

News From Next Door

MARKHAM: Village residents may vote this summer on the installation of a sewerage system.

LOCUST HILL: Alexander Torrance passed away here last week in his 90th year.

WEST HILL: Mrs. Marion Carnaghan has attacked the Provincial Government, the Ontario Municipal Board and the Department of Planning and Development for their actions in directing expropriation proceedings against her farm for a low cost housing development.

SCARBORO: Reeve Oliver Crockford has received the Liberal nomination of the York-Scarboro riding last week. In his campaign speech, Mr. Crockford promised adjustments to the controversial Bill 80 to lighten the load of home owners.

THISLETON: A 300-acre subdivision to accommodate 486 houses is planned by Principal Investments Ltd.

BLACKWATER: Hugh Baird of Blackwater and Norman Jarvis of the 7th con. of Markham, will leave this week to participate in the British Columbia spring plowing event, March 30. They will be accompanied by Floyd Laskley, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

NEWMARKET: The High School remained closed last Wednesday when many teachers and students drove to Lanark, Ont., to pay their last respects to Miss Elsie Roberts, a member of the teaching staff who was killed in a highway accident a week ago.

Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY - Bingo held at Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A Yonge St., Richvale, at 8.15 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY - Euchre in the Legion Hall, Carville Road West, Richvale at 8 p.m. Admission 35c.

EVERY THURSDAY - Bingo, sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night.

APRIL 1 - Friday, April Fool's Dance, sponsored by Maple Volunteer Fire Brigade, at Maple Community Centre. Sally and Her Musical Mates. Admission \$1.00 per person.

APRIL 1 - Friday, 2 o'clock. Open meeting at 9A Yonge St. (Curtain Club Room) for the purpose of discussion and formation of a skating club. Everyone welcome. Please attend and give your support.

APRIL 2 - Saturday, St. John's Bingo, Newmarket Town Hall at 8 p.m. Jackpot \$225. Admission 25c.

APRIL 4 - Monday. The regular monthly meeting of the Evening W.A. of Richmond Hill United Church will be held at 8 p.m. in the Sunday School room. The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. J. B. Parks, who will speak on Development of Personality at 8.30 p.m.

APRIL 4 - Monday. Meeting of Richmond Hill Council at the Municipal Offices at 7 p.m. Delegates wishing to appear are requested to do so at the second meeting of the month and to notify the clerk three days in advance.

APRIL 4 - Monday. Meeting of Markham Township Council at the municipal offices, Buttonville, at 1.30 p.m.

APRIL 5 - Tuesday. Oak Ridges Community Centre Bingo, 8.30 p.m. at Oak Ridges School. Admission 35c. 15 games. Special Share the Wealth and Jackpot.

APRIL 5 - Tuesday. Progressive Euchre, Oddfellows Hall, Thornhill, at 8.30 p.m. Admission 50c.

APRIL 6 - Wednesday. Euchre at Bryson School, S. S. No. 10, at 8.30 sharp. Admission 35c. Ladies provide.

APRIL 6 - Wednesday 8 p.m. Thornhill Baptist Church Mission Circle meets, in Sunday School room. Topic "Africa Whither Bound". Please remember to bring your Dime Cards.

APRIL 7 - Dance at Vellore Hall, sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers. Dancing 9-1. Weir's Orchestra. Admission 75c.

APRIL 7 - Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Thankoffering meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of W.M.S. of United Church, Richmond Hill. Guest speaker, Dr. Winnifred Bryce who will speak on her work in India. Everyone welcome.

APRIL 16 - Watch for the Fantasy Fair sponsored by St. Mary's Anglican Evening Guild at the Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill.

MAY 23 - Monday, Victoria Day, Richmond Hill Annual Spring Fair. Horse Show and many featured attractions. Dance in Arena at night.

The Liberal

"In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In all Things, Charity."

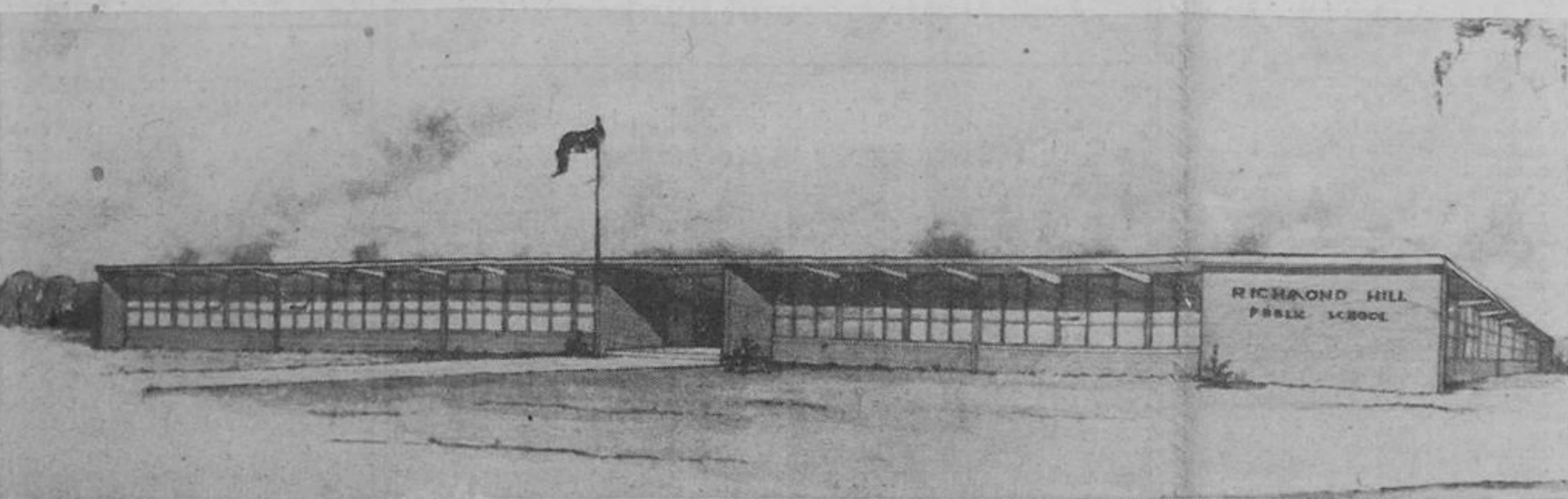
VOLUME LXXVI, NUMBER 40

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1955

AT THE RICHMOND
Mon., Tues., Wed., April 4, 5, 6
"ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN"
with
Frederick March and Martha Scott

HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

New Richmond Hill Elementary School



Shown above is the architect's drawing of the new 10-room Richmond Hill Public School to be erected this year on a six-acre site in the Allencourt Subdivision. The school site fronts for nearly 500 ft. along Markham Road. Architects are Hanks and Irwin, Toronto. Plans call for work to begin on the school this spring and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy by

next September. The village council has already applied to the Municipal Board for permission to float a \$170,000 debenture issue to cover the overall cost of the school. When completed this will mark the third school in the Richmond Hill Public School system. The Board has yet to select a name for this latest school. —lagerquist

Slight Cut In County Taxes

York County ratepayers are due for a slight decrease in their 1955 tax bills. Council last week set the budget at \$935,693 for a tax rate of 10.38 mills, .17 mills less than last year's rate. Expenditures this year are up \$51,885, but assessment has increased. A mill raises \$51,652 on an assessment of \$51,652,784. The largest increase in this year's budget is for York County Hospital. Council authorized payment of a \$60,000, the first instalment on a \$300,000 building grant, plus the annual \$40,000 maintenance grant. A \$75,000 grant to the Children's Aid Society is \$320,000 greater than that of last year. To balance increases, roads expenditures were carved from \$215,000 last year to \$137,000.

Vaughan Road & Bridge Project To Cost \$423,000

Keith Hopper of Duncan Hopper Associates told Vaughan Township Council last Monday afternoon that the proposed capital expenditures for roads and bridges in the township would cost approximately \$423,500. The figures were compiled in a recent survey called for by the township and made by the Hopper firm. Seven Bridges Work on seven bridges is estimated at \$201,950, of which the township's share will be approximately \$50,000. The bridges to which repairs and rebuilding are planned were damaged in the fall hurricane and are as follows: Kleinburg Bridge, Cockburn Bridge (Lot 15-16, Con. 7), Langstaff Bridge (Lot 35-36 Con. 1), Diceman Bridge (Lot 25, Con. 5-6), Turner Bridge (Lot 11-12, Con. 7), Robson Bridge (Lot 25-26, Con. 6) and Dick Bridge (Lot 3, Con. 9-10). Council directed that the plan, which is to be debentured for, should be sent immediately to the Department of Highways for approval.

H. & S. Presents Trophy

Record Attendance At P.S. Oratorical Contest

A record crowd attended the annual Oratorical Contest of Richmond Hill Public School held in the High School auditorium last Thursday evening. In his opening remarks, Principal Walter Scott, told the audience that this facet of school activities had been an annual event for more than thirty years. Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell acted as chairlady for the evening and accepted on behalf of the school a trophy cup for prepared speeches. Grades 5-6, presented by the Richmond Hill Home and School Association. In making the presentation, Home and School President Lewis Cleland said that it was a great pleasure for the association to be able to make some contribution to this aspect of school life. He added that he personally felt that the oratorical contest was an important step in the development of any child.

The winner of the prepared speeches for Grades 7 and 8 was John Thomson who was awarded the Perkins cup for the second year running. His topic was the problems of bilingual Canada. He pointed out that although a boy from Toronto and a boy from Montreal may both be Canadians they cannot understand each other unless they take the trouble to learn both of Canada's nationally recognized tongues. The speech was well delivered, colourful and informative and the speaker was at ease on the platform and familiar with his subject. Barbara Bone was awarded second place and Lois Perkins third. Other contestants in this class were Bruce Wilson and Judith Langstaff. William Furse received the newly presented Home and School Club for Grades 4-5-6 in the prepared speeches with his talk on a summer trip to the Maritimes and the United States, which was well and clearly delivered. Second in this division was Dieder Hunt and third Shar-

Local Library Has 5,800 Books-Circulation 21,000

The Richmond Hill Public Library is keeping pace with the rapid growth taking place in the village. This information was contained in the 1954 annual report for the Library tabled with the Village Council last week by Board Chairman Gordon MacLaren. Total circulation in the Library during the past year was 21,000, while membership is crowding the 1,000 mark. Membership is free to anyone residing in Richmond Hill while an annual charge of \$1.00 is made to those living outside the village proper. In the realm of finances, Council has approved a \$302.00 increase in the Board's budget for 1955. A comparable breakdown of the 1954 and 1955 budgets is as follows:

1954 BUDGET	
Balance	\$83.03
R.H. Council grant	1482.00
Rent, heat	1200.00
Prov. Grant	1547.50
Petty cash	184.92
	\$4497.45
Expenditures 1954	
Rent, heat	\$1200.00
Salaries	
Librarian	915.00
Assistant Librarian	335.00
Janitor	120.00
Boys, part time	140.10
Books	1199.69
Magazines	107.16
Equipment	311.16
Desk Supplies	90.04
Miscellaneous	5.62
Balance	73.78
	\$4497.45

The Library now has 5,800 volumes. Of the total figure 1,700 are children's books, and 2,000 are fiction. The remaining 2,100 books are classed books (technical). Mr. MacLaren stated that as the result of a survey made two years ago by Miss Gregory of York Library Toronto and Miss K. Ball a lecturer in Library science at the University of Toronto, that the selection and the number of books in each classification is now complete. The Richmond Hill Library is comparable with any other library of a similar size. Capital expenditures during the past year included outlays for a magazine rack, book stack, new shelving, and the purchase of new books. The Library is open 10 hours weekly. It is open three afternoons each week Monday, Thursday and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m., and two evenings, Tuesday and Friday nights from 7 to 9. The 9 member Library Board is composed of Mr. G. MacLaren, Mr. F. Hayman, Mrs. F. Perkins who represent Richmond Hill village, Miss E. Izzard, Miss K. Ball and Mrs. B. L. Anderson who represent the Public School Board and Mrs. J. Benson and Mrs. K. Lyle Separate School representatives. Councillor E. Perkins represents Richmond Hill Council. The Librarian is Mrs. W. R. Berry. The newly appointed assistant Librarian, Mrs. H. J. Bigelow will commence duties on April 1st.

To Paint Landmarks

In co-operation with the Richmond Hill Canvas Club, which is planning the painting of old landmarks in the village as its next project, The Liberal will publish, shortly, articles pertaining to the history of these buildings. The club has chosen this project in order to record, by picture, the history of the village. Members intend to paint old houses, barns, etc., or any building that has played a part in the earlier life of the community. Any information or suggestions regarding these old landmarks will be appreciated and readers are requested to come forward with any material available.

Uplands Gardens Over 1/4 Million Development

What is said to be one of the largest residential subdivision proposals ever to be put forth for Vaughan Township was presented to Vaughan Council last Monday when developers of the proposed Uplands Gardens subdivision met with Council to discuss their \$300,000 scheme. The site for the luxury development will be at the rear of the Langstaff Public School and the Lake estate just north of Thornhill. Considered to be the largest amount ever spent in this area to develop residential property, it will cost \$2,000 to develop each lot exclusive of actual land costs. Although the lots will sell above the average price of domestic lots in this area, the developers will offer paved roads, surface drainage sewers and water service. Estimates of the cost as presented to the township showed that \$119,000 will be spent to build roads, the water system will cost \$33,943, the water mains \$40,500 and the storm sewers \$36,000.

Plan Attractions For Annual Fair

At a meeting of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society directors held this week it was announced that the midway concessions for the Fair on Victoria Day, May 23, have been contracted for by the famous Milden King Shows. This assures that the midway this year will be bigger and better with a large number of special shows, rides and feature attractions. Directors and committee members are working hard planning for the 1955 Fair. Reports presented at the meeting indicated more than usual interest in the Horse Show. There will be a full range of classes for light and heavy horses and an exciting jumping program which is attracting some of Canada's outstanding riders. Other Fair attractions will include a monster square dance competition, a tug of war, horse shoe pitching, tractor rodeo, and of course the big Fair Night dance in the arena for which music will be provided by King Ganam Orchestra.

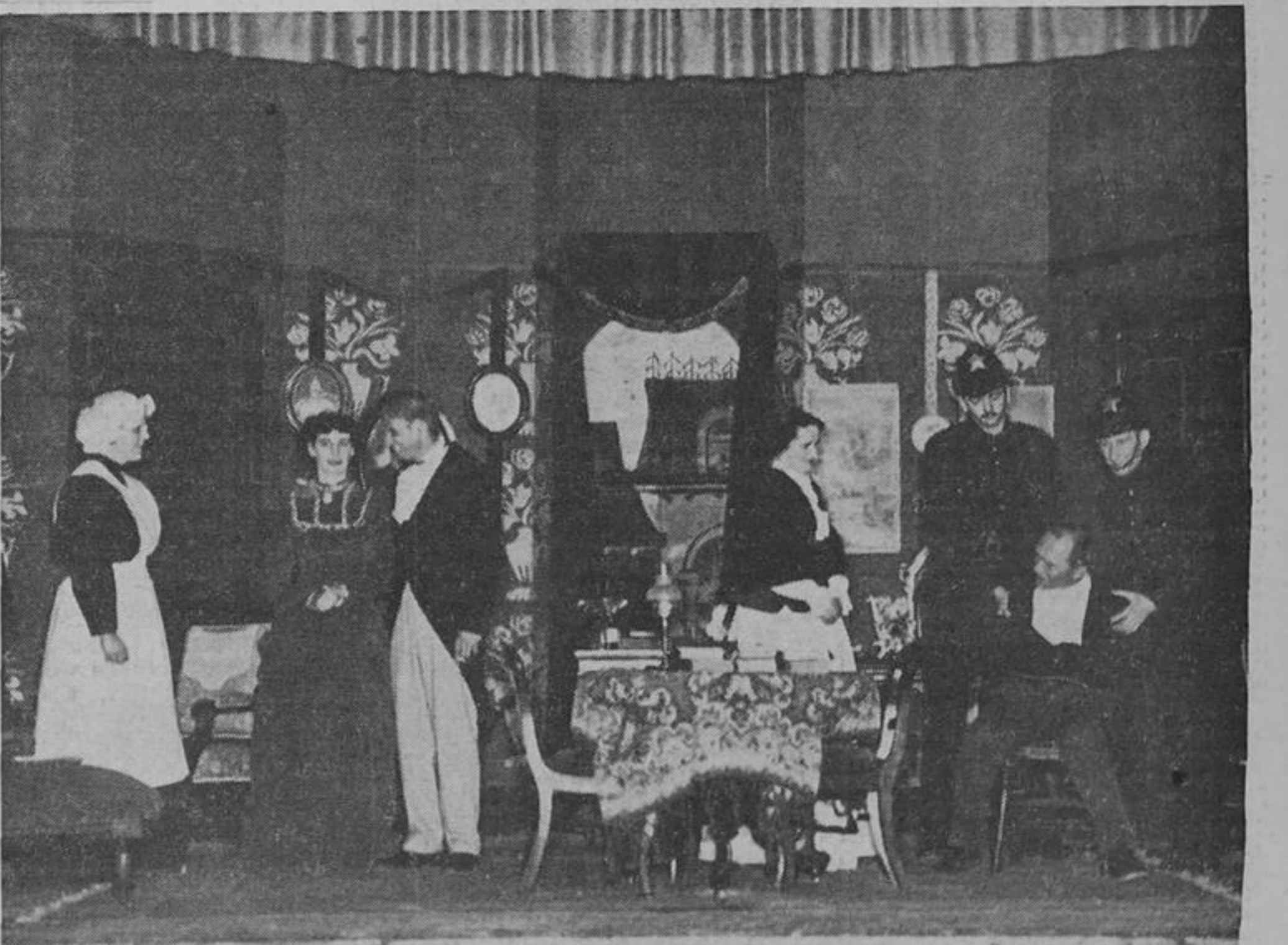
PICKERING: Thieves recently hammered and chiselled their way through a 15-inch brick wall in the local High School's walk-in vault. They did \$400 damage and got \$30 in cash.

County Council Thumbs Down

Metro Offer For County Park Termed 'Ridiculous'

Members of York County Council have severely criticized the attempt by the Metropolitan Council to obtain the 500 County Park located at Sibbald's Point on Lake Simcoe. At a meeting of County Council, last Wednesday, Deputy Reeve Ken Tomlin of Richmond Hill said "I'm fed up with the southern municipalities trying to push us around. I'll stay here until midnight if necessary to keep them from gaining possession of the park." The opinions expressed by Deputy Reeve Tomlin seemed to echo the sentiments of the majority of County Council members as they discussed the proposed purchase urged by Metro with combined surprise and indignation. Reeve Joseph Dales of Newmarket termed the offer of \$120,000 "ridiculous" adding that the park was not being retained for anything other than recreational purposes. Metro's offer of \$120,000 for the 500 acre site, the same price paid for it by the County before the Metro Area was set up, followed a series of joint talks between County Council and the Metro Board when County officials asked for Metro assistance in the project. A survey revealed that approximately two-thirds of the people using the park were from the metropolitan area. "Chiselling," says Gardiner. The Metro Council has charged that the present County is considering the subdivision of the park into expensive building lots, thereby removing the last piece of public beach of the lake's 300 mile shore-line. In addition to the cash offer, the Metro Board has guaranteed to retain the site as a park forever. Fred Gardiner, Metro chairman has accused the County of "chiselling a little more."

Second Curtain Club Play



British justice finally prevails as the police tie the trapped murderer, Jack Manningham to a chair. The scene is from the recent Curtain Club production of Gaslight. Seen from left to right in the Manningham upstairs sitting room are Elizabeth, the

housekeeper (Margaret Burgin), Mrs. Manningham (Joyce Fearnside), Inspector Rough (John Anderson), Nancy, the maid (Muriel Bathurst), Constable (Warwick Butt), Mr. Manningham (John Grosvenor) and Constable (Harold Matthews). Patrick Hamilton's thriller play, Gaslight, received excellent audience acclaim at the Curtain Club's second production held last Friday and Saturday evening in the Lions Hall. The play which was the final production for the season has created considerable interest towards the next season's activity. One of the most noticeable aspects of the play was the excellent timing throughout the entire evening. The lines appeared to come naturally with quick timing of replies and cut-ins, indicating producer John Grosvenor's skill in compacting the lines and actions to a split second. Of particular interest was the handling of lighting effects by club electrician Harold Matthews. In many instances the brilliant lighting changes were depended upon to set the atmosphere and they were carried out to the last detail. Outstanding in her first role on stage was Joyce Fearnside as Mrs. Manningham, the young wife who believes she is slowly going out of her mind. A difficult role requiring rapid changes of character and desperate outbursts of hysteria and remorse, she carried it with confidence and feeling and has established herself among the club members as capable of handling a heavy dramatic role. Playing opposite Mrs. Fearnside was another newcomer to the local stage, John Anderson, as Inspector Rough. This role provided the only comic relief in this heavy Victorian melodrama. Mr. Anderson was convincing in his benign, sympathetic role of the inspector who has followed the trail of a murderer for nearly 20 years. Methodical in his pursuit and unperturbed by the circumstances, Inspector Rough goes about plotting the downfall of a vicious killer and manages to secure the aid of the unsuspecting wife to effect the trap. Producer John Grosvenor was excellent in his role of Mr. Manningham. This is the first time the local theatre goers have had the opportunity to see Mr. Grosvenor on stage and it is evident that he is equally competent either as a director of productions or an actor, a rare quality not often found in the theatrical world. His interpretation of the role portrayed a man preoccupied, searching and ruthless. The baseness of Mr. Manningham was evidenced in the last act when, tied to a chair, caught by the law, he expects his wife's devotion and duty to him will make it possible for him to escape. "If I had not been mad, I could have helped you," says Mrs. Manningham to her husband. (Continued on page 2)