

## Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at 7:45 p.m. Bingo. Community Hall, Spruce Ave., Stop 22A Yonge St. ftc

WEDNESDAY evening bingo held in Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road West at 7:45 p.m. prompt. tfe44

OCTOBER 2 — Thursday 8:15 p.m. York-Simcoe Home and School Workshop at Charles Howitt School, Richvale. All interested parents and guardians are cordially invited. Registration at 8 p.m. Fee 10 cents. clw14

OCTOBER 4 — Saturday 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. U.K. Club is holding a social at the Bayview Plaza Restaurant. All new members are most welcome. clw14

OCTOBER 4 — Saturday 1 p.m. The St. Mary's Catholic Women's League are sponsoring a rummage and bake sale at Our Lady of Fatima School Portable. Everyone welcome. clw14

OCTOBER 6 — Monday 6:45 p.m. The Evening Group W.A., Richmond Hill United Church are having a pot luck supper in the Christian Education Building. All members invited. clw14

OCTOBER 13 — Monday. Dance sponsored by Vellore Junior Farmers in Vellore Hall 9 to 1. Bill Hollingshead's orchestra. Novelty dances. \$1.00 per person. clw14

OCTOBER 15 — Wednesday 7:30 p.m. St. John Ambulance Training Class will hold its first meeting at the Council Chambers, Town Hall. Sponsored by the R. Hill Kinsmen Club. For information call Mrs. W. H. Bury, TU. 4-1297. clw14

OCTOBER 29 — Wednesday. Turkey Supper 5-8 p.m. Admission \$1.50, under 12 75c. No charge for pre-school children. Sponsored by the Carrville United Church Women's Association; also a bazaar table. clw14

NOVEMBER 7 & 8 — Tovarich is coming. clw14

NOVEMBER 8 — Saturday afternoon. Advance notice of annual fall bazaar, at St. Matthew's United Church, Crosby Avenue, west of Bayview. All articles will be \$2.00 and under. Keep this date open. All welcome. clw14

NOVEMBER 9 — Saturday. Jefferson School Community Club annual Apron and Home Baking Sale and Afternoon Tea, at the school on Saturday, November 9, 1958, from 3 to 5 p.m. clw14

UXBRIDGE TWP.: Uxbridge Township Council gave their approval to the proposed private airfield to be located on lots 22 and 23, one and a half miles north of Goodwood. Approval was given after tentative approval by the Department of Transport.

STOUFFVILLE: Stouffville Municipal Council met Thursday of two weeks ago and approved in principle the recommendation of the local planning board for the annexation of an additional 2,000 acres to Stouffville.

NEWMARKET: A preliminary report on annexation of two blocks of land in Whitechurch Township was adopted by Newmarket Town Council on Monday night for discussion with the township's council and planning board.

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## Ask Town Approval \$130,000 Addition

Richmond Hill Town Council is being asked to send tentative approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for a \$130,000.00 debenture issue to finance an addition of six standard classrooms and the revising of one classroom to provide a 40' x 80' multi-purpose room for the Beverley Acres Public School by the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Following a meeting Thursday of last week with the architects, Jackson and Ypes, at which time revised plans were discussed and an estimate of the cost provided by the architects, the board instructed the secretary, Mrs. D. Street to write immediately to the council so that the wheels for getting the project approved can be set in motion. Estimates of the cost of the addition to Walter Scott Public School is expected from the architects, Allward and Gouinlock, at the October 9th meeting of the board.

Included in the \$130,000.00 for Beverley Acres addition is the estimated contractor price for construction, the architects fees and the cost of equipping the rooms. Tenders cannot be called for until approval is received from the O.M.B. stating council can debenture this amount. The provincial Department of Education has already given its approval for grant purposes.

Due to the difficulty of getting small constructional irregularities repaired that came to light after the building has been completed, Mr. Ypes told the board he had been recommending with Metro tenders a hold back of 1 1/2% of the tender price for a year following the completion of the contract. This would amount to a hold back of \$500.00 on a \$1,00,000.00 tender. "Sometimes we expect a good job from a contractor and he doesn't do it," said Mr. Ypes. He was specifically speaking of little things that need attention when the contractor fails to correct them, the money hold back could be used to do the necessary work without having to go through the process of appealing to the bonding company to get the contractor to correct the faulty items.

The architects said they would include the hold back of 1 1/2% of the contract price for a year to cover small constructional repairs when they draw up tender requirements. The addition will be in keeping with the present structure in most respects. However, the new provincial fire marshal has made more stringent requirements in regard to making school buildings as fire resistant as possible. Chairman Robert Ross told the architects who also planned the original structure, "The caretaker says the school is easy to heat."

**Group Piano Lessons**  
The board, on motion of Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully, seconded by Trustee L. D. Clement, gave approval in principle to the hold-

ing of group piano lessons in the schools after school hours. However, it was stressed the board accepts no responsibility for the lessons.

The course offered by the Bureau of the Advancement of Music to be under the direction of Mr. Richard Edmunds offers piano instruction to a small group of children at a nominal fee of forty cents per half hour lesson, probably twice a week. It was pointed out the course could benefit of some youngsters who otherwise might not have the opportunity for piano instruction.

Last spring Police Chief R. P. Robbins met with the board and discussed the possibility of a safety patrol in the schools. Chief Robbins stated lack of police personnel made the undertaking of such a project at that time impossible. The board noting the staff of the local police force has been increased, authorized the secretary to write town council now asking they give permission for Chief Robbins to set up a safety patrol in the school. Trustee Harold Sanderson moved the motion.

**Fence For Crosby School**  
When three tenders for chain link fencing for the new Crosby School were opened, it was found local fencer, Norman Bone was low bidder at \$3,555.40 and on Trustee Sanderson's motion this was accepted. Other bids were Stelco, \$3,784.08 and City Fence \$3,783.60.

On motion of Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell, the board granted the Boy Scouts use of a room at Walter Scott School for Apple Day, Saturday, October 18. A letter from the manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia asked the board to consider establishing a Thrift Plan of saving for pupils in the public schools. C motion of Trustee Sanderson the matter was referred to Supervising Principal D. Rose for study.

**Teachers Take Course**  
Mr. Ross said twenty-five of the local teachers had taken summer courses of the Department of Education designed to aid the teachers.

He told the board the teachers of grades 7 and 8 had already started on an in-service course on history and geography. The "workshop" will particularly emphasize geography in its twice monthly meeting when it discusses how to more effectively teach the subjects which have been lumped together as social studies for the past few years.

## Wild Foxes Rampant In Jefferson Area

Carl and Fred Brown, working at the Summit Golf Club, were attacked by a fox recently. Carl knocked the fox down with a rake he was holding, and Fred, who had an edger, killed the animal. The Department of Lands and Forests took the remains away for examination.

Just south of the club on the Taylor farm, Gamble Sideroad, Jefferson, six foxes in a pack attacked a German Shepherd on Tuesday of last week. The dog had to be shot.

## Council, School Bd. At Oct. Meeting

It was indeed "Full House" at the first full meeting of the MacKillop Home and School Association, on Wednesday, September 24. President Keith Sully gave a brief review of the aim of home and school and introduced the executive for this term.

Trevor Pierce, programme director, outlined his plans for a lively and informative season, with education as the general theme. Community leaders, teachers, and members will participate in panels and discussions, with parents invited to contribute in open discussion. The programme will deal with the different aspects of our children's education as they relate to the school, the home, and the community. Mr. Pierce announced that he has invited a panel for the October meeting, made up: Mr. Ken Tomlin, mayor; Mr. Robt. Ross, chairman of the school board; a member of the Ontario Department of Education; a teacher from the MacKillop school; and a recent graduate of MacKillop school. This promises to be an exciting evening.

Mr. Robt. Newman, the new principal, expressed his pleasure at the interest shown by the number of parents attending. He introduced his teaching staff, welcoming the new additions to MacKillop School.

A friendly social hour followed, with refreshments served by Mrs. Acton, social convener, assisted by Mrs. Stan, Stanley, Mrs. Ken, Forster, and Mrs. Phil Barth. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22.

## Officially Open New Fire Hall Sat., Oct. 11

Fire Chief James Davidson of Vaughan Township informed "The Liberal" that the official opening of the Richmond Hill Fire Hall will take place on Saturday, October 11th.

## 143 Residents Sign Petition

# Ask Council Take Back Markham Road Lose On County Revenue Committee Will Investigate Cost Water Softening

## New Vaughan Industry

A new, small industry is expecting to locate in Vaughan Township following the request of Vaughan Township Council for the drawing up of an agreement between Albert Martin of Toronto and the municipality for the operation of a fish canning factory.

The plant to be located on Concession 7, on the property formerly owned by Mr. Fred Constable, will specialize in smoked salmon, caviar, sardines and other small fish delicacies. Mr. Martin hopes to capture some of the market now held by imported fish products.

The fish will be received in fast-frozen condition from British Columbia. Mr. Martin claims it is almost as economical to purchase the fish in this fashion as it would be if the plant were located nearer the source of supply.

Mr. Martin came to Canada from Estonia seven years ago. Abroad he was engaged in the fish industry.

## Expect Thornhill Petition For Water

A number of Thornhill ratepayers representative of the Vaughan Township section of the village, are expected to attend the meeting of Vaughan Township Council next Monday evening at 7 p.m. in Maple to petition for water.

The village residents of Vaughan are presently taxed as a part of the Water Area of the Township. Now that water is available they are anxious to learn of the cost of receiving it.

Several members of Council remarked at Monday's meeting the long awaited decision by the Ontario Municipal Board in regard to the proposed development of the Spring Valley Subdivision near Thornhill was a factor in the timing of the establishment of water mains for Thornhill, as the costs would be considerably less if the proposed subdivision and Thornhill main went in at the same time.

## Civil Defence For R. Hill Requested

An active Civil Defense program for the Town of Richmond Hill may be in the offing following council's receipt of a letter from a town resident at last Monday night's council meeting.

Mr. Wm. Nichol, who has had service with the armed forces, wrote to the town fathers offering his services in civil defense quarters. Councillor Joseph Paterson said, "Five months ago we had a similar letter and it was referred to Magistrate James

Butler" (who is presently in charge of the town civil defense program) "but," continued Councillor Paterson, "nothing ever came of it."

Councillor S. Tinker said he questioned the value of a Civil Defense setup in municipal localities such as Richmond Hill, to which Councillor Paterson replied heatedly "The smaller the groups the better. I would like to know that my family knew just what to do in case of a sudden emergency — if I were not home to look after them."

"A civil defense organization can do a lot of good, not only in time of war but in other times of disaster," Councillor W. J. Haggart affirmed. "Perhaps it is a matter that should be considered further."

Following Mayor Ken Tomlin's statement that it would be a good idea to contact the Civil Defense Co-ordinator of York County, Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township, Councillor Haggart moved that the council defer action on Mr. Nichol's letter until the mayor and Clerk Russell Lynett could have a meeting with Reeve Perry regarding a setup of a civil defense unit in Richmond Hill. Council representatives will look into several aspects of such a program; such as the expense entailed in running such an organization, and whether or not such a program is assisted by government grants.

"How many men on council now asked to have the road taken back?" to which the Mayor replied, "We are not going to get into any argument. We should have a resolution from this council asking for their county council's approval regarding heavy traffic and safety measures such as restricted speed limits for the children and adults who traverse the road." Mr. Matthews said he didn't think the town should approach the county council for approval—but with demands.

## Driver Killed Constable Injured 2 Crashes at Maple

The Vaughan Township police department has one new cruiser and one man in hospital (for at least eight weeks), following a crash last Saturday on the Maple Sideroad at Bathurst St. Charged with criminal negligence is Gerald Steele, 16, of Richmond Hill.

"Police said Gerald Steele was driving south on Bathurst Street and went through the stop sign at the Maple sideroad, colliding with the township police cruiser, injuring Constable Herbert Yeomans, 23. Constable Yeomans was rushed to Branson Hospital with a fractured skull, pelvis and internal injuries. His condition was described as satisfactory.

The previous day, Friday, an unknown truck driver died in the ambulance on the way to hospital following a collision with another truck driven by Wilbert Strauss, 19, of Preston on the Seventh Concession, Vaughan, 1 mile south of the Maple sideroad, when two trucks collided in a head-on crash at the brow of a hill.

Identified on Saturday, as Donald Davis, 22, of Thornhill, the police said Mr. Davis was thrown from his truck to the road by the collision, the rear wheels of his own truck passing over his body. Wilbert Strauss was unharmed.

## Committee Will Investigate Cost Water Softening

Headed by Harold Matthews, a delegation representing 143 residents from the Markham Road area waited on council at its regular weekly session Monday night, with the request that, "This council take Markham Road back from York County Council; restrict truck traffic on the road during night hours; and erect stop signs at Ruggles Avenue."

In answer to the first part of the petition, which had been signed by the 143 residents of the area, Mayor Ken Tomlin said, "I would hesitate to do anything to take financial benefits away from Richmond Hill." The mayor referred to the fact that if the town took over Markham Road it would have the cost of maintaining it in good repair. The town already has approximately \$53,000 invested in county council.

Referring to the restriction of heavy traffic on this road at night, the mayor noted that the proper procedure for council to follow re this question, would be to pass a by-law restricting heavy traffic at certain times and have it approved by the Department of Highways. Such a request would go through county council to the department and the mayor said, "Even if it, the road, wasn't in the hands of county council we still might not get approval, since it is a continuation of the improved roads east and west of the town limits. Traffic would then have to be diverted to the Carrville Road."

Councillor Joseph Paterson asked, "Are you saying the department can override the wishes or bylaws of the Town of Richmond Hill?" to which the Mayor replied, "Yes, it can not be approved by a municipality without the approval of the Department of Highways. Councillor W. J. Haggart interjected the remark that there are some things the department automatically approves, "it is not as bad as it sounds."

Later Councillor Haggart warned council that the county is taking over Bayview Avenue and widening it and there has to be some access from Yonge Street to Bayview. Deputy-reeve Donald Paterson stated, "I favour a resolution that we advise the county that we would like to have a 'heavy traffic' restriction between certain hours" (at one time in the discussion the hours from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., or from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. were mentioned).

**Markham Rd. Municipal Concern**  
Mr. Matthews asked what council would be prepared to do if they were turned down flatly — "as I think you will be."

Answering the disgruntled Mr. Matthews, Mayor Tomlin said, "The ratepayers of the whole municipality are concerned if we take this road away from the county, and Councillor Haggart added, "We shouldn't arbitrarily go to county council and ask for the road back, 'we'd be fools!'"

Mr. Matthews then asked, "How many men on council now asked to have the road taken back?" to which the Mayor replied, "We are not going to get into any argument. We should have a resolution from this council asking for their county council's approval regarding heavy traffic and safety measures such as restricted speed limits for the children and adults who traverse the road." Mr. Matthews said he didn't think the town should approach the county council for approval—but with demands.

For the fourth time the Mayor called for a motion and Councillor Haggart moved that a noise element bylaw go to county council. Councillor Paterson was the only member of council to oppose the motion which was carried by four votes.

Councillor Paterson contended that the residents, 80% of whom have children living south of the Markham Road and attending Walter Scott Public School on the north side, were concerned about the safety of their children and that the municipality should have control of the speed limit on Markham Rd. Councillor Tinker said, "I am quite confident that we can discuss this problem, along the same lines as the noise element with county council when the time comes." And the mayor advised Mr. Matthews to present his petition for safety measures in a separate petition, trying to draw the matter to a close. Deputy-reeve Plaxton said, "We are not going to lose control of the road if it remains with the county, we will still police it."

Councillor Haggart then moved that the clerk petition county council by letter with a view of incorporating safety measures along Markham Road, since 80% of the pupils attending Walter Scott school lived across the highway. Councillor J. J. Bradstock seconded the motion after which he stated it would be more

satisfactory to have a round table discussion with county council to outline council's reasons. Mayor Tomlin will report to Mr. Matthews following a meeting with the county road commission.

**Re Water Softening**  
Councillor Haggart moved that council "obtain firm prices from suppliers and estimated prices from builders regarding water softening for the town of Richmond Hill," after a lengthy discussion on iron and lime contents of the present water supply; the expected quality of the water if water softening is installed, and the discrepancies claimed by Councillor Haggart between the figures presented to council in July, as against those figures Councillor Haggart has compiled following various contacts with suppliers.

Engineers Redfern and Mr. Dutton, who appeared before council to answer questions Councillor Haggart had ready for them, said they felt that a meeting with other suppliers might show that Councillor Haggart's figures did not include all the "hidden" expenses, such as buildings, piping, etc.

Council seemed to go along with the proposed cost of \$100,000 for a water-softening plan as proposed by the engineering firm of Proctor and Redfern tabled earlier, and it appeared at first that no one would second Councillor Haggart's motion. However when Mayor Tomlin stopped discussion because there was no second, Councillor Paterson seconded the motion "in order to have discussion." Water-softening Councillor Haggart stated would only cost fifty cents per person.

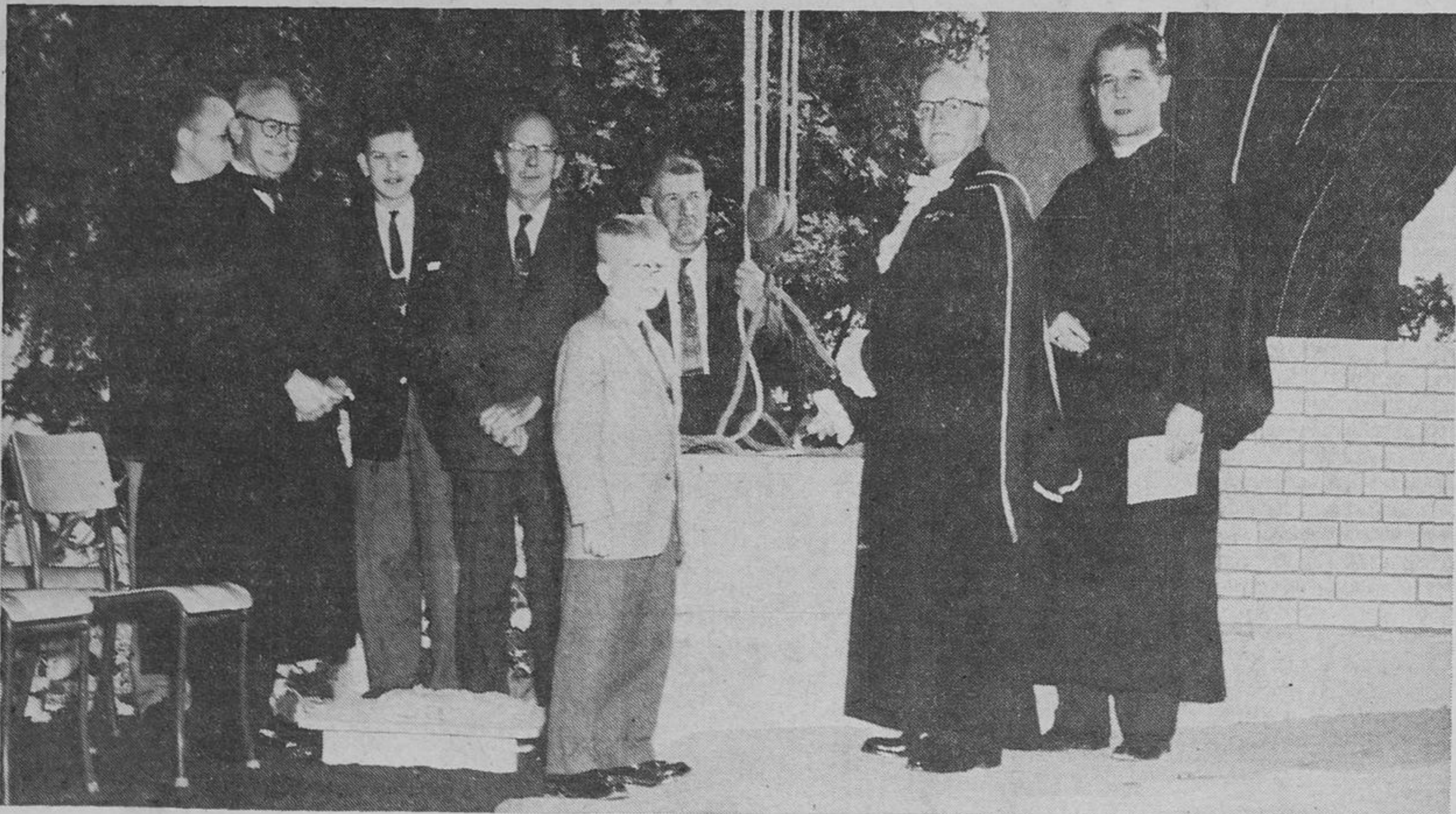
Councillor Bradstock said he was very sympathetic to the softening plan, "however we are faced with the fact that our debenture debt is increasing all the time and I would prefer to see this tabled for the time being." Deputy-reeve Plaxton also stated he thought council should call a halt to further expenditure at the present time, to which Councillor Haggart answered, "We are not deciding to increase our expenditure, we are only deciding to get prices on it (water-softening)."

But the deputy-reeve said, the purpose of getting prices is to press for the purchasing of such a plan. Councillor Tinker felt that such a motion, if carried would cause further delay, stating that we are now in a position to call for tenders and if we delay this action I am afraid this thing will be like the carrot held out to the donkey—we will not get our objective until next year.

At this point some of the tension of the meeting was slightly relaxed when Mayor Tomlin said in his position as chairman of the meeting without the right to record his vote (or feelings) he was reminded of the story about

ACCIDENT RECORD RICHMOND HILL 1958	
FATALITIES 0	
ACCIDENTS	INJURIES
118	25

## Lay Cornerstone New Presbyterian Church



Rev. John McNab, B.A., D.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is seen above as he lays the cornerstone for the new Thornhill Presbyterian Church at an impressive ceremony held last Sunday afternoon.

Taking part in this important event in the life of the community are left to right — Mr. James Boyd, president of the Men's Club; Rev. Percy Buck, of Thornhill Baptist Church and President of the

On Sunday, September 28, the congregation of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met to lay the cornerstone for the new church which is being erected on No. 7 Highway. The special guest for the occasion was the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in

Canada, the Rev. John McNab, B.A., D.D., who dedicated the stone and brought a short message to the congregation. He emphasized the fact that each member of the church must think of himself as a witness to Jesus Christ, if the church is to be

built firmly upon the foundation which is Christ.

Mr. Frank Teasdale, the oldest member of the session, assisted the Moderator in the laying of the stone.

Greetings were extended to the congregation from Rev. Percy Buck, who represented the

Thornhill-Richmond Hill Ministerial Association; David Bare, representing the Sunday School and young people of the church; Mr. Frank Teasdale, the oldest member of the session; Mr. Robert Watt, a member of the building committee; Master John Puddy, grandson of the Moderator; the Rev. John McNab, Moderator; and Rev. C. Chambers, Minister of the church.

Calvin H. Chambers, conducted the service and extended a welcome to all the worshippers in the name of the session. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the service in the old church. Mrs. Hugh Anderson, Mrs. W. Cole and Mrs. Percy Williamson convened the committee.

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