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# MARKHAM SEESAWS ON ANNEXING

## Finance Minister Opens Langstaff S.S. Oct. 23

A full evening is planned for those attending the October 23 official opening of Langstaff Secondary School, Garden Ave.

Principal speaker of the evening will be the Honourable Walter Gordon, federal Minister of Finance. Rev. C. Schwalm, parish priest of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill, will give the invocation and the dedication will be by Rev. Dillwyn Evans of Thornhill Presbyterian Church.

Chairman for the evening will be Mr. Manley Clingersmith, chairman of the property committee of the York Central District High School Board. Members of the board will be introduced by Chairman Ernest Redelmeier.

Also included in the platform party will be representatives of the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Markham and



WALTER GORDON

Vaughan Townships. These will be introduced by York County Warden Albert Rutherford.

Mr. Arthur Murch, principal of the school will introduce the members of his staff.

Various presentations will be made to the school, during the course of the evening, from the teachers, from students at York Central's four other high schools and from Dr. Ralph Langstaff, a prominent senior citizen of the district from whose ancestors the Langstaff district takes its name.

Music will be provided during the evening by the Langstaff Secondary School Choir under the direction of Miss Maryanna Nicholson.

Following the ceremonies, which are scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m., members of the audience will be invited to tour the school and will be served refreshments in the cafeteria.

Markham Township has not yet decided to contest Richmond Hill's application to annex approximately 50 acres of township land, Reeve Charles Hooper told the press following Tuesday night's Markham Township Council meeting.

Mr. Hooper stated he had been aware of the proposed annexation by Richmond Hill for the past four months and his council had been informed about it three months ago but had been warned to keep it secret.

Markham Township Council had agreed not to contest the annexation if the town would annex the entire township lot of 200 acres immediately to the north of the Elgin Mills Sideroad, Deputy-Reeve Stewart Rumble said.

"They just want the cream," stated Reeve Hooper, who recalled that when Richmond Hill made the last annexation of Markham land in 1952 "to square off its boundaries" the town's council had stated that the next annexation would be in Vaughan Township.

Both men reported that Markham Township had not been informed through proper channels about the proposed annexation and until such time as they received this notification they could not adopt a policy either in favor or in opposition.

The land in question is located between Yonge Street and the CNR line. At present it is zoned rural, which would permit low density housing and highway commercial. An option on the land is held by former Richmond Hill Councillor Joseph Paterson from Belgian interests. Mr. Paterson's option is good until next spring.

Industrial developers Taylor-Woodrow Canada Ltd. hope with the help of Richmond Hill to secure Municipal Board approval to annex and rezone the land in question.

## Reeve, Deputy Contest Top Possible Third Candidate

Vaughan's reeveship this December election will be contested in a two-way battle between incumbent Reeve A. H. "Ab" Rutherford and Deputy-Reeve Jesse Bryson. A third "dark horse from the front end", representing a large majority of the township's residents living along Yonge Street is rumored to be contesting the No. 1 political spot but no name has been brought forth.

The slate was announced at Tuesday night's brief council meeting in Maple.

Mr. Bryson informed the press he was running before he told Reeve Rutherford at the meeting. He apologized but Councillor Ruth McConkey (who is out of the running because of a move

shortly to live in Bermuda) told him he didn't have to answer to anyone for his actions.

Incumbent Councillor Garnet Williams said he intends to run for the deputy-reeveship but Councillor Wilfred Keffer was stolidly non-committal.

Other names put forward were Sam Kaiser, chairman of Vaughan Township School Area Board since its formation in 1960 and a resident of Kleinburg, Lorne Wells, resident of Maple and a public school board trustee in his first term, and Milton Savage, well-known Bathurst Street farmer, former school trustee and ex-council candidate.

Nomination day for candi-

dates is November 30 with Vaughan's election date on December 12.

Major issue of the election in Vaughan is the formation of a library system as part of the centennial grant scheme.

Vaughan Council met Wednesday in committee to discuss the proposed referendum with W. A. Roedde, of the Ontario Library Services department.

Reeve Rutherford noted that if council can get Vaughan residents behind a library system through a public vote, "It would be better than coming in the back door."

He noted the township has 1965-67 to plan a good library system.

## OMB Reserves Southwest Decision

A substantial amount of new evidence was introduced at last Thursday afternoon's adjourned session of the Ontario Municipal Board's hearing on by-laws providing for storm sewer and road reconstruction in the southwest area of Richmond Hill.

Because of this, Vice-Chairman R. M. Kennedy, who presided, and his colleague reserved decision on the \$250,000 proposal.

The number of interested ratepayers in attendance Thursday had decreased only slightly from the full house present October 2.

Thursday's session started promptly at 2 p.m. and continued until 6.15 p.m. with a ten-minute break.

Many witnesses came with photographs to support their testimony which led the presiding official to ask with a smile, "Does everyone in town take pictures?"

J. F. McCALLUM held until such time as it can be seen if it will fit in with an overall plan for the town.

Edward Hill, counsel for Dr. Helen Hogg, challenged what he called a dramatic departure from the original plan and watercourse in the location of the easement on Dr. Hogg's property.

He called it an unjust solution to the problem when the natural watercourse could be followed with smaller machinery or by hand digging, noting the easement would be only 300 feet in length.

J. R. JOHNSON Town Solicitor J. R. Johnson disagreed and called on the board to approve the project reviewing evidence given by town witnesses who included the engineer, the superintendent of maintenance at the high school, the mayor, reeve and members of the town staff.

He felt a need had been demonstrated for the sewers and that it would not be wise to return the roads to their present condition but that the municipality should take the opportunity of providing better, safer roads with proper curbing.

CHARLES WORTMAN First witness heard on Thursday afternoon was Charles Wortman, president of the Southwest Home Owners' Association who has lived at 243 Mill Street for 6 1/2 years. He reported the association had 177 members out of a potential 456 property owners in the two areas for which work is included in the proposed program.

At a meeting on September 26 a motion was passed, he stated that the association would oppose the by-laws and read the reasons included in a letter to the town clerk dated August 11.

These reasons included the claim the work is not essential, that the proposed road reconstruction would change the character of the area, that it would mean an unnecessary increase in taxes, that a survey had revealed 89% of the ratepayers in the area are opposed to the work and that it is not

VAUGHAN STARTS TWO KINDERGARTENS

Heavy enrolment in kindergarten classes at Joseph A. Gibson and Kleinburg Schools has resulted in Vaughan Township School Area Board setting up an additional half-day class in each area.

A morning class will be held in Kleinburg School and an afternoon class in the George Bailey School at Maple. Mrs. Marilyn Watson, formerly assistant teacher in the kindergarten class at the Joseph A. Gibson School has been placed in charge.

Miss Rachelle Willinsky, a beginning teacher, has been assigned to replace her.

## 35 Staff Members

## Vaughan Teachers Busy Improving Their Skills

Thirty-five members of the teaching staff in Vaughan Township Public Schools have reported securing additional qualifications during 1964. Superintendent R. MacDonald informed the board Thursday evening of last week. He also noted that many teachers do not report these credits until they are ready for the next salary level.

These teachers attended Department of Education summer courses and university courses. The superintendent noted that several younger teachers are securing very good grades in university work.

He also commended Malcolm McRoberts, principal of Concord School who received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the spring convocation of the University of Toronto.

Six teachers are taking the night school course in mathematics operated by the York Central High School Board at Bayview Secondary School. Twelve members attended a similar class held a year ago and four attended the summer course in intermediate mathematics operated by the department. A number of principals also attended workshops in mathematics at Woodland

## Local Man Was Aboard Viscount In Winnipeg Emergency Landing

It was magnificent the way they brought the plane in," William McArthur of 436 Cross-Avenue, Richmond Hill, told "The Liberal" Tuesday. Mr. McArthur was one of 54 passengers aboard an Air Canada Viscount which Saturday had to make a forced landing at Winnipeg Airport.

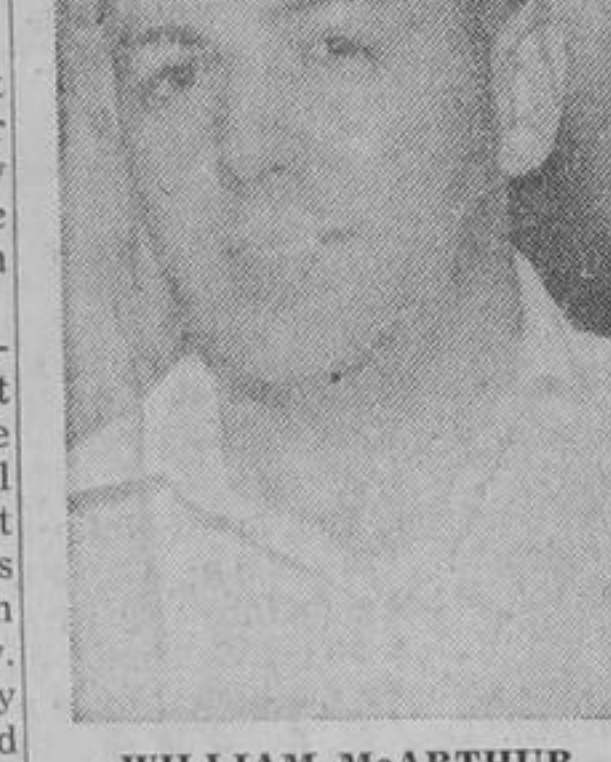
Shortly after take-off at about 8 a.m. the pilot of Flight 50 destined for Toronto discovered the aircraft's nosewheel could not be lowered into position. The Viscount circled over Winnipeg for more than three hours, burning off fuel prior to the emergency landing—which saw the plane skid on its nose for about 500 yards before coming to a stop.

Mr. McArthur said the pilot brought the plane in very smoothly, there was no bump and when the plane's nose went down a scraping noise was the only indication the passengers had it was not a normal landing.

Passengers were informed of the difficulty about five minutes after take-off. Mr. McArthur reports, and throughout the whole three hours the pilot kept them informed of what procedure he was following and completely reassured them.

The local man has no qualms about flying in the future and says he will fly again with Air Canada who handled the emergency with such efficiency.

The passengers were transferred to another Viscount which left Winnipeg for Toronto about 1 p.m. Saturday.



WILLIAM McARTHUR

## Many Town Streets Marked No Parking

"No parking on this side at any time" is the message for motorists conveyed by many new traffic signs erected in the past five days on streets in Richmond Hill.

These signs have been erected by the works department on instructions from the police committee of Richmond Hill Town Council to implement two amending by-laws numbers 1153 and 1154 dealing with parking in the municipality. These by-laws were passed by council on May 4, 1964, and have been approved by the Ontario Department of Highways.

One by-law deals specifically with roads in the vicinity of schools and prohibits parking on the side nearest the school but will permit cars to stop to load and unload children on that side. On the opposite side of the road no parking or stopping will be permitted. These regulations were passed at the suggestion of Richmond Hill Public School Board in an effort to protect children attending the elementary schools.

Other signs have also been erected in the town park limiting speed of vehicles to 15 miles per hour. These regulations were passed to try to eliminate dangerous speeding of vehicles in this park.

Fines for infractions are not more than \$10 for the first offence and not more than \$25 for the second offence.

Streets on which the signs appear are ones which are too narrow to permit parking and ones which have definite traffic problems. Police Chief R. P. Robbins told "The Liberal."

## Senior Schools Study Scheduled Oct. 22 Agenda

The long-awaited report on whether or not senior schools would be feasible in the Richmond Hill public school system will be aired in its draft form at a board meeting October 22.

Senior School Committee Chairman Walter Hutchinson said his committee needs at least one more meeting before the draft is ready but he wasn't giving away any hints on its contents at last Thursday's trustees' meeting.

The study has been going on for six months with numerous committee meetings and trips to various centres where such a system is in operation.

Mr. Hutchinson reported on a tour of a North York school earlier this month and a trip he took to Belleville to view their board's operation.

## King Trustees "High-handed, Secretive And Over-Hasty" Anti-Incorporationists Launch Petition

King City's three village trustees, seeking to incorporate the police village, are meeting their first opposition.

A seven-man "Incorporation Opposition Committee" last week announced it is launching an "anti" petition.

In a nine-page mailed report, the committee warned ratepayers of higher taxes, limited parking, more costly debenturing, and prospect of "careless urban development of King City" if it is severed from King Township.

"We do not need incorporation. It can only bring in its wake problems and higher taxes," claimed the committee, listing several "principal reasons why we are 100% against incorporation for King City at this time."

They pointed out, "Police villages are definitely not about to be abolished by legislation as has been implied."

"An independent authority who was commissioned by trustees to examine King City's future recommended most definitely that we remain a police village."

"Any problem concerning village boundaries can be solved without incorporation."

"The village has neither the money nor the equipment to be

able to take over roads and sidewalks. And it certainly has not the experienced personnel to plan and supervise such a vital responsibility."

"Our present board of trustees have handled their incorporation proposal in a most hasty and unusual manner, avoiding free and open discussion of it before their formal application was made to the OMB," the committee said.

"We have all the services in this village that we can possibly afford; we have a township council that has shown by its record of local government that it understands the needs of the people and the area it represents and we have the benefits of an experienced planning board that will continue to set down the guide lines for the

sensible growth of this area, including the three police villages," the report noted.

Pointing out trustees legally have the privilege of applying to the OMB without prior reference to ratepayers, the committee contended, "We feel they have abused their privilege by taking this high-handed, secretive and over-hasty approach."

The committee claimed several thousand dollars of taxpayers' money will be spent in making the incorporation application and "trustees could not or would not state how much" chartered accountants' and planning consultants' reports and legal counsel will cost.

Opposition workers stated, "We seriously question whether, during 1964, trustees have demonstrated they have been working in the best interests of the ratepayers they represent."

"Now is the time for action," the committee went on. "We believe that the majority of the village is against incorporation."

Urged to "Please think about this vital issue" interested ratepayers were invited to contact committee members—Arnold Bamford, Ken Chesney, David Clark, David Glass, John Tanner, James Wilkins and Peter Williams.

Richmond Hill Branch 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion has received permission from Vaughan and Markham Townships to hold its annual "Poppy Day" November 5-6-7.

On the Thursday and Friday, poppies will be on sale in the evenings and all day Saturday.

In Vaughan, a memorial service will be held in the Maple Municipal Offices, November 9 at 8:30 p.m. and council will meet earlier at 7:30 p.m. that night.

Richmond Hill which has a Remembrance Day Committee meeting later this week, has not yet announced its memorial day plans.

## Fluoridation On December Ballot, Objectors Plan Phone Campaign

By MARY DAWSON

One of two plebiscites to be included in this year's municipal elections will ask Richmond Hill voters to decide whether or not the town's water supply should be fluoridated. The other question deals with a two-year-term for council.

On November 4, 1963, a surprise motion by Councillor Walter Scudds, seconded by Councillor Alex Campbell, placed the question on the list for last December's elec-

tion. It was noted that if fluoridation were approved Richmond Hill would be the first municipality in York County to do so. King City and Stouffville both turned the project down in 1961.

It was in March of that same year that the provincial government granted the municipalities the right to fluoridate public water supplies and made provision for a vote of the taxpayers to be taken.

Dr. Robert King, then medical officer of health for York County, who in August last year recommended fluoridation of all county water supplies, welcomed the news of the proposed vote in Richmond Hill.

In the days which followed announcement of the Scudds-Campbell sponsored vote, members of the 1963 town council and "The Liberal" were bombarded with people who objected to the short time allowed for dissemination of information on the subject.

On November 11 council reversed its decision and removed the question from the ballot list.

A similar situation had developed in 1961 when a November decision to include the question in that year's election was dropped because there was not sufficient time to advertise it properly to the electorate.

On November 11 council removed the question from

the ballot list, following a plea from Mrs. Phyllis Hawkes for more time in which those opposing the addition of fluoride to the local water supply could present their side of the story to the people.

Dr. J. P. Wilson told members of council at the same meeting that fluoridation of municipal water supplies is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a whole and particularly by dentists.

A letter to the editor which appeared in "The Liberal" of November 21 last year signed by four local dentists, W. J. Mason, DDS, P. R. Macfarlane, DDS, W. R. Bedford, DDS and J. M. Wachna, DDS endorsed fluoridation.

The letter reported that fluoridation is advocated by both the American and Canadian Medical and Dental Associations.

The dentists stated that "Council owes it to the people to give them a chance to vote on this issue

and decide it one way or the other."

Early in January of this year Councillor Scudds again asked to have the fluoridation plebiscite vote scheduled for the December elections of this year.

A group of citizens organized last fall for the purpose of opposing fluoridation to the public has prepared a telephone campaign which will reach every home in town.