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True Spirit Of Guiding

Allencourt District Guides and Brownies saved their allowances and did many odd jobs to save up money for an ambitious Centennial project. Fruition of their work came November 14 when they presented a suction table to be used in the pediatrics unit of York Central Hospital.

Above (left to right) are Brownie Sandra Stephenson who made the presentation, Guide Ingrid McLeod, Mrs. T. Finch, who accepted the gift on behalf of the hospital; Guide Karen Redburn and Brownie Debbie Fraser admire the new addition to the hospital's equipment.

Burnett Acclaimed Whitchurch Reeve Six Contestants, Three Council Seats

Vandorf Community Hall was filled to overflowing November 24 for the largest nomination meeting Whitchurch Township has seen for many years.

Ratepayers present, many of them women, seemed to fall into three classifications: parents determined to oust the township school board (who waited patiently until close to 11 pm to hear their nominees speak), irate dog kennel owners opposed to council's attempt to curtail their operations and old timers, the regulars who turn out at every nomination and election.

With Reeve Ross Farquharson relinquishing his seat after nine years of service to the township, Deputy-Reeve Stewart Burnett was acclaimed as reeve when the only other nominee for the position, Councillor Frank Williams declined to run. However, Mr. Williams accepted nomination as deputy-reeve and will contest this seat with fellow councillor Ivan McLaughlin, and farmer-retired estate agent Lawrence Hennessey of Vandorf.

6 SEEK COUNCIL SEATS
Seeking a seat on council are Mrs. Betty Van Nostrand of Lot 15, Concession 4, an employee of the township's employment department for four years and for the past year a reporter for the Aurora Banner, covering council meetings; present Councillor H. Nauta, an importer, of Lot 6, Concession 6; R. Lewis, a systems auditor for Lot 8, Concession 8; Norman E. Fockler a member of the controversial township school board for the past two

of each of York County's 14 municipalities automatically are given a seat on York County Council.

ASK FULL-TIME ENGINEER
Mr. Hennessey announced that he had lived in Whitchurch

Addison Wants Hanging Kept

By a vote of 114 to 87 Parliament last week endorsed limited abolition of capital punishment. The bill eliminates the death penalty for a five year trial period for murder — except the murder of police officers and prison guards. The penalty for murder except in the case of policemen and prison guards will be life imprisonment.

John Addison MP (Liberal) York North was among the 87 Members of the House voting to retain hanging. When the question of its abolition was first debated 19 months ago Addison was among the 143 MPs who at that time favored its retention. Mr. Addison has represented York County at the federal level since 1962.

for all of his 47 years, that he owned his own farm and his taxes were paid, that he favored strong ratepayers' associations, an official plan for the township, the employment of a solicitor who would be present at all council meetings, the hiring of an engineer on a full time basis, and a fine for those who fail to exercise their franchise.

In addition, Mr. Hennessey noted that with education now on a county basis, townships also would inevitably be taken over by larger units of administration. "I am concerned as to what part this township is going to play in this great transfer which is on the drawing board," he said, noting that Whitchurch, according to the Smith Report on Taxation was to become part of the Metropolitan Highlands region.

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Councillor Henry Nauta, in seeking re-election, agreed that the township needed a new lawyer and should also seek to have Class A light manufacturing industry locate within

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Town Election For Councillor, Trustee & Hydro Commission

Dogs Beware! Postmen Are Ready

Richmond Hill's 18 postmen deliver mail on the 14 walks between Carrville Road on the south and MacNaughton Drive on the north and from Bathurst Street on the west to Bayview Avenue on the east. In common with carriers across Canada they have their problems with the canine population — many have been bitten on hand or leg. In fact, Postmaster E. T. Willis estimates these bites would average one a month. This compares with 175 per year in Metro and 704 a year across Canada.

So the announcement that they will be provided with a can of animal repellent spray by December 1, if it is needed, is very welcome here. The 1½-ounce can will contain a mixture of a pepper and mineral oil compound. Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote has announced.

It guarantees that: "Without a whimper, the dog will put his tail be-

tween his legs and retreat." Tested in the Vancouver area for six months, the repellent was found to be a "safe, effective means of warding off attacks by menacing dogs," it is claimed.

"The spray will not be handed out on a wholesale basis, but only on application by a postman who has had trouble with a dog or dogs," Postmaster Willis told "The Liberal".

A pamphlet, "Facts About Dog Repellent," has been distributed to home owners throughout the district. It explains that the spray, although irritating, is not harmful — its effect lasts about 15 minutes — to humans or dogs.

Sprayed at an attacking animal's head, the repellent leaves a yellow spot on the dog's hair that can be washed off.

Postmaster Willis said the spray will be used only for defensive purposes.

Although all but one of the seats on town council were filled by acclamation at Monday night's nomination meeting, and although only 22 people were nominated for the 17 available seats — council, public school board and hydro commission — there will be an election December 9 in Richmond Hill.

Out of an electorate of 9,501, less than 75 people were counted in the Richmond Hill High School Auditorium, most of whom left before the last candidates had a chance to address the meeting. Twenty-two candidates, with two nominators each, four members of the town staff, two members of the press and Chairman Harry Sayers, add up to a total of 73, which would indicate a complete apathy to municipal politics in Richmond Hill.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Reeve Donald Plaxton, Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, Ward 2 Councillor William Lazenby, Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey, Ward 4 Councillor John MacDiarmid, Public School Trustees — Ward 1, Peter Sale, and David Service; Ward 2, James LeMoine and Phyllis Hawkes; Ward 3, Deena Simpson and Kenneth Tomlin, all received acclamations.

There will be an election for councillor in Ward 1. Incumbent Ivan Mansbridge seeking re-election after serving a two-year term, will be opposed by Morgan Davis, proprietor of a

printing plant on Newkirk Road, and by Eric George. Ward 4 will vote on public school trustees, with three candidates contesting the two seats. Jack Knott and Larry Schell are seeking re-election and Mrs. Eileen Dinning is standing for the first time. Although the term of office for public school trustees in Richmond Hill is two years, the trustees elected this year will hold office for only one year. Local school boards will cease to exist when the county board of education comes into existence on January 1, 1969.

Election day in Richmond Hill is December 9. Polls will be open from 9 am to 6 pm.

An advance poll will be held December 4 between the hours of 2 pm and 10 pm. Voters who expect to be absent from the municipality on voting day, election officials who will be unable to attend the poll at which they are entitled to vote, those who expect to be confined to a hospital or for religious reasons are prevented from voting on December 9, may vote at the advance poll. It will be held in the municipal hall, 56 Yonge Street North.

Every voter at the advance poll will be required to make a declaration before being allowed to vote. The whole town will vote on hydro commissioners, with two to be elected — Chairman Sam Cook, who has served on the commission since its inception ten years ago and William Wagner, who has served for nine years, will stand for re-election. Also seeking these posts are Ronald Belfry and Edwin Nokes.

MAYOR THOMAS BROADHURST
Leading off the speakers, Mayor Broadhurst gave a brief resume of the present council's accomplishments during the past two years. Of first importance is the reconstruction of Yonge Street. Property acquisitions are nearing completion, engineering is in its later stages and work will commence next year, the mayor reported. A new arena is nearing completion at no cost to the taxpayer and associated reconstruction and improvement of the town park is in progress. Elgin Mills Road has been paved from Yonge to Bayview with only 25% of the cost chargeable to the town's taxpayers and approximately 13 acres of new park land at the Polish Park, abutting the Mill Pond, has been acquired at no cost to the taxpayer. The parks board has created a "little gem of a parkette" at the other end of the pond, and the mayor recommended a visit to it.

Senior citizens' housing will soon be ready for occupancy, costing the town only the price of servicing. Substantial new acreage for industrial development will become part of Richmond Hill at the beginning of the year, he reported. A new official plan has re-

ceived council's tentative approval and planning board is working on the new zoning by-law to give effect to the policies of this plan.

The nucleus of a permanent firefighting force has been established, the mayor stated, and went on to comment that although he did not rate this an accomplishment, the majority of council does.

"When I first became your mayor, industrial/commercial assessment was worth \$7,052,557. For 1967 taxes it was increased to \$9,016,988," Mr. Broadhurst noted.

He stated that a deliberate attempt has been made to consolidate the town's resources but added that that period is now nearly ended as consolidation unduly prolonged can become stagnation. He referred to tremendous and legitimate pressures bearing on it and other municipalities which cannot be met within existing political structure and predicted the inevitability of amalgamation into a larger municipality. After noting that education took 55% of the tax revenue last year and the county took about 10%, he commented "If we are amalgamated financially, surely we delude ourselves if we think the remaining 2/3 leaves us political autonomy." The mayor forecast that a decision the council just elected must face very soon is amalgamation or extension. "There will be a need for much public information and discussion," he said.

REEVE DONALD PLAXTON
One of Richmond Hill's representatives on county council, Reeve Donald Plaxton reported that his responsibility has been as chairman of the finance committee of town council. The allocation of funds has received his attention. He too, expressed concern about the changes the town will face in the near future as development continues in areas on our borders. It is inevitable, he claimed, and felt that when we have to share in the penalties for such development it is logical that we should expect some share in the assets and some say in control of what does go on around us.

Mr. Plaxton drew two conclusions from the poor attendance at the nomination meeting. "Either people think council has done a good job or they don't care what we have done. I suspect the correct answer is somewhere in between," he said.

DEPUTY-REEVE FLOYD PERKINS
"The town is in a satisfactory and very fortunate position," he said.

\$30,000 Deficit

Increase Rates At Pioneer Village

Metro Conservation Authority at its November 24 meeting agreed to increase both entrance rates at Black Creek Pioneer Village and the per diem allowance members receive for attending meetings.

Admission price to Pioneer Village will be increased from the present \$1 for adults and 25¢ for children to \$1.50 and 50¢ respectively. Earlier this year the authority had turned down the identical increase which it has now approved.

Most outspoken critic of the increase was Mrs. F. Gell of Etobicoke while York Mayor Jack Mould stated he believed people should be encouraged to participate in the village as often as possible. "If we in Metro can subsidize beer centres, we can subsidize this," he said.

Mrs. Dorothy Hague, a former reeve of Swansea and chairman of the Historical Sites Advisory Board, placed the recommendation of this board for the increase before the authority.

She pointed out that Pioneer Village receives no grant for operating costs from either provincial or federal sources as do other authority projects but is supported by levies against the 24 participating municipalities. For the past two years the village has had an operating deficit of \$20,000. This year the deficit was close to \$30,000 and is expected to increase next year.

"None were happy about the increase," Vaughan Township's representative on the authority Francis Redelmeier, told "The Liberal." "I feel badly about it but see the necessity for the increase."

Richmond Hill's representative James Haggart opposed the

increase at the meeting. However, no objections were raised to increasing the \$15 allowance paid to members for attending meetings to \$20, nor to increasing their mileage allowance from 10¢ to 12¢ per mile. Approval for the increase must now be sought from the Ontario Municipal Board.

The 55-member general body of the authority meets seven times a year, while the 11-

member executive committee meets every two weeks. In addition, various boards and sub-committees meet from one to three times yearly.

Vaughan Township's two representatives on the authority are Mr. Redelmeier and Jesse Bryson. Richmond Hill's Mr. Haggart and Frank Barrott; Markham Township's Councillor Alan Sumner and J. E. Harper.

Four In December 9 Race For Two Town Hydro Commission Seats

Chairman Sam Cook and Commissioner William Wagner are seeking re-election to the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission in the town voting December 9. Both men have served on the commission since the local hydro system came into existence a decade ago.

At Monday night's nomination meeting they reviewed the work of the administration during the past two years. In the important matter of rates and debt the commission has been most successful. The rates for every category of customer (domestic, commercial and industrial) have been reduced on three separate occasions during the past decade. The debenture debt has been steadily reducing with some \$60,000 being retired each year. No new debentures, which are a charge against the credit of the municipality have been issued since 1960.

During the past year the commission has built and placed in service its new Duncan Channey Substation located in the Mill Pond area. This new substation built at a cost of

\$103,000 serves the whole west of the town. This fall the commission purchased the former post office building at the corner of Centre and Yonge Streets at a cost of \$25,000 from the federal government and is presently renovating it as a new administrative centre.

The new nominees are Ron Belfry and Ed Nokes. This election marks Mr. Belfry's second try for a commission seat. He was a candidate in the 1965 election. In private life he is a salesman. This election will mark Mr. Nokes' first entry into the political arena. He is a paid official of the OMEA. Mr. Nokes said he has no criticism of the present commission but feels hydro offers him an opportunity for community service.

Voters will elect two hydro commissioners when they go to the polls on December 9. Voting will be across the whole town. The hydro commission is composed of two commissioners and the mayor who by virtue of his office is automatically a member of the commission.

Police Seek GEM Robbers

Markham Township Police are still on the lookout for two gunmen who held up the GEM Department Store Friday noon of last week and made off with \$8,200.

Police said the two gunmen apparently knew the store's policy of cashing government employees' pay cheques.

A company spokesman said the money was in the cashier's office at the store on Yonge Street just above Steeles Avenue for use when the government employees arrived to do their weekend shopping.

Detectives Doug Tribbling and Bruce Findlay are investigating the holdup.

Hill School Board Supports County Plan; Seek Meet Of All County Trustees

After lengthy discussion, consensus at the November 23 meeting of Richmond Hill Public School Board was that the board should work actively to promote the county school boards announced by Premier John Roberts, to be instituted in January, 1969.

"It is my firm belief," stated Trustee W. H. Hutchinson "that this board and all the others in York County can do their best for the children of the county by assisting at their own elimination."

Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that while Bill 54, three years ago made it possible to create boards of education, responsible for education from kindergarten to grade 13, not one was created. "This is the crux of the whole situation," he said. "It is not financing, it's not politics, it's education. The very important area which has been let slide is the integration and co-ordination of education from kindergarten

to grade 13. This is what has been suffering."

For the past three years, he emphasized, both trustees and municipal councillors had ignored the opportunity to act and although the York South Education Committee had done a fair bit on a voluntary basis, there has been no sign, anywhere in Ontario, of new boards of education being created.

Trustee Jim Lemoine appointed to the board a month ago to fill a vacancy, inquired whether the board had changed its mind and was no longer in favor of the three boards of education recommended by the York County Consultative Committee on Education a year ago.

While other board members agreed that they had not originally suggested a county-wide board of education, Trustee Hutchinson suggested "better a board of education on the county level than to continue as we have been."

Trustee Phyllis Hawkes pointed out too that it had been her understanding that the three boards of education recommended by the consultative committee had been intended as just a transition phase. "This seemed to me to be inherent in the report," she said.

NEED POSITIVE APPROACH

Chairman Deena Simpson stated that she felt it important that board members enter the new phase with a positive attitude to it. "This change will take place," she emphasized. "We have provided leadership in the past and we can do a great deal by recommending to next year's board about the direction we hope education will go in this area."

Trustee Hawkes agreed. "We would be wasting energy and effort, going against the flood tide of events, by opposing it," she said. "All we can do is to implement it." She pointed out too that

the recent instituting of county assessment was a first step to county boards of education.

It was stressed by other members too that the Richmond Hill Board should not make a decision to support the idea of three boards of education in isolation, that such a decision should be either made or abandoned after consultation with other boards in the York South Regional Education Committee which was to meet November 28.

"Hopefully, out of this meeting will come a further meeting which all boards in York County will attend," said Trustee Hutchinson, "and we can consider it at that time."

Trustee Lemoine asked if the York South Regional Education Committee had not reached a consensus in favor of three boards for the county but was told that no consensus had ever been reached, that the matter had

never been discussed by this body.

"If we go to this meeting (of the YSREC) and say we are in favor of a board for the Southern Six and to hell with everything north of the Markham - Vaughan line, what sort of an impression will we make on these people with whom we may have to work anyway?" asked Trustee Hutchinson. He expressed the hope that the YSREC meeting would proceed in the same spirit as their own meeting and go ahead and call a meeting of all county school boards.

Trustee Larry Schell pointed out however, that the province had still not revealed its complete plan. "We may like it, they may suggest two or even three boards," he suggested.

"We owe it to the children of the county to look at the whole thing," said Trustee Hutchinson. He noted that he had been approached several times by people outside

the YSREC area wanting in and that he felt badly that they had to be excluded.

ROBERTS' PLAN

Members of the board had been sent copies of Premier John Roberts' speech unveiling the new scheme.

Vast improvements in transportation and communication had removed the element of isolation from rural living, he said, and with this had come the recognition that small school units must disappear.

The priority of equality of educational opportunity would remain a costly but worthwhile objective and while a great deal had been achieved, further steps had to be taken to see that no youngster is denied an education to the maximum of his ability.

All students the benefits now enjoyed by more favored school systems. "Under a single, larger unit it is possible to provide more adequately for youngsters who have special talents or special problems," he said.

ELIMINATE INEQUITIES

The larger units would also facilitate planning on a broader base and would make possible a realistic provision for the financing of both capital and operating costs. At the same time, any possible duplication of accommodation, transportation and staffing would be avoided.

Stressing that the new system would result in equalized costs spread across the whole of the larger units and that this would eliminate inequities within the area, Mr. Roberts stated that it was the intention of the government "to provide additional financial assistance which will facilitate the establishment and operation of the new units."

He paid tribute also to

CTC Shopping Spree For The Whole Family

Gifts for every member of the family are featured in the Canadian Tire Christmas Shopping Spree — at amazingly low prices. For the best buys in the area check the third section of this week's issue of "The Liberal".

Toys and games and equipment for winter sports can bring a sparkle of delight on Christmas morning to the youngsters' eyes, at prices Santa Claus can afford. For mother, small electrical appliances which will make her housekeeping chores much easier, or a wrist or pendant watch, or for Santa something for his car or a power tool would fill the bill. You will find them all at Canadian Tire.

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Mr. Roberts stressed too that the decision to form the county units would not affect the election of trustees this year. "Indeed, the government will look to these trustees to assist in accomplishing the major changes that are before us," he said.

"Their experience and judgment in these matters have guided the government in reaching its present decision. We will rely heavily on this same experience and judgment to achieve the desired consolidation."

Mr. Roberts made the speech revealing the new plan at the official opening of an addition to Southwood Secondary School in Galt, November 14.