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## NEAL DOWNS HAGGART REEVE RACE ENDS EVEN

BY EDWARD MURPHY

Neal's in — Haggart's out — Tinker's back.  
And for the first time in Richmond Hill's history there is a tie for the reeveship with Floyd Perkins and Thomas Broadhurst each polling 1,833 votes. An official recount by a county court judge has been asked by Town Clerk Russell (Curly) Lynett.

First mayor of Richmond Hill when it gained town status in 1957, William Neal defeated incumbent James Haggart seeking his third term, by 234 votes in a hard fought battle right down to the wire in Saturday's municipal elections.

Veteran political figure Stanley Tinker was returned as deputy-reeve after a two-year absence soundly beating John MacDiarmid who left his Ward 1 riding to contest the post. Mr. Tinker piled up a 636 majority taking 11 of the 15 polling subdivisions and the advance poll.

Sunday sports for gain after 1.30 was overwhelmingly endorsed with close to a 1,500 vote margin.

Only council member other than Mr. Haggart and Mr. MacDiarmid to go down to defeat was Mrs. Margaret Southwell who failed to retain her Ward 3 seat against political newcomer Thomas Murphy. Mrs. Southwell lost by 60 votes — 390 to 330.

In one of the hardest fought mayoralty contests ever waged in Richmond Hill ex-councillor and mayor, William Neal, overcame a commanding early lead by Mr. Haggart to recapture the town's top administrative post. Mr. Neal polled 2,137 votes to Mr. Haggart's 1,903.

The campaign was marked by charges and counter-charges of mismanagement and inefficiency in town affairs. The new mayor charged that secret meetings had been held to discuss annexation proposals which could mean financial disaster if carried out.

In the dying hours of the campaign Mr. Haggart issued a challenge to Mr. Neal for a debate on the town hall steps which Mr. Neal denied receiving.

He led Mr. Haggart in eight of the 15 polling subdivisions and the advance poll. Most of his support came from the west-side polls, McConaghy, Municipal Hall and Pleasantville.

At McConaghy he polled 701 votes to Mr. Haggart's 249.

Three polls at Beverley Acres School and two at Crosby Heights voted overwhelmingly in favor of the incumbent.

Beverly Acres registered 546 for the present mayor to 311 for Mr. Neal and at Crosby Heights 396 for Mr. Haggart to 192 for the 1963 chief magistrate.

Mr. Haggart's defeat brings to an end six years of public service, 1957, '58 and '59 as a councillor, in 1960 he defeated Floyd Perkins for reeve, and in 1961 he was elected mayor in a four-way battle. Last year he was returned by acclamation. It was the first time he had locked horns with Mr. Neal in the political arena.

An automobile dealer here for 33-years Mr. Neal has had 12 years service on council as councillor, reeve and mayor.

Councillors Alex Campbell in Ward 2 and Al White in Ward 4 fought hard three-way battles in their respective wards to gain re-election.

Mr. Campbell polled the highest vote, 476, in any of the wards to beat Patrick Smith with 288 and well-known Yonge Street barber Stanley Ransom who garnered 334.

Returned by almost a 100-vote majority over his nearest opponent, Mr. White received 450 votes to 352 for Robert Saunders and 338 for William Leishman, both making their first bid for public office.

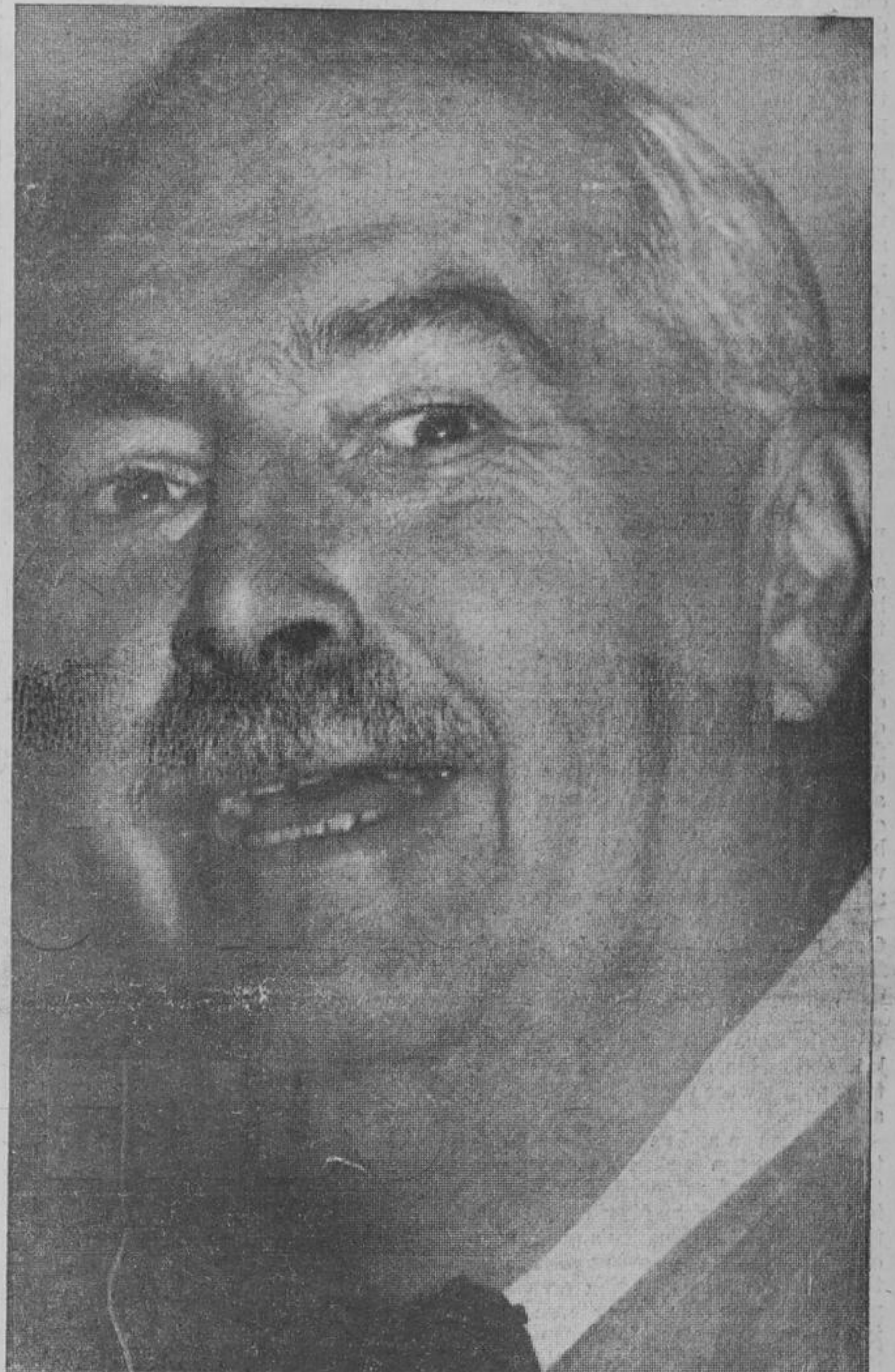
Three novices in the local political fray put on a door (Continued On Page 3)

### 1963 Licenses Now Available

Drivers' licenses for 1963 went on sale Monday. Local office for drivers' and motor vehicle permits is operated by Mayor-elect William Neal. Drivers' permits expire March 31.

Expiry date for 1962 licenses for commercial vehicles, trailers, and buses has been moved back from March 13 to March 31. Permits for 1963 for those vehicles will not go on sale until February 28.

First quarterly permits ever issued in Ontario for commercial vehicles also went on sale Monday. They will be considered 1962 licenses.



"I'VE WON" SAYS DEPUTY-REEVE TINKER

### Vaughan Electors

## Return Keffer, McConkey Williams In Third Spot

Saturday's election for Vaughan Township council held few surprises. Electors returned two incumbents, Mrs. Ruth McConkey and Wilfred Keffer, and named newcomer Garnet Williams to fill the third seat left vacant by F.M. Windatt.

Biggest surprise was Mr. Williams' margin of victory over the two other candidates vying for their first terms on council. Mr. Williams, a resident of Elder Mills, polled 1,425 votes compared to 1,033 votes for Milt Savage and 776 for John Neufeld.

Incumbent Wilfred Keffer headed the poll by a substantial margin, taking 1,715 votes. Mrs. McConkey was second with 1,492 votes.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford and Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson were returned to their offices earlier by acclamation for a second term.

The election was marred by a poor turnout of the electors. Only 2,727 or 27 per cent of the township's 10,066 eligible voters exercised their franchise.

Only polls with turnouts of better than 50 per cent were Uplands with 175 of 303 eligible voters and Maple East with 142 of 277. Yongehurst West's turnout was under ten per cent, only 18 of 181 voters. The poor turnout was in marked contrast to 1960, when a hotly-fought controversial contest brought 4,201 or 44 per cent of the 9,517 voters.

Only resident of the western part of the township, Mr. Williams picked up most of his votes there. At his home poll of Elder Mills, he picked up 174 votes, more than any other candidate garnered in any one poll. Mr. Williams also headed such important polls as Kleinburg and Pine Grove West and tied for the lead at Pine Grove East.

Running against three Maple residents, Mr. Williams showed well at the three polls in the village. In Maple West, he beat out both Mrs. McConkey and John Neufeld. In Maple East he finished fourth.

Mrs. McConkey topped Mr. Williams in Maple 252 to 223. John Neufeld had 246 votes. Wilfred Keffer headed the Maple polls with 361 votes, while Milt Savage was fifth with 103. Mr. Williams also led polls (Continued On Page 13)

### Approve Movies By 173 Margin

Vaughan Township voters Saturday approved the showing of movies on Sundays after 1:30, by a vote of 1,397 to 1,276.

Twelve of the township's 33 polls voted 'No' to the question. One poll, Thorndale, reached no decision, with 30 votes for and 30 against.

Most of the opposition to Sunday movies came from rural areas, although such residential polls as Thornhill North, Maple East and Garden Avenue said No to the question.

### Curtain Club Production

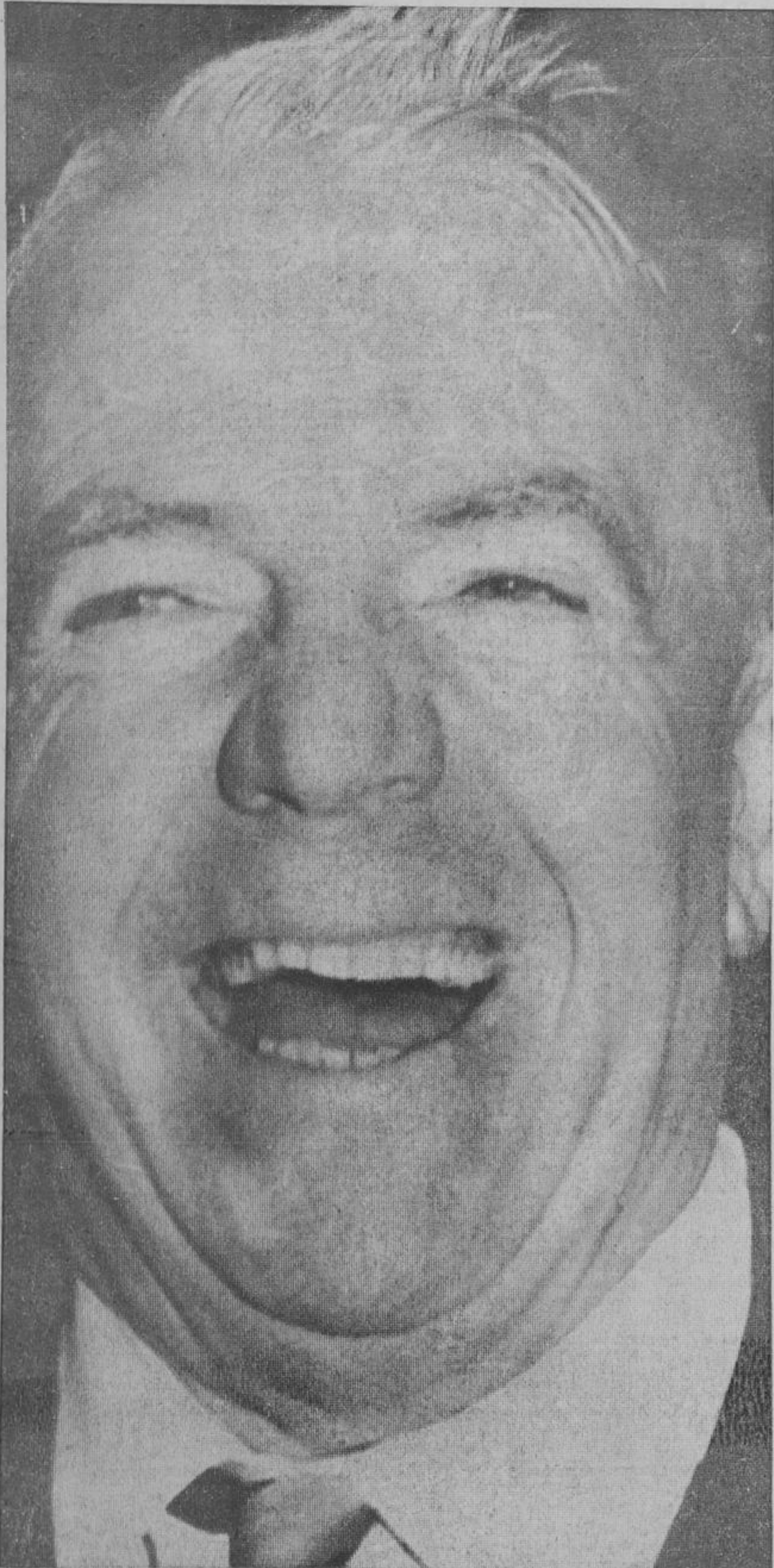
## Will Thrill Youngsters This Yule

By ROZ ANDERSON  
One of a child's Christmas 'visions of sugar plums' is to see a real live pantomime and this Christmas the Curtain Club's production Aladdin will give many children of Richmond Hill their first exciting taste of the theatre.

In this decade of TV when spectator amusement is the order of the day, children spend their time watching someone else doing it and have little chance to try it themselves. For it is through participation that children and teenagers gain

a greater appreciation of drama and have an insight into what a performance entails.

There is a large cast of children in Aladdin and many of them have taken part in the drama course given to (Continued On Page 7)



VICTORY SMILE BY MAYOR-ELECT NEAL

(STAFF PHOTO)

### Neal Never Lost Faith In Victory

By EDWARD MURPHY

William Neal - never doubting his election for a moment, his snow-white hair flying in the wind, and over 2,000 votes tucked away - Saturday night was elected mayor of Richmond Hill for the second time.

With a margin of 234 votes over Mayor James Haggart, Mr. Neal, 65, scored one of the biggest victories in the town's history.

To the scores of well-wishers who crowded his committee room as the count was being tallied a short three blocks away, it was more than just another victory for the veteran political campaigner.

It was a pledge of support from people in all walks of life for a never-say-die level headed business man who survived the hungry thirties when other automobile dealers were going broke by the hundreds.

"And I want to say right here and now I mean business," the newly elected mayor said shortly after his election was confirmed.

"This was a victory for the sensible thinking people of Richmond Hill. Oh yes, some outside promoters with vested interests in our town opposed me. But the already overburdened taxpayer knew I was fighting their cause.

"I am indeed a happy man tonight."

An hour after the polls had closed and the returns were pouring in from the eastside polling subdivisions, Mayor Haggart's stronghold, there was gloom in the Neal camp.

"Haggart's lead is just too big to overcome," one of Mr. Neal's five sons told him. "It's all over dad and you put up a good fight."

Even the candidate's devoted wife who had helped and encouraged him throughout the campaign sat glum and dejected at the old rolltop desk on the showroom floor.

Only one voice rose above the gloom and whispered conversations. It was Billy Neal's. "I'm not licked yet. Let's (Continued On Page 3)

### Halt Fund Drive During Holidays Officials Report

As it is not thought desirable to be canvassing over the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be an intermission period in the Hospital campaign and canvassing will be resumed about mid-January, officials said this week.

On account of a shortage of volunteers about one-third of Richmond Hill families have not yet been canvassed, but it is hoped that sufficient new volunteers (and perhaps some of those who have already canvassed will repeat) will come forward in the new year to complete the job.

It will be greatly appreciated if all those who now have kits will make complete returns to headquarters before the end of December. Return all cards whether or not a contribution has been received, campaign officials asked.

Report from campaign headquarters up to December 10 show receipts of \$619,732.10 or just a little more than half of the county objective.

### PARADE PICTURES

Pictures of Saturday's giant Santa Claus parade, are on page 14 and 15.



(STAFF PHOTO)

### Hospital Gets Boost From Lions

Richmond Hill Lions Club President Walter Mason, right, is seen presenting a cheque for \$7,500 to York Central Hospital Board Chairman Douglas Storms as the first contribution from the club to help equip an X-ray room at the new hospital now under construction on the Maple Sideroad. Lions members will give \$20,000 over a five-year period, Dr. Mason said.

### Steele Heads Polls

## Two Incumbents Lose Out In Separate School Race

Richmond Hill and district separate school supporters elected three new trustees to the Richmond Hill Separate School Board as they flocked to the polls last Saturday to cast ballots in the first election in several years for board posts.

Elected were Thomas Ormesher, Robert Steele and Con Thompson, all Richmond Hill residents, who ousted incumbents Frank Shorter and Neil Meehan. D. A. Gray did not seek re-election.

Also unsuccessful was William Parker making his first bid for public office.

An office manager for a Toronto architectural firm Mr. Steele topped the polls in the six-way struggle for the three vacancies with 301 votes.

Taking second spot was Mr.

Ormesher, a 27-year-old bond trader with A. E. Ames & Company, polling 251 votes, 23 more than Mr. Thompson who captured the third and final board position with 228.

Trailing far back were Mr. Parker and Mr. Meehan with 163 votes each and Mr. Shorter with 155.

Trustees are elected for a two-year term on a district-wide vote. Separate school trustees are not elected by the ward system as is the case with public school board members.

Other members of the six member board are Gordon Trussler, chairman, John LeClaire and Mrs. M. Gleason, secretary. They come up for re-election next year.

Turnout at the eight eastside polls was extremely heavy, ac-

## To Pick School Trustee In Ward 1 Seat Saturday

Four candidates are fighting it out for one vacancy on the Richmond Hill Public School Board in a special election this Saturday.

Eric George, 413 North Taylor Mills Drive, Donald Nesbitt, 435 Alper St., David A. Stephenson, 169 Yonge St. North, and George Gray, 292 Axminster Dr., were nominated last Thursday night to contest the second board post in Ward 1.

At an earlier nomination November 26 only one candidate, Basil G. Pappas, qualified. Town Clerk Russell (Curly) Lynett was forced to hold the second nomination in an effort to fill the other vacancy.

Two trustees are elected from each of the four wards for the eight member board.

When nominations were thrown open last week four residents put their names forward making it necessary to hold a separate election.

Other trustees acclaimed at

the first nomination meeting it were Harold Sanderson and Mrs. Ruth Castle in Ward 2; Walter Hutchinson and Mrs. Deena Simpson in Ward 3; Jack Knott and Donald Scott in Ward 4, and Mr. Pappas in Ward 1.

Mr. George Gray, a candidate for public school trustee in Ward 1 has had a strong interest in education for many years. He is the past president of the York-Simcoe Home and School Association and the Crosby Heights Home and School Association. Mr. Gray is also a member of the board of directors of the Ontario Home and School Association.

In the business world the candidate is associated with the public relations department of CGE in Toronto. Active in youth work Mr. Gray is public relations officer for the York Summit Home and School Association. He is a Sunday school teacher at St. Gabriel Anglican Church where he is also a counsellor for the new youth club organized at the church.

A resident of the ward for the past five years, Mr. and Mrs. Gray reside at 292 Axminster Drive with their three school age children.

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### SEE ELECTION RESULTS

For a poll by poll breakdown of election results in Richmond Hill, see the chart on page 3. Charts on the Vaughan Township election results are on page 12.