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\$60,000 For Elementary Education

School Board To Ask For \$7,000 Extra As Pupil Population Shows Jump Of 100

Higher Salaries Factor In Largest School Bill To Be Given To Council

Fast-growing school population is responsible for a large increase in the amount required to run Richmond Hill's school system, it is revealed by the estimates which have been worked out by the Public School Board, which this year will ask council for \$36,000 instead of the \$29,000 requested last year.

With approximately 430 pupils a year ago total cost of education in the village was \$49,000 — an average of \$114 per pupil. This year there are 535 pupils. The increase of 105 means an added requirement of nearly \$12,000 on the same basis.

The school board, however, is not asking for the full amount but for an increase of \$7,000.

The following table gives the story:

Requested last year from council	\$29,000
To be requested this year	\$36,000
Total school budget last year	\$49,000
Total school budget this yr.	\$56,000
Provincial grant last year	\$23,400
Provincial grant this year (estimated)	\$22,000

Of the \$36,000 to be requisitioned from the council Richmond Hill taxpayers will pay 71 per cent. The balance comes from taxpayers in those parts of Vaughan and Markham townships whose children attend Richmond Hill public school.

The difference between the \$11,000 needed to run the school and the \$7,000 being asked from council is accounted for by the fact that last year the board followed its usual practice of carrying over a reserve to cushion it against demands of the early part of the following year. This year it is proposed to use part of that reserve.

Factors in the increased cost of the educational system are, besides greater school population, an increase of two in the teaching staff. Added also is an increase in teacher's salaries and other wages of \$6,500 over last year. Increased cost of all supplies and maintenance also plays a part. \$1,500 additional has been estimated for the placing of an additional section of fence around the school grounds, extra to that which was planned for last year and which is expected to be completed in the spring.

Hope that the new system of grants, announced with a flourish by the provincial Department of Education last year, would bring in a greater revenue.

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Spendthrifts

At a time when there is some question as to whether the trees which beautify Richmond Hill's main street may disappear before the march of urbanization an excerpt from an article in a Toronto paper of 1923, written on the occasion of the village's semi-centennial celebrations, is of interest.

"The many beautiful trees which line the streets of the village," it said, "may be traced back to Arbor Day of 1899, when 140 trees were planted in various parts of the village. The cost to the municipality was \$1.00 yet some of the people declared it an imposition to raise their taxes thus."

Vaughan Council Members Visitors To Paper's Plant

Vaughan Township Council held a meeting last Tuesday — but it was a little bit different from the average one, and in a different place.

On that day councillors took advantage of the invitation extended to any interested groups, throughout the neighbourhood by The Liberal — "Home Paper Of The District Since 1878" — visited its plant, and watched the many processes through which the paper goes as news is translated into story — as story in turn becomes type — as type and pictures are piloted through various steps to become the finished newspaper.

Seeing, first of all, the story on their visit written, councillors followed it stage by stage on its way through the plant. They watched linotype operator Mary Dawson turn typewriter characters into their lead equivalent, saw make-up men play their part, watched pieces of what looked to them like cardboard become finished plates of pictures ready for reproduction.

They watched various pieces of machinery, such as the Heidelberg automatic press with its capacity for producing 2,800 pieces of printed matter an hour, in operation — saw molten lead run like water through the plant's caster — saw the many pieces of equipment which produce a printed job from a postcard to a book turning out various jobs.

Included in the group were Reeve John Hostrawser, Deputy Reeve James Robson, Albert Rutherford and William J. Agar and Township Clerk J. M. McDonald.

During the course of the tour Archie Murray, president of the Richmond Hill Business Men's Association, came in to say "welcome" to the visitors and to assure them of the co-operation of his members.

Presence Of Reeve, Councillor Said Big Assistance In Making Doncaster Meet "Worth While"

Needed work in the area was promised by Reeve Win. Timbers and Councillor William Clark of Markham Township when they were visitors to the regular meeting of Doncaster Ratepayers Association held at Powell Road School. Storm water rushing through private properties on Morgan and Clarke Avenues and flooding ditches and roads was discussed at length, with Reeve Timbers telling the meeting that this had been taken up with the township's engineer and that something would be done to rectify this in the spring. He said that the pond on Morgan Avenue had been there for many years and suggested that the water be taken away underground and the pond filled in.

One of the first jobs in the spring, said Councillor Clark would be to finish Morgan Ave. to the turn at Henderson, put in new culverts where necessary, clean out existing ones and grade the road, which in places had been washed away because of improper drainage.

Want New School

Discussing schools, members expressed their objection to additions to the Powell Road School, saying that it was too much of a hazard for children to cross Yonge Street. It was decided to send a letter to the school area board saying that it was desired to have a new school built in the vicinity of Doncaster and Highland park on the Markham Township side of Yonge Street. Mr. R. Priestman, president of the Highland Park Ratepayers meeting, concurred with this on behalf of this association.

Garbage disposal in the area, perennial subject of discussion, was dealt with and it was decided to ask for estimates for collection from Steele's Avenue to Langstaff. Reeve Timbers pointed out that it would have to include a similar area on the Vaughan side of Yonge Street to make it worth while. His association would co-operate wholeheartedly, said S. Griffiths, president of the Jackes Ave. Association, who was present at the meeting.

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Twelve were nominated for the executive, with J. Bigelow, A. C. Stagg, L. Hicks, E. Thomson and E. Baxter being elected.

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"Know Your Neighbour"



Partner in one of the district's newest businesses is STAN RULE, of Oak Ridges, pictured above as this week's "Neighbour." The story of a career which has seen him engaged in many fields of activity is told under "Know Your Neighbour" on the Editorial Page.

Again Head

Former Reeve William Neal Is Victor In Nearly Two To One Vote For Reeve

Victor by a comfortable majority in last Friday's election to fill the Reeve's chair, vacant through the death of Reeve J. A. Greene, former Reeve William Neal will again head local municipal government for the balance of 1951.

Mr. Neal, who was Reeve in 1944 to 1947 inclusive and a member of council in 1934, 1935, 1940, 1941, and 1942, defeated Stuart Parker, making his first bid for political office by 510 votes to 261.

Votes by sub-divisions were as follows: — No. 1: Neal 220, Parker 56; No. 2: Neal 112, Parker 78; No. 3: Neal 178; Parker 127.

The 771 votes cast represented approximately 55% of those entitled to vote.

Scroll & Log Book Presented by Princess On Display Here

A gift to Canada received from the hands of Princess Margaret Rose will appear in The Liberal's office window next Saturday morning for a few hours. It is the Friendship Scroll and Log Book presented to the Guides of Canada by the Guides of Great Britain at the World Conference Guiding held in England last fall.

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Missing Boy Soon Located By Vaughan Twp. Police

Missing from his Elgin Mills home for nine hours last Saturday, nine-year-old Thomas Flannigan was found by Constables Ernest Bone and William Adams of the Vaughan Township police in Toronto at 1 a.m. on Sunday.

While the youngster had been missing since 4 p.m. police were not advised of his absence until 9 p.m. Believing that he might have gone to an aunt's in Toronto, the two constables proceeded to chat city. Calling at No. 12 police station to advise Toronto police of their mission, they found the boy being held there. City police had not been able to ascertain where he came from. The boy is believed to have reached Toronto partly by bus and partly by hitchhiking.

York County Council Requests \$1800 More From Richmond Hill

Postponed for a week in order to allow for the receipt of estimates for the coming year, so that 1951 taxation figures can be arrived at, Richmond Hill Village council will meet on February 26 instead of February 19.

An unpleasant shock is in store for taxpayers through figures released by York County Council. Taxes paid by Richmond Hill to the county in 1950 were \$5,135.84. This year the levy is for \$6,970.01,

Highland Pk. Ratepayers Elect Priestman President

Many angles of local life and local administration were discussed at the regular meeting of the Highland Park Ratepayers' Association, held at the Powell Road School on Monday, when officers were also elected.

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of Yonge Street. Traffic problems included speeding on Steele's Avenue, with a decision being reached to refer the matter to the County Council for action. It was also decided to seek action on the laying of a pathway along Yonge Street and Steele's Avenue.

"There's no sense in building potential slum areas," said President Priestman. The meeting agreed with him by adopting a resolution that lots on a proposed subdivision in the area should have a frontage of not less than 50 feet.

Shown a specimen of the new street signs which are to be erected in the area, and which are being provided by the Lions Club, members gave them their hearty endorsement.

Business Men's Leader



First meeting of the executive of the recently revived Thornhill Business Men's Association was held at the home of VERN GRIFFIN, recently elected president of the group and pictured above, this week.

Mr. Griffin and members of the committee are serving on a temporary organizational basis until a general meeting is called. This, it was decided at the meeting, is likely to be about February 26. The executive discussed also a number of general problems to be covered, qualifications for membership and ideas for "sparking" the association's activities.

Second Playoff Here On Friday Sunderland Up

Leading 3-0 in the first two periods of its two play-off games with Sunderland last Friday night, Richmond Hill's Juvenile team was unable to maintain its advantage and finished on the short end of a 4-3 score.

Everything was proceeding smoothly, from Richmond Hill's point of view at least, until Referee Cec. Carpenter stopped the puck with his face. With the linesman taking over the Hillers seemed to be unable to do anything right and started collecting penalties. Taking advantage of the situation the ever-dangerous Sunderland players went to work.

Jack Blake, Morty Charles and Paul Atkinson were scorers for Richmond Hill.

The second and last of the play-offs, in which goals count, is to be staged at the local arena on Friday night. If ice is unsatisfactory the game will be played at Sunderland.

Award Increases To H.S. Teachers Seek New Sites

All teachers on the staff of Richmond Hill High School were given an increase of \$500 per year, retroactive to January 1, at the last meeting of the High School Board.

The increase was given to compensate for the increased cost of living, although present contracts are still in force.

Good progress is being made with the new extension, with the target date for finishing being April 30. Two of the rooms in the extension, although not yet finished, are in use.

Two new sites for schools in the area managed by the board are being sought, one in the Woodbridge area and one near Thornhill. Purpose of the move is to provide land against the day when growing population will make the erection of new high schools in the district necessary.

Five Tons Of Paper Collected Last Week

With R. D. Little and Son supplying a truck and Floyd Perkins assisting with another one and driver Jimmy Barker, Richmond Hill Scouts and Cubs collected nearly five tons of paper, valued at \$80, during their drive last Saturday.

If anyone has paper which has inadvertently been overlooked and will telephone Jack Wharton, 193W or Don Fettes, 390J — both in Richmond Hill, they will arrange to have it picked up this Saturday.

Coming Events

- FEBRUARY 16 — Public invited to Richvale School Friday at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker John C. Eilbeck, on Recreational Programme for Richvale Centre, sponsored by Vaughan Township Recreational Committee. c1w33
- FEBRUARY 16 — Friday. Valentine's party, 8 p.m., in Headford United Church. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or cookies for lunch. You are also asked to bring one valentine. Crokinole will be played for one hour. Silver collection. *2w32
- FEBRUARY 17 — Saturday. Meeting of Markham Twp. council at the Municipal Office, Unionville, at 1.30 p.m. c1w33
- FEBRUARY 17 — Saturday. Hobby Show, also Bake Sale and display of Guide Scroll and Log Book at Richvale School beginning at 1 p.m. c1w33
- FEBRUARY 19 — Monday. C.C.F. speakers on provincial affairs at 10.30 p.m. over CBL Agnes McPhail M.P.P. and Eamon Park, M.P.P. Subjects of interest to all Ontario citizens. c1w33
- FEBRUARY 19 — Monday. Euchre sponsored by Oak Ridges Lions Club at Ridge Inn, Oak Ridges, at 8 p.m. Admission 50c. Prizes galore. c3w33
- FEBRUARY 20 — Tuesday. The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Church will meet at 2.30 p.m. in the church. Rev. N. I. Joseph of the United Church of South India will be the guest speaker. *1w33
- FEBRUARY 22 — Richmond Hill Horticultural Society meeting, in the Public School Auditorium at 8.30 p.m. Mr. George Dalby will speak on "Landscaping the Small Lot." c1w33
- FEBRUARY 23 — Friday. Dance, old time and modern, Kit Carson's Trail Blazers and a gala stage show, sponsored by the Canadian Legion Branch 375 at the Richmond Hill Public School auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission 75c per person. c3w32
- FEBRUARY 27 — Tuesday. Mr. John C. Eilbeck, Community Programmes Branch of Department of Education will speak to Langstaff residents and show films on recreational projects. c1w33
- MARCH 5 — Monday. Richmond Hill Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold its annual euchre and bridge in the Public School Auditorium at 8.15 p.m. Admission 50c. Prizes galore. c3w33

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