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Dean, Haggart, Rutherford Want Mutual Problem Discussions

Municipal Heads Favour Revival Of Co-ordination

Joint Meeting On Water Situation May Lead To Further Co-operation

Greater co-operation between the Town of Richmond Hill and the Markham and Vaughan Townships, with the restoration of the former co-ordinating committee through which the three municipalities discussed mutual problems, became a likelihood this week.

"Our approach to municipal problems is all wrong. Boundaries are expensive. We should all be amalgamated," Mayor James Haggart told a special meeting held in Vaughan Township Council Chambers. His statement was partly concurred in by Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan and Reeve Wilfred Dean of Markham insofar as provision of some public services was concerned.

Co-operation was long overdue, said Councillor Ruth McConkey, chairman of the Vaughan Township Council's water committee, which had arranged the meeting in an endeavour to find a solution to the Elgin Mills water problem. "It was a bad error that Vaughan ever pulled out," she declared.

Good Idea, Says Perkins
"The re-establishment of the co-ordinating committee is a good idea," said Reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill. He complimented Reeve Rutherford on his stand. "There are also other problems in which we should be working together, such as a district incinerator," he declared.

The discussion broadened to take in the projected hospital, with Mayor Haggart suggesting that services for it should be provided on a three-way basis. Talking about the necessity for co-ordinating other services, municipal representatives pointed out that a situation could easily arise where water and sewer lines of different corporations could be running practically side by side.

No definite decision as to revival of a co-ordinating committee was reached but post-meeting discussions made it appear likely that some action would be taken by leaders of the three municipalities in the near future.

Markham Reeve Favourable
"I am more than pleased to have your suggestions of co-operation," said Reeve Wilfred Dean of Markham Township. He pointed out that a previous

Shure And They're Welcome!
Hill Man Is Pathfinder For Invasions By Irish

Pound for pound and year for year, a chummy Belfast Irishman now living in the Hill probably has done more than the average individual to increase Canada's population.

Walter Duncan, 30, who appears to have been the unwitting advance agent for the Belfast Duncans, landed in Toronto eight years ago. Now there are 21 Duncans of different shapes, sizes and ages in the Hill, Markham and Georgetown, and there would be 25 but for the fact that four members of the tribe moved on from Toronto to Detroit.

Walter, married to the former Ursula Carson, also of Belfast, was a bridegroom of one month when he landed in Toronto eight years ago. After a variety of jobs in the Metropolitan Toronto area he, his wife and three children settled at 106 Cartier Cres., Richmond Hill, three years ago. The children are Carol, 8, Mike, 7, and Paul, 6.

A sheet metal worker for an aircraft manufacturer at Milton, Walter is also building up his own heating business in the Hill.

Twin Came First
Twin brother George was the first of five brothers to follow him to Canada after he sent back word that the new land had plenty of breathing space, excellent job and career opportunities, pleasant people and an invigorating climate which was a considerable improvement over the old land's dampness.

George, his wife and their two children now live in Detroit where the husband works for General Motors.

Brother William and his wife followed George. They are established at Georgetown where William, too, is an aircraft worker. They have two children. In rapid succession, then, brothers Herbert, Victor and Thomas headed for Canada, taking up residence in the Hill. Herbert is employed by a soap company. He and his wife have three children. Thomas, a TCA worker, is the father of three children. Victor, a steam fitter, is single.

Will Become Permanent
Two years ago Walter's mother came to the Hill for a visit and stayed 18 months. Meanwhile, Walter's father, Victor senior, came over to see what was going on and agreed with his wife that they should stay. Mrs. Duncan is now back in Belfast arranging the sale of the Duncan property prior to coming back for good.

So, counting sons and daughters, wives and parents, Canada now is the richer by 21 persons. There Could Be More

Mr. Duncan senior, temporarily making his home with



Walter, said there are two more sons and a daughter still in Belfast and it is anyone's guess as to when they will have completed the invasion from Ireland.

"We're well content here," said the father. "None of us want to go back. Without taking anything away from the old land, conditions here are much better. Back home most working class people live a hand-to-mouth existence compared to Canadians. Over there, for example, it's pretty hard for a young couple to save enough for the down payment on their own home, and rents are too high in relation to wages and salaries."

Court Location
Distinct progress was being made in the effort to have criminal and traffic cases handled by courts in Richmond Hill, Mayor Haggart told members of town council Monday. Negotiations which were being conducted with authorities were progressing satisfactorily. Town council, in order to permit arrangements to go ahead, recorded agreement in principle.

At present criminal and traffic cases are heard in Newmarket, with traffic cases also being heard at Buttonville and Maple. Loss of time and added expense are caused for local citizens who have to appear in courts. Hit hard are local police forces whose members have to go to court on cases. An early decision on the location of courts is not unlikely, informed sources say.

Newkirk Road Extension Is Going Ahead

A further step in the extension of Newkirk Road from Centre Street East to the Markham Road was taken by Richmond Hill Town Council at its Monday meeting, with the Mayor and town clerk being authorized to secure options on the land required for the extension.

No Building Fee To Be Levied On Fallout Shelters

Those citizens wanting to build fallout shelters in Richmond Hill will not have to pay a fee for a building permit, Richmond Hill Town Council decided this week in reply to a query from Building Inspector J. L. Hollowell.

In a letter to Council Mr. Hollowell pointed out that no fee was levied in Toronto and other municipalities, providing the type of shelter recommended by the Emergency Measures Organizations, and approved structurally by the National Building Code of the National Research Council was followed.

A building permit must be obtained if a fall out shelter is of any other design, or constructed any place other than the basement of a dwelling, since a great deal of time would have to be spent inspecting other than the approved type, it was pointed out.

"People should be encouraged to build shelters," declared Mayor Haggart as the usual fee was washed out by Council.

Council also decided to petition the Department of Municipal Affairs to allow municipalities to declare that shelters were not assessable for tax purposes.

Bayview Lights To Be Improved

Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill may get better lighting. Present lighting, Councillor Tom Broadhurst complained, when the matter was raised by Mayor Haggart, was very spotty. Councilors, at their Monday meeting, gave unanimous approval to a request to the local Hydro-Electric Commission to investigate and report what was needed.

Need of improved lighting was greater because the opening of the Bayview had increased traffic, said the Mayor.

Council also agreed that a suggestion by the local Commission, which would see eleven new street lights installed on Newkirk Road from South Taylor Mills Drive to the Elgin Mills Road, plus the installation of four lights on Centre Street East from the CNR crossing to Sussex Avenue.

Realtors Say Shelters Wanted Greater Interest Shown In Areas North Of City

The protracted cold war between east and west, with resultant world tensions, appears to have set off an under-swell of new construction thinking which could have a definite effect on the home-building picture in the Hill and district. Realtors reported this week that there is a rising interest in both fall-out shelters and in real estate areas north of Steeles Avenue.

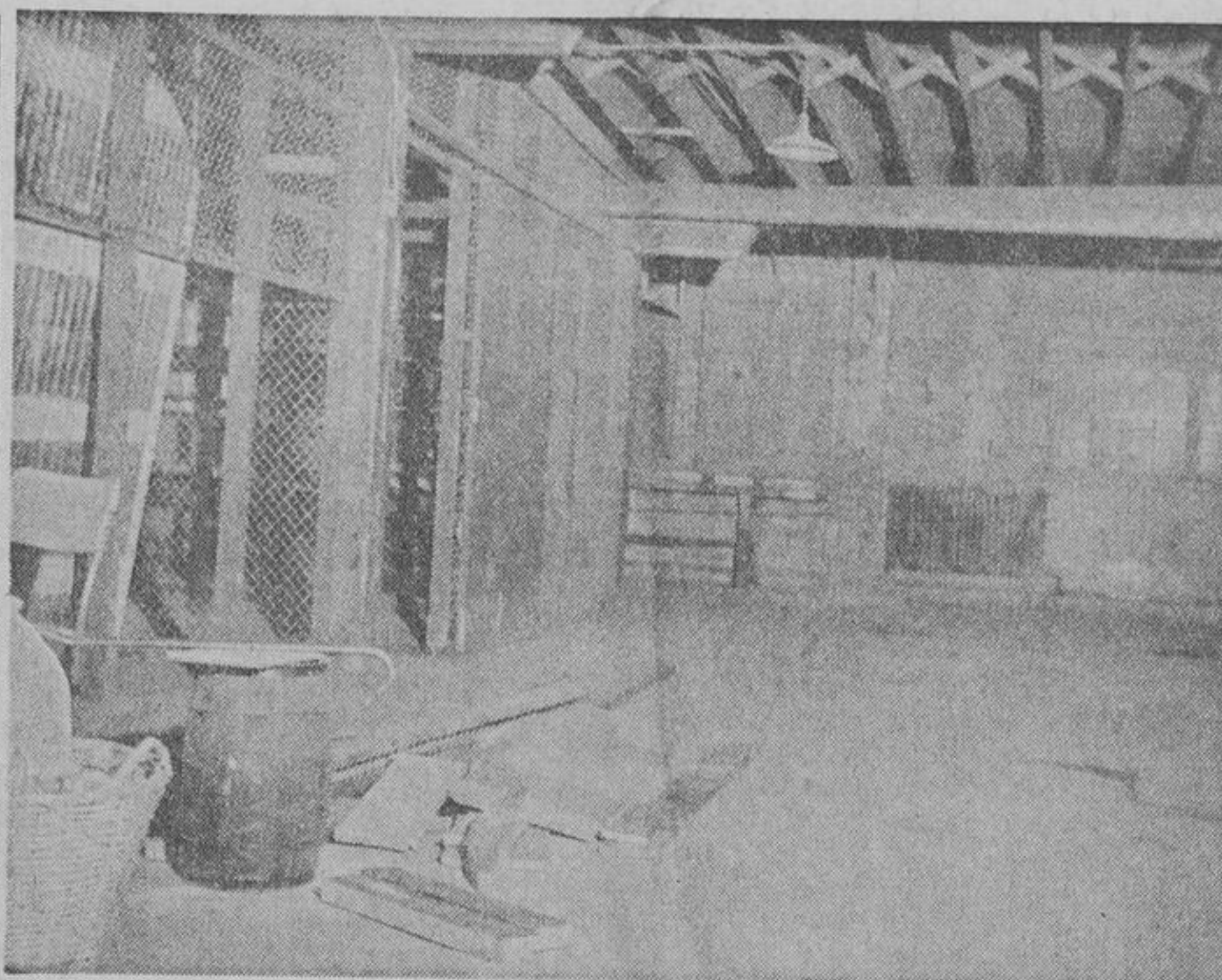
Realty salesman Frank Barrett of the Charles Marple firm said he recently received an inquiry from a potential home-owner wanting a complete fall-out shelter as an integral part of the residence he plans to have built.

Realtor David McLean said that a client approached his firm with a fall-out shelter booklet in his hand. This client was not interested in a new home unless a shelter could be properly incorporated in it. Mr. McLean went on: "One builder we know is considering building future homes with shelters which could also be employed as modified recreation rooms, at no extra cost to the buyer."

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Realtor Tom Murphy also reported some interest in fall-out shelters among potential clients but said he was not in a position as yet to properly assess the significance of such interest.

Hay Fever Shelter
Mr. Barrett said that despite the seriousness of the world situation and the general tension experienced by the populace as a whole, humour continues to be a saving factor. "One chap who is interested in a new home complete with a fall-out shelter suggested that when and if the political climate improves and removes the threat of war, shelters could be put to various peace-time uses, adding that a shelter could be used as a fruit cellar, a storage room and a safe retreat for hay fever sufferers."



Actors Turn Artisans - Build Own Theatre

Richmond Hill's Curtain Club's new headquarters are pictured here, undergoing repairs and alterations which have transformed the former garage of Canadian Tire Corporation into a small but completely modern theatre. Enthusiastic amateur actors turned into artisans for the changeover. In the top left picture some of them are seen working on the curtain track and lighting fixtures. Len Jones reaches up at the left while Denny Featherstonhaugh, John Rolls, Carl Weinsheimer and John Postlethwaite either do jobs or offer advice. The picture below it shows the view from the stage, while the top right one shows what the amateur actors and contractors started with. The theatre will seat an audience of 90.

Says Downtowns To Remain Strong

Re-development Report To Be Made On Oct. 11, Consultant Tells Board

The report which will give considerable length the principles which were guiding him in making his survey. He reiterated the opinion he expressed when making a former progress report, to the effect that planning should be based on the assumption that the Hill would reach a population of 50,000 by 1980. This, he pointed out, was based on natural increase plus certain factors such as location.

"Cores" Remain Strong
In his report the planning consultant emphasized that centres of established communities such as Richmond Hill were unlikely to succumb. While shopping centres served certain useful purposes he felt that they did not provide the wide variety of services which were needed in a community. The banks, he declared, held the opinion that central cores of communities would continue to be the pivot of activities.

Professor Potvin advised members of the two groups to whom he was reporting that he had made contact with outside bodies whose activities and influences would have an effect on any planning that might be done to rehabilitate the town's older sections. He made it clear that this had been done in order to provide the fullest possible information when his final report was presented.

CNR Marshalling Yards Work Said On Schedule

Work on the C.N.R. Marshalling Yard is proceeding on schedule, according to Bridge Engineer A. E. Oulton. Included in his progress report was the fact that about 15 per cent of the terminal yard has been graded. This entire project is a 4 million cubic-yard earth removal job.

The big bridge located at Keele just above Steeles separating vehicular traffic from the rail line is having the finishing touches put on it. The concrete deck has been poured and is ready for its asphalt surface.

The bridge at Highway 400 separating rail and vehicular traffic is being constructed by the Department of Highways in conjunction with the Steeles Avenue grade separation and work here is going well, said Mr. Oulton. The top of the structure's steel is to be placed any day.

Meanwhile the yard entrance bridge separating three sets of tracks from another, is ready. It is between Keele and Jane Streets, north of Steeles Avenue.

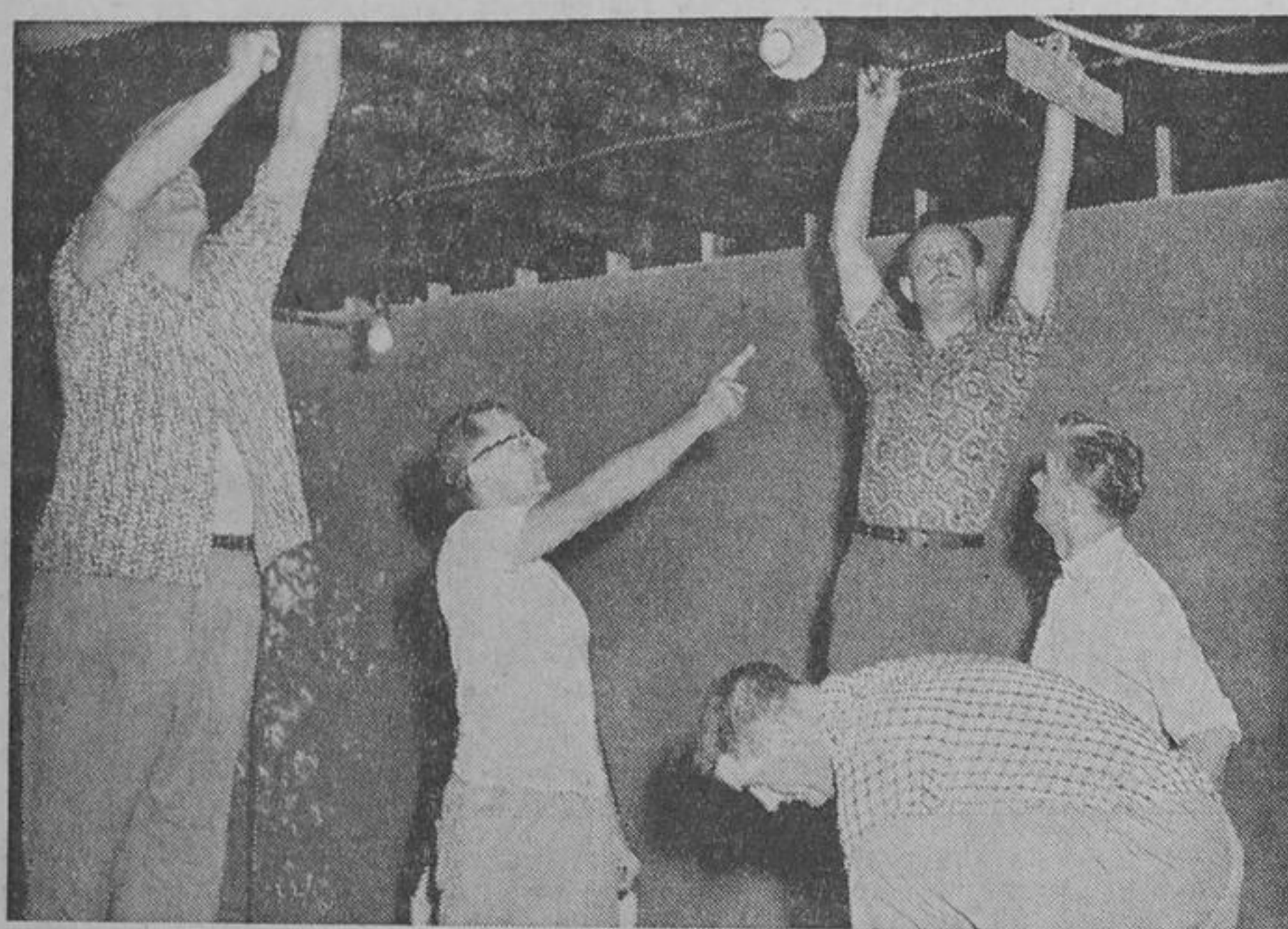
The electronically-operated yard will utilize a rise in the ground for gravitational flow for classifying freight cars and when fully operative will accommodate 6,000 cars a day, and will mean a monthly pay-roll of \$500,000.

The 4 million cubic yards of earth being moved will make way for the site for the tracks which will weigh 30,000 tons and need 500,000 cross-ties.

Elgin Mills was represented by the two Tonner brothers, P.M. and Gordon, Terry O'Brien and Mrs. Ray Taylor. They asserted that the growth of Richmond Hill had drained local wells, which had been satisfactory until recent years. Municipal representatives declared their positions. Reeve Dean pointed out that Markham, with its fast-growing population and industry, was "desperately short" of water and would be for two years. Deputy Reeve Lawson Mumberson of Markham concurred. Last week-end saw the highest water consumption in the township's history, he said. He felt that there should be one water commission for the whole district in order to stop duplication.

Temporary Solution
Mayor Haggart said that he would recommend to his council that a temporary supply of water would be provided to Vaughan until a permanent solution could be arrived at. Reeve Perkins agreed. It would only be a temporary arrangement, he said.

Water Commission
A report on the new No. 5 well would be available within a week, Water Resource Commission representatives said. At that time Markham and Richmond Hill could decide what was to be done with its flow. Mayor Haggart proposed a temporary solution, with Vaughan providing a tank truck and filling wells with Richmond Hill water. Character of the Elgin Mills wells, it was said, made this impossible. Only three would hold water.



Richmond Hill's own "little theatre" which opens its doors to the public on October 4 with two one-act plays, to run four days, is of vital significance not only to the drama-minded but to the community as a whole. The theatre itself, the only one of its kind within a wide radius north of Toronto is still another 'first' for the Hill. Secondly, one of its plays, "The Transplanted" is by local lawyer, public school trustee and actor, Mr. Joe Rabinowitch. Third, the rich red velvet stage curtains at the theatre come from the former famous playhouse of England's Poet Laureate, John Masefield. On many counts, therefore, opening night will be an auspicious one.

The Curtain Club Theatre, as titles of this dedicated drama well as providing excellent entertainment, will also represent something badly needed, a full-fledged opportunity to many "first-timers" in acting and directing. Already an apprentice scheme has been worked out to facilitate the theatrical hopes of a number of high school students anxious to learn acting and set design, and it is planned to hold drama classes in the coming season under the direction of qualified drama teachers.

For the 80 member, eight-year-old Curtain Club, the theatre is a tangible monument to faith, hope and individual enterprise. The club, entirely without outside aid and despite the obstacles of opposition, pessimism and a chronic shortage of funds, decided that only its workshop theatre could properly foster its multiple dramatic aims. A year ago this month, the organization's first fund-raising project, a swank garden party, which attracted considerable interest in the theatrical world in Toronto, resulted in a \$1,600 kitty. Immediately, the club laid its plans, moved forward and never looked back.

A brief review of the activities of this dedicated drama group will more than illustrate the need for its own theatre. Since its inception in 1954, the club has operated out of such diverse quarters as a rectory, already an apprentice scheme has been worked out to facilitate the theatrical hopes of a number of high school students anxious to learn acting and set design, and it is planned to hold drama classes in the coming season under the direction of qualified drama teachers.

Many Awards Won
In spite of limited accommodations, constant expenses, and at first something less than whole-hearted, community-wide support, the yearly productions established a reputation for theatrical excellence, attested to by the increasingly popular reception of such plays as "High Ground", "Rebecca", "Blithe Spirit" and "Harvey."

In 1958 the club entered the Central Ontario Drama Festival for the first time, and with Gogol's "The Marriage" won second place, with awards for best production, best actor, best supporting actor and five honourable mentions.

In the following year the Festival entry "Clerembard", by Marcel Ayme, won the coveted Calvert Trophy, together with awards for best production, best actor, best actress and four honourable mentions. Both these plays were under the direction of Rex Sevenoaks, himself an actor with a long string of awards to his credit, who also, that same year, directed "Table No. 7" (from "Separate Tables") in the Ontario One Act Drama Festival. The club, in addition to getting second place, scored more awards, for best actor and actress, best supporting actress and five honourable mentions.

For the past two years it has presented a pantomime in the English tradition and has brought live theatre to some 2,000 Richmond Hill children, helping to sharpen and broaden young imaginations as nothing else could.

Locally on October 4, "The Transplanted" directed by Robbi Richardson, will be supported by another original Canadian one-act play, "Like It Or Not" by Saskatchewan's Ann Flavell. It will be directed by Gerry Crack. And at the end of October the club will offer "Quiet Weekend", again directed by Rex Sevenoaks, setting the pace for high standards in light entertainment. This play promises to keep the audience chuckling.

Garage Is Converted
For scores of club members the last few months have been a life of feverish activity at the theatre, the rented, converted garage and warehouse owned by Canadian Tire, 14 Yonge Street North. Under the direction of the competent works committee, themselves expert with tools, the members took to saws, brushes and hammers.

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Elgin Mills To Get Temporary Water Supply

Hill Will Help Pending Permanent Solution

An improved water supply for Elgin Mills residents drew perceptibly nearer on Monday afternoon this week when representatives of three municipalities, Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill, together with officials of the Ontario Water Resources Commission and Elgin Mills residents, met in Vaughan's Council Chambers in an effort to hammer out a solution. It drew another step nearer the same evening when Richmond Hill's Council unanimously decided to supply water at a reduced out-of-town rate to Vaughan on a temporary basis, while a permanent solution was, if possible, being found. And, the same evening, Vaughan Township Councilors authorized their officials to dig into actual needs and plans to get the water to residents.

Vaughan's Reeve Albert Rutherford occupied the chair. Accompanying him was Councillor Ruth McConkey, chairman of the township's water com-

mittee. A few weeks cleared up past misunderstanding. Setting previous exchanges, Councillor McConkey declared that her township had not had a