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## Philip Brook Design Is National Leader

# Richmond Hill Library Architect Wins Massey Medal

## 50-unit Apartment Block Permit At Bayview & Elmwood Is Issued

Building permits issued in Richmond Hill during October were low in number, but one fairly important development was included. Comments that one and two-bedroom apartments in the town were in big demand but short supply have been made by realtors and planning consultants in recent days. October permits include one which should help to ease the situation.

A permit was issued to Franklin Construction Company, Toronto, owners and contractors, for a fifty-unit apartment layout at Bayview and Elmwood Avenues. It will contain two buildings. Included in the plan is a considerable allowance for parking, which works out to 1.6 cars for each apartment. This, the project owners say, will give ample space for occupants and visitors. While it is not expected that the school situation will be affected to any extent, yet playground space is being provided for such juniors as there may be. Density of population works out to 86 persons per acre, a considerably lower

number than recommended by town planners in recent weeks. The new apartment will be four stories. Value of the permit for the project is \$200,000.

**Only Four Houses**  
Only four permits were issued for residences. They were valued at \$50,000.  
Six garage permits were issued, totalling \$3,200. One industrial permit valued at \$3,000 was issued, covering an addition to the Ratcliff plant on Yonge Street North. One alteration permit amounted to \$1,400. Total value of permits issued in October was \$257,600.

## Key Personnel To Be Called

# York County To Share Rehearsal For Attack

York County will play a part of attack when Exercise Toesin B is staged in Ontario on November 13th and 14th to enable the province and federal Emergency Measures Or-W. F. A. Preston, Emergency Measures Co-ordinator, will be in close contact with him on the evening of November 13th. The exercise will be conducted on a 24-hour basis and all meetings in counties and other municipalities have been asked to take government under emergency conditions. They will prepare and run their own exercises, working in conjunction with municipal, provincial and federal directing staff. The Emergency Measures Or-instructors course and the staff organization in York County will course, will be held on Monday try out its emergency warning evening jointly in order to give system, which is planned on a personnel an opportunity of "fan-out" basis. Telephone calls working with each other under key personnel will start from the organization's headquarters. There will be no attempt to in Newmarket and will, as the sound warning sirens throughout the county during the far-blast one individual after another uncoming exercise, installations till everybody has been notified, not having been completed. An assembly time and place Toronto City Council is to will be named and a careful make a hurried trip to the New-market area, which is the dis-tinctive system is and the length-er of time taken for assembly of measures for the city would be the key individuals who would administered if it were bomb-play an important part in case ed, during the exercise.

## An Editorial

# "Isolationism" Kicked Out

Whether or not any particular question was solved at the new type of meeting sponsored by Richmond Hill Public School Board last week, at which trustees, officials of the system, principals and representatives of the home and school associations of the town's six public schools traded ideas and opinions, is unimportant.

What is of major importance is the idea behind the gathering. Board Chairman L. Clement expressed it when he opened the meeting by telling those present that it was not good for the school board to be "isolated". Certainly, through discussion, home and school members, representatives of a large body of parents, learned something of the problems facing trustees. Equally, trustees gained a knowledge of the feelings of parents.

The public school board possesses a great deal of authority. To a large extent the future of the children who will be the Richmond Hill citizens of tomorrow rests in its hands. Members must on occasion make tough decisions. They do not govern by divine right. They, as individuals, are neither better or worse than the average of the citizens who put them into office by popular vote. They have not, in some mysterious way, been endowed with knowledge and foresight denied to the average man and woman simply because they have been elevated to a board room.

In deciding that the opinions of others are valuable and in setting up an atmosphere of co-operation, they have acted with wisdom. They must of necessity take responsibility. They, in effect, asked for it when they let their names go before electors. But they exercise that responsibility with a good measure of common-sense when they share problems—when they refuse to permit a wall to be raised between themselves and those they serve.

In another field the board has shown good judgment. In far too many communities trustees regard school buildings as jewels which must be wrapped in cotton wool. They are horrified when it is suggested that taxpayers—whose money erected the buildings—have any right to their use during the long hours when they are not being used for their primary purpose. In declaring that they regard school buildings as giving opportunity for community betterment, and permitting controlled and sensible use, local trustees have shown breadth of vision. They must, of course, protect school buildings against the vandalism which, unfortunately, has led to certain restrictions lately. But, fortunately, they have not let the idiocy of the few ruin the welfare of the many.

## Father And Son, With Citizens, Paid Tribute



Almost awed by the solemnity of Richmond Hill's tribute to the fallen — the Remembrance Day service held last Sunday at the War Memorial — is nine-year-old Larry Wright son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wright of 53 Rockport Crescent. While his father, who served with the Saskatoon Light Infantry, listens to Controller (Captain) R. W. Allen

of Toronto, special speaker of the day, Larry examines his father's medals. The former infantryman is now on Metro police force. Mrs. Wright served with the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division. The wreath which Larry is carrying is the tribute from St. Matthew's United Church, where it lay on the altar during the memorial service held there in the morning. (Photo by Lagerquist)

## Continue Water Search At Elgin Mills

# May Enforce Complete Hunting Ban Vaughan Township Councillors Say

A possibility that hunting ships and the town of Richmond Hill, in reorganizing operation Vaughan township became evident this week, when township council decided to have the municipal solicitor look into existing regulations with a view to permitting destruction of vermin but halting hunting. Issuance of hunting permits has been gradually limited in the township, only 200 being sold in 1961 for a ten day season. Complaints from residents about trespassing, damage to property and risk of injury, have been frequent in the township in the past and have increased as population has built up. Vaughan now has a population of well over 16,000.

During a short session, which again saw reports of committees adopted with very little public discussion, and which ended in less than forty minutes, councillors were advised that profits on the North Yonge bus line had taken an upward turn, following a series of losses on operation, and that a profit of \$13.12 had been made during the past three months. The finance and general purpose committee expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the Toronto Transit Commission, which operates the bus system for Vaughan and Markham town-

## Appointment Deferment Refused

# High School Trustees Walk Out As Resolution Refused Hearing

The Reeves of Markham and Vaughan and the Mayor of Richmond Hill have stated their positions. They are against it and we are back of them," said Councillor Charles Hooper at Markham Township Council meeting. "That should show where we stand," he said, as the question of whether a letter should be sent to the York Central District High School Board, expressing disapproval of the appointment of a supervisor of education was debated. The appointment would cost around \$20,000 annually.

"If a Board of Education is set up in Richmond Hill it will split the high school district right down the middle," said Reeve Wilfred Dean, referring to the town council's decision to investigate the possibility of setting up such a board, which would look after both public and high schools. If a Board of Education is formed its members will be elected, not appointed, as are the present high school trustees.

## Water Is Concern

The waterworks department will continue to assist other local authorities in flooding of rinks for schools and community parks, in accordance with established policy.

Water supply in the Concord-Edgeley area was a source of concern, having regard to the eventual need for water for industrial and commercial use in that area, township council was told in the waterworks committee report. The committee recommended that the township continue its exploration for water in the Keele Street - No. 7 Highway area. Council concurred by adopting the report, with no discussion.

## Second-hand Holes Get Prompt Action

There's an old saying about jumping into a hole and pulling it in after you, but the property committee of York County Council has gone one better. In its report to county council at its November session it said that a complaint had been received re a dangerous hole in the ground at the south end of the County building in Newmarket. The problem was dealt with quickly and efficiently. "The hole was ordered to be dug up and removed," the report declared.

## Vaughan Honours Men Of District In Fine Tribute

Pleased with the excellent response which was given to their first Remembrance Day service, held in the evening, members of Vaughan Township Council indicated this week that they would try to make it an annual event under the same conditions.

The service was held following council meeting on Monday in the lobby of the municipal offices at Maple, where plaques pay honour to the fallen of Vaughan Township. A Guard of Honour was formed by members of the municipality's police force. Following introductory remarks by Reeve Albert Rutherford, a prayer for the fallen was said by Rev. M. Jenkinson. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by members of the Richmond Hill Police Boys Band, Brian Burgin and Ronny Robbins.

Wreaths were placed by Reeve Rutherford, the Police Department, the Richmond Hill and Woodbridge branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, and Mrs. Sparks.

Attendance at the service of remembrance, possibly due to the fact that it was held in the evening, was larger than in previous years.

## Air Force Veteran

Mr. and Mrs. Brook and their family of five settled in Richmond Hill some eighteen

## Governor General Made Presentation To Citizen

Richmond Hill's Public Library can now be rated as one of the architectural gems of Canada and, to make the situation even happier, its design was conceived by a Richmond Hill resident—Philip R. Brook of 26 Arnold Street. He was among the winners of 20 Massey Medals, given by the Massey Foundation for excellence in architecture, and received his award from Major-General George P. Vanier, Governor General of Canada, at a ceremony at the National Gallery last week. Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, former Governor General, was also present.

On October 5th "The Liberal" reported that in the library section of the contest were two buildings — one in Vancouver and the other in Richmond Hill. They were among the hundred best designs selected from 325 entries. In the final judging for the twenty best the Richmond Hill library was judged the better of the two by a four-man jury of selection headed by Pietro Belluschi, Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The entries, said the jury in its report compared favourably with any in the world.

## Mayor Congratulates

Mayor Haggart, advised of the honour issued a statement. "Naturally I was elated when I heard the news," he said. "My heartiest congratulations go to Philip Brook and to the Library Board. This beautiful, functional building will always form a part of Richmond Hill's own 'civic square.' As a matter of fact, I have always been proud of this building and have had a picture of it hanging in the Mayor's office since the beginning of this year. On many occasions I have shown this picture to prospective industrialists and others as proof that Richmond Hill is living in the twentieth century and providing services to her citizens that are usually found in a big city."

## Planner Is Pleased

Somewhat of a happy coincidence is the fact that the award has been made in the same week that Richmond Hill's new planning director, himself an architect, has taken over and at the same time that town council, (Continued on page 3)

## Industrialists, Retailers, Co-operating

# All Sections Of Hill Represented As Chamber Of Commerce Launched

A well-attended meeting held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday voted unanimously to establish a Chamber of Commerce in Richmond Hill and named a committee, representative of all sections of the town, to proceed with organization. The Ontario representative of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, who is also a resident of Richmond Hill, was present to give information about Chamber of Commerce operations.

Also present at the meeting were the town's new planning director, Harold Deeks; the municipal industrial commissioner, Robert Langford, and

five of the Bayview area is to be named later. Representing industrialists on the committee are M. E. Williamson, general manager of Landers, Frary and Clark Ltd., Centre Street East, and Jack Warner of York Metal Spinning and Specialty Ltd., Industrial Road.

As soon as basic organizational work is completed a general meeting will be called, to which all business men throughout the town will be invited. The Chamber of Commerce would not compete in any way with existing business organizations which served their own areas, it was emphasized. Its purpose was to draw all business people together in one group so that matters affecting their joint welfare or the welfare of the town could be handled effectively.

E. C. Noakes of 430 Lynett Crescent, Richmond Hill, Ontario representative of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, told business men that he had been persuaded to move to Richmond Hill recently because of a town "booster." Such boosting by all business men, he declared, was a power in promoting the town. He answered a number of questions relating to the operation of a Chamber of Commerce.

## COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" in the community directory of interesting dates to remember on Page Three.

# Markham Assessment Up Million & Half In '61

Assessment of Markham Township property is a million and a half dollars higher than it was when the municipal assessor submitted his figures last year. It may be the greater part of another million higher when the supplementary figures for the balance of this year are added. New buildings such as the big GEM store have not yet been taken in, construction having taken place since the assessor made his rounds.

Biggest increase in assessment is a considerable amount more to come figures appears under the "residential" heading. Jumping from \$7,882,675 last year, it is now up nearly \$900,000. Commercial and industrial assessment has gone up \$350,000, with a con-

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