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Muscular Dystrophy Musical Evening

Artists taking part in a musical evening at Richmond Hill United Church April 23 in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Association will include "The Villatones", front row (left to right) Douglas Knight, Shirley Ann Young, Beverley Charbanick and Kevin Maher. Standing at rear are Brien Thurston and Patsy Wynne, vocalists who will also take part. Others on the program will include Nadine and Paul Macdonald, duo pianists from Toronto and members of the Petronella Scottish Dancing Club of Thornhill.

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Whereas the Town Council, by resolution has authorized me to issue a proclamation requesting the citizens to observe a period of Daylight Saving for the current year, commencing at 2 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, April 25.

To carry out this request of the Town Council it will be necessary that all clocks and watches be advanced one hour at 2 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, April 25.

The Town Council most respectfully asks the hearty co-operation of all citizens in making a success of this movement for the public benefit. Proclaimed pursuant to the instructions of the Town Council.

THOMAS BROADHURST, Mayor.

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Revive Comedy Routine At Mkhm. Twp. Meeting

The old Abbott and Costello routine of who was first, what's on second, was revived for a while by Markham Township Council at its regular meeting last week, with Reeve Charles Hooper and Deputy Reeve Stewart Rumble taking the lead- ing roles.

The two became entangled in a bit of confused byplay when they disagreed to the definition of an amendment to a motion, which had just been proposed by Councillor Cleary Palmer.

Mr. Palmer's amendment, which arose out of a discussion on the proposed move of two federal forestry research laboratories at Maple and Richmond Hill to Sault Ste. Marie, called for council to "strengthen the hand of Richmond Hill and possibly Vaughan Township" by sending a delegate or delegates to Ottawa to protest the move and also show the federal government the "solidarity" of the areas involved.

The amendment followed an earlier motion by Councillor Charles Hoover supporting "in principle" the two-man delegation being sent to Ottawa by York County for the same purpose.

With the exception of Mr. Palmer, however, council had felt that the matter of the laboratories was the worry of the two municipalities concerned.

"We have our own problems to worry about," said Councillor Alan Sumner.

The confusion over the matter came about when Mr. Palmer asked for a recorded vote to Mr. Hoover's motion.

Reeve Hooper, who had attended a meeting with Mr. Palmer and other representatives of the county to discuss the "Soo" matter, and who had agreed with Mr. Palmer that Richmond Hill should be supported

Ask Province Subsidize Police

Richmond Hill Town Council last week concurred in a petition to the Legislature from the Township of Saltfleet for the province provide grants in aid of maintenance of municipal police forces within its boundaries. The petition noted such grants will benefit the whole population of the province (a) by standardizing the level of police services and (b) by enabling municipalities to provide better police facilities and equipment.

The petitioners based their request on the fact that the government provides grants to municipalities for other essential services such as schools, roads, libraries, welfare, recreation programs, etc.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst commented on the proposal, stating that local police forces spend most of their time enforcing provincial and federal statutes and maintaining the Queen's peace.

Councillor Walter Scudis who heads council's police committee contended the police enforce these laws for the protection of our citizens. Somewhere along the line we should accept some responsibility, he urged.

Reeve Donald Plaxton reported increased demands for increased police protection are being heard, with one policeman for 650 people being the recommended norm at present. Councillor Eric Handbury felt that provincial subsidization of local police forces would mean that the municipalities would lose control of its police.

in its bid to keep the laboratories, objected to the recorded vote.

"If we have a recorded vote, somebody's going to look a bit foolish," said the reeve, who has the first vote in such matters.

Said Mr. Rumble: "Mr. reeve, you've always said that when there was a request for a recorded vote, that was the end of the discussion."

Mr. Hooper let the matter drop then and Mr. Palmer made his amendment, which the reeve seconded, Mr. Palmer asking for another recorded vote.

"This is a different motion altogether, not an amendment," said Mr. Rumble.

"It's an amendment," said the reeve. "The motion called for two delegates, the amendment has added two or more."

Mr. Rumble said an amendment must modify a motion, while Mr. Hooper replied that that was what the amendment had done.

The vote was then called for on the amendment. Mr. Hooper, in turn, asked that it be taken once more.

"You've already voted on it," said Mr. Rumble.

It would have to be recorded again, said the reeve.

Mr. Rumble said he thought the reeve must mean the motion.

"Well, all these rules and regulations can get a little confusing," the reeve said.

When the confusion cleared, Mr. Palmer's amendment had been defeated 3-2, with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hooper voting for it. The motion carried, with only Mr. Palmer voting against it.

Seniors Can't Cross Yonge On Green Cycle

A letter asking for some action to be initiated immediately to overcome the difficulty experienced by pedestrians, particularly senior citizens, in crossing Yonge Street at traffic lights, was read at the April 12 meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council.

From F. H. Barker, 154 Centre Street West, the letter stated that with the very short cycles on east-west lights a pedestrian of slow gait cannot cross Yonge Street during the green light period.

This situation could be overcome by the installation of four hand-operated push-buttons, that would override the normal green cycle and increase its on-time to 30 seconds each time the east-west button was operated, Mr. Barker claimed.

Further, he continued, it would be advantageous if at least two of the street lights, at all intersections in town had colored lamps installed to facilitate recognition of the intersection.

Councillor Walter Scudis reported that an investigation is being conducted at the present time by the Department of Highways which had jurisdiction over the Yonge Street traffic lights. The councillor agreed that there is no question in anyone's mind that the green light east-west cycle is much too short. "I'm quite certain it will be lengthened," he added, "but it needs a great deal of study so as to cause the least possible interference with the tremendous volume of traffic on Highway 11."

Reeve Donald Plaxton reported he would prefer to see a signal light system for the length of Yonge Street within the town boundaries rather than crosswalks which have been suggested.

Extended Service

Markham Township Council has decided to request the discontinuance of the North Yonge bus service extension to Elgin Mills.

The suggestion was made by council last week.

The report followed a meeting of representatives from the Township of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill last week to discuss the service. Markham and Vaughan both contribute 25 percent toward the cost of the extension, while Richmond Hill pays the other 50 percent.

Council said a study of the trial period report on the extension showed there had been little usage and fares would have to be increased if it was going to be continued.

The Toronto Transit Commission's report in March showed in the three months of operation from September 6 to December 6, 1964, an average of three persons per trip, or a total of 129 fares collected on October 15, the day chosen for a riding count.

The report concluded that there was no economic justification for the extension, which it estimated cost \$6,000 a year to operate.

Both Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township have decided to await a report from the TTC outlining ways and means of saving money on the operation, and possibly changing the service.

Vaughan To Consider Protesting Lowering Of Legal Drinking Age

After Vaughan Township Council had refused to support resolutions from three other municipalities sent to them, they were asked at last week's meeting if they ever supported resolutions from other municipalities.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford advised that they sometimes did, but thought that often there was not enough thought behind the resolutions.

The three discussed at the meeting were: a resolution by New Toronto to request the provincial government to enact legislation under the Highway Traffic Act permitting municipalities to pass by-laws setting maximum speed on any street fronting on, abutting or adjacent to schools at 15 miles per hour; a resolution from the Windsor Traffic Safety Council protesting a proposal to lower the age at which alcoholic beverages may be legally consumed in Ontario; and a resolution from the Township of Saltfleet requesting the provincial government to consider payment of grants in aid of maintenance and upkeep of municipal police forces.

Reeve Rutherford suggested that if Saltfleet Township had investigated the time when the government did pay grants in aid of police forces, they would find that the grants were less than the assistance now given to municipal police forces.

"Why didn't you support the Windsor Traffic Safety Council's protest about lowering the age at which alcoholic beverages may be consumed?" asked a member of the audience, Donald West, defeated candidate for council last December.

Members of council advised that when they had discussed the matter in committee they didn't know where any proposal to lower the legal drinking age was coming from and in the absence of this information declined to support the resolution.

Members of the audience said they had heard news reports that such a lowering of the legal drinking age had been announced in the Legislature. In view of this information, on a motion of Councillor R. D. McArthur council agreed to take the matter back to committee for further discussion.

With respect to the request for support of a resolution permitting the setting of speed limits adjacent to schools at 15 miles per hour, Reeve Rutherford stated that this was under the control of the Department of Highways and municipalities had no say in the matter.

New York Firm Plans Factory In Markham

Raymond Corporation of Green, New York, has signed an option on 10 acres of fully serviced industrial land in Markham Village it was announced last week.

Raymond, which manufactures Work-Lift trucks, plans to build a factory on Bullock Drive next to Amalgamated Electric Corp. Limited.

The land, which is also curbed and graded and is now ready for paving, consists of the main road known as Laidlaw Boulevard, which joins Highway 7 on the south and Bullock Drive on the east.

Other firms in the area are Chesbrough-Ponds Ltd., Aluminum Boat and Canoe Inc. and Humphrey Cosburn Plastics. There are also two car dealerships, Conlin Motors and Talpark Motors, while Markham Chrysler Dodge is erecting a new building.

There are now only 60 acres of the original 108 acres remaining in the designated industrial area.

Local Silversmith Attends Conference

Douglas Boyd, Richmond Hill silversmith, will be attending the Ontario Crafts Conference at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, on April 23 to 25. The conference, first of its kind in the province, could result in millions of dollars in sales to Ontario craftsmen, reports the Ontario Council for the Arts, the sponsoring body.

It will provide an opportunity for craftsmen to get together and will bring the benefit of advice from British, American and other experts in the field. Representatives of the highly successful Quebec craft industry will also be present to give guidance. Five government departments will be represented to receive suggestions for future action.

This conference is motivated by the conviction that craftsmen's work can bring beauty to buildings and gardens, interiors of homes and apparel. The output of the machine will always be influenced by the creative ideas of the designer-craftsman.

Also attending the conference will be Lady Flavell of RR 2 King, and Miss Rebecca Sleser, Terra Cotta formerly of Unionville. Lady Flavell will represent Kingcraft and Miss Sleser is a well known sculptress.

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(Photo by Stuart's Studio) BOB WALL

With Detroit Cup Series

Bob Wall, Oak Ridges boy, who has played hockey for the Memphis farm club of Detroit Red Wings this past winter, dropped in to "The Liberal" office last week. Bob was called up by the Detroit club to stand by during the playoffs for three games. He played in one game and still bears the mark of a high stick on his left cheekbone to prove that NHL hockey is rugged.

When Pittsburgh was eliminated from the playoffs in its league Warren Godfrey was called up to fill the fifth defensive slot on the Red Wings and Bob was released.

He will be spending the summer months in Richmond Hill and will be playing for Dynes Jewellers softball team. An all round athlete, Bob excels at softball as he does at hockey.

With the Memphis team last season in the Central Professional Hockey League, he scored eight goals and 40 assists. This assist total was the greatest on his team, and no doubt helped him secure a place on the league's second all-star team.

Bob reports his team played in a brand-new arena which was not opened until December 2. In spite of the fact that hockey is a new game to most residents of the area, the team had a following of from 4,000 to 6,500 fans at their home games and responded with 700 hockey. He reports the people very friendly and the weather quite mild, with little snow, making his winter there a most pleasant experience.

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