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AB RUTHERFORD REEVE BY 88 VOTES

Donates Campaign Savings To Pool

Thanks to the generosity of Councillor William Lazenby the centennial pool committee is \$100 richer. Mr. Lazenby presented Councillor Walter Scudds with a cheque for \$100 for the fund at Monday night's town council meeting.



Local Men Injured

Three Richmond Hill men were injured Monday in an accident on Maple Sideroad at Jane Street.



Drag Strip Licence Given Green Flag

A \$200,000 drag strip park area with a 5,000 seat grandstand about three miles north-east of Markham Village, were given the green flag Monday night in a 3-2 recorded vote at Markham Township Council's meeting.

Council was forced to amend a by-law prohibiting racing anywhere in the township to suit the proposal. Next contention was that since the land was zoned "agricultural", the "normal" use of land for recreational purposes had to be defined. Whether or not dragging was "normal" was debatable, some felt.

Two To Hospital In Hill Accident

Two area people were sent to hospital last Friday following an accident at Newkirk Road and Crosby Avenue, Richmond Hill.

When its immediate neighbors discovered what was involved in drag racing, its size and the numbers in Metro Council were forced to amend a by-law prohibiting racing anywhere in the township to suit the proposal.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

For A Merry Christmas

A group of Thornhill ladies spent a busy morning recently at Holy Trinity Anglican Church gift-wrapping Christmas presents for mental patients.

All-Star Benefit Show For Sparks Family

Country music star Tommy Hunter is staging a gala benefit show this Sunday at King City Composite School for the tragedy-stricken Sparks' family whose five children were killed in a fire last week.

Some of the stars are fresh from entertaining Canadian troops on Cyprus and final details of the show were being worked out this week, Mr. Hunter said.

In Nobleton, the local Lions Club with 30 members has so far collected \$3,000 in cash donations to the family in a campaign headed by Donald Bragg.

An inquest into the fire wouldn't be held until late January according to King Township Police Chief Leslie Peggely.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sparks, were trapped by a raging fire in their century-old brick farmhouse while their parents with three other children managed to escape.

The Sparks' with daughters Maureen and Karen and son Danny have been located in a home in Aurora where Mr.

Sparks has been given a job at St. Andrew's College as a stationary engineer through the Workmen's Compensation Board re-training program. He had been off work for about a year as a result of an injured back before the tragedy.

Mr. Bragg said the Lions hoped to have a permanent home for the family by next week.

At least three housefuls of furniture has been donated since last week and there is an abundance of clothing, too, Mr. Bragg said.

In the photographs at left, taken by a "Liberal" photographer are Terence Champ, a neighbor of the Sparks' who with his nephew Barry Ellison rushed to the blazing house and attempted to raise a ladder to the children trapped in an upstairs bedroom. Firemen were unable to remove the bodies of the victims from the completely gutted house until the next day.

Chief's Report

Fire-Fighting Equipment Will Be Needed By 1967

Next year's council should consider starting to lay aside money for the purchase of equipment for the fire department, Councillor Walter Scudds, chairman of the police and fire committee, told Richmond Hill Town Council Monday evening.

Councillor Lois Hancey reminded council that provision for a permanent paid fire department is also essential. Mr. Scudds replied, "I haven't forgotten, but I believe once a year is often enough to bring up the subject. I will bring it up at budget time."

For the first time in many years the number of fire calls answered by Richmond Hill Fire Department in Richmond Hill greatly exceeded those from the Township of Markham.

Seventy calls have been received from the town and 39 from the township, so far this year, according to a report submitted by Fire Chief Alf Stong.

Largest number of fires in Richmond Hill were in dwellings, which accounted for 19 calls — oil burners were responsible for five of these and furnaces and pipes for three.

Gasoline, appliances and motors, matches and wiring were responsible for two calls each. Fields and grass fires were responsible for 17 calls with seven of these caused by matches, five by open flames and four by cigarettes. Cars and trucks were responsible for 12 calls, four were attributed to gasoline, four to cigarettes and

one to matches. Matches were the cause of the greatest number of fires — 16; with open flames accounting for eight, oil burners for seven, gasoline and wiring for six each, appliances and motors five and furnaces and pipes four. The cause of eight fires is listed as unknown.

November building in Markham Township soared up to \$702,975 compared to \$165,100 a year ago.

In its report, the building department said there were permits issued for 42 homes (\$505,000); seven additions to homes (\$16,000); five accessory buildings (\$3,975); three commercial buildings (\$91,000); one industrial building (\$72,000) and one addition (\$15,000).

Armed Robbery At Highway 7 S.S.

Two armed men held up a Highway 7 service station early Wednesday morning but escaped with only \$40 in cash. Markham Village Police, investigating the reported 1:10 a.m. robbery said the two men walked into the Markham BP on Highway 7 just east of the village and threw night watchman Sam McEwen to the floor after demanding the cash. He was not injured. The pair apparently fled in a car.

Maple Child Struck At Village Corner

A Maple two-year-old was treated for abrasions and released from York Central Hospital last week after she was struck by a car at the village's main intersection.

Vaughan Police said Jacqueline Jansen, 2, of Richmond Street, apparently wandered away from her nearby home last Wednesday night to the roadway where she was struck by a car driven by James Jackson, R.R.1, Maple. The little girl was taken to hospital in a cruiser.

Police said the road and lighting conditions were bad at the time of the accident and no charges have been laid.



WARREN BRYCE

SAM KAISER

DALTON McARTHUR

BY ANNE SMELLIE

Vaughan Township's municipal election this year lived up to its promise of plenty of action as a cliffhanger decision approved A. H. "Ab" Rutherford as reeve for his third straight term.

The voting, 42.7% compared to 31.5% in 1962 went right down to the wire last Saturday after the 33 polls had closed at 7 p.m. with the final one, No. 15 at Arnold Avenue, coming at 10 p.m. and giving Mr. Rutherford a narrow 88-vote edge over his strongest contender Brian Bailey of Richvale.

Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson, contest a council seat will be the second man on council for the next two years with 1,653 votes in his favor and Maple businessman and former hockey referee who has headed Vaughan's Recreation Commission Dalton McArthur will be third as he registered 1,536 votes.

Maple farmer R. J. Darlington made a good showing at his first attempt and led the first returns as third council member until Mr. McArthur moved up.

But it was Mr. Bryce all the way in at least 14 polls who recorded the highest number of votes for any council candidate.

The rest of the field finished as follows: Donald West, Toronto school teacher and Maple resident, 1,352; John Neufeld well-known in Maple where he runs a business, 1,171 and John Woodlcott from Pine Grove 460.

Mr. Bryson led the polls in Purpleville, his home district, Elder Mills, Nashville and Teston, Concord East and Thornhill South.

It was a landslide victory for Garnet Williams, the councillor from Nashville who swept into the deputy-reeveship with a solid endorsement of 2,864 votes over Bathurst Street farmer Milton Savage, now twice defeated candidate who polled 972 votes on the final count.

Most solid of Saturday's victories went to the 31-year-old Thornhill insurance manager Warren Bryce whose methodical, well-organized campaign helped him top the poll of council candidates with 1,782 votes. He is a newcomer to politics.

Sam Kaiser, Vaughan Area School Board Chairman for the past five years who decided to

Four tenders submitted for a new fire truck for the Unionville Fire Department which copes with fires throughout Markham Township have been referred to the firemen for their comments.

Bids were received from King Seagrave Ltd., of Woodstock (\$17,333), American Marsh Pump (Canada) Ltd. of Stratford (\$17,124); Le France Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd. of Toronto (\$17,277) and C. E. Hickey and Son Ltd. (\$15,750 and \$15,950).

Markham Council opened the tenders Monday night.

Four Tenders For Twp. Fire Truck

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A. H. RUTHERFORD



GARNET WILLIAMS

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York Central's 5,000th Patient

Ten-year-old Susan Mabee of Oak Ridges had the questionable distinction of being York Central Hospital's 5,000th patient last week. She is shown here making a valiant attempt to smile after receiving a thoroughly black eye, slight concussion and bruises after running in front of a car on December 7. Susan has since been discharged from hospital but won't be back at school until the new year. With her are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blayne Mabee.