

12 Weekend Break-Ins—

# Markham And Vaughan "Blitzed" By Thieves

A dozen break-ins occurred in Vaughan and Markham Townships last Saturday night and early Sunday morning, with some money taken, a gold ring and a variety of service station goods. The break-ins included a half dozen homes in Thornhill, several telephone pay-booths in the Kleinberg area and a number of Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township service stations.

The Thornhill residences broken into are the property of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Percival, Elgin Street; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phelan, Dove Lane; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coleman, Elgin Street; Mr. and Mrs. George Leacock, Deanbank Road; Mr. and Mrs. M. Briden, Ida Street and the Fring home on Clarke Avenue.

The BP Service Station at Steeles and Yonge; Shelton-Mansell Motors in The Hill and Martin's White Rose Station west of Woodbridge were entered while would-be thieves were scared off at Maple's I.G.A. Store.

Entrance was made through a French window into the Percival home where money was taken from a drawer. The Phelan home was entered by a side door and again money belonging to the Phelan children, contained in a piggy bank, was lifted. The thieves got into the Briden home through the bathroom window. Here a gold engagement ring was stolen while a solid gold watch was ignored. Mrs. Briden said she thinks the marauders were frightened off before they could ransack the upstairs where there were several piggy banks containing a considerable sum of money.

Nothing was taken from the BP Station and Shelton-Mansell Motors. In both cases doors were forced. Martin's Service Station lost a considerable quantity of goods.

The thieves appeared to know what they wanted, for, with the exception of the thefts at Martin's Service Station, they shied away from anything which could not be disposed of readily by themselves or a go-between. Markham and Vaughan Township Police are continuing their investigation.

Mrs. Briden said: "I'm curious to know what kind of persons these break-in artists are. In many of the homes they entered they could see that the residences were those of young couples because they could see baby cribs and children's things about. But even these things had no effect on them. They seem to be totally lacking in social conscience. They

must be very unhappy persons." These latest break-ins follow by less than a few weeks several others in the townships and give rise to the feeling in several quarters that a well organized crime ring is operating.

## Couples Club At Emmanuel

The long awaited "Stewardship Sunday" brought great results to Emmanuel Church, Richvale. Over 40 men and women visited all church members with the result that they now have formed a married couples club—and 14 men are all set to start a new men's club.

Twenty good singers are now in the choir and all of the congregation are happy to see—and to hear—three new good tenors and baritones, Lionell Boswell, Bob Webster, and Harold Silk.

There are so many babies awaiting baptism that the Rector, Rev. Fred C. Jackson will have a waiting line. Five people—who, through age or infirmity—were unable to attend the church services, now have transportation arranged for them.

On Sunday, February 19th at a special 7:00 p.m. service, 125 Brownies and Girl Guides from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Richvale groups will attend on parade, under the guidance of Brown Owl and Group Commissioner Mrs. Florence Bigley.

# Wants Time To Study Vaughan Calls Temporary Halt To Four Proposed Subdivisions

Haunted by the gross imbalance of industrial-commercial and residential assessment and fearful that indiscriminate residential subdivision growth would place an unbearable financial burden on the taxpayers, Vaughan Township Council at their regular meeting Monday evening called a halt to all draft plans formerly approved by the municipality covering projected house-building until a thorough study of the entire situation can be made. Said Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson: "As matters stand draft plan approvals now involve about 3,000 lots. If these lots were allowed to develop it means the township would have to double its present number of schools and without industrial and commercial assessment to offset the load on residential property owners we would be in trouble." Said Councillor Wilfred Keffer after the meeting: "Our decision will no doubt give rise to concern among various would-be developers but soul searching is the order of the day. Let's not forget that this council was elected to deal with just this kind of situation."

First study will be given to four subdivision plans. They include Maple Glen, west of Maple, an 86-acre plot on which between 250-300 homes are projected; the Spring-Vaughan plan of subdivision, parts of lots 27, 28 and 29, Concession 1, the Stanwick plan, Concession 3 and the Bayg plan, which covers 30 acres at the northeast corner of Carrville Rd. at Bathurst.

Council said these plans were considered in relation to the anticipated impact such development might have on the township and: "It is recommended that council direct the staff to request the Metro Toronto Planning Board and Community Planning Branch of the province to delay 'draft' approval of these plans until such time as the township has had the opportunity to re-assess its position relative to the conditions to be imposed as part of the draft approval."

Appearing before council were Messrs. Ralph Greenstein and Samuel Freedman, principals of the Maple Glen Subdivision. They were flanked by representative J. D. Kenzie and an engineer-consultant, and requested, urgently, that speedy consideration be given to the subdivision which had received qualified approval

from the former council last July. At that time final approval was subject to the go-ahead sign from Metro and the Ontario Water Resources Commission in relation to a 120,000 gallon per day capacity disposal plant. The delegation said that it was their belief that if council approved the plan that Metro Planning Board would be impressed to the point remaining technical blocks between the principals, council and Metro could be resolved.

When council explained that it was withdrawing draft approvals of the last council until such time as the overall picture could be clarified to the satisfaction of the new council, dismay registered on the faces of the delegation. In a tone of suppressed anguish Mr. Kenzie said: "My principals have been negotiating with former councils for almost seven years. The plan has been approved and held up, approved and held up, time and again. We have met every requirement. We have gone backward and forward and sideways in our efforts to please the township. When the township demanded sanitary sewers, we agreed. When we were asked for paved streets we agreed. When the separation lot-fee was raised from \$300 to \$400 we went along. We have provided for an adequate school lot and are still negotiating with the school board. There's nothing we have been asked which we have refused to do. Now, could we be given some inkling as to how much longer we must wait for a decision? Is it to be an indefinite period of time?"

By End Of Month "Not indefinitely," said Councillor Ruth McConkey. "The Maple Glen plan will be the first to be considered because of its history." Bryson added that the township hoped to have the official plan approved by the province by the end of March when the present freezing plan expired. "Shall we say about the end of February?" suggested Councillor McConkey to Mr. Kenzie. "Will that be soon enough?" Mr. Kenzie, whose eyes said "bless you!" heaved a sigh and said: "We'll all sleep better tonight. Thank you very much."

## Too Many Now, Is Claim—

# Council Refuses Permit For Harding Gas Outlet

Twenty property owners from the Harding Boulevard area went home happy from Richmond Hill Town Council meeting on Monday evening. After objecting strenuously to the establishment of another gas station in the southern part of the town they saw members of council vote unanimously on a resolution moved by Councillor Tom Broadhurst and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Southwell. It declared that it would be the policy of the 1961 Council not to issue any more permits for the operation of gas stations during the year.

The Harding Boulevard delegation was led by H. R. Weeks, who declared that the proposed new Texaco station had little chance of success and that it would be a "nuisance" operation. Two local gas station operators, with Tony Puccini acting as spokesman, also registered opposition to the establishment of the new service station.

Committee Unenthusiastic Before reaching a decision, members of council heard a report from the building committee. In the town and immediately adjacent thereto, the report pointed out, there were 23 stations with one under construction. One of the main reasons in the locality proposed for the new Texaco station - was closed down. Investigation revealed that others were making a living only by working extremely long hours - up to ninety a week.

There would appear to be poor prospects for any more stations starting business in Richmond Hill unless with a dealership or related business, the report declared. Texaco should be required to justify its application for a

gasoline outlet by showing proof that a living could be made by the lessee and indicating where business would come from. The gain in assessment to the town was insignificant, the report concluded.

Should Advise Applicant It was no part of council's duty to decide on the economics of the situation, declared Councillor Tom Broadhurst. He did not feel that any more gas stations were needed, however. In declaring that he would vote against granting of a permit in the case in question, he suggested that applicants for building permits for a gas station should be advised that the Council would not issue permits for the operation of a station even if built.

## Mrs. Thomas Jackson Well Known Thornhill Resident Dies Suddenly

Her many friends in Thornhill, and especially the young people who had known her as a devoted Cubmaster, were shocked to hear of the sudden death last Friday, February 3rd, of Mrs. Thomas W. "Terry" Jackson. Mrs. Jackson passed away while at the Richmond Hill Curling Club, of which she was a member.

A resident of Thornhill since 1934, Mrs. Jackson was a popular Cubmaster and the Cubs in her charge were just as devoted to her as she was to them. She became Cubmaster of the 1st Thornhill Cub Pack in September 1947. From 1950 to 1951 she was District Cubmaster of the York Central District and served from 1951 to 1955 as Assistant District

## UW Club Hears Talk By Doctor Hardy Hill

"The specialized agencies of the United Nations organization do not make headlines because they are non-political, unlike the UN in New York," Dr. Hardy Hill told members of York County University Women's Club at its meeting Monday night at Kingcraft House, King City.

Dr. Hill has recently returned from a trip which began in Paris and ended in the Middle East, during which he observed the work of the UN agencies: the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Dr. Hill, whose home is in Richmond Hill, holds a Ph. D. in political science from the University of London, and is a member of the senate of Victoria University. He has taken students on tours to Europe to enable them to have a better understanding of other peoples and cultures, and has worked to establish the students' United Nations.

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## Reeve's Ire Raised At Recent Report Of Town Worker

"The public has a right to know what is going on, but the rights of town-employed personnel should also be protected," declared Mayor James Haggart at town council meeting this week, following a forceful complaint by Reeve Floyd Perkins.

"I never made such a statement," declared the reeve, repudiating a report which had appeared locally in a recently-issued publication. It concerned the refusal of leave of absence to a town employee. "We were justified in what we did," asserted Reeve Perkins, saying that the reasons which had been quoted were incorrectly reported.

Other members of council joined Reeve Perkins in expressing disapproval. "The reeve had asked that this be kept private," said Councillor Mrs. M. Southwell. Councillor Broadhurst said that, in such cases, he was willing to take the word of the committee which investigated the request. "This was an embarrassment to the man concerned," said the mayor, pointing out that considerable unnecessary embarrassment had been caused to a town employee. He hoped that in future the wishes of Council, where it was desired to protect the rights of an individual, would be respected.

vitiation of the countries where they operate, and here again they differ from the New York organization," he continued. "These agencies have come of age during the past crisis. One of President Eisenhower's last acts as president was to grant an additional \$1,000,000 to UNESCO work in Africa, which is a tribute to the agency."

Dr. Hill told the group that the objectives of UNESCO were to eliminate prejudices in the minds of children and to promote understanding of the spirit of national culture. The principle of human rights for all nations and peoples is stressed. In 1956 UNESCO had established or was associated with 40 schools in 20 countries, by 1960 there were 218 schools in 43 countries.

Dr. Hill illustrated the work of the agencies with color slides. He was assisted by Mrs. Hill, who had accompanied him on the tour. Speaking of the Middle East, Dr. Hill said that there were 153,000 refugees in Tripoli, and more than half a million in Jordan. The United Nations Relief Association had replaced the tents in the camps of the first refugees with cement huts, and UNESCO has provided schools.

Canada ranks third after the United States and Britain in sending wheat to the Middle East, he continued. The Food and Agriculture Association of the UN gives grants to responsible Arabs to help them become established, and has planted orchards on the Lebanese hills.

The cost of administration of UNICEF is paid completely by the UN and all UNICEF funds that are collected go directly to the aid of children, stressed Dr. Hill.

Dr. Hill was introduced by Miss Edna Izzard, and thanked by Miss Frances Hurst.

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