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New Address: 40 Leventdale Road

Separate School Householder Nearly Breaks Even On Taxes

Public School Home Assessed At \$5000 Up \$13.80

They Helped Make The Spring Fair A Success



Pictured here are some of the people who contributed to the outstanding success of the horticultural society's Spring fair, held in the Lions Hall at Richmond Hill on April 14th. From the left are: Mrs. Gordon Langley, who was in charge of local handicrafts; Mrs. Doug Boyd, Mrs. Ivan Grant, Miss Gladys McLatchy, secretary of the society; W. S. Urquhart, president; Sharon Cowan and Charleen Rayson, C.G.I.T. girls who helped with ushering, serving of tea and other duties which helped make the fair a smoothly-flowing event. At the back is seen the bottom of the 18-foot map which helped accent the theme of "Canadiana."

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School Extension Tenders Opening On April 26th

Eight contractors had asked for particulars covering the projected nine-room extension for the Crosby Heights Public School, members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board were told at their last meeting.

Council Unhappy As School Board Requests \$21.01

The chairman of the finance committee of the Richmond Hill Town Council was given authority at that body's last meeting to reply to a letter from the Richmond Hill School Board which requested council to pay for a broken window at Pleasantville School, said to have been smashed by a golf ball.

Town's Share Decreased County, Education, More

In terms of a house assessed at \$5,000, Richmond Hill residential property owners who are public school supporters will pay \$13.80 more tax this year. The difference—and more—is accounted for entirely by portions of the tax dollar over which council has no control.

Commercial and industrial taxpayers show a much bigger increase, with educational costs registering a severe impact due to a new provincial regulation which says that the tax for education may only be 90 per cent on residential property of what it is on commercial and industrial property. Using the \$5,000 yardstick again, the actual dollar increase will be \$23.95.

Liquor Licence Private Clubs
With the changes in the provincial liquor laws announced this week by Premier John Robarts private clubs can now be licensed. This means that the Richmond Hill Curling Club will now be eligible for a bar licence.

107 Ballots Cast In Advance Poll

One hundred and seven Richmond Hill citizens cast ballots Tuesday in the advance poll of the forthcoming liquor vote. Polls were open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Richmond Hill Public Library. The vote will be held April 23.

Education Costs Biggest Bite '61 Municipal Spending Saw Over \$2 Million Go

It took \$2,138,738 to run the town of Richmond Hill last year, the annual audited statement revealed when it was presented to town council this week. That amount included the paying off of \$391,700 in debentures.

Major amounts included in the year's expenses included \$114,000 for administration, \$12,572 was spent on the industrial commission. Public welfare cost \$24,334. The public library was given \$30,000. Park maintenance cost \$23,070. \$10,300 went to the recreation committee.

Pheasant Purchase Cancelled

Continuous complaints about the dangers created by hunters in Vaughan Township, mostly temporary visitors from the city during the hunting season, have finally led to the passing of a by-law which prohibits the discharge of firearms except by residents in certain cases.

Vaughan Bans Firearm Discharge

The by-law says that "no person shall discharge any gun or other firearm, air gun or any class or type thereof in the municipality of the township of Vaughan" except owners of agricultural lands, who are not prohibited from shooting in defence and preservation of their property. They may not use a weapon above 12 gauge if a shot-gun and 22 calibre if a rifle. The word "owner" is defined by the by-law as "includes lessees, bona fide employees of the own-

Prepayment Discounts To Be Discontinued

1961 Surplus To Save Borrowing

The administration of Richmond Hill for 1961 had left a budget surplus of \$50,043, town councillors were pleasantly surprised to learn as they received the audited statement of 1961 affairs prior to striking the tax rate for 1962. That result was achieved by holding down expenditures during the year to \$89,893 less than budgeted for. Income was \$39,950 less than estimated, but the net result left a surplus of over \$50,000.

Auditor Stewart Joscelyn recommended that the surplus be used to provide a working reserve. This, he said, would save the town a considerable amount in interest when it was forced, as it always is, to borrow pending receipt of taxes, and would create a better working capital situation.

Wash Out Discounts

An arriving radical change made in the 1962 mill rate was the washing out of discount for prepayment of taxes. It was said that the discount had not proved to be in help it was expected to be in securing early payment of taxes for this purpose in the budget. It was said by the registrar that elimination of the discount, it was pointed out, did not affect the average taxpayer.

Vaughan Pupils May Ride Yet

Trustee Alters Opinion Favours School Bus Now

"My opinion has swung over," stated Trustee Terry Goodwin, referring to the necessity of transportation of children to school in certain areas, at the recent meeting of Vaughan Township School Area Board. He was reporting results of a meeting with two representatives from each of the Department of Transport and the Department of Highways, who are "honestly and sincerely interested in these problems not only here, but all over the province."

Stressing that the problem is in setting up the suggested committee, Trustee Goodwin reported that the oral recommendation of these men was the formation of a committee by council to study the problem, and, with the help of technical aid in traffic engineering from the two departments, reach a long-term solution.

Such a committee, he said, of council, school board, police and planning departments, and safety of children on their way to and from school would be only one facet of the overall problem. He thought it wise to wait for the official memorandum on the inspection of the problem areas, using this as a basis on which to approach council to ask its co-operation

Clearing Up Titles

As recommended by the York County registrar some time ago, council took a step towards clearing up unsatisfactory registration of land titles in older sections of the town, where properties do not show on a registered plan. The move was strongly supported by local lawyers. Council allowed \$1,500 for this purpose in the budget. It was said by the registrar that it would cost about \$30 per lot count, it was pointed out, did not affect the average taxpayer.

Hospital Tenders Opening Date Will Be Set Back Week

Tenders for the York Central Hospital projected for Richmond Hill were to have been opened on April 25th. The date has been deferred for approximately a week.

"Ladies In Retirement" Starts 8 Nights Apr. 24

The Curtain Club Theatre will again be open for the entertainment of Richmond Hill when "Ladies In Retirement" starts a run of eight nights next Tuesday, April 24th, at 8:30 p.m.

20-Bedroom Hotel or Motel

The liquor act requires only that a 20-bedroom hotel be built in a town the size of Richmond Hill. The act only requires 50-room hotels in cities with a population of 100,000 and over. Mr. Scudds estimated that the tax revenue from a 20-bedroom hotel or motel would only be \$7 or \$8 thousand a year which is a lot less than the \$35 thousand

Budget Is Pared

Council faced estimates which would have increased the cost of operating the town by some \$22,000 when it started its final drive to set the 1962 tax figure. It not only succeeded in cutting off that amount but also eliminated sufficient expenditures to cut the town's part of the mill rate fractionally below that of last year.

Public Meeting

A well attended public meeting of the Richmond Hill "Vote No" committee was held Wednesday evening of last week in the auditorium of the public library. Those attending heard a free and frank discussion on the vital public issue of whether or not Richmond Hill should throw its doors wide open to the indiscriminate establishments of liquor outlets. The meeting was very ably chaired by Mrs. Norman Ritchie of Centre Street East.

Welfare Situation Will Go To Council

To give the committee and members of town council a clear and up-to-date picture of the welfare situation, a standard form of report would be made quarterly, Councillor Alec Campbell, chairman of the personnel and welfare committee, told Richmond Hill Town Council this week. The report for the first three months of the year is to be available for council at its next meeting on April 30th. It is expected that the report will be available for discussion by council one month after the end of each quarter, said Councillor Campbell.

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Town Has No Guarantee That Hotel Will Be Built

As to the promised revenue from the sale of liquor, he estimated the municipality would only receive back from the province 10 cents a bottle. The whopping sum of half a million dollars of liquor would have to be sold in Richmond Hill in one year to produce just \$100,000 in revenue.

School Damages Problem Recurs Will Bill Town

Vandalism at public schools got another airing at the last meeting of Richmond Hill Public School Board and, as a result, the town will receive a bill for a broken window at Pleasantville school. Damage at the town's public schools was a source of major controversy during 1961, with disputes between the school board, the town council and the police department being featured in a situation which finally saw a group of parents taken to juvenile court, with indecisive results.

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