

Treasurer Lynett Reports Big Drop In Tax Arrears 1949 Taxes Well Paid Up

83% of Richmond Hill taxpayers have taken care of their tax bills for the year, Village Clerk and Treasurer Russell Lynett revealed on the night of November 28, when he made his annual report to electors at the meeting called for nomination of next year's councillors and school trustees.

Only twenty taxpayers owed taxes back of 1949, he added, the amount being \$915.65. He compared this with the situation as at January 1, 1942, when taxes in arrears amounted to \$26,935.69.

Income for the village for the year to the present date was \$103,702.73, Mr. Lynett's report indicated. Major items included

Councillors Agree TTC Operation Plan For Buses Is Good

The new agreement between the Toronto Transportation Commission and the municipalities of Richmond Hill village, North York, Vaughan and Markham townships covering the operation of North Yonge buses was discussed by members of the Richmond Hill village council at a special meeting held on November 23.

Expressing complete satisfaction with the way in which the T.T.C. had handled the affairs of the transportation system for the townships in the past councillors unanimously approved the agreement, which will be further discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the system and Commission officials later.

Revealed during the discussions were the facts that the Transportation Commission operates the line for a management charge of 7% on gross expenses — a figure which councillors termed "very fair" — and the fact that the municipalities still own properties such as the ticket office in Richmond Hill and the property used for turning the buses at the northern end of their run. These were not disposed of when other radial properties were sold recently.

The Armoured Column (By Blitz)

An active evening of training and other activities took place at "C" Squadron on Tuesday night. Lieut. Collins' (G.M.T.) Class was introduced to the intricacies of map-reading, much to their bewilderment. At the end of the evening Lieut. Collins was the picture of grief and frustration, but he says that if the road is signed well enough the should be able to find their way from Aurora to Toronto now without getting lost. I think, however, that this was an exaggeration on his part, because, as I saw it, the G.M.T. boys are rapidly becoming expert map users.

The Gunner-Operator's Class, under the direction of Lieutenants Gold and Allen, was busily engaged netting in No. 19 Wireless sets, and passing wireless messages.

After the training period was over a Mess Meeting was held, and we elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Congratulations are in order to the following: Mess Pres., Sgt. Ernie Sherwood; vice-pres., Cpl. Gerry Barker; secretary, Tpr. Pete Styrom; treasurer, Cpl. alter Bunn; Mess committee, Capt. John MacIver, SQMS Howard Bunn. With this group in control, we are expecting big doings in the Mess this year.

Special congratulations are due to Capt. John MacIver, who has recently received his promotion, and is now our Squadron 2nd in command. He can be found any training night buried under reams of paper in the Orderly Room, as Squadron Administration is his special chore.

How did you like travelling on Thursday night? Well, we didn't like it either, and only a few of the hardest souls made the grade. However, bad as the weather was we got a new recruit.

Most of our spare time the last couple of weeks has been devoted to fueling up and preparing our tanks for a week-end scheme at the Squadron Training Area. Come rain, or snow, or zero weather, we are going out this Sunday. So, hope for the best in weather for us, will you?

Lots of big things are in the offing for "C" Squadron, so why don't you join us and partake of a bit of exciting life, a life that will earn you money, valuable training, and new friends.

Be a soldier in your County Regiment.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Langstaff Public School Open Night

Before this important occasion becomes a fading memory, there are several points which deserve mention. First, the staff, Principal D. Smith, Mrs. Poulson, Mrs. Stephenson and Miss MacIntosh were very glad to meet so many of the parents, and felt that the evening was a success; they hoped the visitors experienced the same satisfaction and that the further knowledge gained was mutual. They were sorry that a few parents were not able to attend, because in some cases, it is their children the teachers are particularly anxious to understand better and give extra help.

The interior of the school was a surprise to those who were seeing it for the first time and many remarked on how attractive it looked. The standard of work displayed on the desks was something to be proud of and the art work on the walls and the special projects in each room had to be seen to be believed; one could not help thinking how much enthusiasm and thirst for detail must be brought out, how much more interesting school must be and how much more must be learned by the present methods. The teachers drew attention to some very fine handwork done by children who are not good students in order to prove that if they do not do well in one direction, they excel in another, and it is for them as well as to balance the development of the scholarly types that they would like to see more facilities for manual training.

hope to hear soon that he is back at work.

Mrs. R. J. Spanton, Yonge St., was visited last Thursday by her niece, Mrs. Shirley Ogilvie of Toronto, who came to look after her as she was feeling "under the weather." To provide the change that often dispels that "low" feeling, Mrs. Ogilvie took her aunt to Buffalo for the week-end. Saturday evening at the Town Casino Lanny Ross's singing provided the "tonic" that completed the cure.

Morgan Boyle's sub-division seems never to be the same from one week to the next. The Pankhursts have moved into their basement; it's a thrill that can't be understood, unless you've done it yourself and have experienced all the angles that go with it. The Johnny Munro's with 4-year-old Maureen moved into their temporary home and hope to get started on their basement if the weather will only be favourable. There is a great deal more activity going on which your correspondent would really like to hear about, and other new residents whom she would like to meet as soon as possible.

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H & S Association
Langstaff Home and School Association is glad to report that the sale held last Saturday was the most successful yet, and by Tuesday \$97.00 had been accounted for, with one or two small amounts still to be received. The club wishes to thank all those who contributed to this success by giving and buying and looks forward to using this money for the children and the school. The final total will be reported when known.

Much of the success of such a venture is due to the organization and once again Mrs. Jack Cooke did an excellent job as convener. Too numerous to mention are the names of the executive members who convened the various tables assisted by others and members. Non-members cannot know, unless told, of the help and co-operation constantly given the association by Mr. Heslop, who is always interested in anything which concerns the children; this was another occasion when his help was greatly appreciated. He and Mrs. W. Little of arden Ave. are the Honorary Members. Many thanks are due to the latter for her teacup reading, an experience which always seems to be enjoyed and adds just that something extra to the afternoon.

We are glad to report that Mr. George Hale, No. 7 Highway, was progressing "slowly but surely," following the accident he had last week when snow on his shoes caused him to fall down stairs. Fortunately the damage done was not as bad as it could have been and was at first suspected and we

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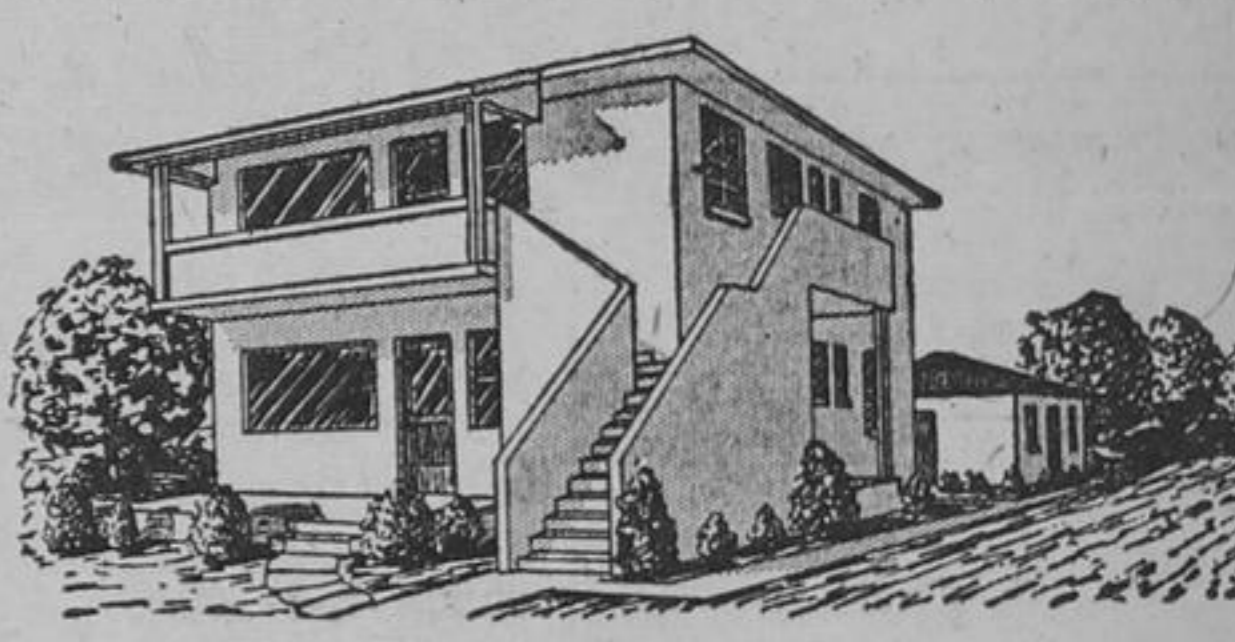
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Local Holsteins Bring High Prices

A total of \$13,170 for a general average of \$337 was realized on the sale of 34 head of purebred Holsteins at the dispersal of the Doncrest Herd of Porter Bros. held at the farm, Richmond Hill, Ontario, on November 24.

Top price was \$700 paid by Findlay Dairy Farms, Toronto, for Doncrest Lonemil Rag Apple a six-year-old cow. L. F. Flaska, Unionville, paid the second highest price of \$610 for a three-year-old heifer. While there were no exceptionally high prices the entire herd sold well.

Highest price for a bred heifer was \$410 which figure was reached twice, first on the bid of Alvin B. Snider, Brampton, and again on the bid of W. J. Vrooman, Odessa, Ontario. Snider was the big buyer of the day taking five head in all. John Rutherford, Scarborough Jct., paid the highest price for a heifer calf of \$300 a d also purchased another heifer calf at \$290. Top price for an open yearling was \$335 paid by N. Brodie, Gormley, Ont.

Vaughan Township Eating Places To Be Licensed

Discussing the sewerage problem relating to Thornhill, members of the Vaughan Township Council decided at a recent meeting to follow the recommendation of the Board of Health and to license restaurants, lunch counters and similar ventures. The Township clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary by-law. It also directed that a survey of existing establishments to be made in order to show the changes which would be necessary if the by-law were passed.

Dr. R. A. Bigford, Medical Officer of Health for the township, was present at the meeting and discussed the matter with the councillors.

Snow Removal Contracts Awarded By Vaughan Twp.

Tenders for snow plowing during the coming winter have been awarded by Vaughan Township Council.

One contract was awarded to the Armstrong Brothers Construction Company for two International trucks with Frink plows, rate to be \$4.50 per hour plowing time with stand-by time at \$6.00 per day.

The second contract was given to Paul Street and covers the employment of a Walters snow fighter at \$6.00 per hour plowing time and \$5.00 per day stand-by time.

Five tenders in all were received.

New Well In Operation Has 300 Gallon Flow

Richmond Hill's new well is now in operation and results are proving to be satisfactory. For a short period after the new system was brought in water was a little cloudy but this is now reported to be cleaned up.

The new well is pumping at the rate of 300 gallons per minute. In time of emergency the total delivery of water from the village's pumps could be brought up to a flow of 600 gallons per minute or more from old and new wells.

Farmer's Aid Being Sought For Survey

With the end of November here, farmers of Ontario are again being asked to supply facts about their farms in order that statistics can be prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. These figures include details of the number of live stock and cost of hired labor. The survey is made annually by the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Ont. Department of Agriculture. Forms are distributed to farmers by rural school teachers.

Success of the survey, and accuracy of agricultural statistics published by the Bureau and various Provincial Departments, depend on co-operation by the farmers in filling in the questionnaires. A widespread response from all types of farmers is required in order that statistics can be based on a large number of reports from a representative group of farms.

Statistics obtained thus are used extensively during the year, by governments, farm organizations and industry in planning future operations. International organizations such as the World Food and Agricultural Organization depend on the survey for vital facts.

"This survey has absolutely no connection with taxation," an official emphasizes. The individual form is seen only by workers in the statistical offices and the farmer is protected by law against wrong use of his return.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture hopes that all farmers will give their full support to the undertaking by carefully filling in the form and returning it promptly.

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senior governments can not be approached, although there is no guarantee that they would supply funds.

(3) The village engineer has estimated the cost of connecting houses to the main sewer system at \$2 per foot.

(4) Laundry tubs in the basement could be connected to the sewerage system if desired by the property owner. I am not in a position to estimate cost as this would depend to a great extent upon individual conditions.

(5) The question of septic tanks in the rear of a property is, again, something which would depend to a major extent upon individual conditions but which should not constitute any major engineering problem.

(6) The village council has not taken medical advice concerning the situation if sewers are not installed. It has, however, given consideration to this angle and has relied on the common-sense attitude that sewage, if not properly disposed of, will without doubt constitute a serious hazard to public health. I am informed by The Liberal, however, that the Medical Officer of Health for Richmond Hill has expressed an opinion and that it is the paper's intention, in the interests of all taxpayers and to give full and disinterested information regarding all angles, to publish Dr. Wilson's letter.

Dr. Wilson's Letter
The Editor of The Liberal.
Dear Mr. Editor:

Now that a vote is to be taken on the question of sewers for the village kindly allow me space to urge that the decision be decidedly in favor of this much needed improvement. There is no more vexatious method of sewage disposal than the common septic tanks. They are the cause of more ill feeling between neighbors than any other sanitary problem in the village.

Some say that the expense involved in the installation of a modern sewage disposal system would be almost crippling to the village. Rather than an expenditure it would in fact be a wise investment which would pay handsome dividends in creating a more sanitary condition in the village and in inducing prospective home builders to locate here. One frequently hears the remark "I would like to live in Richmond Hill if there were sewers, but septic tanks — not for me."

Nearly thirty years ago it was argued by some that the expense of waterworks would financially ruin the village. The fact is that in the very near future the last of the waterworks debentures will be paid and during these thirty years the population of the village has doubled. A similar reaction might reasonably be expected to follow the installation of a modern sewage disposal system.

Without further encroaching on your valuable space may I urge that on election day the village council be given a very definite mandate to proceed with this much needed improvement.

J. P. Wilson,
Medical Officer of Health,
Richmond Hill

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GORMLEY

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Last Thursday evening a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Klinek to tender a shower to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cober who were married recently in Stayner. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cober.

Mrs. E. Doner spent last Thursday with her mother, Mrs. G. Hills.

We are pleased to see Mr. Jas. Stevens able to be around again after several days' illness.

Miss Doris Hoover of Toronto was a guest of Mrs. M. Sudayko over last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warwick of Thornhill had Sunday evening supper with Mr. and Mrs. A. Leek.

Miss Jackman, school teacher of White Rose school, spent last week end with Miss Arvilla Forrester.

Misses Ivadel and Elva Hunking spent last week end with Miss Ruth Hunt.

Vaughan Township Polling Sub-Divisions

Vaughan Township Elections

MONDAY, December 5th, 1949

POLLING HOURS — 12 NOON TO 8 P.M.

Polls will be open in the following places:

Sub-division Number	Place	Location
1	Thornhill	Masonic Hall
2	Patterson	Don Head Farm Office
3	Edgeley	Temperance Hall
4	Maple	Masonic Hall
5	Pine Grove	Community Hall
6	Purpleville	Stumpf's House
7	Elders Mills	J. Hamilton's House
8	Kleinburg	Women's Institute Hall
9	Nashville	Omar Devin's House
10	Teston	Roy Wilson's House
11	Elgin Mills	Pony Crest Lodge
12	Richvale	Cooney's Service Station
13	Vellore	Township Hall

Bowling Notes

The annual Bridge and Euchre of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club, will be held this year in the spacious auditorium of the Public School on Wednesday, December 7, at 8.30 p.m.

This event is looked forward to each year by both bridge and euchre players, and it is expected that one of the largest crowds ever to attend will be present.

A grand array of prizes has been donated and before the evening starts it is expected that they will number close to forty. The main prize is a turkey and tickets will be sold in the auditorium and only persons present will be eligible to win. The prizes will be on display in The Liberal office window this week end.

The executive wish to thank all those who kindly donated prizes for this event.

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