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Debate Next Monday

Report Shows Markham Finished '60 With Surplus

The long awaited auditor's report covering Markham Township's operations for 1960 finally reached council Monday evening but failed to set off the anticipated fireworks. Reeve W. R. Dean promised full public discussion of the report at next Monday's council meeting. Councillor S. Watson objected to any public discussion until the members have had an opportunity to digest the large volume. The report will be discussed at a finance committee meeting to be held Wednesday followed by public discussion next Monday. The report was prepared by the township auditors, Wilton Eddis & Co., and presented to council by Mr. Harris of that firm.

It showed the township is in good financial shape and that there will be no large deficit in the roads department. Mr. Dean stressed that the township has a net debt of only \$2,513,498.00 as of the end of 1960. Councillor C. Hooper who has been a strong critic of the 1960 road costs promised he will have several questions to ask once he has had time to study the report. Mr. Harris stated any deficit in the roads department could be covered by surpluses in other departments. Council is counting on \$11,000 road subsidies yet to be received from the province.

One thing the report did show was that tax collections were down in 1960 compared with the previous year. A total of 85.5% of available taxes was collected in 1960. In 1959 the figure was 88.6%.

Road Commission Approves Lights At Junction Of Yonge & King Road Next Move Up To Dept. Of Highways

The thousands and thousands of motorists who have fumed over the difficulty of turning on to Yonge Street from the King sidewalk at Oak Ridges may possibly have some relief in sight. The problem has been a bad one for years, especially on busy weekends. Drivers attempting to turn north during heavy Sunday traffic have found it nearly impossible to do so without an inordinately long wait.

That group petitioned King Township to take the matter up with responsible authorities. As a result township officials have received notification from Mr. D. Bosworth, maintenance engineer of the Toronto and York Roads Commission, that he sees no objection to the installation of lights. The next step, says King Township Clerk Harold Rose, is up to the Ontario Department of Highways. The matter has already been referred to that department.

U. of T. Professor Joins Committee

Workers On Local Hospital Scheme Visit Burlington To Add Knowledge

A group of people actively associated with the projected York Central Hospital, which is expected to be located in Richmond Hill, visited the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital at Burlington recently. Purpose of the visit was to add to knowledge being acquired in readiness for the construction and opening of the Richmond Hill institution.

ent time, for the new hospital. They were Mr. J. A. Robertson and Mr. W. Smith. The Burlington hospital is a 220-bed organization, standing on a twelve acre site. It cost \$2,985,000 to build. Brig. Storms announced this week that Dr. R. C. Laird had been added to the Medical Advisory Committee of the proposed Richmond Hill hospital. Dr. Laird is surgeon-in-chief at Western Hospital, Toronto, and is Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto Medical School. Surveying of sites for the new hospital is still continuing, with other preparatory work paralleling it.

Local Girl Chosen For Peace Corps



GRETHE DAHL
In about one month's time Miss Grethe Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dahl, Richmond Street, Richmond Hill, will be singing, "I know where I'm going" . . . but at the present time, as a member of the newly-formed Canadian Peace Corps, she only knows "it will be somewhere in Asia". For Grethe is one of the ten lucky Canadian University graduates chosen from the University of Toronto to serve as volunteer technicians in the less developed regions of the world. Comes the month of August and Grethe will be on her way to either India, Ceylon, or Sarawak in North Borneo.

recently, but it could only have happened to her and the other nine, because they had the high intellectual and moral calibre prerequisite to the call. **Richmond Hill Graduate**
Grethe Dahl was born in Toronto, moved with her parents to Maple, where she attended the old Maple Public School. In 1954, while she was in her third year at Richmond Hill High School, her parents moved to Richmond Hill and she graduated with the class of '57. That same year she started on a nursing course at the Toronto General Hospital, and after graduation last year began at once to take the Public Health nursing course at the University School of Nursing, Toronto.

Come On, Reeve! Loosen Up With That Quarter!



Reeve Floyd Perkins spends many hours during the year wondering whether or not to approve the spending of Richmond Hill taxpayers' money. On Saturday, as illustrated in the top picture, he spent some time wondering whether to loosen up with his own "two-bits". The grim look on the face of tophatted and mustachioed Douglas Boyd, one of those at the Spring Fair staged by the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society who sported costumes of yesterday, seems to be imploring the Reeve to loosen up so that business can be proceeded with. The girl with the charming smile (to which the Reeve finally

succumbed) and the pie is Mrs. Jack Rumney. Remaining member of the quartette is Mrs. Douglas Boyd, with her sense of humour making up for her husband's grimness. The "Oh did you hear . . ." expressions on the faces of the quintette of attendants in their old-fashioned dresses indicate that a spicy bit of scandal is being passed around. The ladies, seen in the bottom picture, were attendants at the Spring Fair, except Mrs. James Haggart, wife of the Mayor, seen at the left. Others from the left, are Miss Gladys McLatchy, Mrs. Reginald Williams, Miss Helga Sibold, Mrs. R. MacDonald. - Lagerquist

Closing Of Post Office At Thornhill Only Rumour So Far, Survey Discloses

By Alex Sjoberg
Is the Thornhill post office to be closed? Current rumours to the effect that it will be, with deliveries being made from Richmond Hill, are going the rounds.

A survey of village residents and businessmen by "The Liberal," made last week, elicited conflicting opinions as to the practicality of such a move by postal authorities. A call to the Post Office Public Relations Department, Toronto, brought word from one official that a survey is being made in connection with requests for delivery service. Other than adding that the wishes of the public will be met when all the facts are in, no firm official position was stated.

Businessmen in the immediate vicinity of the post office expressed the opinion that they had no complaints relative to getting their mail promptly. One professional man, however, said he was moving to another postal area to insure that his business mail will be delivered promptly. He said: "From my personal point of view, the present set-up is extremely inconvenient. Quite often mail from Woodbridge, for example, takes two days to reach me. This type of delay is murder for one in my line."

Board Will Adjust Eight Salaries To Put All Teachers On Same Base

"This is tidying up," said Vice-chairman Harold Sanderson of the Richmond Hill Public School Board as members discussed at some length a carefully detailed salary schedule prepared by Superintendent Gordon McIntyre. Study of the schedule led to a revelation that eight teachers were out of line by comparatively small amounts. Trustees decided to bring them into line with other teachers on a similar service basis, effective September 1st, 1961.

The decision was opposed by Trustee Mrs. Irene Worrall, who maintained that the increases should be made retroactive to September, 1960. There was a moral obligation, she said. Other trustees took a different view, pointing out that salaries paid had been strictly in accordance with the contracts between the board and the teachers involved. Only two members of the board, Trustees Williams and Worrall, voted for the retroactive arrangement. **Informative Document**
The new schedule does not simply provide a clear listing of the Richmond Hill salary scale at all levels and on all grades of experience. It indicates clearly what increments are given and what a teacher's salary would be at any given time point. A further effort to change salaries was made by Mrs. Worrall when remuneration of vice-principals was discussed. Her suggestion was that, in cases where a vice-principal had not been named in a school, one teacher should be designated to take charge in the event that the principal was away, and should be paid \$200 extra. This would involve such duties as closing up the school if the principal had left first, for instance, to attend a meeting at the board's headquarters. The majority of trustees were not in favour.

Dry Since 1906

Markham Ratepayers Vote On Liquor Beer Sales, Cocktail Lounges, June 21

Vandermaas Promoted In Works Department

Construction inspector J. Vandermaas will become assistant works commissioner, Richmond Hill Town Council decided this week. His salary range is to be \$5-6000 with annual increments of \$200. His starting salary in his new position is to be adjusted as, when he took the job, it was at \$500 per year less than had been anticipated.

Markham Township residents will go to the polls on Wednesday, June 21st, to decide if they wish to permit the retail sale of liquor and beer within the municipality and the establishment of dining rooms and cocktail lounges. There will be no vote on beer parlours. Markham has been dry since 1906. On a recorded vote the members all voted in favour of referring the matter to the people for a decision. Council decided to call a vote as permitted under Provincial legislation without the benefit of a petition from the ratepayers.

Leader of the wet forces, Planning Board Chairman Hugh Brennan, waited on council at its meeting Monday to request a vote before the summer months. The Provincial liquor authorities will not allow a vote to be held during July & August. Mr. Brennan made his first request for a vote last August and council at that time referred the matter to the 1961 administration. Mr. Brennan in his brief to council stated the introduction

Landers, Frary, Clark Plant "Very Busy"

Rehiring Of 12 Laid-off Employees, Rush Of Orders, Sparks Local Plant

By F. J. Pickering
Words just about as pleasant as anyone would want to hear in this part of the world under present conditions provided the opening of a conversation with a Richmond Hill industrialist this week.

was the firm's first Richmond Hill activity. The line has expanded to the point where, in addition to kettles, electric frying pans, percolators, steam and dry irons, toasters, grills and vacuum cleaners are now assembled. In addition, all the company's service work is done here. (Memo to housewives: If you want some good second-hand toast you'll find boxes of it in the Centre Street plant. The testing of repaired toasters is done with real honest-to-goodness slices of bread.)

Incidentally, the women who do the repairing and testing are housewives in practically every case, themselves. The plant's management thinks they are tops. And it's suspected that the feeling is mutual for, says Mr. Williamson, when he wants additional staff all he has to do is pass the word and the applicants turn up without further ado. That of course may be hard on newspapers which live by advertising but it reflects a happy condition of employee-employer relations.

Rehiring of 12 laid-off employees, rush of orders, sparks local plant. The local plant in Richmond Hill is a branch of the company of the same name operating in Weston, Ont. The Weston plant, which took over the well-known Everbright aluminum products company in 1956, manufactures pots, pans and parts. The Richmond Hill plant does the assembly work. Completed articles are trucked back to Weston and go to final destinations across the Dominion from there.

Some residents in the Doncaster area took a tolerant view of unavoidable and infrequent human failure relative to the mail service in general, but several said that at the same time house to house deliveries would not be fought.

One of the main reasons for the company locating in the Hill was the availability of the right type of labour. The very first girl who was taken on the staff, Mrs. Brenzell of Sussex Avenue, is still with the firm, and is now serving as Mr. Williamson's assistant.

Seven men are on the staff, which, at its top point, is usually 90% female. One came from Weston, the others are local. The two men taken on this week are that many less on the unemployment rolls. One of them was laid off in Newmarket last September. The other had also been off work for a long time.

"The Liberal" is on the right track," said Mr. Williamson as the happy occurrence of people being re-employed was discussed. "There should be an employment office in Richmond Hill so that those wanting to employ people can get in touch with them," he asserted. He wasn't too happy about the National Employment Service and its way of handling people, he declared, giving several illustrations. He wondered why there should be an office at Newmarket when the Richmond Hill area, with a far greater pop-

ulation, was not given any service at all. Fortunately, he repeated, his own staff were the best recruiting agents.

Co-operation of local organizations and civic employees came in for praise from the Landers, Frary and Clark manager. It had been first class, he asserted.

One councillor suggested that members of council "divvy up" the cost of a banquet for the youngsters but found no seconder. Another one was scared that the winning of championships might become a regular Richmond Hill habit and, as such, a costly performance.

Sinking their fears of such a happening, a majority of councillors decided that the expenditure of the very few dollars which it would take to say "well done" to the new Ontario Champions would not be grudging by taxpayers. The banquet will be held at an early date.

COMING EVENTS
"Coming Events," the community directory of interesting dates to remember in coming weeks, appears on page three of this issue.

H. S. Chairman Wrong, Councillors Assert

Mayor Gets Backing Of Town Council As High School Budget Is Discussed

Markham Receives Support On Discount Store

Markham Township Council received a petition at its meeting Monday supporting its stand on the proposed establishment of the Towers Discount Store on Yonge Street just north of Thornhill proper. The petition containing 23 names approved the rezoning of parts of Lots 32 and 33 Concession 1 from residential to highway commercial. The actual area covered extends from the northern limits of Thornhill to south of Heinzmans Lane fronting on Yonge Street. The covering letter was signed by G. W. Campbell-Smith.

Reeve W. R. Dean stated the petition will be used to support council's case at the Municipal Board hearing at which time the proposed rezoning will be ruled on.

The letter to which he took objection was one written by board chairman Eric Axelson to members of the high school board, said Mayor Haggart. He said that Mr. Axelson had stated to other trustees that he did not feel like calling a special meeting to discuss the \$40,000 from the budget unless the trustees wished him to do so. **One Paragraph Resented**
He resented one paragraph in particular, said Mayor Haggart. It said to trustees, referring to the Mayor's attitude with regard to the dropping of the \$40,000 — "For your guidance no other member of the town council objected to the item after the rea-

sons for it had been explained." That, said the Mayor, he could not think was correct. He felt that council should back him by asserting that its members did want the \$40,000 contingency fund subtracted from the budget. **Interpretation Wrong**
Councillor White moved and Councillor Broadhurst seconded a motion that all councillors were in accord with removal of the item. Mr. Axelson was completely wrong in his interpretation of council's attitude, asserted Councillor Broadhurst. "It wouldn't do the high school board any harm to reconsider," said Councillor Mrs. Southwell.