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## Modern Park Buildings Planned For 1962

# Rotary Club Will Aid Park Through Winter Program

## Branson Hospital Appeal For Aid Emphasizes Pressing Demands For Accommodation Locally

Representatives of Branson Hospital, situated on Finch Avenue in North York Township, waited on Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night and asked for a grant of \$10,000 toward the cost of a planned \$3 million addition. Mr. Bradley, representing the hospital, pointed out that present plans are to increase the capacity of the hospital from the present 163 beds to 413 beds.

It was stated that so far this Bradley said that statistics show more than 500 persons showed that every tenth person hospitalized at Branson, and from Richmond Hill, and since more than 150 babies, new city opening in 1957 there had been of Richmond Hill, were been 2470 patients from Richmond in that institution. Mr. mond Hill. "Even after your new

## County Increase General

## Vaughan Tp. Holds Lead As Largest Municipality

Vaughan Township retained its position as the largest municipality in York County, numerically, when the last set of figures covering the national census taken in June was released by the Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Its population was 16,604, an increase from 13,843 in the 1956 census. Next largest municipality as of June was Richmond Hill, with 16,191 people, following a 1956 figure of 6,677.

Other interesting figures are revealed by the release. The township of Markham had a population in June of 13,325, an increase from 12,470 in 1956. King Township's June population was 12,758, a jump from 10,132 in five years.

Newmarket, once York County's largest town by a considerable figure, is now in a neck-and-neck race for second position with Aurora. Its June, 1961 population was 8,794. In 1956 it had 7,368 people.

East Gwillimbury, another of York County's townships, showed a spectacular increase from 956 to 1961. In '56 it had 993. Five years later its population, swollen by new subdivisions, jumped to 10,327. They showed that Toronto had the largest population increase of any municipality in the county.

Among the villages in the county, Markham came through with the biggest increase. In 1956 it had a population of 8,773. Its 1961 figure was 4,244. Sutton showed an increase, but also the shift to the suburbs.

## Muttdom's Fashion Leader



There's an old English popular song which deals with the man who was "all dressed up and no place to go." Up at Richmond Heights Centre last Saturday the tiny "pooch" belonging to Marie Levesque of 29 Oak Avenue, Richvale, was all dressed up — well enough to win first prize for the best-dressed dog in the Dr. Ballard "Mutt Show" — and not well enough to keep warm in the foretaste of winter which the day produced. However, as the picture indicates, it soon found "some place to go" to correct that situation. Marie and her own particular "mutt" were one of many similar couples which braved the cold to compete in the event.

(Photo by Lagerquist)

hospital is built here our school of nursing and other departments of our hospital will continue to be of service to you" said Mr. Bradley.

Mayor Haggart said while he was quite appreciative of the work and needs of the hospital it would be quite impossible for this year's council at this time to make any grant which had not been provided for in the budget. He suggested any such request should be directed to next year's council early in 1962. The Mayor said he doubted that Richmond Hill residents were conditioned for an appeal such as made by the delegation. "Our people in Richmond Hill last year were treated to a lot of publicity which gave the impression you at Branson are a very wealthy organization and were anxious to provide a hospital here free of charge" said the Mayor. Mr. Bradley said the hospital was not responsible for publicity circulated by someone not authorized to do so.

Mr. Bradley said he would be glad to again present his request to the 1962 council.

Councillor Al White said the figures of the number of patients using Branson was indeed impressive, and emphasized the urgent need for the new hospital now planned for the Richmond Hill area.

## Curtain Club Triumphs

## Actors And Author Win Plaudits When Showing At Drama Festival

Following the highly successful opening of its new theatre on October 4th, the Richmond Hill Curtain Club added further laurels to an already impressive record. On Wednesday last the club took one of the plays with which it opened the theatre — "The Transplanted" by club member and Richmond Hill lawyer, Joseph Rabinowitch to the One Act Drama Festival at Hart House, where it was named "Best Production of a Canadian Play." In addition to this honour, Mr. Rabinowitch was cited as a runner-up for best Canadian author, and two actresses in "The Transplanted," Peggy Harris and Pat Hollett, received honourable mentions for their convincing performances. Many other members of

the cast were commented on by the adjudicator, Leonard Crainford, for good performances, and Mr. Crainford had nothing but praise for the direction of Robbi Richardson.

COMING EVENTS  
"Coming Events," the community directory of interesting dates to remember on Page Three.

## Hutchinson New Trustee

## Runner-up To Fill Slot On Public School Board

Walter H. (Dick) Hutchinson has been named by members of Richmond Hill Public School Board to fill the unexpired portion of the term of Mrs. Connie Matthews, former trustee who resigned on moving to Aurora with her family. Mr. Hutchinson was runner-up in the December 1960 elections. As Mrs. Matthews was elected for a one-year term, the new trustee will only have a short time on the board before he faces voters again.

Mr. Hutchinson, who lives at 55 Harding Boulevard, is assistant manager at the Prudential Insurance Company's head office in Toronto. He has been a resident of Richmond Hill since 1955. President of the McConeghy Public School Home and School Association in 1959-1960, he has served on the executive of that organization four years.

His family represents a sound reason why he is interested in the Hill's educational activities. Sons Bruce, 11, and Neil, 7, are pupils at McConeghy. There are three more young Hutchinsons due to enter the town's educational stream in due course — Janet, 4, Laurie, 2½, and a six-month-old baby.

A graduate of the University of Toronto in 1950 in economics and political science, Trustee Hutchinson had, before that, seen a considerable part of the world. Joining the Royal Canadian Air Force, he served as Flying Officer and Navigator in England, the Mediterranean, North Africa, Egypt, Iraq, India, on Wellington bombers with the Royal Air Force. His interest in the defence of Canada continued after the war and until recently he was a captain with the militia in Toronto, serving in the 42nd Medium Artillery.

## Will Not Stand For Re-election Says Whillans

At Monday night's Richmond Hill Town Council meeting Councillor Howard Whillans announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to municipal council at the coming election. Completing his second year as council member, Mr. Whillans said he had enjoyed his municipal work but found he just couldn't devote the time required and be fair to his business responsibilities and his family. "I hope to get acquainted again with my children and spend more time with my wife and family" he said. In addition to his work on council Mr. Whillans has served as a council representative on the Planning Board.

Mayor James Haggart and all members of council expressed regret at Councillor Whillans' announcement and paid tribute to his public service. Councillor Whillans is the second member of this year's town council to announce retirement. Mayor Haggart some time ago announced that owing to pressure of his private business he would not seek re-election.

## Outstanding Contributions Will Beautify Town Park



This spring Yonge Street Business and Professional Association, in co-operation with the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, donated roses which, in their beds in front of the municipal building, have made a brave and colourful showing and commanded much attention. Then, in recent days, the Rotary Club has entered the picture, making a donation — as told in a story in this issue of "The Liberal" — which will help improve the old town park and at the same time add to winter employment for Richmond Hill workers. And, to add to the parade of community improvement, a citizen who has contributed a great deal to Richmond Hill activities over the years has made a substantial addition. Pictured above in the town park are, from the left, Russell Tilt, chairman of the Parks Board, Mr. R. D. Little and Stan Ransom, Parks Board member. They are looking at a bed donated to the town by Mr. Little. It contains about

fifty varieties of modern iris, fifty varieties of day lilies and a great many other kinds of lilies, perennial phlox, delphiniums, perennial asters, Shasta daisies, besides 250 tulips. It has been planned so that there will be constant bloom from May to September. An interesting feature of the planting is that it contains a great many seedlings of irises, day lilies and lilies which have been hybridized over the years by Mr. Little, a widely-recognized horticulturist. He has successfully crossed irises, day lilies and lilies, obtaining new hybrid varieties, so the new bed should be especially interesting to gardeners who are looking for something new and better in the flower world, and can see examples in what will actually be an experimental garden. Everything in the garden, except tulips, has been grown by Mr. Little, making this additional contribution of his to community betterment an unusually interesting one. (Photo by Lagerquist.)

## "High Price For Office Boy" - Haggart

Municipal leaders this week expressed their reaction to the decision of York Central District High School Board to name a superintendent for the secondary school system which includes Richmond Hill, Bayview, Thornhill and Woodbridge Schools. Cost of the appointment, which passed by the narrow margin of six to five, is estimated at around \$20,000 annually. "Taxpayers will not refuse anything which will help give youngsters a better education, both at the public and high

minimum and to make sure that every cent spent is necessary and brings full value," continued Mayor Haggart. "The public school board, the parks board, the library board and other bodies have cheerfully co-operated with council this year and have agreed to such budget cuts as necessary. The high school board has not. It refused at the beginning of the year, when the budget was under consideration, to make any cuts or even to wipe out amounts for contingencies which council considered unnecessary. Since then

"I think that it is worthy of note that three of those who voted against this completely premature appointment were from Richmond Hill and know exactly what taxpayers are up against. They are Trustee Mrs. Barbara Langstaff, who represents York County Council and Trustees Robert Ross and Ralph Wood. Taxpayers owe them a vote of thanks for trying to stop this unwarranted expenditure. The same applies to Mrs. Kathleen James of Markham Township and Trustee Allan Peck of Vaughan Township, who also voted against it."

Premature, Says Dean  
Pointing out that he had been a member of the high school board for eight years Reeve Wilfred Dean said that he regarded the appointment as premature. "I have been watching the operations of the board with close interest," he said, "and that is my opinion at the present time."

Having just returned from the community planning association convention at Halifax, said Reeve Dean, he had not had much time to consult with members of his council. He said that there was a possibility that the township's representatives on the York Central District High School Board might be asked to give their opinions to council. There is a possibility that the matter may be discussed at the meeting of township council next Monday.

Vaughan Will Discuss  
Vaughan's Reeve Albert Ruthenford, who had also just returned from the community planning association gathering at Halifax, said that the township's representatives would meet with council on October 18th, when the situation would be discussed. Before making any statement, he would prefer to hold the discussion with the township's trustees. He intim-

## Municipal Heads Say H. S. Appointment Premature

It has obviously determined that it will not help us to restrict expenditures to those which are necessary for the good of the town, including its students. "Again," said Mayor Haggart, "this makes it more than ever obvious that high school boards, like councils and public and separate school boards, should be elected, not appointed. I wonder if they would throw tax dollars around like this if they were directly answerable to the public."

## Montreal Tower To Hold Record Of Hill Of 1961

Some time in the far distant future the towering new building of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building in Montreal may be torn down. When that happens the people of an older Canada will get a backward glance at what the people of Richmond Hill were thinking and doing in 1961. For, in the big building's cornerstone, along with other documents and mementos, will be a microfilmed copy of the front page of the Richmond Hill "Liberal" of October 12th, 1961. With it will be a copy of a personal message from Publisher J. E. Smith. The cornerstone will be laid on October 26th and the documents will be placed therein as a result of an invitation extended by President Neil J. McKinnon of the bank.

Tucked away for posterity will be the story that the plans for Richmond Hill's projected new hospital had been sent to the Ontario Hospital Commission — that Electric Control and Engineering Company Ltd, had started operating in Richmond Hill — that the high school home and school association was being reorganized — that census figures had been released showing the Hill's population to be 16,191 — that police were cracking down on truck drivers who were overloading — that Mayor Haggart had asked parents to keep their youngsters out of the Crosby Avenue storm sewer, among others. Also included is a story that York County Jersey cattle will meet the best from the U.S. in competition in Ohio — which might be of historic interest to a population which has perhaps learned by then to produce the white fluid by nuclear methods.

## Financial Grant Brings Extra From Governments

Russell Tilt, Chairman of the Richmond Hill Parks Board, advised town council Monday night that the local Rotary Club has made a grant of \$500 for park improvement. A condition of the donation is that it be used under the winter works program and thus be eligible for government grants of 75 per cent of the labor costs.

Mr. Tilt commended the Rotary Club for the generous donation and said plans are under way to take full advantage of the work planned will be in the mill pond area, south of Mill Street, and the co-operation of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will be enlisted.

The parks chairman reported also that plans are under way for the construction of change houses and rest rooms in the town park and it is hoped to have them ready for next spring. The outlay will be about \$12,000.

Mr. Tilt's final proposal was that the 24 acres recently purchased by the town for industrial development, be used for park purposes. He explained he was making this suggestion on his own, and it was not a recommendation of the parks board. He said it would be possible to carry out the development under the provincial Park Assistance Act and thus receive government grants of up to \$50,000, for purchase and development of the land. Such a development, he pointed out would take care of needs for some years to come. It would provide adequate space for all sport activities and additional space for the fair grounds and the building of a race track. Mr. Tilt suggested the six acre tract now being developed on Crosby could be sold.

Mr. Tilt's idea got no support from council members. The 24 acres recently purchased at a cost of \$61,000, was secured for re-sale as industrial sites, and councillors long anxious for industrial development had no

relish for the thought of giving up this land for park purposes. "I for one wouldn't hear of it" said Councillor Broadhurst, referring to it as an unrealistic suggestion. "I opposed the suggestion at the parks board meeting" said Councillor Al White. "I'm all for parks, but not that much. We need the land for industry."

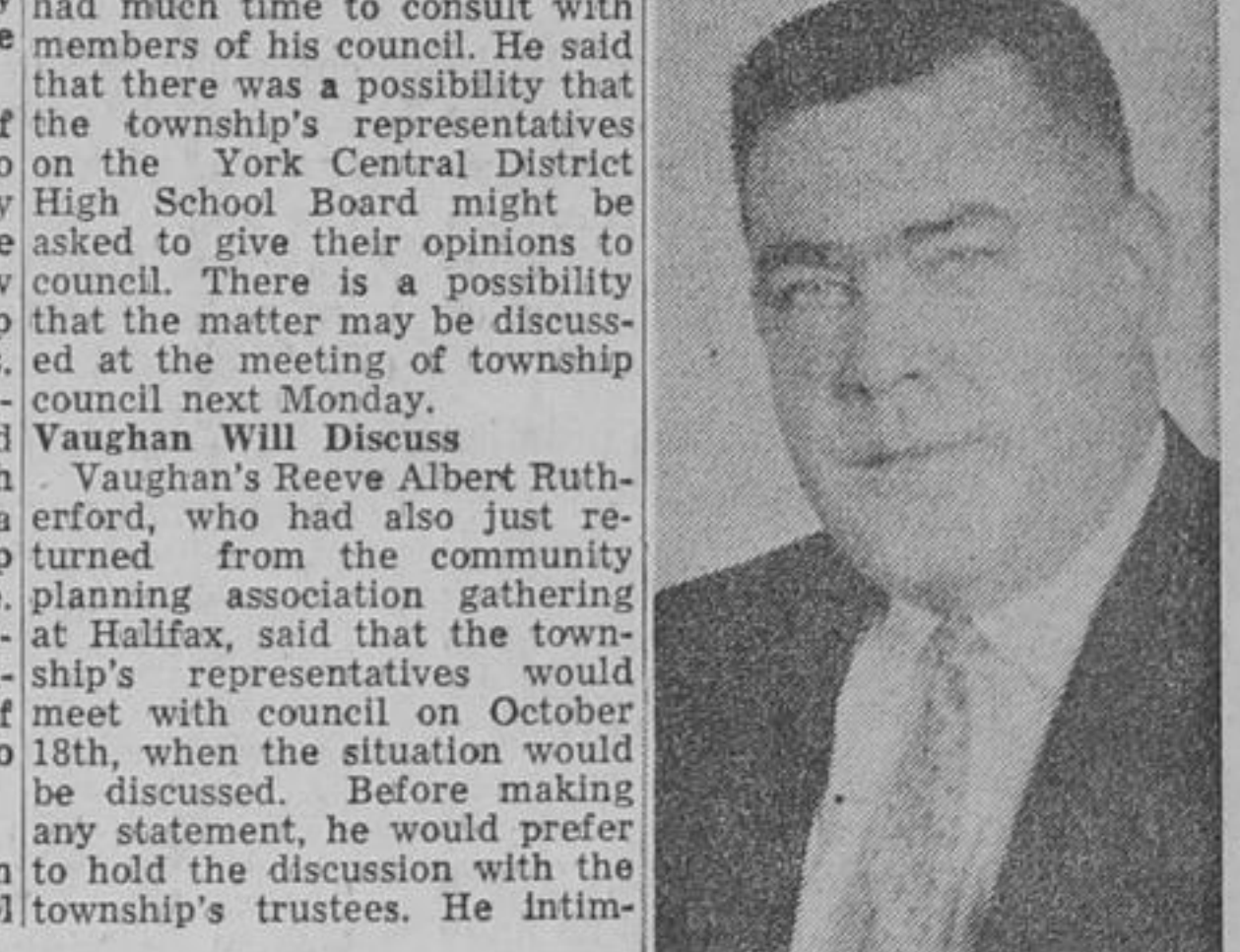
Mayor Haggart while commending the parks board for its good work gave many reasons why the plan just couldn't be considered. One good reason, he said, was that the Municipal Board approved the expenditure of \$61,000, for a specific purpose and it would be illegal to use it otherwise. It would be a misuse of public funds, he declared.

Mr. Tilt said he had no quarrel with council in their effort to encourage industrial growth, but he put forward the idea for consideration as it would provide ample park accommodation at reasonable cost after provincial participation, and it would put this land to use at once. He said it was doubtful how soon it might be taken up as industrial sites. "We all hope it will be soon" said members of council.

BELLEVILLE — Grant Wells of Whitechurch Township captured the Ontario championship at the International plowing match held here recently.

WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP : Councillor Ross Farquharson has declared that he will not stand for re-election to township council for 1962. It meant too much time away from his business, he said.

## Worshipful Master Of The Fellowship Lodge



W. Bro. Floyd Walker Installed Last Tuesday as Worshipful Master of Fellowship Masonic Lodge, R. W. Bro. Archie Cameron acted as installing master and was assisted by several past masters from neighbouring lodges.

Fellowship No. 702 is one of the newest lodges in the province, having been established in March 1960. The first ruling master was W. Bro. Peter G. Maste.

W. Bro. Walker has been a resident of Richmond Hill for the past three years and lives with his wife and four children at 216 Jacey Anne Drive. In business life he is sales manager of Pinewood Aggregates Ltd., Maple, Ont.

Other officers of Fellowship Lodge duly invested in office were: W. Bro. P. G. Maste, I.P.M.; Ralph Scarlett, S. W.; Ross Wingrove, J.W.; W. Bro. Fred Arent, Chaplain; W. Donald Ross, Treasurer; David S. Bruce, D. of C. Lawrence Oliver, S. D.; Hardie Nelson, J.D.; John P. Miller, I.G.; John S. Edwards, J.S.; Albert Dash, Asst. Sec'y; Orville McGee, Tyler.

WILLIAM NEAL

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