

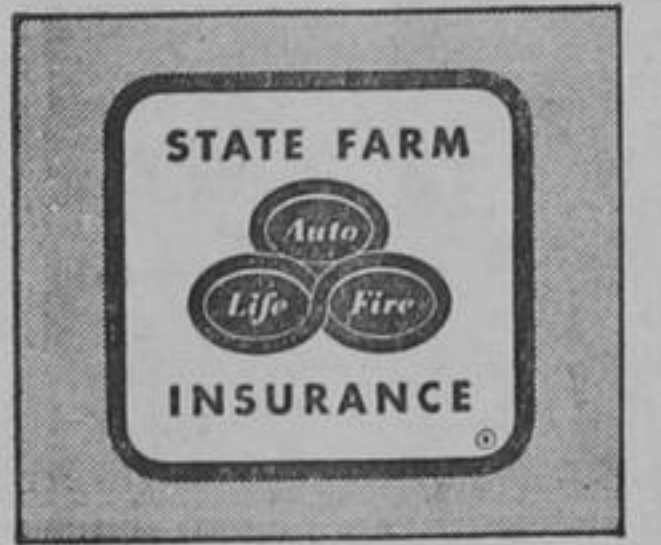
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Public School Board "Housekeeping" Helps Preserve Taxpayers' Property

Duties of a public school board are many and varied. Not the least of them is the job of superintending buildings on which many thousands of dollars of ratepayers' money have been spent.

Some indication of the duty is given by the maintenance budget of the Richmond Hill Public School Board for 1961. It totals \$22,520. That covers actual maintenance work having to do with the preservation of buildings only.

McConaghy School Bill For instance the budget calls for the expenditure of \$7,670 on the McConaghy School on Yonge Street South — Richmond Hill's oldest during the year. The largest item on what might be called the "repair bill" is \$4,300, which will be spent to replace windows on the west side of the building.

The Walter Scott School maintenance budget will chew up \$5,560. The largest expenditure there will be \$2,500 for replacing incandescent lights. That seems to be a fairly big bill, but trustees have estimated that, besides giving better lighting, the saving in power alone will pay for the installation in a few years.

The Beverley Acres school will employ \$3,460 of the taxpayers' money. It will go on a variety of items, including sodding and seeding for the exterior of the school. Just like any other housekeeper, the Public School Board will have to pay for those things which, in spite of all the care and economy in the world, have to be taken care of. Repairs to the heating system, for instance,

paving walks. Two hundred and fifty of them will help to keep the youngsters safe, as they will go for guard rails on windows. Touching-up of paint throughout the building will use another three hundred.

Pleasantville school, newest of them all, will not call for any immediate maintenance expenditures. The work required on it will be taken care of from the debenture account from which payments for the new school were made.

Like any householder, the Public School Board will need new tools, lumber and nails and hardware. \$2,270 will be spent on them.

So, while taxpayers are busy earning the dollars which will help keep the schools going during the next year, the Public School Board will be busy spending part of the money which they have paid in this year, keeping their buildings in good shape for them and their youngsters.

Vaughan, King Townships Will Gain In Employment From Flood Control

Vaughan and King Townships stand to acquire considerable employment benefits in the future from the recent announcement that the Federal and Ontario governments will share up to 75 per cent of the projected \$24 million flood control works relative to the Don and Humber watersheds in Vaughan, two dams north of Kleinburg, with the most northerly one straddling the Vaughan-King boundary, will in each case give employment to as many as 1,000 men at one time.

Ken Higgs, Director of Operations of the Metropolitan Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority, told "The Liberal" that each dam will mean about three years' work, and form part of the six-dam plan for the Humber River. Neither dam has been scheduled as of the moment.

Another project to benefit Vaughan is the still-to-be-scheduled reservoir on the Don which will flood back up on the Jack Fraser farm at Dufferin and Highway 7.

At Woodbridge a major canalization job, on which the engineering has already started, will deepen and widen the Humber at that point and provide employment for about 100 men. This job likely will get underway later in the year.

A provisional \$1,000 grant by the Ontario government will enable the Authority to make a preliminary stream survey on the Don, Etobicoke, Humber and Rouge River and Highland Creek. The overall master plan calls for construction of dams, reservoirs and channel improvements along the Humber and Don Rivers and Black Creek, as well as for use of flood-plain lands for flood control and recreational purposes along Etobicoke, Highland, Duffin and Mimico Creeks and the Rouge River. Because these projects lend themselves to year-round work, it is anticipated by observers that winter work programs in the years to come will be facilitated.

Information On Education!

By Public Relations Committee, Richmond Hill Public Sch. Bd.

9-00 to 4-00 - PLUS When an individual graduates from Teachers' College he or she is awarded a certificate making him eligible to teach in Public Schools. To the ambitious and conscientious teacher this is only the beginning of a dual career as teacher and student. In addition to the regular school day when they are imparting their knowledge to our children, many after school hours and holiday periods are spent as students when they participate in the various courses for teachers designed to broaden their knowledge and increase their efficiency. One such course is the In-Service and the following is a report of the most recent one made available to our Staff: Forty-five teachers, 27 of whom teach in Richmond Hill, have just completed a Social Studies In-Service Course consisting of 80 hours work. This amount of study, plus an assignment, is approximately equivalent to a Department of Education summer course or attendance at a university course. Mr. Edgar Metcalfe, B. A., assisted by a committee of teachers, set up the course, after the whole group was polled for its needs and interests in the field of Social Studies teaching. "Art in Marco Polo's China and Livingstone's Africa," "Oceanography," "Pupil tests, notebooks and projects," "Climatology," "Conceptual Thinking in Social Studies" were some of the topics pursued by the participants. The course was financed by a registration fee which was paid by each person attending. In addition to our Richmond Hill teachers, 17 people came from such places as Thornhill, Newmarket, Markham Township, Woodbridge, Jefferson, Richvale and Aurora. The planning committee felt very fortunate in obtaining the services of many outstanding people in this field. Some speakers have been: Mr. D. Balmer, B.A., a Toronto Vice Principal, Mr. W. G. Stone, B.A., M. Sc., a master from Lake-Sheridan Teachers' College, Mr. H.A. Scott, a Scarborough Inspector, Mr. G. L. McDiarmid, B. A., B. Ed., one of our Richmond Hill principals, Mrs. E. N. Rutherford, a Toronto Teacher, Mr. D. Cleo, B.A., M. Sc., F.R.G.S., a master from Toronto Teachers' College, Mrs. D. Hoover, Ontario College of Art, and Miss E. Martin, Royal Ontario Museum.

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Hill Couple Married In Toronto

A pretty Toronto wedding in Asbury West United Church, April 15 joined a Richmond Hill couple in marriage, when Donna Jean Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rankin, became the bride of Mr. Cyril Leno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Leno. Rev. Gordon Hunter officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was beautiful in her wedding gown of French lace and silk organza over taffeta. A crown of crystal held her finger-tip illusion veil and she carried a cascade of white roses. The matron of honour, Mrs. Sheila Polhamus, sister of the bride, Mrs. Phyllis Wylie, sister of the groom, and flower girl, Miss Lynne Standing, were all gowned alike in crystal blue silk organza over taffeta with matching headpiece, and carried cascades of roses and ivy. Best man was Mr. John Wylie, brother-in-law of the groom, and ushers

United Church Sponsor Civil Defence Session Planned For Thornhill

A two-hour civil defence training session will be sponsored by the Metro Civil Defence Organization and Thornhill United Church on May 4. Rev. Hugh MacDonald said the meeting will get under way at 8 sharp and will feature films and lectures by competent defence personnel, geared to how to survive a nuclear attack.

The meeting is open to everyone in the area interested in civil defence, said Mr. MacDonald. "Following this session, we'll find out how many are interested in a more detailed course and take steps accordingly," he said. He added that much remained to be done before civil defence programs in general could be considered satisfactory. The names of the two films to be shown are, "The H.Bomb" and "The Day Called X."

Finalized Report From Auditors For Markham Twp. Now Available

Markham Township will not receive a subsidy of \$11,500 on over-expenditure of \$23,000 on the road account last year, councillors learned at their meeting this week. A letter from the Department of Highways said that it was not the practice to grant additional subsidies unless the expenditure had been approved first. No comment was made by council members.

Application for this amount had been made by Markham Township some time ago, when it was understood that there was a possibility of it being paid. A further amount of approximately \$48,000, spent over and above the 1960 budget, is understood to be in line for a subsidy of fifty per cent. Township officials say that the amount was authorized by the Department of Highways in 1960.

The long-awaited finalized auditor's report is now in the hands of councillors and is likely to be discussed at the regular council meeting next week. It is asserted that 1960 accounts payable, which were claimed at one time to be "held under the table" at the end of the year, are included in the statement as a township liability. Also included as an offsetting asset is the amount of provincial subsidy due thereon, it is said.

Nature Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalist Club was held on April 21. Many interesting observations were reported, including golden-crowned kinglets, white winged crossbills, a bluebird, red crossbills, swans and woodcock.

Dr. D. H. Pimlott drew the attention of the meeting to a study of Wilson's Snipe being conducted by Dr. Tuck of Newfoundland. Anyone having observations concerning these birds is requested to contact Dr. Pimlott at Turner 4-2375, who will provide the necessary forms.

Harvey Jackson 52 Vaughan Resident

Though in failing health for some time past, the death of Mr. Harvey Jackson of Lot 20, Concession 6 Vaughan, on April 14th came as a profound shock to his family and friends in this agricultural area, where Mr. Jackson had lived, farmed and taken an active interest in community life in the district for most of the fifty-two years of his life.

President R. V. Campbell, announced the imminent availability of a badge for the members of the Richmond Hill Naturalist Club.

The speaker of the evening was Professor Gordon Townsend, Head of Apiculture at the Ontario Agricultural College. With illustrated slides, he expounded the history of bee-keeping in Europe, where it has flourished for many centuries. He had interesting slides on the bee-keeping industry in South America and Mexico, where it has been developed into a very profitable enterprise. He also mentioned new methods and scientific experiments under development with bees today.

A trip to Willow Beach was discussed for this May. The details will be found in the next bulletin. Regular field trips are planned for each Sunday until the middle of May, leaving the town hall at 1:30.

Amateur Artists To Have Showing At Town Library

The work of Richmond Hill's amateur artists is to go on display for the benefit of their fellow-citizens. On Saturday, April 29th, at 2 p.m., Mr. Howard Eubank, B.A., B. Paed., principal of the Bayview High School, will officiate at the opening of a showing of the work of those who, to use their own description, "paint for fun."

It will be on display in the Public Library and may be seen by all citizens during the hours at which the library is open, as well as Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5. The showing will continue for two weeks. Some 70 paintings will be hung.

The art group is staging the display "Just growned." Its members are Pauline Spurgeon, Eileen Robertson, Harold Howarth, Madeline Howart, Vern Lindsay, Rod Street, Florence Williamson, Phyllis Magvas, Tom Lambert, Douglas Boyd.

All are pupils of the well-known artist, Otto Grebze of Thornhill, whose works were shown in the Library last year, and commanded a great deal of appreciation. Mr. Grebze instructs the "amateur artists" as a group every Saturday morning.

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