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Important Development For Entire District, Say Leaders

Langstaff Jail Farm Sale Gets Toronto's Approval

Lions Swamped By Crowd

Three Local Winners Share Prize As Five Play It Safe Over \$5000

A gathering described by Richmond Hill Lions Club officials as a "terrific crowd" packed their Centre Street hall last week to witness hopelessly, drawings of tickets which ended the ticket-selling campaign conducted by the Lions for some considerable time. It ended with five winners deciding to split the big prize of \$5,000. Three of them were from Richmond Hill and, capturing \$1,000 apiece, kept the bulk of the biggest award in town.

As well, Richmond Hill's portion of the fifty per cent of the projected hospital will benefit to a degree which the Lions will not lose. Half of the proceeds of the draw - \$6700 will be earmarked by the Lions for benefit of the community, in some part of the badly-needed keeping with Lions' policy. hospital. What that will be hasn't yet been decided. As a matter of fact the Lions may, before the hospital is built, undertake to do considerably more than the present amount they will take care of. A large part would have to feed nearly 700

Hill's "Wailer" Already Up

Twelve Sirens Planned For Region, Says Army

If ever guided missiles or atom-bomb-carrying jets break through the outer defences and appear to have the metropolitan area in their sights, York County should be able to kick up a respectable amount of noise about it. The wailing of twelve sirens will project the "take cover" warning to residents.

Captain C. M. Grant, Nuclear Staff Officer at Army headquarters in Oakville, told "The Liberal" this week that twelve sirens were being installed in the southern part of York County. One of them is now in position behind the Municipal Building, Richmond Hill. What Captain Grant called "the first phase" is now under way. It will see three sirens erected in the Stouffville - though it wasn't revealed what town would be needed to install the sirens.

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\$2,300 Taken At Oak Ridges

Attack & Home Robbery Add To District Crime

By Eleanor Charuk
As Martin Reif, proprietor of the Martin's Esso Service on Yonge Street south of Jefferson, was preparing to close his station at 1:15 a.m. last Monday morning, he became the latest victim in what is becoming a serious series of robberies in this area. While bringing in some of his equipment he noticed a car parked a hundred feet down the road. When two men approached and asked for a dollar's worth of gas he didn't think anything was unusual.

With about 28c worth of gas in the can Mr. Reif started to turn around to speak to the men, when out of the corner of his eye he saw the younger man about to swing a blow at his head with a heavy brass instrument, with the end taped with adhesive.

Ducking Saves Head
With a split second to spare, Mr. Reif ducked and what would have been a shattering blow to the skull fell short of its mark and came crashing down the side of his face. Mr. Reif threw a punch which landed his assailant sprawling between the gas pumps. With that the elder man, about 35 years of age, attacked Mr. Reif with blows to the stomach and knocked Mr. Reif to the ground.

York University Women Hear Famed Conductor Walter Susskind



World famous musician and conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra Mr. Walter Susskind is welcomed to last week's meeting of the York County University Women's Club.

The talented Mr. Susskind proved a most interesting and informative guest speaker. The meeting was held in the Christian Education Wing of the Richmond Hill United Church.

Mr. Susskind is greeted on his arrival by (left to right) Mrs. James Johnston of Aurora, Miss Frances Hurst of Richmond Hill, Mrs. James Mahoney of Toronto, Mr. Susskind, Mrs. J. L. Forster of King and Mrs. Keith Norris of Newmarket.

King And Newmarket Are Highlights

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County Elections Lack Fireworks

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Jayces Auction Was Big Success

Their radio auction conducted over station CFGM on December 1st was an "overwhelming success," members of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce report. Bids came so thick and fast that 38 Jaycees and Jayettes were kept busy recording them. 262 items were auctioned.

High School Trustee Resigns

Councillor Broadhurst brought a recommendation from the police committee providing a mileage allowance for the police chief when he uses his own car, and it was approved by council.

Town Debentures Bring Highest Bids In Years

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Unfortunate Situation, Says Mayor

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Metro's United Charity Appeals Said To Have Bad Local Effects

The high overhead of organized united appeal was mentioned but Councillor A. White expressed the opinion this should not be a serious factor for this community. Councillor Broadhurst thought that important people here should know that organizations do not benefit from the Metro appeal.

Controller Allen States Speedy Action Is Likely

By F. J. Picking, News Editor
"This is one of the most important pieces of news for a long time, both for Markham Township and Richmond Hill," said Reeve Wilfred Dean of the township when told that the Toronto City Council had agreed to a suggestion made by the Board of Control that the approximately 700 acres of the Jail Farm at Langstaff should be sold.

Reeve Dean has called a special meeting of township council and the planning board for this week to decide on township policy, especially in connection with zoning. At present one hundred acres of the area is zoned Ontario Department of Highways for the new section of No. 7 Highway, leaving 525 acres zoned for industry. The new No. 7 will take a triangular piece out of the south of the property. Starting at the present intersection of Yonge Street and No. 7 at Langstaff, the road will run eastwards, turning slightly to the north until, at its intersection with Bayview, it is 1,300 feet north of the present intersection.

Township Planning Director Ron. Forrest spent Tuesday afternoon with Toronto's real estate director, rounding out details of the offer of the property, for advertising purposes. Haggart Delighted

"I am delighted," said Mayor James Haggart, when told of Toronto City Council's action. "It's like having your neighbour win a new car. You dash over to congratulate him, hoping that he'll offer you a ride. I think that in this case, if the land is sold as hoped, the whole area will get a ride out of it. It will help in the development of the entire district. It will contribute more assessment for high school and county purposes. Markham Township has been a good neighbour to Richmond Hill. I repeat that I'm delighted for Markham's sake, and you can hardly expect me to be mournful when a little bit of their good luck might rub off on us."

The property derived its name from its long-time use as a jail by the City of Toronto. During the last war it was used as a mental hospital by the province, compensating for the loss of the hospital at St. Thomas which was loaned to the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the war it was returned to the city and has laid idle since, except for minor uses. Various proposals for its use have been made, a recent one being to the effect that the old buildings should be used as a "drying-out" home for alcoholic Torontonians doing time for their sins. The proposal brought a storm of protest.

Interviewed by "The Liberal" again following city council's agreement to accept Board of Control's recommendation, Controller Allen said that the city's real estate director would be instructed to invite proposals from potential purchasers. Board of Control would then be in a position to examine them and come to a decision. He thought that this should be possible by the end of March, 1962.

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All tenders were for a price above par and ranged from \$100.29 to the high of \$101.02. Mayor James Haggart expressed satisfaction with the realized and council members accepted the firm offers as indication of faith in Richmond Hill's sound financial structure. Council received the resignation of Ralph Wood, who for five years has been a Richmond Hill representative on the York Central District High School Board. On motion of Reeve F. R. Perkins the resignation was accepted with regret and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Wood. In seconding the motion, Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell said trustee Wood had been a real asset to the high school board.

A by-law to name a successor was given first reading but laid over for final readings until council members give the matter further consideration. Mayor James Haggart nominated Ernest Lowin, who he said lived in the Bayview area and was willing to accept the appointment, and Reeve Perkins said he had asked T. W. Pitt, 427 Crosby Avenue, to act, but is awaiting a definite