

Teletype Aids In Apprehension Of Three Stolen Cars

Police Chief C. Wideman of Markham Township reports that the plate glass windows of several service stations were blown in during last week-end's high winds.

The police department's new teletype system has already begun to show results. The system went into effect at midnight last Saturday and by Tuesday the police had picked up three stolen cars.

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Finished '58 With Surplus 1959 Budget Town Public School Bd. Nearly Three-Quarters Of A Million

Teaching Staff Salaries Largest Expenditure

To run Richmond Hill's Public School System in 1959 an estimated \$676,699.41 will be required. This is an increase of \$214,630.70 over the 1958 figure of \$462,068.17. From this budget, adopted at last Thursday's regular meeting of the local school board, a 1958 surplus of \$32,012.10 and a possible provincial grant from the Department of Education of \$180,000.00 can be deducted, leaving the net levy required from the public school taxpayers at \$464,687.31.

Chairman of the finance committee of the board, Trustee Harold Sanderson estimates the mill rate will be approximately 20.1 mills. Last year 62 per cent of the local town taxes went for education. The town mill rate for public school supporters stood at 16.93 mills.

Total expenditure amounted to \$578,982.11 with the province paying a grant of \$214,752.96. This year's grant figures have not been released as yet by the Department of Education. Comparing this year's estimated instruction costs with 1958's, teachers' salaries were \$426,013.66, \$111,113.62 more than last year. There are 20 new teachers' salaries included. Chairman L. D. Clement stated the average teacher's salary now is \$4,600.00, an increase of about \$350.00 each over last year.

Operating Expenses Down Expenses of operating the schools aside from the cost of instruction is budgetted for \$139,408.00. Last year it was \$195,436.57. Debenture payments are up. In addition to the \$68,645.50 carried over from previous borrowing there is the principal and interest due on the Crosby Public School construction of \$21,912.50, and \$18,075.00 on the additions to Walter Scott and Beverley Acres Public Schools. Total debenture payments for 1959 amount to \$108,778.25.

Assessment Up Public School assessment in Richmond Hill is up 14 per cent over 1958, at \$21,910,000.00. Last year it was \$19,263,932.00. The budget of the school board is up 17 per cent over last year's. Chairman Clement commented, "Our enrollment has grown faster than the assessment and our other costs are comparable. There is an increase of 40 per cent in our mill rate over last year from 16.93 to 21.5 mills (this was estimated to be 20.1 mills due to certain deletions). If our payroll goes up 10 per cent and we add up 20 new teachers we will end up with a budget of \$780,000.00 next year."

Next Monday Trustees & Markham To Discuss Paving

Markham Township Council announced Monday they will meet with Thornhill Village Trustees March 23 regarding their \$56,850.00 road paving program. Engineer E. Jorgensen has suggested that the Thornhill program call for three inch pavement instead of just surface treatment. All new subdivision roads are now required to have three inches of pavement. Deputy-reeve W. Dean recommended that the portion of John Street lying within the village limits be included in the paving program. Councillor J. MacNeil wanted to be sure that the Markham residents of Thornhill won't pay for the work in Vaughan Township.

Markham residents of Thornhill are only going to benefit from one third of the program," stated Councillor MacNeil. Vaughan has told council to disregard its recent drainage report for the Spring Valley Acres subdivision located just south of Thornhill. The announcement of the new C.N.R. route made the report obsolete. Mr. Jorgensen has recommended that Markham initiate a storm and sanitary sewer line along the crossing Yonge Street from the Spring Valley Acres Subdivision. He laid special emphasis on all water courses feeding into the east branch of the Don River which crosses Bayview Avenue at Steeles Avenue. Thornhill Signs Council approved subject to final sanction by the Thornhill Village Trustees the erection by the E. L. Ruddy and Co. a 12 feet by 25 feet outdoor sign at the corner of John Street and Yonge Street. Markham's share of the 1959 Metro Conservation Authority has been set at \$5,953.31. The township's levy has been increasing steadily each year. In 1958 it amounted to nearly \$3,900.00 while two years ago it was only \$1,700.00. The overall 1950 con-

Protest To Council Ratepayers Will Fight Rail Line

Between 25 and 30 ratepayers from the Thornhill area attended Vaughan Township council meeting Monday evening and presented during the meeting was a strongly worded resolution of protest from the Southwest Thornhill Ratepayers' Association. Although anxious concerning the future property values because of the proposed C.N.R. line, all men and women of the delegation after speaking to council agreed to a "wait and see policy". The resolution from the Southwest Thornhill Property Owners' Association presented to Vaugh-

Richmond Hill—50 Years Ago

By Elias Elliott Mr. Elias Elliott of R.R. 1, Gormley, recently sent the following information into "The Liberal" office, regarding Richmond Hill—as it was 50 years ago—in 1909.

"At this time," Mr. Elliott writes, "our grand old lady, Mrs. Maxwell, celebrated her 100th birthday and the village gave her a grand birthday party, and one hundred dollars. Her daughter, Miss Tully Maxwell, is the only survivor." Markham Road was the southern boundary of the village in 1909 and the following stores lined Yonge St.: Essa Nichols, Implement Agency and Barrister; Sivers Shoe Store; T. F. McMahon, Liberal Office; McConaghy's Shoe Store; Jerry Smith was the village watch and clock maker; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stong ran the Dominion House, a village hotel. They also had a haulage and grading business. Mr. Wm. Teague and his daughter ran the village post office; the Palmer House, another local hotel was operated by Wm. Stubbs. Next to Wm. Trench's carriage works and paint shop was the Metropolitan station, where William Sheppard was agent and had his express office. Ted Grainger's barber shop came next; then William MacDonald's harness shop and Miss Ransom's Barber Shop; a Miss Ross had a candy store; next door to F. E. Sims' grocery and Mr. Elliott further remembers the village fire hall, its reels and pump entirely man-powered and horse-driven. There was a butcher shop owned and operated by J. P. Glass in the village of fifty years ago and

Your Garden and Mine

By Richmond Hill Horticultural Society African Violets Discouraged home growers of African Violets may take hope that anyone can grow African Violets and magic formula for mysticism is necessary. Such are

County Warden's Robe And Gown Adds Dignity

One of the interesting sidelights on procedure, which is part of the dignity and glamour of York County Council, is the resolution passed in June 1958, "directing the Warden to wear his robe and hat". Following the June session a survey of the counties of Ontario revealed the following information (35 replies being obtained):

Warden is provided with a hat in five counties; Warden is not provided with a hat in 31 counties; Warden is provided with a gown in 10 counties; Warden is not provided with a gown in 25 counties; Warden is provided with a chain of office in eight counties; Warden is not provided with chain of office in 27 counties. Regalia is worn as follows: In 14 counties at all sittings of council; In one county gown only; In two counties gown only hat removed; In eight counties is not worn; In four counties no answer or not applicable. Regalia on special occasions: In four counties - special occasions only; In one county, warden's outfit; In one county, rarely; In 14 counties, no; In 15 counties, no answer or not applicable. From this report it appears that the County of York is leading the province in further dignifying the Warden's office. The Warden wears his mortar board and gown when presiding over council proceedings. When he steps down from his warden's chair, during presentation of commission or committee reports he dons his hat. Reports, given by the chairman of each committee, are presented from the floor of the council chamber, not from the Warden's rostrum.

Gala Event

Local Senior Citizen's Observe 1st Birthday

The first birthday of the Senior Citizens' Club of Richmond Hill was celebrated in style last Wednesday afternoon, with the President A. E. Plewman cutting the magnificent cake with Mayor K. Tomlin present to bring the town's official greetings, and Mrs. Fred Jackson as chairman of the council and Mr. H. J. Calverley as archivist giving aspects of the club's beginnings, growth and activities over the past year. More than 100 members crowded into the Primary Room of the Education Building of the Richmond Hill United Church by two o'clock for the birthday celebration.

Old time songs and songs with a St. Patrick's flavour led by Mrs. Ray Jackson with Mrs. Charles Harding accompanying, as "School Days," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "I'm a Rebel," "The Irish Rover," "The Irish Washerwoman," "The Irish Washerwoman," "The Irish Washerwoman," "The Irish Washerwoman." Mr. Plewman early joined the council together with Mr. Alf McLatchy, the Rev. E. Morley and Mrs. Maud Benjamin.

Invitations were sent out to as many people as the committee had been able to list, and a St. Patrick's party was held in the library on March 12, 1958. The library added Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodbyrne, V.O.N., Mrs. W. S. Thomson, representing the recreation committee. Mr. Plewman early joined the council together with Mr. Alf McLatchy, the Rev. E. Morley and Mrs. Maud Benjamin.

The encouragement given by the Inner Wheel of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club who from the beginning have looked after transportation, coming out in all weather deserves our tribute too, said Mrs. Jackson. She also wanted to thank Mrs. C. E. Fairbridge for her help and Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Ray Jackson who have been so inspiring with their leadership in the singing.

Mr. Calverley, the archivist of the club, took over his duties in October 1958, when the club elected its officers. He gave a short sketch of the varied activities that have taken place in the monthly social meetings that have been held regularly since last March. Mrs. Ed Butlin had led a dance session, in July pictures of the Arctic had been shown; articles for trays for the Sick Children's Hospital had been made at one meeting; Mrs. B. L. Anderson had most generously been hostess to two garden meetings in her lovely home Anhurst; The Curtain Club had entertained them at the last meeting, and many members had attended the dancing night of "The Happiest Days of Your Life" in November at their invitation.

Following an intricate flower game, won by Mrs. D. Harding, with a perfect score, Mr. Plewman cut the birthday cake, beautifully decorated with the St. Patrick's motifs predominating and emphasized in the green and white lettering. A single candle burned ceremoniously in the centre.

Hockey Finals To Be Exciting

In the first of two out of three playoff games for the local Mercantile Hockey League Championship, Dynes Jewellers walked Bobs and Als 6 to 3. Bobs and Als opened the scoring with John Drummond getting the tally. It was soon tied up when Jimmy Wells scored from Norm Roberts late in the first period. In the early minutes of the second period, Matt Kinnari playing coach for Dynes got two goals within two minutes. Late in the second period Bobs' and Als managed goals by John Drummond and Dale Watt to tie the score, but only for a few minutes when Frank Ashinger got a slap shot goal from the blue line. Late in the third period, Bob and Als pulled their goalie to try to get the tying goal but it backfired with Matt Kinnari getting his third goal of the night. It was protested by Bobs' and Als' who said it was an offside pass. With 30 seconds remaining, Roberts managed to break through the opposition defense to score the sixth goal of the night for Dynes. This game will be completed on March 24, on a protest by Bobs' and Als' on Kinnari's goal on an offside pass. For real hockey enjoyment come to the Richmond Hill arena for the finals of the Mercantile League on March 24. Only way to get along with some people is to get along without them.

Delegation At Whitchurch Twp. Announces Prize Winners Weekly

A delegation of ratepayers under the chairmanship of Mr. L. Hanson of Lake Wilcox will wait on Whitchurch Township Council tonight (Thursday) regarding alleged health, building and fire bylaw infractions in the Lake Wilcox area. It is expected Dr. R. M. King, M.O.H. York County will be present at the meeting to hear the charges.

Many valuable prizes are being given away each week at Stan Troyer's Lawn and Garden Shop at Yonge St., 2 miles north of Richmond Hill at the Big Snow Man. He is issuing to all customers, whether they purchase goods or not, a numbered business card, and each week a number is chosen, and some lucky person is the possessor of a very useful piece of garden equipment. Already more than 2,000 cards have been given out, and many people are delighted that they stopped in at Stan Troyer's friendly store. So why not beat the season, and be ready for the gardening weather that is surely just around the corner, and pay a visit to Stan Troyer's Lawn and Garden Shop and not only get the very best in garden equipment that you can buy, but also be eligible for one of the many weekly giveaway prizes. Winners are announced each week under the Last section on the classified page of this newspaper.

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NOTICE

TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In The Estate of Nellie Snider, Deceased All persons having claims against the estate of Nellie Snider, late of the Township of Markham, in the County of York, deceased, who died on or about the 28th day of November, 1958, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned full particulars of their claims on or before the 27th day of April, 1959, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate having regard only to claims of which he shall have notice.

Dated at Willowdale, this 17th day of March, 1959. "NELSON KERR", Executor By his Solicitor, W. S. Jenkin 4780 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ont.

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