

RICHMOND HEIGHTS CENTRE GRAND OPENING THIS WEEK

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Town Council Meeting

September Vote Here Ward System And Bus Franchise

Leslie Markle Wins Polaroid

Les Markle, 15 Westwood Lane was the lucky winner of a Polaroid Camera in the Home of the Week contest monthly drawing made Saturday. A second Polaroid goes to Rose Garden Supplies, Stop 22 A Yonge Street, the store where the winner filled in the lucky coupon. The draw was made at The Liberal Office by Ex-mayor Wm. Neal.

Each week a photo of some home in the district appears with the Polaroid Home of the Week advertising. If you identify the home as yours, all you have to do is apply at The Liberal Office and receive a \$5.00 order for merchandise at one of the participating stores.

There is also a bonus monthly prize of a Polaroid Camera. Simply visit any one of the participating stores and fill in a free coupon. There's nothing to buy and no obligation. Fill in coupons at as many stores as you wish.

Once a month there will be a draw to determine the lucky winner and in addition a Polaroid will be given free to the merchant whose name is stamped on the back of the coupon drawn.

This is a wonderful chance to win free, a Polaroid Camera. Visit and enquire at any one of the stores listed in the special advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. — 12:00 Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richmond Hill. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. **tf36**

BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Rd. West, Richmond Hill. **tf49**

JUNE 17 — Friday, 5-8 p.m. Strawberry Festival at Maple Community Hall under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.A. Menu includes cold ham, salads, beverage, cake, pie, tarts, and all the strawberries and cream you can eat at \$1.50 per person. Children 12 and under 75c. **c2w49**

JUNE 18, Saturday — Vellora School Annual Reunion and Picnic. Memorial Hall, Vellora. Basket supper at 5:30 followed by sports program. Plan to attend. **c2w50**

JUNE 19 — Sunday. Teston United Church Sunday School anniversary services, 11:15 a.m. Rev. M. R. Jenkinson and Sunday School Choir, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gordon Winch, Oak Ridges and the Joseph Family of Gormley. **c2w50**

JUNE 19 — Sunday at 3 p.m. Memorial Day Service at Thornhill Cemetery, John St. Local clergy officiating, assisted by the Salvation Army Willowdale Corps Band. ***2w50**

JUNE 22 — Wednesday, Bingo Newmarket Legion Hall, 8 p.m. sharp. Jackpot \$75. **tf46**

JUNE 22 — Wednesday. Teston United Church Strawberry Festival. Supper served 5 to 8 p.m. Salad plate, strawberries, pie, cake, etc. Adults \$1.50; children 75 cents. **c2w50**

JUNE 22 — 2:30 p.m. Garden Tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snively at Glenholly, Lake Wilcox. Home baking. Proceeds to St. John's Anglican Church, Oak Ridges Building Fund. **c2w50**

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Council Is Divided Mid-Year Voting

A referendum on two local issues will be held in Richmond Hill on Saturday, September 10th. Town Council Monday night decided to hold a vote on the subsidized local bus service, and at the same time electors will pass judgment on a by-law to set up a Ward system for the election of councillors.

The local bus service has been operating since 1958 and deficits on operation have been paid by the municipality. To legalize such an agreement a vote of the electors is required by law. The proposed Ward system will make no change in the size of Town Council. The municipality will be divided into four wards and one councillor will be elected from each. At present local municipal administration is by a Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-reeve and four councillors all elected by voters in all parts of town. Those who favor the Ward system claim that it will provide all sections with representation on town council, whereas under the existing system all council members could come from one section of the municipality. The decision to take the September vote was made on motion of Reeve W. J. Haggart and Councillor Whillans.

There was a division of opinion as to the timing of the vote, and the suggestion was made that money could be saved by having it at the same time as the municipal elections. Councillors Mrs. Southwell, Broadhurst and Bradstock voted against the motion for a September vote. Supported by the Reeve, Deputy-reeve and Councillor Whillans the motion carried with the vote of Mayor Tomlin.

Councillor Broadhurst chairman of the special committee to investigate the Ward system confessed to some doubts on the need for a change. "I find the blandest indifference and lack of comprehension about the whole matter" he said. He suggested perhaps Richmond Hill still is not large enough to need the Ward system.

It is proposed the town will be divided into four wards. All West of Yonge Street will make up one ward. The area east of Yonge Street will be divided into three wards, the dividing lines being Crosby Avenue and Markham Road.

If approved by the people in the September referendum and by the Ontario Municipal Board the electors next December will elect one councillor member from each ward.

Councillor Mrs. Southwell in suggesting postponement of the vote until the time of municipal election said the cost of the vote will be \$2700.

Councillor Whillans thought it most important that a vote on the two questions be taken as soon as

C. R. Williams Chairman Thornhaven Campaign

The appointment of Mr. C. "Cec" R. Williams of Leisure Lane, Richmond Hill, as Campaign Chairman for the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children, was announced this week by Mr. Donald Hodgson of Oak Ridges, President of the Thornhaven Association.

Mr. Williams, a member of the Richmond Hill School Board, and a Past President of the local Jaycees, will head a drive to secure \$15,000 to cover operating deficits at the school for the next two years. The Thornhaven School is financed partly by assessments on parents, partly by municipal and provincial grants. Service Clubs have also been generous in supporting the financing of the schools.

At the present time the school

Carrville School Marks Century Saturday, June 18th

Set aside this Saturday, June 18th, at any hour between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to attend the gala celebration of Carrville Public School's 100th birthday. The school is situated just west of Bathurst St. on Carrville Road West. Just beyond a tributary of the Don River, the little one room school sits atop a hill surrounded by a wood of pine, cedar, spruce, in fact a good sampling of all the trees this part of Ontario was blessed with one hundred years ago.

You'll hear the old bell atop the school ring out during the afternoon, see again the Union Jack waving in the breeze to which in loyalty many a settler in Vaughan Township came a long and weary journey from the United States.

Even if you have only nostalgic memories of another little schoolhouse somewhere in Ontario, you can again capture those youthful times. If you are a former student at S. S. No. 3 you will be sure to see your former classmates to whom over three hundred invitations have been mailed. The list of names is much longer but addresses of many are unknown, and old students in the neighbourhood are expected to come by word of mouth invitation.

Children will be entertained with the bagpipes and a clown, as well as gay balloons and suckers. And the Woman's Association of Carrville United Church will have a booth filled with hot dogs, sandwiches, doughnuts, pop, ice cream and coffee. Or bring your own lunch and enjoy a picnic on the grounds.

At two o'clock, Mr. George A. Green, for the past six years principal at Carrville School, will be master of ceremonies at the official program. Local dignitaries expected to attend are C. A. Calders, M.P.; A. A. Mackenzie, M.L.A.; Reeve John Perry, and Chairman H. A. Constable of the Vaughan Township School Board.

Mr. John A. Baker, whose ancestors came to the school section in the 1790's, is chairman of the Centennial Committee. Among the others actively engaged

in making the arrangements are Deputy Police Chief Ernest Bone, former Deputy-reeve Robert Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. A. Read, Mr. Gordon Read, Mr. George Woods, Mrs. Bert Middleton, Mrs. James Wark and Mr. J. Barton and others.

Bus Deficit Increasing

Richmond Hill bus service first started in July 1958 will be the subject of a vote of the electors on September 10th.

The agreement provides that the town pay operating deficits or share in any operating profits. To continue the existing agreement ratification by the voters is required by law.

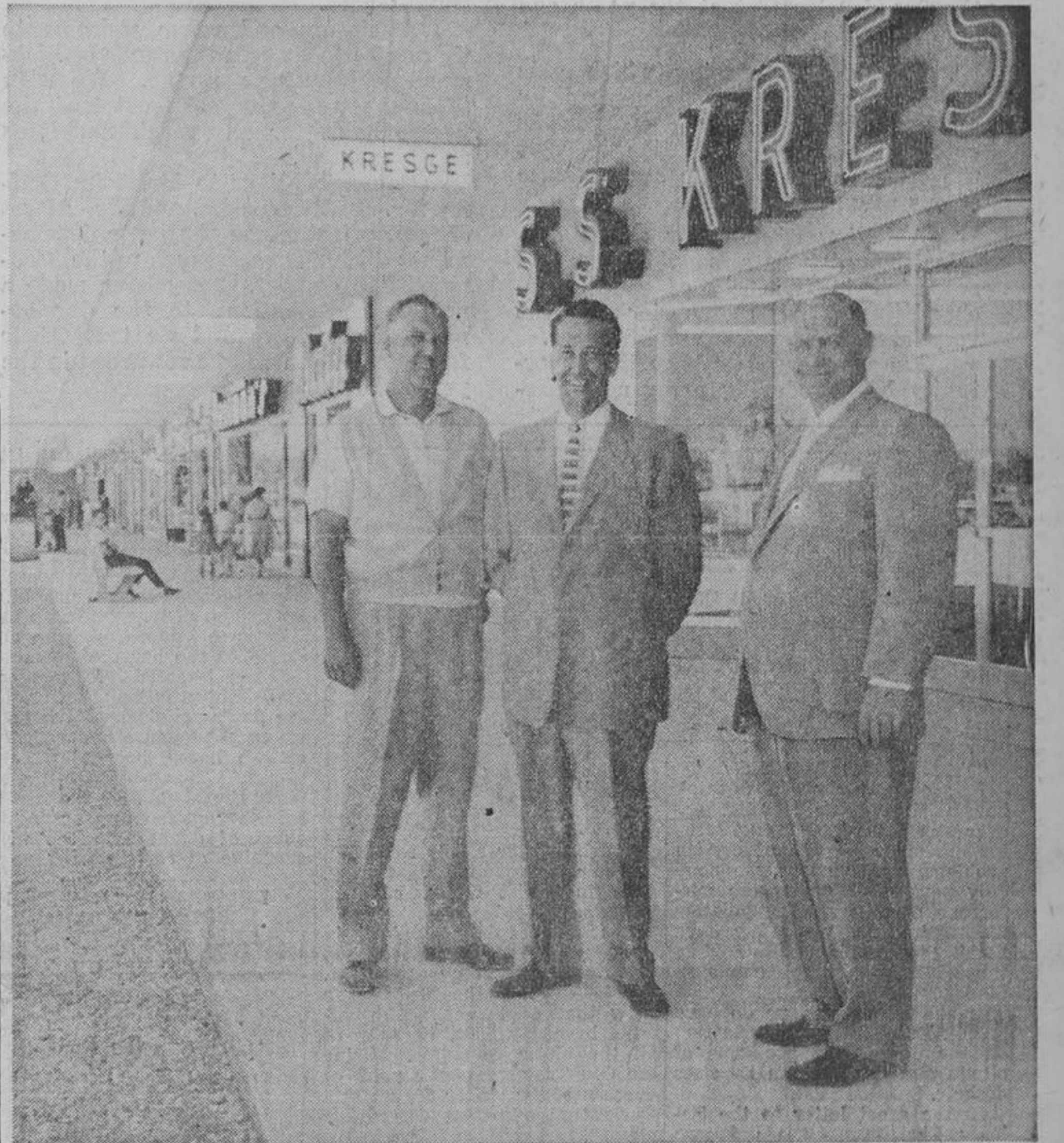
Deficits on bus operation have shown a steady increase this year.

Operating deficits paid were as follows:

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| January | \$271. |
| February | \$372. |
| March | \$393. |
| April | \$429. |
| May | \$542. |

The County's Finest

Many New Stores Open Doors At Richmond Heights Centre Opening Ceremonies June 16



THE MEN BEHIND THE PROJECT: Shown above wearing broad smiles as everything is whipped into shape for the Grand Opening tonight are the principals in the Richmond Heights Centre development. Left to right: John Griffin, Bert Grant Jr. and Albert Jacobs. — Photo by Lagerquist

"Give my regards to old Broadway" — because the new one is right here in Richmond Hill!

When the searchlights were turned on in Richmond Hill at Richmond Heights last night, they were lit to herald the biggest event in this town's history. For they marked today's — Thursday, June 16th, 1960 — Grand Opening of the Richmond Heights Centre, the biggest shopping centre — exclusive of anything Metro Toronto has to offer — under one Merchants' Association, in York County.

A total of fifty-eight stores are waiting to welcome you and your family, your relatives and friends — today, tomorrow and Saturday. And a royal welcome it is indeed.

Just last Friday, a crew of workmen were putting the finishing touches to the 4,800-ton bed of gravel, before pouring hot asphalt, to provide the biggest parking lot Richmond Hill and district has ever had. Signs, made locally, were all in place. Shops, some already open and doing business, others getting the last touches before Opening Day, had an aura of excitement about them as window displays were arranged with taste, beauty and practicality to say "Welcome—we're glad to be here to serve you."

And as we strolled along the 14 foot wide sidewalk on a pre-opening day tour, under the permanent marquee, we couldn't help exclaiming, "It's just like Broadway!"

Yet, just five years ago, when John Griffin, Albert Jacobs and Bert Grant, bought the site of the future Richmond Heights Shopping Centre, Mr. Griffin had to call on the help of a local farmer to cut the standing wheat in the fields, before he began the Richmond Heights subdivision, which then led to the building of the first section of the shopping centre on Leventdale Road.

Today the merchants who are already established on the south side of the Shopping Centre, have joined forces with the new shop owners, and have formed the Richmond Heights Merchants' Association.

All members will pay a yearly fee, and will participate in all promotions of the shopping centre — but more than that, all 58 stores will share in providing the people of Richmond Hill and surrounding districts with the diversified consumer's goods they require, day by day, week by week and year by year.

And another remarkable point is, because of this gigantic association, all store fronts will be maintained by the three-man partnership, so that as time goes by the centre will be further enhanced and beautified, possibly with landscaping, and flower-bordered grass strips, and kept

at least will be employed in the construction business), is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Grant stated, "What we are trying to do, is to give the shoppers a one-stop-shopping-centre." And when you visit the centre this weekend you will see exactly what he means.

Bert Grant began his construction work in Richmond Hill some little time ago when he built factories on Industrial and Enfield Roads. Then the three friends formed their partnership and after milling over plans for less than a year began construction on the shopping centre in the fall of 1959.

Next September, 10 more stores will be opened on the north side of the shopping centre, thus completing the biggest construction type of this kind to date in Ontario.

Mrs. Robertson's Motion Lost

Vaughan School Board Votes Keep Budget Details Secret

Approval Can. Tire Building

A motion by Trustee Mrs. Mona Robertson, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Ruth Hogg, that Vaughan Township Public School Board's approved budget figures for the current year be given to the press was defeated as Chairman H. A. Constable cast the deciding vote after Trustee Milton Savage and Sam Kaiser voted against the recommendation at Thursday evening's monthly public meeting of the board in the Vaughan Township Municipal Chambers.

Both Trustee Mrs. Robertson and Trustee Mrs. Hogg spoke in favour of more co-operative relations with the press. Trustee Mrs. Robertson said she believed the taxpayers were entitled to publication of the figures.

Chairman Constable while saying good press relations were desirable did not favour giving out information on a break-down of the budget. "We have enough problems without stirring up more of them," Chairman Constable said. He mentioned specifically the \$12,000 cost of transportation.

Trustee Savage did not see why the budget should be given out.

Trustee Kaiser was upset because the press last month had published remarks of the secretary. "Use the names on this board and not the secretary," Trustee Kaiser told the press. The press replied that it would gladly have used the names of the board had the board made a decision and told the secretary regarding whether or not a copy of the budget could be obtained as asked for by the press.

The meeting opened at 8:30 p.m. with all members of the board present. Minutes of the committee meetings held during the month were read and approved. The following items were contained in the approved committee minutes:

May 19th, information received by the board at the Management Committee meeting concerning a 250 home subdivision planned for the north side of Elgin Mills Sideroad between Yonge St. and Bathurst; the board to indicate

whether or not a school site is required in this subdivision. A letter was received from Concord ratepayers asking a member of the board to speak at a June meeting of the ratepayers association. Chairman Constable agreeing to attend. A grant of \$75.00 made to Vaughan Township Public School Athletic Association toward field day expenses on June 24th in Woodbridge. Edgeley Public School bell will be donated to the Pioneer Museum on Jane St. Only approved. (Continued on Page 18)

Approval of Canadian Tire Corporation appeared before council relative to their application to build a \$200,000 store and service centre at Yonge and Wright Streets. A revised plan was presented which it was stated conformed to all town by laws.

On motion of Reeve W. J. Haggart and Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker the application was approved subject to the approval of the Works Commissioner. An amendment by Councillor Broadhurst and Councillor Whillans that the application be referred to the Planning Board for a report was defeated.

Reeve Haggart opposed the Whillans' amendment because he said he didn't think it fair to have the proposal bounced back and forth continuously. "This is not the way to conduct municipal business" said the Reeve, "it only discourages those who plan to build here." The Reeve said the proposed building represented a worthwhile addition in assessment and the development should be encouraged. He said the only alternative would be to buy the lot at a very high price.

The motion of approval was opposed by Councillors Broadhurst and Whillans.

At a previous meeting Council had a recommendation from the Planning Board that the corner should be reserved for municipal use.

At the present time the Thornhaven School serves 33 children from the area bounded by Willowdale on the south, Oak Ridges on the north, Stouffville and Markham on the east, and Maple and King on the west.

A canvass will be made of all these communities including Thornhill and Richmond Hill. If it is a success, no further canvass will be required until 1962.

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