

Senior Citizens Annual Garden Party



Threat of rain and cloudy skies failed to deter over 100 members of the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club from attending a garden party Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Thomson, Yonge St. North. Three candidates seeking office in the June 18 federal election spoke briefly. Seated

front, left to right: Mrs. D. Baker, Mrs. H. Mizen, Mrs. J. O. Steele, Mrs. W. Tyndall, J. Rowe and D. Baker, Back row: Reeve F. R. Perkins, John Addison, Liberal candidate, Mrs. J. Rabinowitch, Mayor J. Haggart, H. Mizen and Dr. J. P. Wilson. (Photo by Lagerquist)

Business Head Charles Taylor

Yonge Street Can Meet Challenge Of The Future

Herbert Paxton Guilty Conscience Brings Return Of Ring Dies Suddenly

A resident of Richmond Hill for 25 years, Herbert L. Paxton passed away suddenly at his home, 91 Hunt Avenue on May 27th. Born in the village of Kettleby, the son of John and Ann Paxton, Mr. Paxton was formerly a farmer but had been retired for many years. He was a member of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church and of the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his widow, the former Catherine Creedon; four daughters, Helen, Bernice, Marie and Joan; three sons, Clare, Stuart and Gerald, all of Richmond Hill; a sister, Mrs. Chester McHarg (Effie) of Hamilton; and three brothers, George of Aurora, Frank of Oakville and Walter of Oak Ridges.

Mr. Paxton rested at his home, 91 Hunt Avenue, Richmond Hill. High requiem mass was sung at St. Mary Immaculate Church by Father Basil Breen on May 30th with interment in St. John's Cemetery, Newmarket. Pallbearers were Mr. Paxton's son Clare and five nephews, Jack McHarg, Paxton McHarg, James Paxton, John Paxton, Basil Paxton and Laurie Paxton.

There must be one youngster in town who has slept better this week than he (or she) has for the past two. Mr. Bork, proprietor of Bork's Jewellers, 38 Yonge St. South reports that he received on Monday morning a large business-size envelope addressed to him, with the word "IMPORTANT" printed in large letters in one corner. Inside he found a small heart-shaped child's gold ring wrapped in a scrap of newspaper and a note which read:

"Dear Sir: Enclosed is a ring stolen from your store by me. I have a guilty conscience. Yours — P.S. I did it on Saturday, May 19th. It is worth \$5.50."

The letter was postmarked in Richmond Hill Monday morning, June 4th and in spite of the fact that he had to pay four cents postage due, Mr. Bork was pleased to get it. He states that in the three years he has been in business in Richmond Hill he has lost probably a hundred dollars in stolen items, but this is the first time he ever had one returned.

Does the Town of Oakville have the solution to the "fading main street" of our Ontario towns, which once were the core of the community at large — but are now becoming ghost streets with the introduction of mammoth parking centres, whose modern air and expansive parking areas lure shoppers to their symmetrically fronted doors?

And, could Richmond Hill, which also has 'main street blues', and more and more stores being locked-up and vacated, incorporate the Oakville plan to advantage?

In Oakville the main street merchants hoisted their foot-locks and hope to follow a pattern already undertaken successfully in Norwich, England, where the Norwich Union Insurance Society sponsored a total facelift that eliminated overhanging and protruding signs, as well as incorporating a joint colour scheme, which carried the vibrant message to passing shoppers. "Here we are We're in the merchandising business, and hoping to win your trade." There were 80 shops in Norwich which underwent a face-lifting and a modernizing program which paid off.

In Oakville, as in Richmond Hill, much thought has been given to parking problems for the main street, Colborne. And in Oakville planners hope to include malls and gardens along the downtown section to preserve the unique characteristics of the town, where the residential district is as attractive as any historic New England town. Planners are halting a determined fight to halt "downtown blight", and all civic groups are being asked to assist in the renovation plan.

Charles Taylor, president of the Yonge St. Merchants' Association, told The Liberal, "This is a tough subject to get on. A lot of people, not on Yonge Street, would like to see the main thoroughfare stripped and widened. But it is too valuable to do this." He pointed out the centre block on Yonge is assessed at \$200 a foot of frontage. "But Loblaw's, which is in the big shopping area north is only assessed at \$130 a foot."

"Yonge Street business is being drained by taxes and loss of customers to the shopping centre," Mr. Taylor said. "As a result we have been asking the town to re-assess us, so we can live."

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CHARLES TAYLOR

Rev. R. W. Manning High PK. Minister Dies At 47

Rev. Robert Warren Manning, 47, recently retired minister of High Park Presbyterian Church, died May 31st at his home in Maple.

Mr. Manning was minister of High Park Church for 18 years until he retired because of illness a month ago.

He was born and educated in Vaughan Township and graduated with honors from Knox College, University of Toronto.

He served first in Cookstown, then as assistant minister at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal for a year before his call to High Park, in Toronto.

Mr. Manning had been padre of Runnymede Lions for 18 years and of the Humber Gun Club for 15 years. He also was an ardent conservationist.

He leaves his wife, the former Jane Fort of America, Georgia, U.S.A., and seven children, Robert, James, Jane, Sarah, Mary Anne, Nancy and Suzanne Clare.

The funeral service, held Saturday, June 2, in High Park Presbyterian Church, was conducted by the West Toronto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church with the moderator, Rev. W. J. Adamson, the clerk, Rev. M. E. Burch and the interim-moderator, Rev. J. K. Lattimore officiating.

Ministers of the West Toronto Presbytery and the Session and Board of Managers of High Park Church formed a guard of honour.

Pallbearers were Mr. James McDonald of Maple, Mr. Don-

ald James of Runnymede Lions Club, Mr. James Locke of the Humber Gun Club, and Mr. Kenneth Faulkner, Mr. William Giles and Mr. Reginald Martin from the Church. Interment was in Maple United Church cemetery. Turner and Porter of Toronto were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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Hold Joint Meeting

3 Months Before Figures Available

An appeal for immediate start to a redevelopment study in the downtown area was voiced by town council Tuesday night at a joint meeting with the Richmond Hill Planning Board.

The meeting, called to discuss internal organization in the department headed by Planning Director F. H. Deeks, was told by him that it would be at least three months before he would be able to give any report on a redevelopment study.

He told council that routine problems of administration in getting his department set up have prevented him from doing the job he was hired to do. Mr. Deeks has been planning director since November 1961.

Council was also told by Ross Scrimgeur, chairman of the planning board, that it would be unable to complete the heavy program scheduled for 1962. He said the redevelopment and annexation studies would keep the planning director and board busy this year.

A brief on the statutory role of the planning board prepared by Professor J. B. Milner, well-known authority in this field,

was presented to the meeting by Mr. Deeks.

He outlined several points raised in the brief concerning a planning board's relation to council and its function in the community.

Points covered included: What is a planning board; how does a planning board plan; the planning staff and for whom does the staff work. Mr. Deeks spoke briefly on each point.

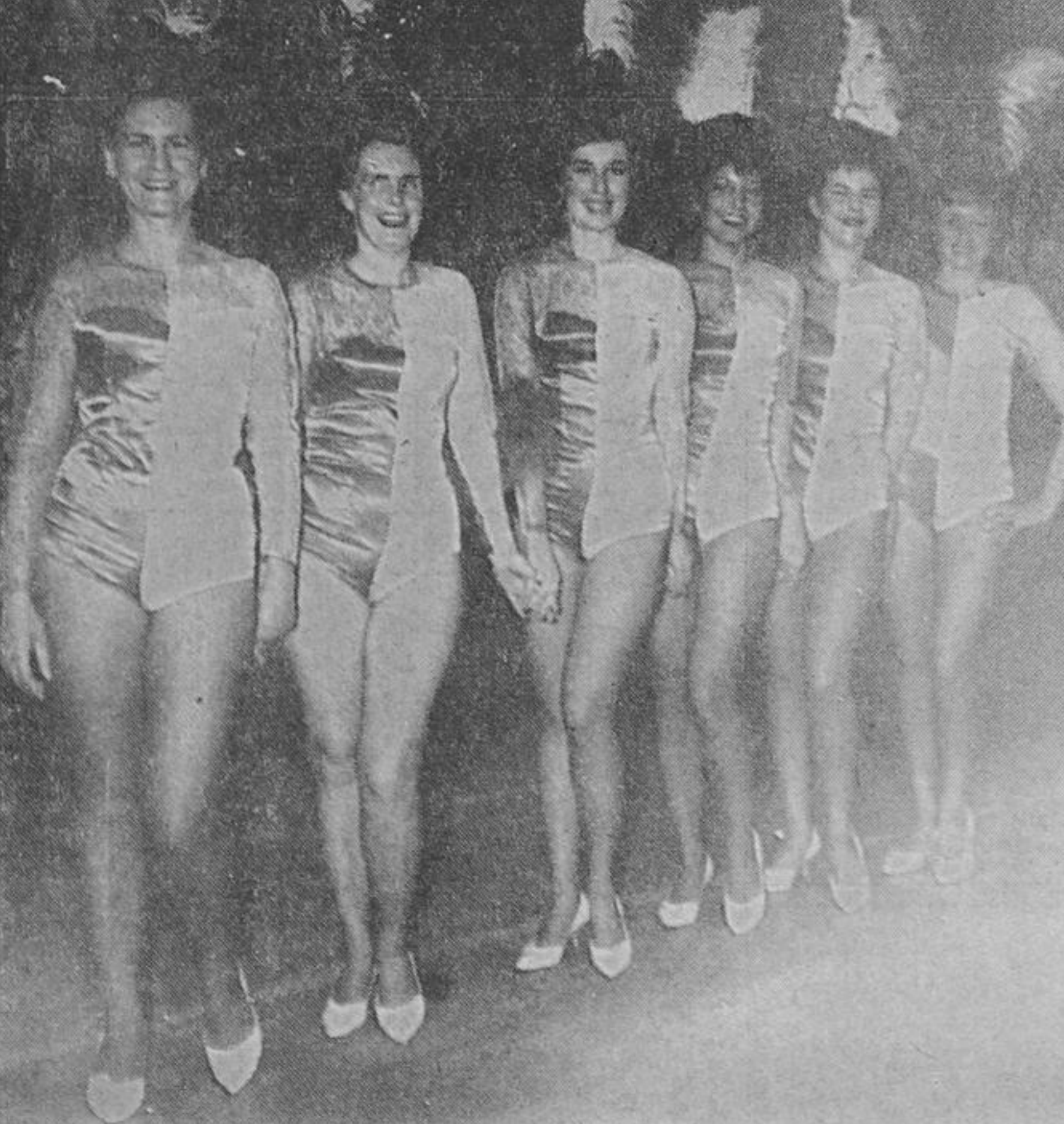
He also spoke on duties of planning boards as set out in the Planning Act of Ontario. He said the planning board acts only as an adviser to council on planning matters. The final decision on bylaws and implementation of proposals recommended by the board rests solely with council. It has full responsibility for adopting or rejecting any proposal put forth by the board, Mr. Deeks stated.

Both council and board members spoke highly of the co-

operation between the two bodies. And agreed that a well coordinated team effort would go a long way in helping to solve the many problems of planning in the community.

Word was received at press time that Stephen J. Mucke, injured in an accident Monday, died in hospital Tuesday morning.

"The Jazz Beat"



All ready to perform "It's Entertainment", opening number of the Dennis Moore Recital, "Let's Dance '62" held at Eaton Auditorium last Saturday evening. (From left to right): Betty Smith, Evelyn Turner, Jane Fumerton, Penny Parmenter, Gail Rurak and Carol Hannivan.

Councillor White Issues Statement

4 New Traffic Signals Began Operation Mon.

The Department of Highways traffic studies, a centre med-

announced this week, it has, has been painted on Highway 11 between Leventdale Road and Elgin Mills Road. This was done to discourage passing in the area because it is dangerous to do so — and will become more so when the new system of six co-ordinated traffic signals goes into operation June 4. Motor-

ists are required to keep off the diagonally-striped areas.

Councillor Al White, chairman of the police committee, said last night the new system of stop lights designed for Richmond Hill by the Department of High-

ways has made additional regulations necessary for parking and stopping in order to keep traffic moving in an orderly manner.

Mr. White advises anyone with a grievance to contact Police Chief R. P. Robbins. His department will investigate any complaint immediately, Mr. White promised.

The police department is asking for the co-operation of local residents until the new system is operating smoothly, the chairman said.

Other members of the police committee are Councillor John MacDiarmid and Deputy Reeve Thomas Brodhurst.

Part and parcel of the new plan worked out by the department's traffic engineers is the prohibition of stopping on Yonge Street (Highway 11) between the Elgin Mills Road and Markham Road during peak or rush hour periods — on the west side in the morning, from 7:30 to 8:30 and on the east side from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays and holidays stopping will be prohibited, northbound — from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; south — 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Town council has already passed a by-law to permit the enforcement of these no stopping restrictions.

So as to make the new plan work as effectively as possible stopping even momentarily will not be allowed during the hours when the no stopping regulation is in effect. "No Stopping," as well as "No Parking," signs will be in place prior to June 4 so that motorists will have time to become familiar with the new regulations.

Resulting from the same

Await Decision

Richmond Hill town officials said Wednesday that no decision has yet been made regarding Bayview Avenue being taken over by the Toronto and York Roads Commission.

Town officials are hopeful the commission will follow recommendations of town council and commence reconstruction of the road this year.

Several business establishments in the Bayview Plaza have closed down on account of road conditions this year, claiming that customers will not travel Bayview Ave., in its present state.

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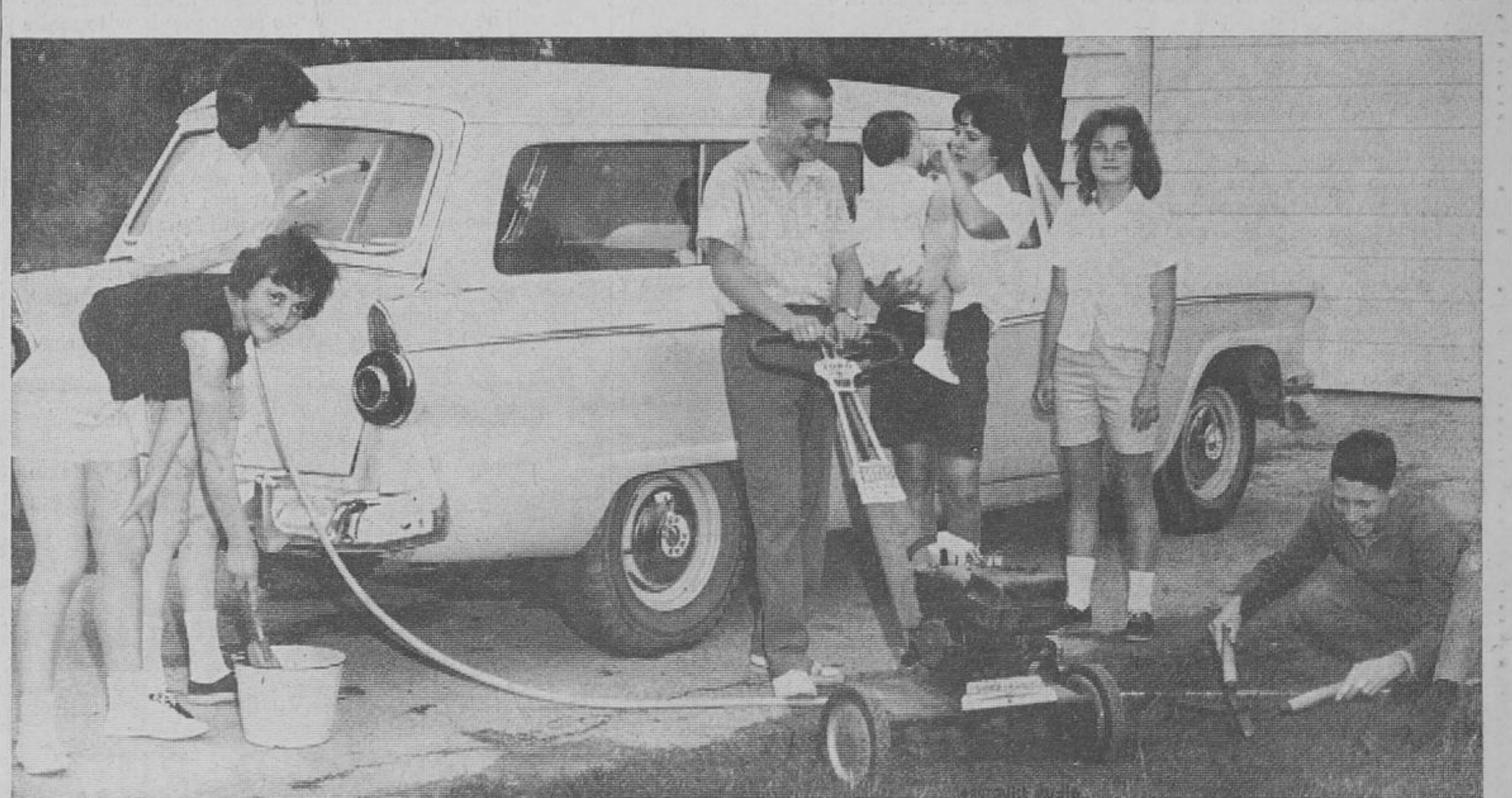
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Town Public School Children Aid Work Of Peace Research Institute



Pictured above are a group of Richmond Hill public school students who are working to raise funds for Canadian Peace Research Institute. From June 9 to 23 they will mow lawns, wash cars and baby sit for local residents. The students will not charge any special price for their work and ask only to be paid what the people for whom they work think the service is worth.

Left to right are Mary Carcone, Jackie Thomas, John Chandler, Linda Loughridge holding baby Linda McIntyre, Rosemary Hough and Ray Aston. Other students taking part in the project include Carol Smith and Shirley Flannigan. Anyone requiring services offered by this group is asked to call Linda Loughridge at TU. 4-1359 or Rosemary Hough at TU. 4-4997.