



Bayview Secondary School Queen

At the witching hour of midnight Bayview Secondary School students Friday night crowned their 1964 Queen, Miss Virginia Wilson, a grade 13 student, had been chosen by the student body to reign as queen this year.

Virginia and her court are seen in the above picture (left to right) Sheila Henderson, grade 13; Carol Shelton, grade 12; the Queen, sitting; Sharon Bell, 1963's Queen, who placed the crown on her successor's head; Ann Firman, grade 12, and Paddy Matland, grade 13. Each girl carried a sheaf of red roses.

Three hundred students and guests enjoyed the annual prom in a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Dancing was to the music of Grant Cairns orchestra.

(Photo by Barbour)

Chief Robbins Annual Report:

Should Judge Police By Community Peace

Finance Comm. Consider Adding Hired Firemen

Recommendation by the fire committee to hire two permanent firemen this year and two additional men in 1965 was referred to the finance committee for consideration at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council.

The finance committee will also consider a recommendation of the fire committee that town property at the corner of Bayview and Elgin Mills be reserved for a fire hall. The recommendation also asked that the town clerk make a capital expenditure forecast for a new fire hall on this site in 1966.

The need for permanent firemen was again stressed but it was also noted volunteer firemen will still be needed. Council recognizes the important service given by volunteers in the past.

It was reported that H. J. Mills Company have found it impractical to continue to provide volunteers for the brigade, and that town employees are often working in the far corners of the municipality when day-time alarms are received. Permanent firemen on duty could get the equipment to the fire with a saving of three to five minutes it was claimed.

For 35 years or more H. J. Mills Company has provided up to 30% of the volunteers for fire fighting and H. J. Mills Senior served for years as fire chief. Their service to the town in this way has been a very valued contribution.

Councillor Walter Scudts reported that actual value of property in the town is close to the 100 million dollar mark although assessed value is about one-third that amount. This means that fire hazards are increasing steadily. Permanent firemen are needed to carry out regular inspections

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"A police department should not be measured by the number of prosecutions it enters but rather by the peace that the municipality enjoys," said Chief Constable Robert P. Robbins in his annual report presented to Richmond Hill Town Council Monday evening. He expressed the hope that his department has made progress in this respect.

He pointed out that as the town grows so do our problems; and that we are also affected by the growth in the surrounding area.

The chief reported that the rental-lease system for two-way radio is very satisfactory. This radio, he noted, is part of a county-wide system and the chief constables are continually striving to better the network.

Cruisers are rented at the rate of \$138 per month each for Chevrolet Bel-Air automatic V-8's and the chief reported this system entirely satisfactory.

Criminal Code

Ninety-three prosecutions were made during the year with impaired driving heading the list at 18. Break enter and theft 11. Malicious damage accounted for six and break and enter (with intent) and dangerous driving for four each. Driving while licence was suspended led to five prosecutions.

Chief Robbins pointed out that each year the list of offences under the Criminal Code becomes a little wider. In 1963 possession of a spring knife, possession of a sawed-off rifle, trespass by night and arson were added to the list.

Separate School Board Return All Officers

The inaugural meeting of Richmond Hill Separate School Board was held in January. No changes were made in the list of officers from 1963.

Gordon Trussler will continue as chairman, John LeClaire as vice-chairman and Mrs. Marjorie Gleason as secretary-treasurer.

Other board members are Robert Steele, William Parker and Conrad Thompson.

Don't Wait For Licence Zero Hour

If you like standing in the cold...
If you like unending lineups of irritable people...
If you have two or three hours to spare standing still doing nothing...
If you want to be liable to a maximum \$50 fine under the Highway Traffic Act...
By all means, wait until zero hour February 28 to buy your 1964 car licence plates.

To date this week, nearly two months after Ontario licences went on sale, the Richmond Hill licence bureau reports only 1/4 of the possible 12,000 plates sold.

Every year, there is a great deal of inconvenience at the last moment for all concerned.

The bureau, at William Neal's Garage, 59 Yonge Street South, will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every night (except Sunday) for the convenience of the drivers in the Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham area.

Plates vary in price from \$15 for four cylinder models; \$20 for six and \$25 for eight. Any driver who hasn't received his new licence from the Department of Transport may pick up a form at Neal's.

Truck and trailer licences are not due until after March 1.

If a car is found without proper plates after the end of the month, a conviction can carry with it a maximum \$50 fine for first offenders.

Mayor Opposes Raise In Liquor Prices

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst told "The Liberal" this week he took a dim view of the recent raise in liquor prices by the provincial government. "Basically it's a case of taxing a commodity which is already taxed almost 400 per cent," the mayor said. "I don't know of any other product which is so greatly taxed." Liquor prices in Ontario were increased effective February 1.

"Some people may want to watch hockey games, others may enjoy watching stripper shows but the government does not tax the latter more than the former because they consider it undesirable," Mayor Broadhurst continued.

\$185,000 Extra

Request Added Finance For Markham Tp. School

Markham Township Councillors shuddered visibly Tuesday night when requested to issue its share of an additional \$185,000 in debentures for construction on Markham District High School.

After some discussion the matter was laid over for a committee of council meeting.

It was at a previous meeting that council somewhat reluctantly agreed to

approve its share of \$675,000 in debentures with Markham Village to go toward an extension to the school. The township's share will amount to about \$325,000.

Total cost was set at \$1,506,275 with the federal and provincial governments footing the remainder of the bill.

Markham District High School Board Chairman Walter Heaton and a delegation of members informed council that the original estimate had been altered by the federal government's decision to only pay grants for 64 percent of the project instead of the original 75 percent.

Mr. Heaton explained that grants were only issued to new additions to buildings and not to renovations. Some of the school projects will include renovations.

"We've held a number of (Continued On Page 3)

Hoover Continues Fight To Lighten Real Estate Tax

Markham Township Councillor Charles Hoover advanced one step further Tuesday night in his personal bid to ease the tax burden carried by individual property owners.

A Hoover-drafted resolution subsequently approved by council will urge the provincial government to review the present tax set-up with the idea of spreading the tax rate on a more equal basis.

Mr. Hoover's contention is that services to property owners should be borne by property owners and services to the general public by that group.

He stated that the present system finds the property owners carrying the entire tax load with the special emphasis on education the "costs of which are rising all out of proportion."

Mr. Hoover used as his main argument for change a section in the government set-up of the Select Committee of the Select Committee which is asking for the same thing.

Councillor Cleary Palmer, who seconded Mr. Hoover's resolution, agreed that "real estate owners are taking too much of a burden. We just want them to review the situation as recommended to them."

The resolution will be presented to the Association of Rural Municipalities and the Ontario Mayors and Reeves Association and thence to the select committee on taxation.

Haggart Playing It Cool

Richmond Hill Reeve James Haggart is playing his cards close to his vest about county planning.

The reeve at Tuesday's planning board meeting was non-committal about how he personally would vote when the Jones Report recommendations for a York County four-man planning agency came before council for approval or disapproval.

He reminded planning board members, his and Deputy-reeve Stan Tinker's votes at county level were a matter of personal choice. "He and I might not even vote the same way," he said.

The agency which would cost Richmond Hill about \$3,800 a year if it were organized got short shrift by planning board.

Harry Sayers: "Do we need an agency when we have the same facilities available from other sources? I look at it from the very narrow viewpoint of a Richmond Hill taxpayer and I say we don't need it."

Chairman Harold Whillans: "I don't see how they are going to be able to do much planning under their budget. (About \$31,000 on the average). I think

we should tell council county planning as such is of little benefit to Richmond Hill."

Cecil Williams: "The agency may be good for York County but as far as the Hill paying for it, our interests are bound to Metro."

Mayor Tom Broadhurst: "Council can't direct the vote of our county representatives but we can make representation of our own."

The mayor said he was not in favor of county planning but reminded the board perhaps some thought "should be given to our neighbors."

Mr. Haggart told the board he would listen to all their comments "but not be bound by them."

"We have got to consider whether or not such an agency would be good planning and also whether or not such a group would affect the county tax rate and indirectly benefit us by increasing assessment in other areas," he said.

St. Paul's Lutherans Approve The Plans For New \$100,000 Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church approved preliminary plans for its new church and educational unit at its annual business meeting January 26.

The new church will be built this year on Bayview Ave. immediately north of the secondary school. Initial construction will provide space for worship, education, fellowship and administration.

Total cost of the project, including land, will be nearly one hundred thousand dollars. Work is proceeding on construction drawings.

Other actions at the annual business meeting included election of Philip Barth, Joseph Miller and Harvey Duffert to the church council (board of trustees). Each has served a previous term.

St. Paul's Church Women presented a play, "Tell Me Doctor," at the annual meeting. It illustrated various attitudes to programming in women's meetings.

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Five Contracts Ready For Tender

Vaughan Township will be calling for five large contracts within the next month.

First tender called will be for the West Don Sewage Plant project at an estimated \$499,000 on February 14 to be opened by council March 2; tenders for the Keele Street watermain from Highway 7 to Langstaff Road will be called February 21 and opened March 9; trunk sewer mains February 21 to be opened March 9; Bowes Road watermain and sewermain February 28 to be opened March 16.

Council last Monday also approved hiring a qualified sewer plant operator to manage the new treatment plant when it is opened in September; he will be hired early to act as an inspector for the township when the plant and trunk sewers are being constructed this summer.

Markham's Reeve At Conservative Meet In Ottawa

Markham Township Reeve Charles Hooper was absent for the township's regular meeting Tuesday night.

The reeve was attending the Progressive Conservative leadership convention in Ottawa.

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble was appointed chairman for the meeting.



GARNET WILLIAMS
In Hospital

Vaughan Councillor Garnet Williams, 49, who suffered a heart attack at his home Sunday will spend from four to six weeks in Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. The councillor is in the second year of his elected term.

Industrial Sale

First of the Vaughan Acres industrial land has been mooted for sale to a major steel fabrication company.

At Monday's Vaughan Council meeting, Industrial Commissioner James McDonald announced the township was negotiating 15 acres of the township-owned land at Keele Street and Highway 7 with Hugh Russell and Sons Ltd. About a 100,000 square foot plant is involved. The land, zoned agricultural has yet to be zoned to M2 industrial.

More details will be announced at the end of March, a company spokesman said.

Deeks Must Rush Board's Budget Industrial Report

Planning Director Harold Deeks will embark on a "crash" program of budget and report preparing.

At Tuesday's Richmond Hill Planning Board meeting Mr. Deeks was instructed to prepare a draft budget of the board's needs to be discussed next Tuesday.

He was also asked to complete an industrial report on the town's future in that line before council decides how it will take advantage of the municipal loan assistance fund offered by the province. Deadline for requests is March 31.

Reeve James Haggart said it would pay the town if any capital projects being planned could be decided by the loan deadline.

"There is not much value in any of our suggestions coming four weeks late," Mr. Deeks agreed.

He however refused to give up his weekends and attendance at an architects' convention at the Royal York.

Archbishop P. Pocock To Bless New School

His Grace, Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock, co-adjutor archbishop of Toronto has consented to bless the new St. Joseph's Separate School on Roney Ave. in Richmond Hill.

The formal opening and blessing of the new school is scheduled for 3 p.m. this Sunday, February 9.

Principal Leon Kehoe invites all parents and friends to inspect the school after the ceremonies are concluded. The Catholic Women's League will serve refreshments.

The Richmond Hill Separate School Board extends a cordial invitation to parents and friends to attend this event.

Boost "Hilltoppers" Buy Chocolate Bars

The firm of Robbins & Robbins did a rushing business at Monday night's council meeting when they sold members of council, press and ratepayers present, quarter pound chocolate bars.

Police Chief R.P. Robbins was spokesman and his son Ron was salesman for the firm. Proceeds will support "The Hilltoppers" trumpet band, which is without a sponsor at present.

The chief asked councillors to buy a bar to help in the band music, to keep our youth sharp and out of trouble.



Mothers March To Help

March of Dimes mothers Mrs. John Wood (left) with her twin boys Blair and David, of Church Street, and Mrs. Lloyd Sanderson (captain) were among more than 250 women in Richmond Hill area Monday night who went on the march to help the handicapped. Although receipts are not final, about \$2,700 was donated to the march in one short hour. Mrs. Norman A. Todd, area chairman told "The Liberal" she expects the total will be about \$3,000, slightly less than last year.

"Reading Most Complex Of Human Skills" - Inspector

"Reading is the most complex of human skills. It is not an easy thing to do," said Mr. George Noble an inspector with the North York Board of Education, addressing a meeting of the Pleasantville Home and School Association on January 27.

Mr. Noble then announced to his surprised audience that he was going to teach them to read with a foreign alphabet. This he proceeded to do, and within a surpris-

ingly short time, the audience found that they were deriving meaning from a series of arbitrary symbols — triangles, circles, squares and other geometrical hieroglyphics.

To achieve this, Mr. Noble had projected on a screen a simple picture of a man reading a newspaper, sitting in an easy chair and wearing slippers. Then he started in to ask: Who is the picture about? What is

father doing? Does he look comfortable? Does he look happy? Do you think he likes sitting there reading his paper? etc. After eliciting appropriate answers to these and other questions, Mr. Noble drew the audience's attention to the symbols which appeared under the picture. "What do you think the first word is?" he asked. "Father" chorused the audience — having quickly counted that it had six symbols.

"Wonderful" answered Mr. Noble. "Now what do you suppose the next word is?" ... and so on, until he had his interested class deciphering "Father likes his chair, his slippers and his newspaper. He is happy at home."

The next picture showed "Mother" handing the telephone to father, who does not look happy at being disturbed, and deftly guided by their teacher, the audience very quickly "read" the

message "Someone wants to talk to you Father. Do you want to talk?"

After the second picture and "story" the class had a review of what they had learned. With the words, written in the "foreign" alphabet flashed on the screen, Mr. Noble drew the attention of his pupils to words that began and ended with the same letter, similar prefixes and suffixes etc.

helping you" said Mr. Noble, "and I am. And this is the part you don't see of your child's reading lesson".

Mr. Noble emphasized that in over twenty years of association with Ontario schools he had never seen a simple "look and say" method of teaching reading. "I don't think there is such an animal" he stated. "What I have seen is a method which combines some facets of (Continued On Page 15)