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Delay Fluoridation Vote

Councillor Walter Scudds and members of Richmond Hill Town Council have done the people of Richmond Hill a disservice by introducing a fluoridation vote so close to the December 7 municipal election. On a resolution introduced by Councillor Scudds and seconded by Councillor Alex Campbell, members last week unanimously decided to include the question of fluoridation on the ballot this December.

The resolution was rushed through council with little or no discussion. The full membership was present with the exception of Reeve Floyd Perkins. The introduction of fluorides into our public water supply is a highly controversial matter and a studied, reasonable decision cannot be made during the short hectic weeks preceding a municipal election.

During any campaign electors are subjected to a battery of charges and counter-charges from those seeking office. It is certainly not the proper time for voters to be burden-

ed by the added responsibilty of making a decision on fluoridation. They should have the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of the question during some other time than the four short weeks leading up to voting day.

The municipal election campaign could very well become clouded by the issue of fluoridation. Instead of the candidates debating the issues usually associated with local government they will be quizzed regarding their stand on this other matter. It is extremely important that town taxpayers make a wise decision as to whom they select to administer their affairs in 1964. Such local issues as annexation, Bayview, parking and redevelopment of Yonge St., and taxation should not be lost in the furore over fluoridation.

(At Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Council the members wisely decided against the holding of a fluoridation plebiscite with the December 7 municipal election. -EDITOR.)

Unfair Treatment

With just forty-eight hours' warning, the Attorney-General's Department last week forced cancellation of the Richmond Hill Lions' annual fund-raising event planned for Mart Kenney's Ranch on November 7. Failure to cancel the lucky draw would have left the club open to the threat of a police raid.

Premier John Robarts and Attorney-General Fred Cass both said the police were forced to act after receiving a complaint from some unknown caller. Considering the short lapse of time between the call and the event itself, and the type of complaint, the police should have used a little common sense and done nothing more than issue a warning. A letter to the editor on this page draws attention to the inconsistency of the Attorney-General's Department in its treatment of similar cases. There had been no great public outcry against the Lions' draw. Our

people have accepted them and participated in them for many years.

The Lions' Club is a responsible, dedicated group of citizens with a strong community spirit. They have always been in the forefront of every good cause, helping to make Richmond Hill a better place in which to live. This has been the record of their service ever since their founding in 1937. Members had given many hundreds of hours of their time and talent to this particular undertaking. Among their current projects is underwriting the initial expense of getting the swimming pool campaign underway. Certainly they should not have been singled out for the treatment they received from the provincial government.

The Attorney-General's Department should abandon its present haphazard policy and either ensure strict enforcement of the present anti-gambling laws or press for changes in the Criminal Code.

Recognition For Volunteers

Recognition of citizens who serve the town in a voluntary capacity on boards and committees is under consideration by the finance committee of Richmond Hill Town Council. The study is a result of a recommendation by Councillor Al White at a recent meeting of council. Councillor White stated that there were many people serving the community without recompense on boards and committees, whose efforts should be recognized in some tangible fashion.

In the past it has been customary that on retirement after years of service such people have received a letter of thanks from council, but most members of council felt that this was scant repayment for the many hours spent in working for the betterment of the community.

Also to be honoured are recent winners of provincial championships. Two Richmond Hill groups have brought fame, which is excellent advertising to the community. A rink of Richmond Hill Lawn Bowlers and Dynes Jewellers Softball Team won highest honours in the province this fall. All citizens are very proud of these achievements and will agree with council that proper recognition should be made of these achievements.

When the Wimbridge Softball

Team won the Ontario Intermediate "AA" championship in 1960, the town honoured them with the presentation of sterling silver cufflinks bearing the town crest. It has been suggested that these would make a suitable gift not only for athletes but also for other men who have been faithful unpaid servants of the town. For women, the links could no doubt be converted into pins or ear-rings which could be worn with pride.

Councillor White's suggestion that the town honour all voluntary members of committees and boards at a banquet has certain evident drawbacks - we are afraid that when the lists are complete the number of persons eligible would be far more than could be accommodated in any local premises. Danger of missing some persons who have done much volunteer work in the town, but who are not members of committees and boards is great. Such an event would establish a precedent and could snowball into undue proportions. The fact that council goes on record as appreciating their efforts will be enough recompense for most of these people. More tangible recognition of those who have given leadership and years of service to the municipality without remuneration would not be criticized, we feel.

Vaughan Development

Vaughan Township has recently taken giant strides toward the recognition of its potential as an industrial community.

The loss of what was to have been a showplace industrial plant, the George W. Crothers heavy machinery company at Highways 400 and 7 was more than offset by the announcement three weeks ago a \$690,000 sewage plant to serve both the vast C.N.R. Marshalling Yard and the adjacent industry geared area at Highway 7 and Keele Street will be built as soon as possible.

It is a bold step by a large township with a population of only about

Coupled with its sewage plant plans, the township immediately followed with the purchase of about 70 acres of prime industrial land which it is offering for development and must sell by the end of next year under its terms of reference.

It is also planning to make the portion fronting Keele Street as a special "showcase" zoning to attract

superlative industry which eventually will be served by highways, railroad, sewers, water and the other necessary amenities.

Vaughan has been very fortunate among other large municipalities to have so much to offer for industrial development.

The railway is also offering its share in industry development by setting aside about 90 acres in a strip fronting Keele Street for plants which would have a preference for using railway facilities.

The railway will be the major contributor to the cost of the sewage plant in its initial stages until industry eventually settles in the area. In its earlier plans, the C.N.R. planned to construct its own disposal plant. This way, a larger area will be served and at the same time have more to offer industrial developers.

None of the cost will be borne by the taxpayers at large in Vaughan. Vaughan Council is justifiably proud of its efforts.

Our Readers Comment On Fluoridation & Lions Draw

council and the general public Everyone knows that there this seems to be particularly that's the law. time to look clearly and closely ents are crying out about heavy tention to the "pence", as one okay for a service club?"

portance should be brought to have, we must expect to be in you prefer a good Scottish one,



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Senior Citizens Are Volunteers Too, the Richmond Hill High School idea) And Don't Forget Their Bazaar,

November 16

The senior citizens of Richmond Hill and area have been busy getting ready for their annual Education Centre of Richmond Hill United Church. The bazaar will be opened by Mrs. William Neal, wife of the Mayor of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Albert Marsden is convening the bazaar which will exhibit an interesting display of crafts on the unwilling. and many other useful things. The tea garden will be a main feature and this will be convened by Mrs. Jack Sheahan. Come and help the senior citizens make a real success of this bazaar. Oh, and you must take a look at the leatherwork, the Christmas decorations and white elephant table. Also there will be knitted goods and all kinds of sewing, an apron table, and a display of basket making and ceramics. Every one who works in this

bazaar will be a volunteer. Mrs. Mona Robertson, the director of the senior citizens says that they do other types of voluntary work and this includes rolling bandages for the Cancer Society and the Red Cross. In the past they have sorted and wrapped gifts for the Mental Health Association. Mrs. Florence Davis is a volunteer representative on co-ordinated welfare; Mr. Jack Sheahan is volunteer representative to the V.O.N. He is also vice-president of the senior citizens. The president is Mr. Ed Lomax. The senior citizens have poured a great deal of time and effort into community living. By the time this column reaches you, their combined efforts will have resulted in a cheque laws. to buy a wheel chair for the hospital. This was done by conducting euchre parties and teas plus the proceeds of a sale of two oil paintings by Mr. Saturday when she said: Bone who kindly donated them for this purpose. The senior citizens hope to make their bazaar another effort in successful volunteer living. Make a date with them on November 16.

The White Cross Volunteer In The Community

The York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association covers the whole of Second Thoughts.. York County. The board members of which Mr. D. R. MacDonald is president, are all giving their time on a voluntary basis.

But we are mainly concerned with the hardworking White Cross Volunteer who brings comfort and cheer to so many more unfortunate than themselves. Now that Christmas is coming, the White Cross Volunteers remind you of their Christmas gift campaign under chairman Mrs. William Hodgson of Kettleby. Once again, organizations and individuals are urged to contribute to the Christmas cheer of mentally ill patients. Mrs. Clare Moore chairman of the volunteers along with her two co-chairmen, Mrs. Iris Jankowiak and Mrs. Florence Sward of Richmond Hill along with their 150 volunteers share part of their life with the mentally ill because they realize that mental illness is a common ailment that might strike anybody. They firmly believe that the mentally ill have as much need as themselves to be accepted as members of the community and they uphold all that is best in the tradition of voluntary service by conscientiously meeting any commitment undertaken and firmly

At this time, the volunteers will be at work planning Christmas parties at the Ontario Hospital at Aurora and the approved homes throughout the county. Let's pin point the importance of the White Cross Volunteer. They are needed to help persons to get well by providing acceptance, support, friendship and the concern of the community which they represent. This they do by their visits to the provincial hospitals and the approved homes. They provide outings and picnics and get togethers at the volunteers' homes for a social cup of tea. They take them shopping. They teach them crafts and how to play again by teaching them to dance and sing, to play games or go bowling. They take some to see ballet, to visit libraries and shopping. They are needed to help persons discharged from hospital, so they have duties like driving patients to the Newmarket Clinic and to the new White Cross Centre in Richmond Hill. They help to revive the patient's interest in personal appearance and try to awaken their interest in the outside world. So you can see that the White Cross Volunteer is part of the treatment of the mentally ill person, a bridge funds, and they also speak at public gatherings in the cause of mental health.

If there be any among you who would care to participate in the program, please phone chairman Claire Moore at AV. 5-3553. You may be able to help at the White Cross Centre, an approved home or as a driver.

"A volunteer is a volunteer, only twice. When he joins and when he leaves."

payer that the "surprise move form, which this move, brought we are apt to be less careful eral's department does not like suading Lions International to Clubs in District "A" (Ontario which apparently caught the forward at this time, suggests. than we are with our own, and lucky draw schemes. Okay, so bring their annual convention of and Quebec) meet early in Janunawares" (quote) (intentional- is a difference of opinion, even applicable to councils, and ally) to introduce the fluoridation between reliable medical auth- though \$7,379 may appear a re- a large grocery chain announced time some 30,000 Lions and for discussion, and it is hoped vote into the December ballot ority, on the subject of fluoride latively small sum compared 21 lucky winners of seven new their families will visit Toronto. that all service clubs will prewas intended to push through in the drinking water and apart with some other expenditure, cars, seven prizes of \$1,000 each As everyone now knows, we sent a united front to the Fed-

DELAY VOTE UNTIL

DECEMBER, '64

citizen take it against his will.

up to give everyone the best

236 Axminster Drive.

LOCAL LIONS SERVE

THE COMMUNITY

"Every mickle makes a muckle" or a universal one, "It was the last straw that broke the camel's back". It seems to me that Dear Mr. Editor: has been very patient, don't ing forced prescription by vote, money back. add the last straw, because Every citizen has a right to It is encouraging to note that "Even a worm will turn".

PHYLLIS HAWKES 95 Roseview Ave. NO OUTSIDE VOTE ON FLUORIDATION

consumable water. Now, if it Dear Mr. Editor: My husband and I are very starts using our water system as worried about the proposed a carrier, because slightly more fluoridation of Richmond Hill than half of the voters wished water supply. Since we are out it, then why should it stop with of the Richmond Hill area we flourides? In December, 1964, will not be permitted a vote on a plebiscite could be initiated December 7. Still we have a on putting minerals in the very vital interest in the ques- water (there will be no trouble tion since our son who attends in getting experts to push this

will be using that water. We Then in December, 1965 have been advised by our doct- well, who knows?-because the or that there is great danger right to use water as a carrier in adding fluorides to drink- will have been established, the On October 13, the Laskay Road accounts passed by the ing water. We feel it imperat-fluoridationists couldn't argue correspondent, records a horse Vaughan Township Council on ive to guard our son's health against it, now could they? race between "Spy" a trotter, October 11, 1892, revealed the and we know there must be Let's keep our good sense and "Flying Turkey" a trotting gravel was being purchased at many other parents who feel about the use on this one and mare. The first was owned by 10c a load. bazaar, to be held November 16, in the Christian the same way. Since there are vote it OUT, as have so many George Gordon and the mare several alternatives, other than cities and towns. Water is for by M. P. Woods, "Turkey" was The editor opined that to the fluoridating the water supply, ALL-fluoridation is for fluori- a bit too slow in the mile and a "Didn't-know-it-was-loaded" and for those who desire fluorides, dationists. A. N. BELLAVANCE, sion road from the townline be added the "Get-in-the-waysurely it is unwise and unde-

> F. WARK Bathurst Street * * * *

mocratic to force this measure

Dear Mr. Editor: The motto of all Lions' Clubs NEED CHANGE IN LAW I am sure your readers share Serve". The Richmond Hill in Cour interpretation of this Dear Mr. Editor: with me regret that the Rich- Lions Club has been serving its mond Hill Lions Club members community for almost 26 years. were embarrassed and incon- During this time we have built tired bicycle and intended to years. venienced by the events of last and paid for a fine community replace it with one with airweek when they found it neces- hall, now worth about \$100,000. sary to cancel a draw for prizes One year ago we pledged \$20,in connection with an annual 000 over a five-year period, to club event. Lions have given our new York Central Hospital A number of other bicycles an Railway would be finished much in support of good causes in Richmond Hill, which will be had appeared in the Laskay and operating up to York Mills in our town and district and opened on November 28. This community and it was reported a distance of six miles from the ened the lot of many of the pledge has been partially paid, that a bicycling club was being starting point at King and underprivileged and handi- and we hoped the balance would be paid through our annual \$25 considered.

Not being versed in the law, a ticket lucky draws. Just re-I cannot comment on the action cently we pledged to pay for taken by the authorities and it the necessary promotion exis no reflection or criticism of penses required to get under anyone in particular when I say way a canvass for financing the that the incident points up the building of a swimming pool in need for some change in our Richmond Hill. We have helped countless families who have

I think the point was well put suffered loss over the years by Maggie Grant in her column through fire or other disasters, Richmond Hill, Ontario in The Globe and Mail last have supplied wheel chairs to invalids, glasses to those unable Phone TU. 4-1212

"The front page announced to pay for them, paid fees for that the Richmond Hill Lions classes in speech correction for Club would be forced to refund youngsters, donated annually \$13,750 earmarked for pledges two \$100 scholarships for worthy to a hospital fund and other high school students, helped community projects. Reason for finance a band, and many other refund: The money had been services to our community too THIS SUNDAY and EVERY SUNDAY their generosity has bright- numerous to mention.

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Heading in the Star: Have missile to end all missiles - Soviet ... THAT'S the one we are waiting for!

Metro's mounted policemen no longer have to take their horses to the blacksmith - an enterprising Thornhill man - now comes around to all six Metro police stables with a truck-mounted portable smithy... giving, possibly, a cling-clang on his anvil like, "Avon Calling!"

PARIS - (Reuters) - Traditionally sexy French nightgowns have given way to high-necked garments of monastic purity, says Ingrid Rouge, the best known lingerie designer in Paris...

So OK, Ingrid, this year we'll buy the wife something else for Christmas.

A report from Ottawa says Canada will start sublimating their own needs to the cause they serve. a submarine fleet by purchasing three high-speed Oberonclass submarines from Britain. After describing the crew they require, their speed and their armament, the report concludes: "Their main function is submarines." Apparently British designers don't confuse their subs with a Florida

> Sir Winston Churchill laughed heartily when he heard that the National Congress of American Indians had held ceremonies in Washington to make him an American Indian chief ... Winnie Ha Ha? * * * * *

> A Toronto School of Social Work professor advised delegates to a YWCA conference not to consider any amalgamation with the YMCA ... But it would be fun though, wouldn't it, to CONSI-DER it?

They're just not making them the way they used to! Toronto's new fireboat, the William Lyon Mackenzie, was christened last week with the traditional bottle of champagne by Toronto Alderman Mary Temple. The worthy Mrs. Temple, who, between hospital and community. White Cross Vo- on her temperance record, might have been expected lunteers also help with the annual campaign for to at least bend the boat a bit in smashing the Sat. Sun. Nov. 16-17 "El Cid" shown at 6 and 9.05 p.m. bottle, had to take four bashes at the bow before she managed to break the bubbly.

> Sugar is still selling at five pounds for 49c in the United States while we are paying around a dollar for the same quantity - and WE ARE supposed to be the ones who are friendly with Cuba!

Question of the week:

Was the anonymous complainant, who forced (Next week.. The volunteer work of the Rich- | the police to break up the Lion's club draw, really mond Hill and district branch of the Red Cross.) 'a disgruntled loser in their last draw?

the council AFTER elections not the red. Of course, if we are raised through a lucky draw The Lions of Ontario and laws are outdated. When the It would appear to one tax- as election propaganda, or plat- spending other people's money, scheme. And the attorney-gen- Quebec were successful in per- Board of Governors of Lions their world-wide organization to uary this matter will have an

legislation to introduce fluoride from this aspect, \$7,379 (your I can bring a variety of pro- and seven prizes of \$500 each. were notified by members of eral Government, urging that into the water of Richmond figure) added to the present tax verbs to suggest that it might Why, I ask, is it perfectly okay the O.P.P. just 48 hours before some of our archaic laws be Hill, before the majority of bill, is not going to decrease be a wise move on the part of for a business firm to have our lucky draw dinner and changed so that a distinction thinking people had enough the taxes. Richmond Hill resid- our councillors, to pay more at- lucky winners while it is not dance was scheduled for No- will be made between those who vember 7, that a complaint had gamble for private profit and taxation, and even the most el- old proverb says "Take care of Thanking you and trusting been received at the attorney- those who give freely of their In my opinion, matters of ementary book-keeping teaches the pence and the pounds will the Lions will not be discoursuch possibly far reaching im- that if we spend more than we take care of themselves", or if aged or weary in well-doing. ed against holding the draw. funds may be raised with which CIVIS. Being law-abiding citizens we to serve the needy and undercalled off the draw at a con-privileged. The Richmond Hill siderable loss to our club, al- Lions Club will not mind being though we have received phone the "Guinea Pig" if this can be calls from some loyal supporters accomplished. the taxpayer in Richmond Hill Let's not play doctor by start- that they do not want their ROBERT D. LITTLE

(International Counsellor), Chairman, Public Relations either accept or reject the con- Premier Robarts and Attorney-Committee, District A-7 suming of fluorides, but no one General Cass are of the opinion Lions International,

has the right to make another that some Canadian gambling Richmond Hill.

The water commission is set Flashback

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal",

the home paper of this district since 1878. Transportation and roads have always been an important part of the life of any community, and the year 1892 found transportation news in the fore in this area, accord-

ing to "The Liberal" files.

quarter dash along the conces- "Blew-out-the-gas" fools should

south to a point called the of-the-trolley" fool. He describes an elderly man running along "Fifty Acres." the track endeavouring to catch * * * * The same writer records that hold of a trolley while another Mr. Elder had sold his wheel was close behind, as being very to M. Wiles of Strange, with the

ic. (Our interpretation of this in the City of Toronto, for trolitem, is that the former gentle- levs in Richmond Hill were not man had got rid of his hard- seen for almost another two

> "The Liberal" of November 17 records that the Metropolit-

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