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## Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. t3c36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. t3c18

EVERY MONDAY — Monster Bingo, at York Farmers Market, Thornhill, 8 p.m. All regular games \$20.00. \$500.00 Jackpot, \$200.00 Pot of Gold. t3c36

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and Jackpot. t3c19

MARCH 7 — Monday, 8 p.m. Euchre and bridge at Thornhill Public School, Yonge St. (opp. Farmers Market). Proceeds for 1st Thornhill Guides and Brownies. Good prizes and refreshments. 50c per person. t3c36

MARCH 8 — Tuesday, Oyster supper, Temperanceville United Church. Supper served 5.30 to 8 p.m. Salad plate alternative. Admission: Adults \$1.50, children (under 12) 75c. t3c36

MARCH 9 — Wednesday Jefferson School Community Club, Euchre at 8 p.m. Attractive prizes, refreshments, everyone welcome. t3c35

MARCH 10 — Thursday, Bingo at Newmarket Legion Hall, 8 p.m. sharp. Legion special \$80. Jackpot given each night. Please note change of date. t3c36

MARCH 11 — Friday 8 p.m. Maple United Church, a meeting to reveal the citizens of Vaughan to the threat to our homes of the forthcoming liquor vote. Special speakers and musical program, including the Foster Sisters. Sponsored by the Vaughan Township "Vote No" organization. t3c35

MARCH 11 — Thursday, Richmond Theatre "Romeo and Juliet", second film in the "Films of Note" arranged by the Library Club of Richmond Hill High School. Tickets: TU, 4-1355 or TU, 4-1886. \*1w36

MARCH 15 — Tuesday 8 p.m. The Annual Meeting of the Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill Library. The public is invited to attend. Guest speaker, Maurice J. Grimes, Executive Director of the Ontario Division. Refreshments. t3w35

MARCH 15 — Tuesday 8:30 p.m. The I.B.M. Glee Club presents Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore in the auditorium of the Thornhill United Church. Sponsored by Thornhill United Church Choir. Adults \$1.00, students 75c. t3w36

MARCH 17 — Thursday, C.W.L. Bridge and Euchre at Our Lady Help of Christians, Beverley Acres, 8.15 p.m. Door prizes, refreshments. Admission 50c. t3w36

MARCH 22 — Saturday 3 p.m. A St. Patrick's Tea and Bake Sale will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple. t3w36

MARCH 27 — Sunday 2 p.m. The Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is sponsoring the showing of a film for Women Only at the Richmond Theatre. No admission charge. t3w35

MARCH 29 & 30 — Tuesday and Wednesday, 8.15 p.m. Richmond Hill United Church W.A. Fashion Show. Tickets \$1.00. Call Mrs. W. J. Babcock TU, 4-2844. t3w36

## Harbinger of Spring?

Mr. P. C. Hanks of 95 Grandview Avenue called "The Liberal" office on Tuesday to tell us spring was just around the corner — he saw a groundhog and a crow in the woods opposite his home, that afternoon.

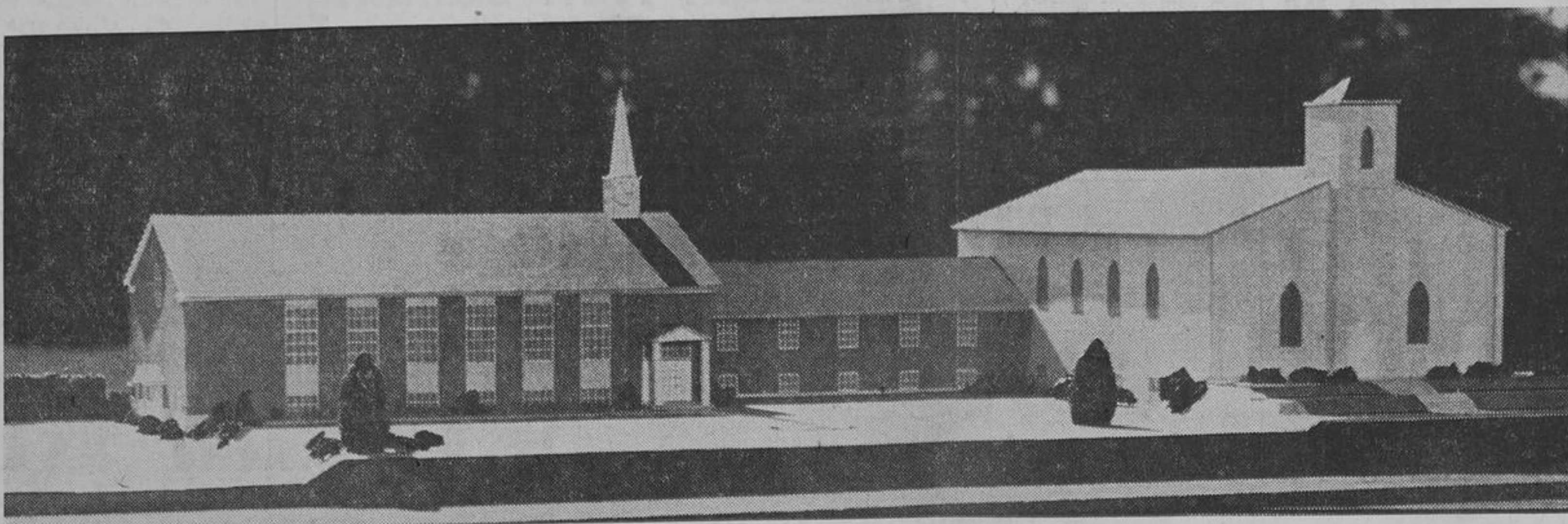
## R. Hill School Board Replies To Council

In reply to Council's criticism of the Richmond Hill Public School Board's request for a committee to be formed to meet with a committee from the School Board, in camera, re grants made to Thornhaven School for Retarded Children — the Public School Board wishes to advise that it is not Board policy or intention to withhold from the public any information concerning the expenditures of funds.

Full discussion of a grant to Thornhaven — given on behalf of the retarded children of Richmond Hill could result in the mention of families by name. For this reason only, the request for an in camera meeting was made to Council, so that no one would be unnecessarily distressed.

The School Board regrets that their letter to Council did not contain sufficient explanation.

## Bishop Wilkinson Turns Sod New Church Hall



Pictured above is the architect's model of Holy Trinity Church and its new Church Hall, the first sod of which was turned on Sunday, February 28th, by Bishop Wilkinson of Toronto.

## Spirited Debate Features Vaughan Tp. Council Meet Varied Views On Planning

(by Paul Delmer)

It was a night of controversy at Monday's Vaughan Township Council Meeting, with councillors about equally divided on a number of issues which were hotly debated.

The meeting commenced promptly at 8 p.m. and continued for two and a half hours with six members of the public plus three members of the township staff and the Chief Constable in attendance.

A lady in the public gallery, Mrs. Donald A. McCaskill, accusing the council of always meeting in public with its decisions "signed, sealed and delivered", asked Reeve John Perry, "what kind of subjects does council consider it should discuss in public?" Mrs. McCaskill suggested, "we see very little interesting debate in the chamber at these public meetings."

**Council Elect For Public Debate**  
Mrs. McCaskill's suggestion that Vaughan Council generally ignore items in private committee meetings, coming before the public only to fulfill the legal requirement that council de-

terminations must be made in public, after such decisions have been arrived at privately and thus robbing the public of the opportunity to hear council members arguing cases among themselves, was stimulated by two such debates which were aired in public Monday night when council members vetoed Reeve John Perry's suggestion that the subjects be first discussed in committee. When members elected for the matter to be discussed in public, the reeve stated he had only suggested a committee hearing first because they were likely to be lengthy discussions. And certainly the agenda was the heaviest of

the year 1960 to date. Mrs. McCaskill summed up afterwards, however, when she told Reeve Perry, "We really have enjoyed tonight's meeting."

**Public Invited**  
The Reeve replied that he was glad that he would like to see more members of the public attend and see how civic affairs are managed. He laughingly suggested "a good attendance on the part of the public might stimulate us to more interesting debate".

Two hottest debates of the evening centred on the meeting which is to be held in Vaughan Township Chambers tonight when representatives of 13 fringe municipalities will meet with four M.P.P.s representing the areas to discuss the Metro Toronto 20 Year Draft Official Plan. At a meeting in Richmond Hill last week these representatives collectively decided to oppose Metro Toronto's right to impose its planning control on the fringe municipalities. A motion was passed unanimously calling upon the Provincial Government to set up a Provincial Planning Board to which all municipalities would be subject, including Metro, on terms of equality. Tonight's meeting with the M.P.P.s is for the purpose of having the parliament members carry the proposal to the Frost government and to arrange for a delegation to be received by the Prime Minister.

**Council Is Split**  
Vaughan Township Council showed itself split on this question, Councillors Bruce Ralph and William Anstey both hotly disputed Reeve Perry's wisdom in having invited the meeting to Vaughan Township without first consulting with council. Councillor Anstey claimed that everything in the Metro plan relating to the township was there at the direct request of township and was good for the municipality. He said he was content with the situation and was willing to accept Metro planning for the fringe municipalities which was based on orderly development in the future in the best interests of all.

**Councillors' Objections**  
Councillor Bruce Ralph said he objected strongly to the action of Reeve Perry and Deputy Reeve Vic Ryder in committing council publicly to what appears to be

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## Holstein Barn Meeting

The York County Holstein Club has completed plans to hold their annual barn meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at the farm of Cameron Boake, 1/2 mile north of Edgely on the 5th concession of Vaughan starting at 1:30 p.m.

## Douglas Brown New P.O. Supervisor

Mr. Douglas Brown has been appointed to the post of Supervisor, Richmond Hill Post Office, succeeding Mr. Victor Grisold who was recently appointed Postmaster at Aurora.

Mr. Brown is married, at present living in Scarborough, but will soon be residing in Richmond Hill. In his "early days" he was associated with Mr. Grisold for twelve years in Terminal "A" the main post office in Toronto at Station "H" Main and Gerrard Streets, Toronto for seven years.

Prior to this appointment to Richmond Hill, Mr. Brown was a member of the staff at Agincourt Post Office for two years.

Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto, turned the first sod, officially opening construction of the new Church Hall at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, February 28th and also preached at the service marking Holy Trinity's 130th Anniversary. Bishop Wilkinson paid tribute to the many people who have served the church so faithfully over the years and commended them in their foresight in providing the future of the church with the new hall.

The Thornhill Parish is the tenth oldest in the Diocese of Toronto, and Trinity Church is the oldest original church building still in use in the Diocese. The original site of the Church, built in 1830, was on Yonge Street on the property which is now owned by the Thornhill Baptist Church, their Church being Holy Trinity's former Church Hall. On June 7th, 1950, a Service was held "for the removal of Sentence of Consecration on the occasion of the removal of Trinity Church, and its rebuilding on a new site on Brook Street." Shortly thereafter, the Church was dismantled, piece by piece, and the site re-occupied on the present site.

During the 130 years of its existence, Holy Trinity has been served by only 12 Rectors, which says much for both them and the loyal members of the congregation.

The history of Holy Trinity Anglican Church could also be called a history of Thornhill itself. The village is named in one Benjamin Thorne who settled here in 1822 and was one of the chief laymen responsible for the building of the original church. The Church went through all the ups and downs of the village and the hard times endured by the villagers are faithfully echoed in the church records. The quiet churchyard on Yonge Street contains mossy stones with the names of many of the original members. One of these was Col. Moodie, who was shot during the rebellion of 1837. Also recorded in the churchyard are the graves of the Mack diploma which swept the area in 1874 and took the lives of four children of one family within three weeks.

Bishop Wilkinson, in his re-dedication service stressed the importance of a strong church in the town today. With such a fine record of endurance and consecration behind it, Holy Trinity is well fitted to be just such a church.

## Salute To Youth

**Fine Work Feature At Boy Scout Hobby Show**

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of Richmond Hill and area held their Annual Hobby and Handicrafts Show in the Lions Hall, Centre Street East from 2 to 9 p.m. last Saturday.

Entries were received from 17 of the 21 troops in the district. They came from Richmond Hill, Maple, King, Thornhill, Markham, Unionville, Jefferson, Langstaff and Oak Ridges.

A total of some six hundred entries were received in all categories.

**To Encourage Talents**  
The purpose of the exhibition is to encourage Scouts and Cubs to develop their talents by participating in practical and enjoyable hobbies rather than passive watching of TV programmes. If the variety and quality of the exhibits presented to the public in the Lions Hall last Saturday is any guide, the movement is succeeding, and the object is being achieved.

**Variety Of Exhibits**  
The entries surpassed last year's initial exhibition and was very gratifying to the organizers. Considerable emphasis was placed on the practical scout and cub-craft particularly as it related to nature. Naturalists would have enjoyed the many wonderful collections of butterflies and other items which were attractively displayed. Sailors would have enjoyed the nautical models, and airmen would have enjoyed the models of powered aircraft. Mechanics would have spent hours on the mecano models of cranes, bridges and so on. Mineralogists or naturalists a collection of minerals of high interest.

**Expert Judge**  
Judges all of whom were expert in their subject, must have had a job making final selections for awards which were based on the effort expended as well as excellence in finish.

**Unusual Exhibits**  
The collections included some unusual ones. For example one clever basket was produced by a Cub who made it following an eye operation while his eyes were still completely bandaged. There was a beautiful buttons and buckle set made from polished coconut shell. A prophetic dis-

play of things to be seen in the future rocket age, displayed in the crayon drawings and yet again the splendid display of knots, every knot the scout or cub has to learn and many he doesn't.

**Continuous Outdoor Movies**  
Shown throughout the exhibition and this proved a novel innovation and was well attended.

**Winning Troops And Packs**  
Points were awarded to group and cub packs for each exhibit and awards to Groups were made as follows: Scout Awards:— First place went to the 1st King Troop; The 1st Oak Ridges and 3rd Thornhill tied in Second Place; The 2nd Thornhill won third place and 1st Thornhill fourth place. In the Cub section 1st Award went to the 2nd Thornhill, second place went to the 5th Richmond Hill "B," with 1st Langstaff third and 1st Richmond Hill "D" fourth.

**Credit is due the Group Committee** men who were responsible for the excellence of the display. Setting up and classifying was a big job well done. This committee was led by Scouters Joe Derrick and Jock Sparling. The Ladies auxiliary team led by Mrs. A. McNaughton, district president also rendered an excellent service in providing refreshments at moderate cost with the proceeds being donated to the Scout Brotherhood Fund.

The Scouters who worked hard to bring the best qualified judges to the exhibition and to those judges for the splendid contribution they made should not be forgotten. Harry Whittaker of District Headquarters who coordinated all efforts to combine in the successful show which resulted and the various scout leaders who assisted also share in the credit for success.

Finally all the scouts and cubs who worked so hard and so loyally and patiently to produce such a wonderful variety of exhibits whether they won awards or not: are to be heartily congratulated while thanks go out to the many members of the public at large who took time off to visit the Hobby Show and thus encouraged all the boys and their leaders and co-workers who have by such a show demonstrated that boys are as much nature lovers today as they ever were and as ingenious and clever with their hands as Baden Powell himself who launched this famous and world-wide organization just fifty years ago.

## Heads Hospital Committee



— Photo by Lagerquist

DOUGLAS H. STORMS

Mr. Douglas Storms, Highland Lane, Richmond Hill was elected Chairman of the local Hospital Committee at the organizational meeting held last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Storms retired last year after a long and successful career as an engineer, contractor, and soldier. By training and experience he is well qualified for the post for which he has been chosen, and brings to the office exceptional gifts of organization and leadership.

Mr. Storms, who is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston and a graduate engineer of the Toronto University, was born in Hamilton, the son of Dr. Douglas Storms, and the brother of Dr. Harold D. Storms — who was responsible for starting rehabilitation plan for Workmen's Compensation Board.

During the First World War Douglas Storms was a gunner — an original of the first division. He was wounded during that war and after recovery, started out to Siberia in command of the Canadian Artillery force.

Definitely modest, when talking about himself, Mr. Storms skipped over his early army experience by saying, "After this I went into heavy construction as a contractor." Between the first war and the second one, in which he again was on active duty, he managed to build up a successful business and when he answered the call to arms again, his business was left in capable hands until his return.

During the Second World War, Mr. Storms took an engineering battalion "The Fourth Battalion R.C.E." to England; here "due to various promotions," he finally ended up as a Brigadier, or as he described this honour, "The chief engineer, works". By D-Day he was commanding 17,000 engineering troops and landed in France with his men on "D-Day plus 13," going right on up through, constructing air fields, roads that bridges and any other job that came to hand.

On being discharged at the end of the Second War "This time for good," Mr. Storms came again to Canada and into his own business as a construction engineer once again, where he remained until he sold his business and retired, last year.

Mr. Storms is married to the former Phyllis Henderson of Hamilton (they were wed in 1917), and they have two children and

seven grandchildren. They are members of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

Of his new job as Chairman of the Hospital Committee, Mr. Storms said, "I didn't seek this job under any circumstances — it's a tough job. But what pleased me most was the remarkably good committee appointed and the reception it got from the various municipalities who have pledged us splendid backing in our efforts."

The provisional committee was named at a public meeting when the proposal of a hospital in this area to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population was given enthusiastic support. The first meeting was for preliminary organization only, and Mr. Storms was named as Chairman and Dr. Alan Smith as Secretary.

In attendance at the meeting were committee members Mayor K. W. Tomlin, Richmond Hill, Reeve John Perry of Markham, Reeve Joseph Fry of Vaughan, Stuart Parker Q. C. Thornhill, Ernest Redelmeier of Vaughan, John Griffin, J. E. Smith and Ed. Bullin of Richmond Hill, and A. G. Sampson of King.

Chairman Storms in accepting the position asked for the support and co-operation of the committee members and the citizens of the entire district. "This is a big job and an important one" he said "and we invite the help and assistance of all." He stated that appropriate committees will be named and a thorough and intensive study made of the needs of the district and the best and most economical means to provide adequate hospital accommodation. Already many letters and suggestions have been received, and he said all will have the consideration and study of the committee. Mr. Storms pointed out that as information is obtained it will be passed on to the public who will be kept informed of developments.

The Committee has contacted the Ontario Hospitals Commission the governing body for Hospitals in the province and requested a survey and detailed report. The Commission survey will indicate the size of hospital required to serve the area and the estimated cost. Just as soon as this authoritative information is received it will be passed on to the municipal councils and the people of the district. Chairman Storms has emphasized that hasty decisions will be avoided and the people will be kept fully informed and will be consulted before any plans are finalized.

## Praise Works Force

# Snow Storm Cost To Richmond Hill Estimated \$3,500

All available man-power was called out for duty by Mr. O. S. Whalen, head of Richmond Hill Works Department, as the result of the crippling snow-storm which hit this area on Thursday last week.

34 regular employees of the works department, including men from the pump and water house and those who have been employed as tree-trimmers (due to the recent ice-storm), worked on shift around-the-clock from Thursday afternoon until late Friday. They returned to their normal work hours by Saturday but the heavy work of cleaning up is still going on, particularly on Yonge Street and dead-end streets throughout the town, Mr. Whalen said.

Cost to the town for this most recent — and heaviest — snowfall, is estimated at approximately \$3,500. 5 men were hired as temporary help because of the storm, to assist the permanent staff.

3 snowplows, 1 grader, 2 tractors, 3 front-end loaders and 2 bulldozers have been kept busy, of which latter, 7 machines were rentals. The extra equipment brought into use was rented from local contracting units.

During and after the storm of the previous weekend, the same program of snow-clearing was carried out, but at that time less equipment and men were needed to "stay on the job." Mr. Whalen and his working crew are to be commended for the fine job of mopping up which they are doing this winter — despite continuous onslaughts from the wintry elements.

At Monday night's Town Council meeting Mayor Ken Tomlin, Reeve W. J. Haggart and members of council had generous praise for Works Commissioner Whalen and his staff for outstanding service in meeting the challenge of the recent storm. "We have had many compliments on the work of our department" said the Mayor.