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## Rising Education Costs Brings Mixed Reaction

A poll of Richmond Hill residents this week for their opinion on the increasing costs of maintaining our educational system revealed mixed feelings to the question: "What Do You Think Of Increased School Costs?" Liberal staff reporter Neil Campbell interviewed a housewife, barber, student, retired pensioner, bakery owner and businessmen, in his survey. Here are some of the answers he received—

**RITA EDWARDS, Dress Store Manager:** I am of the opinion that Richmond Hill should go all out for business and industry to increase tax revenues. Children have to go to school so we have to expand our schools. It is not expansion but lack of industrial assessment that is raising our taxes.

**ED HERMANOVICS, Student:** It seems to me that education is one thing we need in Canada. We must progress beyond most other countries so I believe that we should exert ourselves and pay the amount of taxes that we must pay.

**RICHARD LEE, Retired:** I think school taxes are a heck of a thing. I haven't had kids for 20 years. I'm a pensioner now and I haven't got a million dollars. I'm afraid that if taxes go any higher, I'll be forced to sell. There should be some allowance made for pensioners.

**ANDY MURPHY, Taxi Driver:** I'm all for it. With increased technological development we have a real struggle ahead to keep up with the Russians. They're putting out far more university graduates than we are. Then too, increased automation makes it necessary to have more education just to get a job.

**INEZ HAYES, Housewife:** I'm for anything concerning education. We're still terribly short of schools in this part of town. We're depending too much on portable classrooms. Expansion such as that taking place at Bayview (Secondary School) is necessary.

**H. A. WIGHT, Druggist:** We feel like everybody else — the damage was done a number of years ago when too many residential sections opened. The people that moved in had too many children and we didn't attract enough industry to pay the taxes. Our high costs could be cut if we eliminated some of the frills.

**CHRIS KARALIS, Bakery Owner:** I'd rather see taxes going to our school system than anywhere else. We are far behind other countries in our school system. We must catch up. We should be spending more money on our schools and less on our highways.

**AUBREY DUNN, Barber:** If you don't know the inside story, you can't be sure whether a thing is good or bad. We should keep down administrative costs, but if expansion is coming, what can you do about it? Don't forget that most people on the school boards are paying taxes too.

**DIANNE WILTON, Housewife:** I don't mind paying for the schools just as long as I'm getting my money's worth. I don't think all our teachers are doing their jobs. I cannot say I've much confidence in our modern teaching methods either.

**JOHN PADFIELD, Bakery Manager:** The finished product of our modern school system is far out of keeping with the money that's spent. When getting an education was tougher, when men had to dig and dig and dig for an education, we produced thinkers that our present world can't produce. You can't be a playboy and a student.

**MRS. H. JONES, Housewife:** School costs are terrible. People are going to move out of Richmond Hill because of taxes. We'd move if we could sell our house. Taxes in Aurora are only about half what they are here. It's only in the last few years that they have gotten this high.

**NORMAN MACKIE, Retired:** Kids have to have an education but it's costing us too much. Teachers get too much money. A retired businessman has to live on his savings. But when the teacher retires, he has a big pension, part of which is paid for by the taxpayers.

## Town Faces Water Cuts

If people in Richmond Hill don't use caution in their consumption of water, they may find restrictions placed on it, according to Works Commissioner Otto Whalen.

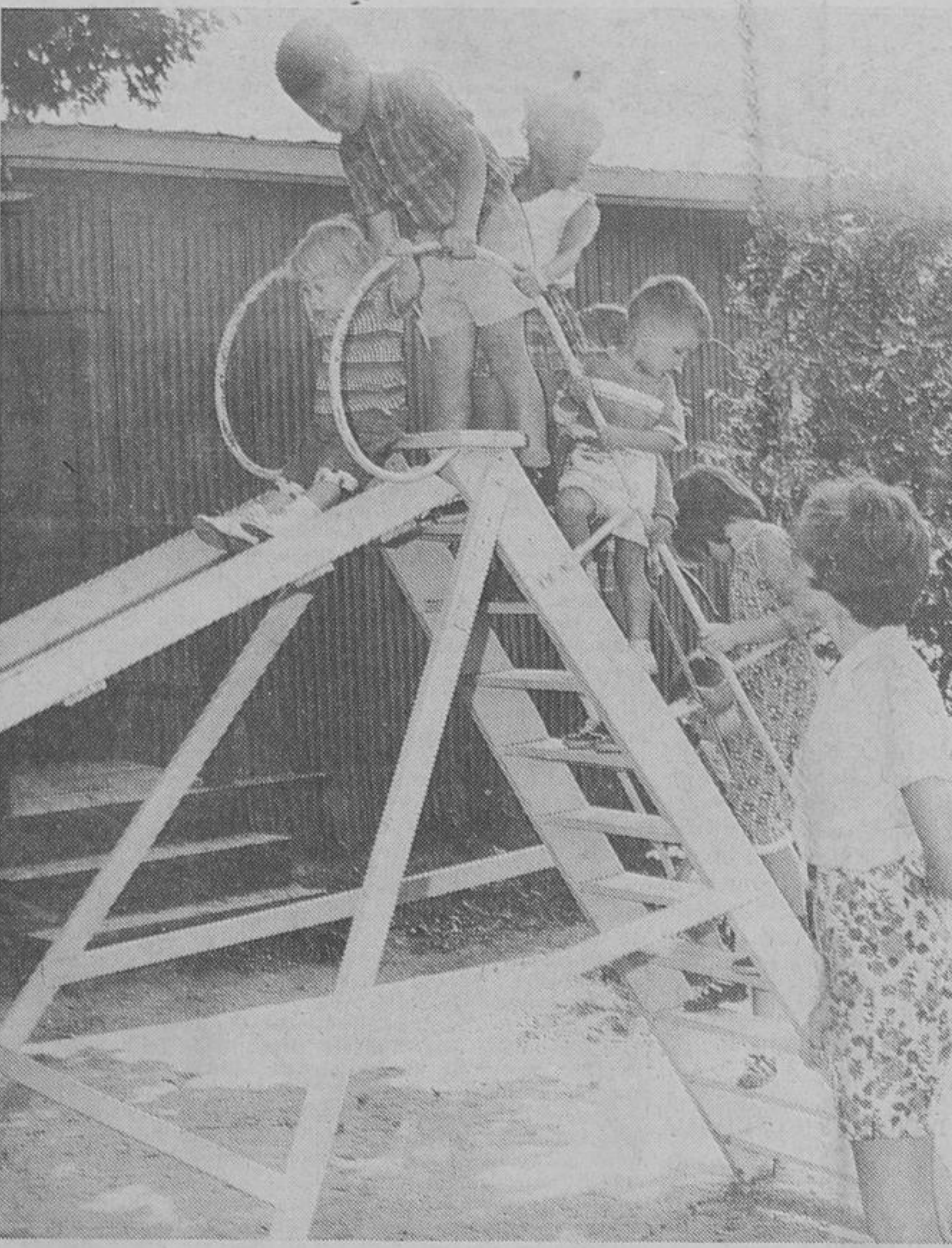
Mr. Whalen emphasized the commission would be most reluctant to impose such restrictions, but that it might be forced.

The only restrictions presently in force are against watering lawns from eight in the morning till eight at night on Wednesday. This period is used for back flushing at the town's waterworks.

Mr. Whalen suggested that one good way of cutting down unnecessary consumption voluntarily would be for householders to refrain from watering their lawns during the day.

### Board Gives Licenses To Three Area Clubs

Three area golf and country clubs have been granted liquor licenses, it was announced by the Ontario Liquor License Board, Monday. Included are the Thornhill Golf Club, Maple Downs Golf and Country Club, Vaughan Township, and the Summit Golf and Country Club, Markham Township.



### "And Away We Go"

Having the time of their life on the slide at the town park are (left to right) Heather Bell, Rocky Deciantis, Winnie Smith, Vivian Webster and Paul Carcone, while Elizabeth Hutcheson (extreme right) looks on. The children are some of the almost 1,200 taking part in the summer playground program in Richmond Hill. (Photo by Lagerquist)

### Builder Will Reapply

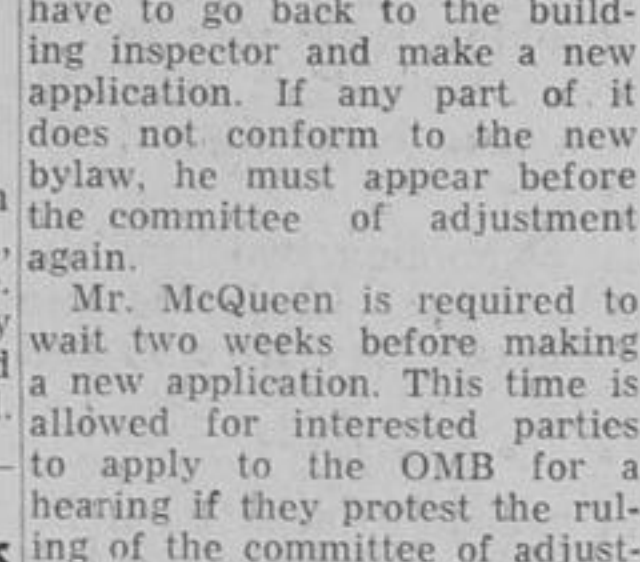
Builder of the proposed McQueen Apartments in Richmond Hill will encounter new stumbling blocks before his building permit is granted, warned Chairman Harold Sayers at last Wednesday's meeting of the Committee of Adjustment. Difficulties have arisen as a result of recent provincial approval of a new zoning bylaw for the town passed by council last year and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board June 22. The hearing was called prior to OMB approval because the floor areas of 35 of the 45 proposed apartments in the building did not conform to the old zoning bylaw.

The committee Wednesday night approved the floor areas because they now conform to the new bylaw. The floor areas in question, 570 square feet for 12, one bedroom suites, and 700 square feet for 23, two bedroom suites, conform exactly to the new regulations. The old bylaw called for minimum floor areas of 800 square feet in a multiple family dwelling. Builder T. A. McQueen will have to go back to the building inspector and make a new application. If any part of it does not conform to the new bylaw, he must appear before the committee of adjustment again. Mr. McQueen is required to wait two weeks before making a new application. This time is allowed for interested parties to apply to the OMB for a hearing if they protest the ruling of the committee of adjustment.

Further delay may prevent the construction of the apartments altogether. Mr. McQueen stated his financial backing would be no longer available to him after September 1. The proposed apartments are slated to be built on Richmond Street, near Hall Street. During the discussion period, Mr. McQueen assured a group of neighboring ratepayers that he was aware of their interest in the building.

He told them the proposed structure would not be an eyesore and would have adequate parking. It will be four stories high. Mr. McQueen said that in the first application he filed he had asked for permission to build 45 apartments, rather than the 77 allowed under the old bylaw, in order to maintain the neighborhood's appearance. When the question of who would pay for necessary expanded services arose, Mr. Sayers said the problem would have to come before council. However, Mr. McQueen has already promised the works department \$6,000 to go towards installing new storm sewers, according to Mr. Sayers.

## Funeral Services Held For David Sims Tuesday



DAVID SIMS

Profound sympathy for his bereaved parents and brother was expressed by the community when news was received of the tragic death of David Sims on Saturday and on the loss of such a popular and promising young citizen of Richmond Hill.

Born in Richmond Hill, as were his father and his grandfather, David received his education at McConaghy Public School and Richmond Hill High School. He recently passed into Grade 13. Attending Sunday school throughout his earlier years, he was a member of Richmond Hill United Church and was an active participant in church activities, including broadcasting of church services. Though a very keen student academically, physical training and sports were not neglected. As a hockey goalie, he won the "most outstanding player of the season" award. After pursuit of various hobbies, David, at a very early age concentrated on electrical, radio, and mechanical subjects, building his own apparatus, including test equipment. Engaged in the four year shop course at Richmond Hill High School, he earned a certificate in the Lincoln course of arc welding, and became shop foreman. Under the direction of W. Ellis, he managed the electrical section and transmission of school broadcasting programs (Continued on Page 3)

## Ready September '64

# Approve Construction Of Secondary School To Cost \$1.5 Million

## Nearly 1,200 Register For Summer Program

Nearly 1,200 children have already registered for the 1962 summer playground program in Richmond Hill. Recreation Director Mrs. Jean Thompson said that registration is still open and every application will be accepted. There are separate programs set up for two age groups. About two-thirds of the children take part in the morning program for children five to seven years old. The afternoon program is for children eight to 12. The total enrolment of 1,175 is a little ahead of last year when registration ranged from 950 to 1,250, Mrs. Thompson said. Beverley Acres School has the largest registration of the five playgrounds, 400. Other playground figures are 300 at Walter Scott School, 250 at MacKillop School, 125 at the Town Park, and 100 at Pleasantville School. Two special movies headline the activities this week. They are "Assignment Children," Danny Kay's movie for UNICEF, and a film on the RCMP Musical Ride. A 32-team inter-playground baseball league is being organized along with a floor hockey league. This week Mrs. Rabinowitch is starting a special class in art work for children taking part in the afternoon classes. The theme of this year's program is "Children of Other Lands."

## Install New Line To Help Southern Area Of Markham

Residents of the southern part of Markham Township, who have been complaining of the water shortage, will be happy to know that relief is on the way. According to Walter Craig, waterworks superintendent, pipe and materials for the new watermain on Bayview Avenue arrived Monday and work was to begin Tuesday. This would at least partially alleviate the shortage which is most severe for residents who live on Highway 7 between Cedar and Sussex Avenues. Mr. Craig says there is no lack of water in the township but the extreme elevation of the area made it difficult to maintain enough pressure to pump the water to the southern area. Residents of the area have been subject to restrictions on lawn watering and at times were without water.

## Street Sweeper Bought By Town

Residents of Richmond Hill will be seeing a strange new machine roaming the streets of town the next few days. The works department has just had a street sweeper delivered to it. According to Works Commissioner Otto Whalen, the sweeper was purchased second hand from the city of Toronto for \$1,000. It differs from the old sweeper in that it actually picks up the debris from the street and takes it away. It has a capacity of one to one and a quarter yards. Since it washes the streets at the same time, it can be used only on streets with curbs. The old sweeper will still be used on other streets.

## Will Not Support Town's Land Bid

Metropolitan Toronto would not support any bid by the Town of Richmond Hill to annex more land for industrial uses. This was the conclusion Planning Director Harold Deeks reached after a recent conversation with Ian Keith of Metro. Mr. Keith is responsible for the Richmond Hill-Thornhill area in the Metro Planning Department. Mr. Deeks reported his conversation in last week's planning board meeting. Metro would question any annexation for industrial use until Richmond Hill had filled its present industrial lands, the director stated. Metro would favor annexation of residential areas, particularly in the area south of town where there has been some residential development, the meeting was told.

## May Need Financing To Pay School Builder

The Richmond Hill Public School Board may have to go to the banks to pay for the nine room addition to Crosby Heights School. In a report from Business Administrator Ken Turton, the board learned that it would take the town about two months longer than expected to sell the debentures on the building. As a result, the board may have to borrow to pay the contractor. The board is concerned about the extra expense of paying bank interest.

Approval was given by the York Central District High School Board Thursday night for the construction of a secondary school in the Langstaff area costing \$1,489,990, excluding purchase price of the land. The site, located west of Yonge Street between Roosevelt and Garden Avenues, will be expropriated by the board. Construction is expected to start next May and be ready for occupancy in September 1964.

## Collect \$8,347. For Association In York County

Comprised of 14 classrooms, music room, double gymnasium, cafeteria, two industrial arts shops, three commercial rooms, four laboratories, an art room and library, it will accommodate 800 pupils. Board officials are hopeful it will be completed in time for school opening in the fall of 1964 to relieve the steadily increasing student population above the Grade 8 level. Total cost of the building and furnishing is estimated at \$1,489,990 of which the federal government pays a direct grant of \$381,647.

**Debtenture Sale** This leaves \$1,108,343 that must be raised through sale of debtentures by the board. Of this amount, the provincial government will return 60 per cent in grants over the life of the debtentures. Classified as a vocational-academic institution, the provincial government bears 75 per cent of the estimated \$508,000 to be spent on setting up the vocational curriculum.

It has notified the board it will pay for three commercial rooms, four standard classrooms and one-quarter of the cafeteria and gymnasium. The board's share of the \$508,000 is included in the debtenture issue.

Before Ontario Municipal Board approval for the project is granted, the four participating municipalities, Markham and Vaughan Townships, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill, must give their consent. J. D. Ashworth, school board business administrator, told the trustees the OMB requires at least 50 per cent approval of the total assessment in the four municipalities.

Once OMB approval is received, an architect will be engaged and plans started. This is expected early in the fall. He suggested that a committee (Continued on Page 3)

The final returns for the recent canvass for funds by the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association were released this week. Campaign Chairman Mrs. Elsie Gibbs of Lake Wilcox reports that a total of \$8,347.86 was collected from county residents. The association carries on an ambitious program of rehabilitation and education throughout the county. Assistance is also given to the new mental health clinic in Newmarket. Mrs. Gibbs thanked everyone for their generous support during the drive. Active in community work Mrs. Gibbs is a member of Whitechurch Township Council and a former school trustee.

## Brookside Rd. Couple Win Lucky Draw

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Zimmerman of Brookside Road, Elgin Mills can enjoy outdoor summer living with their modern new motorized barbecue, picnic table and chairs which they won at the lucky draw sponsored by Bruce Macdougall Motors, Richmond Hill. Salesman George Dear scans the winning ticket which was drawn last Saturday. Enjoying proceedings is Mr. Lloyd Davis, general manager of the well-known local Pontiac-Buick dealer. (Photo by Lagerquist)



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