

## 57 Resent As West Langstaff Ratepayers Plan Organization

Organization and procedure were dealt with at a meeting of the West Langstaff Ratepayers Association — the name settled on for the newly formed organization which will take its membership from the Vaughan section of Langstaff — at a meeting held on February 12 with the president, Wm. E. Brennan, in the chair.

It was agreed that regular monthly meetings would be held each month with the exception of July August and December; that the membership fee would be \$1 yearly and that this sum would entitle both husband and wife to vote. Meetings, it was agreed, would start promptly at 8 p.m. and end at 10 p.m., with three executive and fifteen paid-up members constituting a quorum.

Fred Morris, Langstaff representative on the Vaughan Township Recreational Commission, outlined the purposes of that group and

said that a sub-committee would be formed to handle recreational activities in the Langstaff area. A meeting of residents, he said, would be called at an early date and would be addressed by John C. Eilbeck of the Community Programs Branch of the Department of Education.

Street lighting in the district was discussed and secretary B. F. Carley instructed to write to the Department of Highways and the Township of Vaughan regarding installation of lights on Yonge Street at Garden Avenue, Roosevelt Drive and Westwood Lane.

A safety committee to hazards such as open basements, unfinished buildings, open wells, unsafe bridges, dangerous corners, was formed with S. Lunau as chairman and A. Gibson, L. Markle, H. Suter Jr. and J. Youdell as members.

57 residents were present at the meeting.

## New Business Commences At Oak Ridges Stan Rule And Partner To Handle Glass

Rapidly growing Oak Ridges is to have another new business, a statement made by Stan Rule this week indicates. Known as the Oak Ridges Glass and Mirror Company, it will bring a new type of enterprise to the district.

The concern will be located in a new building thirty by thirty-six feet, which Mr. Rule has erected on his property just north of Oak Ridges Public School. In partnership with him will be his nephew,

Gordon Howland, who has spent considerably over twenty years in the glass business. It is proposed to add three or four additional men to the staff.

The new firm will specialize in store fronts, mirrors, plate glass, resilvering of mirrors and allied lines. Mr. Rule, who has lived in the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox district for fourteen years, formerly operated a service station, car business and lunch counter on the Lake Wilcox road.

## THORNHILL NEWS

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### Attention Scout Mothers

Thornhill Scout Mother's Auxiliary are asked to bring white elephants, wrapped and ready to sell for 25c, on Parents Night which is to be held on February 23. This was a wonderful help to the funds last year.

### Trinity W. A.

On Thursday, February 22, the Women's Auxiliary of Trinity Anglican Church will be held in the parish hall at 1.30 p.m.

Once again Thornhill Brownies were lucky with the weather as Old Mr. Sol shone brightly for their skating party last Saturday. Some of the girls really made a day of it, starting at 10.30, having their lunch in the Scout Hut and continuing with their skating well into the afternoon.

### L.O.L. 91 Thornhill

L.O.L. 91, Thornhill met in the

Lodge Hall on February 12, 1951, with Worshipful Brother John W. Webster in the chair.

A pleasant surprise was the visit of 19 members from London-derry L.O.L. 2145, Toronto, under Worshipful Master A. H. Hosking. The Commander of the Scarlet Northern District, Roy Revell and Worshipful Brother Bill Tait, Past District Master, were among the prominent visitors. On behalf of the Thornhill L.O.L. Worshipful Brothers Webster and Pool extended a hearty welcome.

Worshipful Brothers Hosking and Revell emphasized the need of a Strong Orange order congratulated the Lodge on its new lease on life and extended an invitation to the members to return the visit to Londonderry in the near future. The lecture was given by visiting Brethren J. Teed and H. Collins.

Refreshments concluded a very enjoyable evening.



Reeve John Hostrawser (seated at the back) and Township Clerk and Treasurer J. M. McDonald examine the old seal, and an artist's drawing of its design held by Building Inspector H. C. H. Miller. Discovery of the seal led to an examination of the ancient township records, as told in the accompanying story.

## Hundred Year Old Files Tell Story Of Calmer Days In History Of Vaughan Tp.

"To cash received of the late Township Clerk, the balance of his account, five pounds ten shillings and twopence." So runs the first item in the cash book of Vaughan Township. Dated 1st January, 1850, it is the first of a long series of entries for a township which in those days was a long way from Toronto — a township which, if amalgamation of Toronto and its suburbs goes through, will be on the immediate northern edge of the city.

Interest in the records of chat township has been revived by the discovery a short time ago of the original township seal. Unused within the memory of any present member of the council, it was discovered in the house formerly occupied by J. B. McLean, township clerk from 1899 to 1936. When that residence was purchased by H. C. H. Miller, the township's building inspector, he found the seal in a corner of the basement, covered by waste paper. Covered with verdigris and dirt, when it was cleaned it revealed a century-old design as clear and perfect as the day it was made. Origin of the somewhat elaborate design of the seal is unknown — and research has failed to disclose the meaning of all its heraldic symbols.

Discovery of the seal sparked a search of the old and well-kept records of the township. Well preserved, they revealed interesting comparisons with the township of today which, in many portions, is rapidly becoming urbanized.

### Easier Job Then

The township clerk of the mid-eighteen-hundreds, they reveal, was not the busy man that today's Clerk-Treasurer J. M. McDonald is. It took, for instance, well over six months before the sixth entry appeared in the cash book. Dated July 17, 1850, it read "To John Ellis, Toronto, for making seal, five pounds, five shillings." In between that and the first entry had appeared others like "To James Ashdown, township-clerk, one quarter's salary, five pounds." He received another five pounds in July of that year. On May 22, according to entry number three of Vaughan's first year of incorporation, "William Cameron, by cash received of him, to timbers sold to him," contributed one pound thirteen shillings to the township's treasury.

Headed in elaborate copperplate writing, accounts in the old ledgers tell many interesting stories. There is, for instance, the one under date of December 29, 1858, in the name of George Brown, editor of the Globe, covering advertising in that paper to the amount of six pounds.

Tavern licenses in those old days were "big business" for the township. Whereas the municipality paid its clerk five pounds a quarter, it received annual fees from a long string of license holders. There was, for instance, John S. Howard, who in 1850 paid eighty-seven pounds eighteen shillings and ninepence for the right to slake the thirst of his customers and a year later paid one hundred and ninety-five pounds seven shillings and eightpence halfpenny. Many others in the same business paid comparable amounts.

### Elections In Taverns

Returning officers didn't do as well. The old books show that in March, 1852, John Dalziel received eleven shillings and threepence for officiating in that capacity. Warrants of returning officers of those days indicate that elections, then held by wards, always took place in taverns. There, literally, voters "stood up and were counted, with each elector's vote being recorded individually on the election returns.

A receipt dated November 20, 1860, shows that Joseph Puthers-baugh — a family of the same name still lives in the township — paid his yearly taxes of \$10.71, sterling accounts having been replaced by dollars two years before. The form on which his receipt was given indicates that it was printed by the Globe Steam Press, Toronto.

Institutions worrying about the high cost of upkeep should feel envious of the organizations of a century ago. In 1860 the local House of Providence undertook to look after "the pauper Hanlin" for the sum of a dollar and a half a week, payment to be made quarterly, and council agreed to pay it as and when said "pauper" was delivered to that institution.

### Rank Did Not Count

Even the aristocracy suffered from the so-called roads of those long-ago days. The Baron De Camin, so minutes of 1869 record, claimed damages for injuries sustained from being thrown from his gig on the bridge at Kleinburg. His rank apparently failed to overawe the council, which offered to settle the matter by arbitration. But, state the old minutes, "the Baron declined the offer."

Even before Vaughan was incorporated in 1850 tax collectors were known. One of the oldest documents still in existence in the township offices at Maple is dated March 7, 1839. Issued by John McDonald, collector, it acknowledged receipt from Arthur McNeil of twelve shillings and eleven pence, being his taxes on Lot 14 and the east half of Lot No. 13 on the sixth concession.

The old seal which was instrumental in bringing to light many of the records of yesterday is being carefully preserved in the Vaughan Township offices. Reeve John Hostrawser is planning having a coloured reproduction made which will decorate the windows of the present building.

After all is said and done, how does it taste in the cup? That is what counts!

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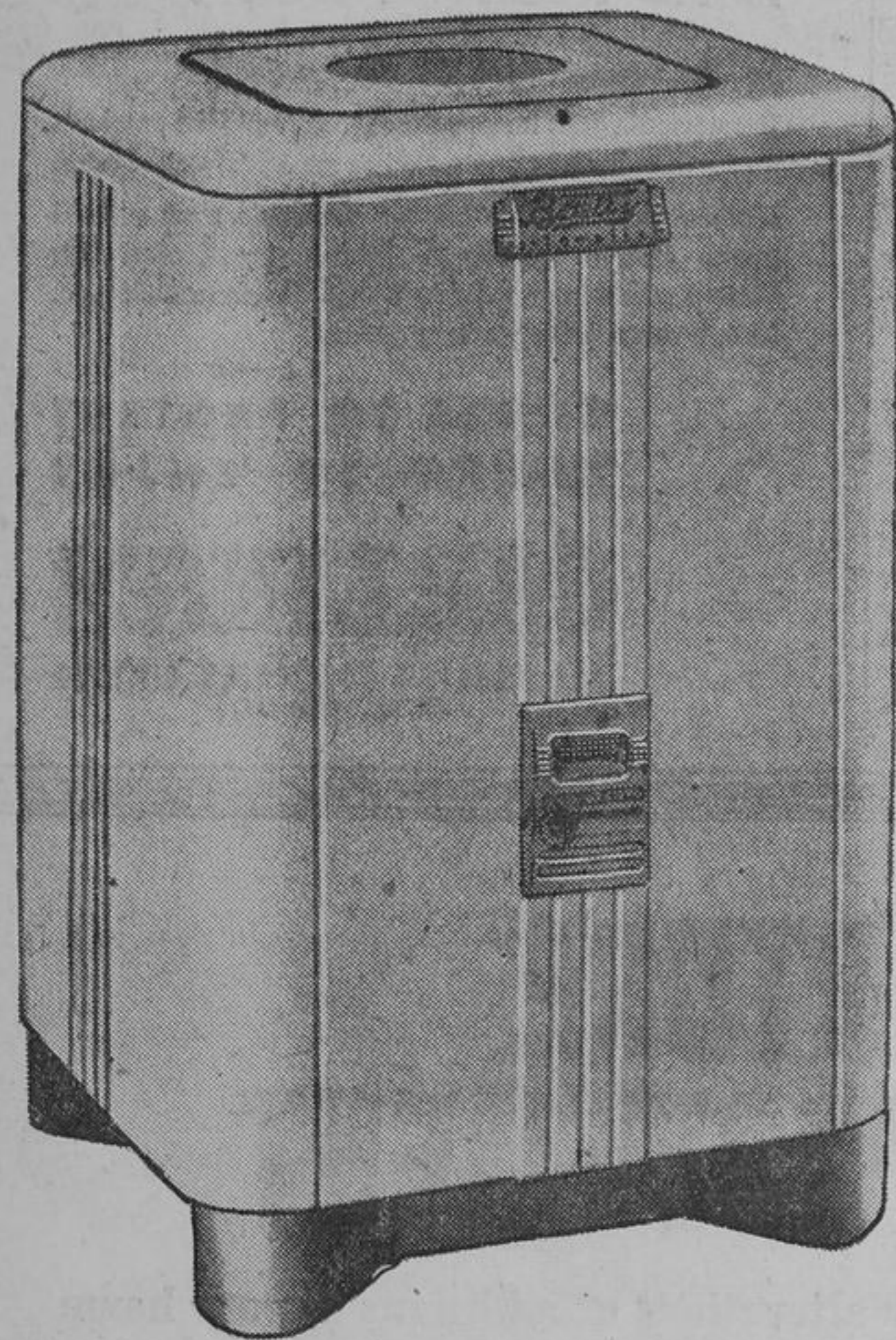
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