

## "Battling Broadhurst" Gets TKO In Fight For Better Road

# County Fails To Provide For Bayview Ave. In 1962



Expenditures Approached Million

## Public School Board Has Surplus Was Well Within Budget For 1961

Richmond Hill Public School Board came out on the right side of the ledger on 1961 operations, it was revealed last week when the provisional statement for the year was tabled.

Due to an unusual situation with a surplus of approximately affecting government grants, the \$27,000, giving taxpayers a "leg surplus" of approximately \$34,000. Because of the Hill's unusual 000. Keeping well within its growth in a short span, special budget, it finished the year government grants have been received.

## Toronto Commends Local Men

### Police Praise Police

Richmond Hill police, like their confreres in most places, come in for the occasional "slam". But this week they won a bouquet for good police work instead. It came from Metropolitan Toronto Police in the form of a letter to the local police committee and was read at town council meeting. It said: "I would like to bring to your attention the exceptional co-operation and police work exhibited by Chief Constable R. P. Robbins, Sergeant Joe Rainey, P. C. Ted McBrien and P. C. Edward Green of the Richmond Hill Police Department, in connection with the recent entry to the North American Arms Company, 1430 Birchmount Road, Scarborough. "Information was obtained by these officers concerning a number of rifles being sold in the Richmond Hill area, causing suspicion on their part, and resulting in a notification to our No. 4 District Detective Unit. Detective-Sergeant John Standish, Detective Neville Little and P. C. Bernard Bellamy were dispatched to Richmond Hill and, after an all-night investigation in which Richmond Hill Police played a major part, results were obtained, the letter declared. "Convictions of three young men were secured, two from the Richmond Hill area and one from Scarborough. One was given suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years; another was given two months, plus two other sentences of six months each, to run concurrently; the third youth was fined \$25. Fifteen rifles were recovered, valued at \$508. "Will you please convey our sincere thanks and appreciation for their assistance to Chief Robbins and his men," the letter, signed by Deputy Chief of Police George Elliott, asked.

## \$50 Top Prize Also

### Double Ten Baby Bonus Cheques

Ten lucky mothers who shop at the Richmond Heights Centre between February 15th and 3.30 p.m. on February 24th will double the amount of their baby bonus cheque - that is, providing they cash the cheque at the centre. To the original amount of the cheque whatever it may be, the Richmond Heights Centre Merchants Association will add a similar amount. In addition to this, one name will be drawn from the top ten and that person will receive, in addition to the doubling of her baby bonus cheque, an additional prize of \$50 cash. The ten who will receive the additional amount equal to the face value of their cheque will do so through coupons. These will be filled in at the time the baby bonus cheque is cashed. The drawing to decide the ten who will double their bonus cheques and the one of them who will receive an extra fifty dollars will take place on February 24th.

ceived. Last year the board was faced with the problem of making a heavy reduction in the mill rate in one year, or staggering the benefits over a period. Adopting the position that it would be better to spread benefits over a period, rather than to take rates away down and then, in one year, take them up with a big swoop, trustees compromised, lowering the mill rate slightly and at the same time providing a "cushion" for the future.

Nearing Million  
Total operating expenditures for 1961 were \$766,415. Revenues were \$793,457, creating a surplus of \$27,042.

Revenue was derived from the carry-over of \$34,365 from 1960, grants of \$447,048 from the provincial government, \$298,923 from local taxpayers, \$6,841 from Vaughan Township and \$2,175 from Markham Township, \$4,100 from miscellaneous. In addition debenture payments amounting to \$147,498 were made.

While the board provided for contingencies of \$7,316, no part of this amount was spent. But warned Chairman Harold Sanderson, he felt that it would be wise to consider increasing the contingency fund to allow for failure to receive taxes on empty stores and houses. During 1961 the board had to write off taxes of \$11,325, he pointed out, advising the finance committee to study the situation when preparing the current year's budget.

## Vaughan Twp. Lists Five Year Spending

Vaughan Township will spend \$4,612,844 in the next five years on capital assets, including schools, waterworks projects, sewer and road projects, township council was told at its meeting this week. The estimate was prepared at the request of the Ontario Municipal Board. Similar reports are being called for by most municipalities, the object being to give the OMB an opportunity to police expenditures which will be debentured and, in addition, to ensure that municipalities proceed on an orderly basis, realizing where they are going financially.

## Supreme Steel Workers Build Heavy Equipment

Machines now being built in Richmond Hill, and the men who help build them are illustrated above. The large picture shows a cement mixer - the first built here - which was manufactured at the plant of Supreme Steel and Engineering Company Ltd. on Industrial Road. The smaller picture shows an asphalt paver, also the first of its line to be constructed locally.

In front of their product are members of Supreme Steel's staff. From the left are seen L. Balaton, a welder; V. Lukkarinen and V. Turminen, also welders; Paul Aho and W. Webber, fitters; Joe Pichler, shop superintendent, and Eric Clark, works manager.

Fourteen men are now employed in Supreme's shop - a number which will be expanded as development proceeds. The machines they build are manufactured under licence from the Blaw-Knox equipment firm. The cement mixer is one of twenty being built at the moment, says Mr. Clark, production of a hundred a year is visualized. Fifty pavers, it is estimated, will be built during the year, with production starting in March. Later on, it is expected that wide paving machines, road wideners and concrete finishing equipment will be added to the line.

## William James Johnson Early Vaughan Resident

Having retained all his faculties to the end, William James Johnson, died suddenly at his son's home, Maple Road, Maple, on February 4, in his 88th year. Born at Potter Newton, in Leeds, Yorkshire, April 24, 1874, and the fifth generation to be named William James, he came to Toronto at the age of 5, with his parents, Jane Davidson (of Glasgow) and William James Johnson of Yorkshire. He and his three sisters, Mary, Margaret and Jennie, were joined by brother Frank, born two weeks after his mother arrived in Canada.

The family moved to Fisherville (Steeles & Finch Streets on Dufferin) where his father worked as a meat purveyor for William Davies Co. - later amalgamated with Canada Packers. Working with his father, he later drove his 'peddling wagon' of meats from Finch to Maple. This proved he had many potential customers, so on March 1, 1906, he bought the local store in Maple from William Woods. On June 13, 1906, he married Ada Powley of Galt who was teaching school at Concord. She pre-deceased him in 1933. They had three children, William, with whom he made his home in Maple, Grace (Mrs. E. McCumber) of Toronto and Mary.

Interment followed in Maple Cemetery.

## Parking Problem Is Council Topic

The Department of Transport was willing to pay for a survey of traffic and allied conditions, Councillor Al. White told members of Richmond Hill Town Council this week, as parking matters were discussed. No decision was reached. But, said Stewart Coxford, member of the parking authority who represented his group for a discussion on traffic affairs, the whole matter of parking down-town had undergone a remarkable change in recent months.

Members of council were inclined to believe that the new situation was due to falling off of down-town business but it was also pointed out that parking space had been considerably increased by the authority. On the suggestion of Mayor Haggart, parking will be discussed by the authority and the town's planning director.

Councillor Al. White pointed out that cars were parking all day at the municipal office at the corner of Yonge and Richmond Streets, which is not metered. Discussion of parking meters in other parts of the town indicated that the municipality still owes a considerable amount on them, this being retired by half of the meter collections.

The whole parking pattern, meters and all, would be reviewed, said Mr. Coxford.

## Tell Public Truth About Conditions

"We don't need to advertise - you can see it," declared Mayor Haggart at Richmond Hill Town Council meeting this week as Councillor Mrs. M. Southwell wondered whether a recent council discussion on deterioration of down-town property, as reported in the press, wasn't harmful to the municipality. A business man had told her, she said, that a deal he had might fall through as a result of the publicity.

"We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand any longer," asserted the mayor. "We have peddled long enough. The only way we can clean up is to bring this into the open. I consider it a very desperate situation."

Deputy Reeve Broadhurst agreed. "There is a real advantage in telling the public the truth," he declared, "so that we can alert them."

## "Don't Listen, Ladies", Curtain Club Entry

The local Curtain Club has again demonstrated the high standard of its productions with the acceptance of its entry for the Central Ontario Drama Festival to be held at Hart House in March. "Don't Listen, Ladies," a French comedy of wit and elegance, by Sacha Guitry, and under the directorship of Stephen Appleby, was screened in rehearsal last week by Mr. Murray Edwards, of the CBC Drama Department. Addressing the cast afterwards, Mr. Edwards commented that in order to raise the standard of the festival this year, screening would be more stringent than ever and competition keener since only six plays from the 16 entries were being chosen, instead of the customary seven.

"Don't Listen, Ladies" is being presented in Richmond Hill at the Curtain Club Theatre March 7 - 10, and March 14 - 17, and may be seen at Hart House on March 30.

## Work For Relief Scheme Is Given Coolish Welcome

An Ontario government regulation forbids municipalities to request relief recipients to work for the assistance they receive.

The town council of Penetanguishene believes that this should be changed and has adopted a resolution to that effect, which has been sent to other municipalities for their endorsement. Richmond Hill Town Council considered its attitude and decided to send the northern town's request to the personnel and welfare committee for consideration.

Councillors failed to show any great enthusiasm for the suggestion. It was pointed out that at the present time the province pays 80 per cent of relief costs. If relief recipients were put on the town's payroll, it was pointed out, the municipality would have to bear the full load.

"This resolution is far too broad in its present form," Deputy Reeve Broadhurst declared.

## Redevelopment Again Discussed

# Planners, Council, Note Urgency

Richmond Hill's new planning director, Harold Deeks, made it quite plain to town council this week that, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, without the tools he couldn't finish the job. He and Chairman Ross Scrimger, with other members of the planning board, discussed the board's budget for 1962. Impact of planning on possible annexation and deterioration of certain parts of the municipality, particularly the down-town area, was strongly emphasized by both planners and members of town council.

A comprehensive report by Mr. Deeks - for which he was complimented by members of council - covered work which had to be done. Completion of an official plan was declared to be essential. The Potvin and Culham surveys made last year were brought into the discussion on several occasions, with the planning director acknowledging that the information which had been secured was of considerable value.

## Marketing Expert Coming

### Leading Business Man To Be Heard As Chamber Of Commerce Is Begun

With all business men and women of the town, whether engaged in retailing, industrial or professional activities, invited to attend, Richmond Hill's new Chamber of Commerce will get under way at an organizational meeting to be held in the auditorium of Richmond Hill High School, Wright Street, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be J. T. A. Wilson, Director of Sales and Marketing for Davis and Henderson Ltd., manufacturing stationers, of Toronto. Mr. Wilson is a director of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and will present the new Richmond Hill Chamber with certificates of affiliation with the Ontario and National Chambers.

He received his education in Toronto, which included industrial organization and business psychology, and is a graduate of the Canadian Institute at McMaster University.

## Markham Reeve, Deputy Give Aid In Road Scrap

Unless there is a change of heart in York County Council or the considerable sum of money needed can be found from some other source, residents of the east end of Richmond Hill and other users of Bayview Avenue can look forward to at least one more year with the road in its present condition. York County Councillors and the Toronto and York Roads Commission failed to include taking over the road in the 1962 budget last week. Only one of the five roads turned down by the T and Y Commission last November, which will be taken into the 1962 picture, is a two-and-a-half mile stretch of Bathurst Street from Langstaff Road to Maple (Vaughan) Road. \$350,000 will be spent on grading, gravelling and culverts for it this year.

Richmond Hill's Deputy Reeve needed for the widening or diverting of roads, found approval of the failure of York County from the north and strong disapproval from the Toronto and York Roads Commission to provide for Bayview Avenue, put up a sturdy fight for its inclusion in this year's program. He was backed by Reeve Floyd Perkins and Deputy Reeve Wif Dean and Deputy Markham Reeve Mumberson of the county came from the south, then municipalities, he said, Metro was making overtures to that end of the county. Even the Post Office Department, by extending Toronto's local rate to take in a considerable part of Markham territory, was helping, he said. "Just be careful you don't swing that sledge too hard. You may break the line. This goes a lot deeper than you think," he warned.

T and Y Report  
At a session of County Council in November, 1961, a clash between Toronto and York Roads Commission and several members of council developed when the T and Y group, in an unheralded and unexpected action, refused to take over any of the five roads recommended by county council's special roads committee. Evidently aware of (Continued on page 3)

## Safety Signs Sought

Richmond Hill Police Department is to be asked to adjust a considerable number of school signs throughout Richmond Hill, in the interest of the safety of students, the public school board decided last week. Trustee Mrs. Ruth Castle will interview the police chief regarding locations.

## Twenty Year Plan

A twenty year plan of redevelopment was a practical one, said Mr. Deeks in reply to a question by Deputy Reeve Broadhurst. He said that it allowed for capitalization costs and the many changes which would take place in coming years. "Some of these plans would be far-reaching," he declared, "but they are not." He referred to the possible treatment of sewage by electricity as one of the marvels which would influence planning and development in the future.

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The special speaker has had a wealth of business experience. He started with the accounting department of Ontario Hydro, in 1939-1945 war. Joining the Canadian Army, he attended the



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