Conservation Park set a record last week-end. Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority official Fred Lund said approximately 22,000 people visited the sprawling, tree-lined park in Vaughan Township Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There was only one problem... everyone arrived at once on Sunday creating a heavy tie-up at the park entrance. The area was opened in August, 1957.

Settle Dispute Over Arena

Richmond Hill Town Council, at a special meeting Thursday afternoon, approved of action taken by the arena board in letting tender for renovations to the arena to the local firm of Deciantis & Rice. Mayor William Neal stated the meeting had been called so that the arena board and council could iron out some difficulties. He said he had all the faith in the world in the arena board, who have done a good job during the years installing artificial ice, paying off the debentures, and operating the arena for the benefit of the youth of the community. Councillor Al White also expressed complete confidence in the arena board. Council had deferred approval at the June 17 meeting when a question was raised concerning the legality of the board's decision since no bid bond or cheque accompanied the Deciantis & Rice tender. Spokesman Harold Jones of the

arena board explained that the construction firm had promised to provide the necessary document if their bid was seriously considered and showed council the certified cheque which Deciantis & Rice had provided. Councillor Walter Scudds asked for and received assurance that no decision had been reached as to contractor before the tenders were opened. Deputy-reeve Stan Tinker, one of council's representatives on the board, also assured council that everything had been open and above board. Mr. Jones reported that when specifications were drawn up for the alterations by the town staff some unnecessary items had been included. Some of these have already been eliminated to bring the tendered price to \$51,300 at the present time. It is hoped that further deletions can be made to keep the cost of alterations below the \$50,000 mark. The town proposes to issue debentures for \$30,000, the rest to be provided from arena board funds.

The board must now seek approval from the Ontario Municipal Board before work on the project may be commenced. It is hoped that an early starting date will be possible so that the lower floor dressing rooms will be ready for October 1, the start of the hockey season. "We can't get the whole project finished by that time," said the arena board chairman. Amalgamate Parks & Recreation Council also passed a motion by Councillor Al White and Deputy-reeve Tinker requesting the solicitor to prepare a by-law to amalgamate the parks board and the recreation committee. The by-law will be approved by both committees before being passed by council. The new board will be composed of the nine remaining members of these two boards, plus two representatives from council. Amalgamation was recommended by the two boards concerned as it has been found that there has been considerable overlapping of work.



R.D. Little & Son Do It Again!

Mr. William Hawkins (third from right), Ford Motor Company representative, recently awarded a plaque for distinguished achievement in sales, management and service, to R. D. Little and Son Ltd., Richmond Hill Ford Dealers. Pictured from left are: Don Reid, service manager; William Nash, used car manager; R. D. Little, president; Don Little, general manager; Mr. Hawkins, Ray Ball, general sales manager, and Claire Tomlinson, new car sales manager.