

Construction Skyrockets 1 Million Dollars In '62

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An increase of slightly over one million dollars was recorded in building construction during 1962 - from \$1,655,640 in 1961 to \$2,656,020 - according to a report tabled by Richmond Hill Building Inspector J. L. Hollowell at Monday night's council meeting.

More than half of the gain was residential construction totalling \$1,857,000, a hike of \$607,200 over the 1961 figure of \$1,249,800. Second largest jump was in industrial construction, up from \$83,350 in 1961 to a whopping \$355,000 last year, a gain of \$271,650.

Substantial increases were also shown for school additions, alterations and repairs, public buildings, garages and sign erection.

But commercial construction and church building both slumped slightly. Commercial was down from \$117,100 in 1961 to \$65,000 last year for a drop of \$52,100.

Church construction was off only \$4,000, from \$10,000 in 1961 to \$6,000 in the year just ended.

School building showed the next largest increase with three permits being issued for \$227,000, up from \$123,000 in 1961 for a gain of \$104,000.

An additional \$52,000 was spent last year for public buildings for a total of \$62,000. In 1961 this category accounted for only \$10,000 in new construction.

Although the number of permits issued for alterations and repairs dropped from 20 to 16 in 1962, money spent showed a narrow increase of \$6,525, from \$28,375 to \$34,900.

A total of 247 permits were issued last year, up 76 from 171 in 1961.

Twenty-two more permits for private garages were also authorized, up from 55 to 77, for a total of \$38,420. This was a gain of \$8,270.

Another \$4,335 increase was recorded in sign erection with 18 permits totalling \$6,200. The previous year 10 permits accounted for only \$3,865.

Revenue from 247 building permits was \$5,423 in 1962.

Of the total issued, 104 were earmarked for residential building, 14 for industrial and eight for commercial.

According to the report 202 additional residential units were built.

"Not Interested In Tory Seat" Chairman States

J. G. Glasco of Maple, has denied reports he has been offered the Progressive Conservative Nomination for York North in the next federal election. "I won't speculate on what my response would have been to such an offer," Mr. Glasco explained. "Right now a political career isn't in the cards at all."

Referring to his present job as chairman of the Glasco Royal Commission he explained, "I've got enough in my dish right now. I'm not interested in a political career anymore."

Reports had indicated Mr. Glasco would contest the seat now held by Liberal John Addison, who defeated incumbent C. A. Cathers in the last election.

It is not expected Mr. Cathers will stand for the Progressive Conservatives in the next election.

"Look Like Liar" - Speculator

Claims Paper Distorted Facts On Secret Meeting

Toronto land developer Murray Melman still hasn't given up on plans to have land he owns on the north side of Elgin Mills Sideroad annexed by Richmond Hill.

Mr. Melman renewed his bid, first made at a secret meeting of council October 1, at Tuesday night's meeting of planning board.

In making his request, Mr. Melman charged a story broken by "The Liberal" on the secret meeting was very distorted and that it made him out to be a liar.

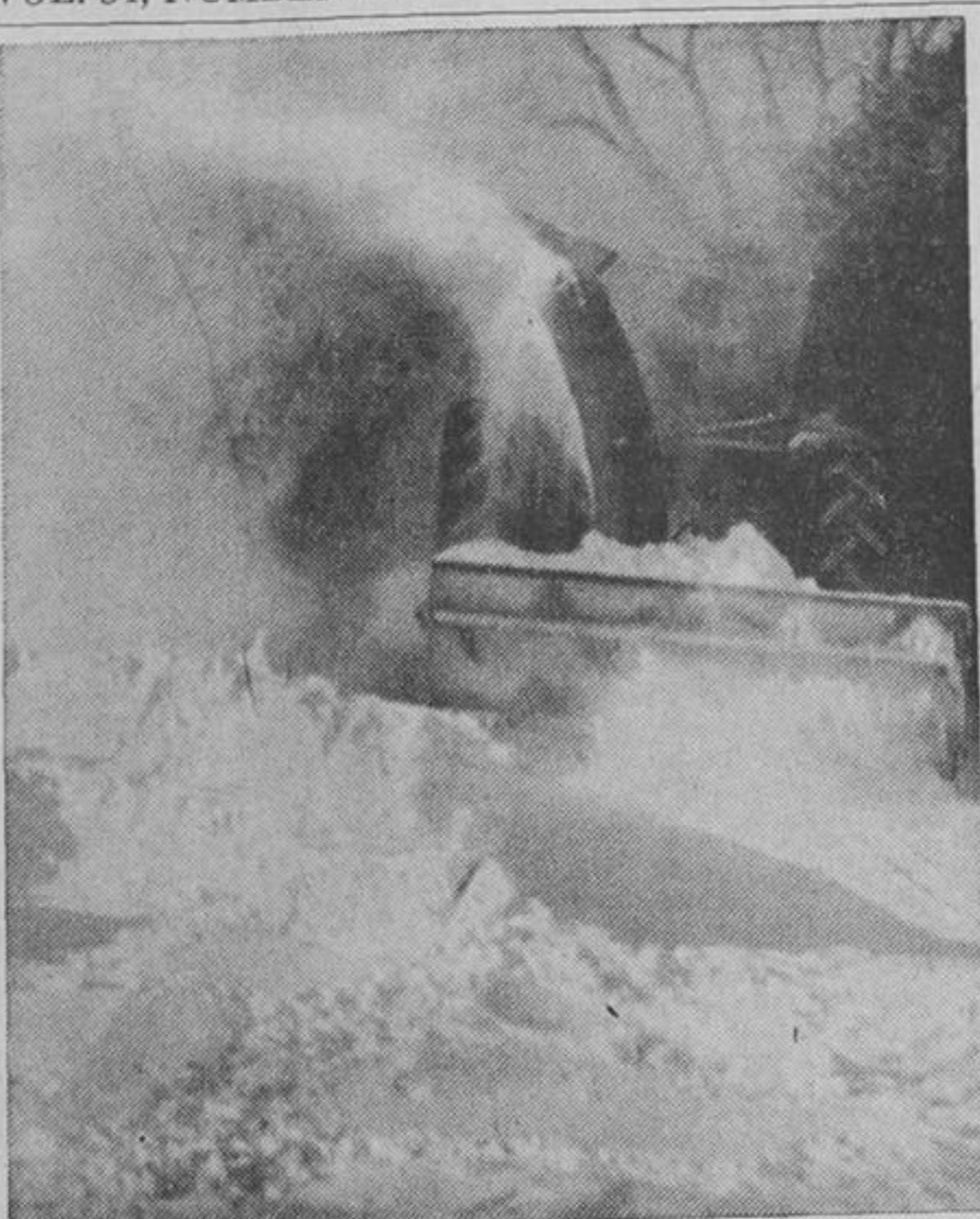
The story indicated that Mr. Melman's claim before council that he had already bought the land in question was untrue.

Mr. Melman told the planning board the story was untrue and said he had sent affidavits from former owners of the land confirming the fact they had sold it.

"I could have taken action against the newspaper," Mr. Melman said, "but it was close to the election and I am anxious to stay out of politics."

The parcel Mr. Melman told the board he is willing to develop as an industrial area is about 250 acres. He reported he had purchased just over 200 acres from one property owner, but the price on the remaining 48 acres had gone up after the story.

"The Liberal" was at no time



Driver John Waller is making short work of high drifts in the laneway of the farm house occupied by John Scholter and owned by Don Head Farms on the Maple Sideroad. Mr. Waller says it sure beats shovelling. (Photo by Garry)

Kindergarten Extension Termed Costly Venture

Any extension of kindergarten facilities in Richmond Hill to include younger children would cost taxpayers a lot of money, according to Superintendent Gordon McIntyre of Richmond Hill Public School Board.

A bill recently introduced in the provincial legislature would permit rather than compel boards to enroll children who reach five years of age between January 1 and July 1 in kindergarten classes during the second school term.

Mr. McIntyre noted that a study of junior kindergartens made last month showed 450 children between four and five years old.

He estimated that three-quarters, or about 325 youngsters could be admitted under the legislation now under discussion.

Any board would either have to admit all children mentioned in the legislation, or not set up any program.

Admission of 325 new pupils would require 8 to 10 new classrooms, Mr. McIntyre explained.

Building of the new rooms would be especially costly, since it would be only one or two-room additions at each of the town's schools, Mr. McIntyre stated.

"If there are 10 too many

LCBO Okay Two Liquor Outlets 3 Still Pending

Richmond Hill officially became wet this week when the Liquor Control Board of Ontario announced that two licenses had been granted to local applicants.

Licensed to operate a dining lounge is Pop's Restaurant on Yonge Street, near Levedale Road. It will become Pop's Tavern.

A restricted license will permit the Canadian Legion to operate a dining room and lounge in a building now occupied by Discount Plaza.

LCBO officials say license applications from Three Coins (which was to become Montgomery's Tavern), La Cantina Restaurant and Dad's Restaurant are still under consideration.

Chairman Cecil Williams of the planning board reminded Mr. Melman that all previous discussions were with council, and that the board had never received an official direction.

Annexation of the land would give the town the land it needs to attract prestige industry, Mr. Melman said. He offered to work with a ceiling placed on the resale price of the land by Richmond Hill.

"In order to attract industry, there must be 100 per cent operation from the town," Mr. Melman said. "I have been disappointed in finding indications in the local press the new council may be cool towards any annexation proposal."

"The previous mayor gave me a definite verbal commitment," Mr. Melman

said. "He said the town was ready to annex."

Mr. Melman explained he was seeking a definite yes or no on annexation so that he could decide what his next move would be.

Ontario Health Minister Dr. Matthew Dymond will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

County President Mrs. Barbara Townshend-Carter of Thornhill announced this week the annual meeting will be held at the county building in Newmarket on March 6th.

'TAX HIKE CERTAIN' CAMPBELL WARNS

Richmond Hill taxpayers will face an increase of from two to seven per cent in their 1963 tax levy, Councillor Alex Campbell warned Monday night.

He called for a hard, firm look at industrial annexation and suggested it was the only way a brake could be put on the spiralling tax rate.

"If we refuse to consider annexation Richmond Hill's future will be jeopardized," Mr. Campbell told council.

The Ward 2 representative said he could see no place where cost cutting could be made unless essential services were severely curtailed.

"All indications point to a jump in the county levy and along with elementary and secondary schools, paving of Bayview Avenue and other town services are going to boost the 1963 rate anywhere from two to seven per cent," Mr. Campbell said.

A hike of seven per cent would mean about a four-mill increase in the tax structure.

Last year Richmond Hill's rate was 59 mills for industrial and 56 for residential. A mill is equal to about \$30,000 based on the 1962 budget of slightly over two million dollars.

Mr. Campbell said industry is being discouraged from locating here because the town lacks sites bigger than 10 acres.

"At the present time we are saying, if you have a large or medium-sized plant, don't come to Richmond Hill because we can't accommodate you."

Mr. Campbell claimed firms interested in building a plant here were turned away because they required 25 to 40 acres and Richmond Hill does not have the land available.

He accused some members of council of running on a program of austerity during the last election in order to get elected.

"But I did not run on an austerity platform," he told council. "I advocated holding the line on spendings which we have direct control over but I've never been in favor of cutting."

A cut in the budget means a cut in facilities, Mr. Campbell said, and added that he could see no way in which council could slash expenditures this year.

Council has control over the spending of about one-third of its total budget with school and county expenditures excluded.

Nearly half of last year's budget was for schools and another \$200,000 went to county requirements.

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Debaters At Our Lady Help Of Christians School

Grade 7 and 8 students at Our Lady Help of Christians Separate School competed in a public speaking contest held in the school auditorium Wednesday evening of last week. The contest was sponsored by the C.W.L. and was organized by education convener Mrs. Vincent Hanna.

The judges were Rev. Sister Camilla, librarian at St. Joseph's Morrow Park, Mrs. P. Fitzpatrick, principal at Our Lady of Annunciation Separate School, Oak Ridges, and Mr. Sam Cook, managing editor of "The Liberal".

The two winners were Margaret O'Hara and Guy Deslaurier who will now compete in the regional finals to be held on February 24 at St. Mary Immaculate School.

The contestants are front row, the girls' winner Margaret O'Hara, grade 7, who chose as her subject "Australia" and Guy Deslaurier, grade 7, who spoke on "Italy".

Back row (left to right) Ron Boon, grade 8, Eleanor Stelling, grade 7, Anita Corbett, grade 7, John Gannon, grade 8, Patrick Cillis, grade 8, and Vivian Conway, grade 7.

Late A. J. Wells "Press Is Here" McConkey Was York North Election Officer

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A kindly and helpful man, Mr. Wells was known to many people of all political faiths during his many years of service as returning officer for this riding.

A native of King Township he had resided in Maple for many years. A member of Maple United Church he was a former member and charter president of the Maple Lions Club. He was also Past Worthy Patron of Hillcrest Lodge of the O.E.S. and Past Master of Robertson Lodge A.F. & M.M. He was also a member of Woodbridge Loyal Orange Lodge.

He is survived by one son, Lorne Wells of Maple, his daughter-in-law Marjorie and three grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. R. Brace (Sylvia) of Maple, and Mrs. D. Brown (Olga). His wife, the former Elsie Rumble predeceased him in 1961.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon in the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home with Rev. Ralph Williams of Maple United Church conducting the

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Charge Hill Kept Quiet On Pleasantville Plans

A warning from Councillor Ruth McConkey that "the press is here and they're taking notes" stifled an incipient attack on the town of Richmond Hill at Monday night's meeting of Vaughan Township council.

Deputy-revee Jesse Bryson were attacking reported Richmond Hill plans to use new sewage pumping facilities earmarked for the York Central District Hospital for the Pleasantville area.

All five members of council, who make up the water committee, contended no plans for the Pleasantville area were even mentioned at a meeting last Wednesday morning with members of Richmond Hill's works committee.

"Council is going along 100 per cent on the hospital and services but when it comes

to Richmond Hill outside the hospital, that's a different thing," Reeve Rutherford charged.

Councillor Ruth McConkey explained that the township is "not ready to provide services for any part of Richmond Hill or for any area Richmond Hill may annex."

Controversy was sparked when a delegation of Vaughan residents living on a branch of the Don River which could be polluted by the proposed facilities brought a petition to council.

Proposed sewage setup for the hospital was considered by the Ontario Water Resources at a public hearing yesterday (Wednesday).

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Need Qualified Technical Help For Committee

York Central District High School Board is looking for qualified citizens able to give technical assistance to the system's new vocational courses as members of the Advisory Vocational Committee.

Act makes provision for a vocational advisory committee made up partly of local people with a background as employers or employees in industry.

The committee is intended to establish a closer link between industry and the teachers union, the board, and to help keep equipment methods and courses of study up to date.

Opening of seven new shops at Bayview this fall means that York Central has under its jurisdiction two auto, two drafting, two machine, one electrical, one electronics, one sheet metal, one woodworking and four diversified occupations shops.

Anybody knowing of candidates for the advisory committee should phone Mr. Ross at 884-1788 or Mrs. A. McAllister, board secretary at 285-4949.

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Wants Police Patrol On Yonge Three Nights

Mayor William Neal asked council Monday night to provide police foot patrols on Yonge Street Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in an effort to curb bad language and rowdysm.

Describing the situation as deplorable, the mayor said that one man was stabbed in front of a restaurant and language used by youths loitering on the street was filthy.

Councillor Thomas Murphy, chairman of the police

committee, told council the force has not the manpower to provide a foot patrol.

Including a police matron, cadet and the chief there are 17 members on the force.

Mr. Murphy said 15 men are spread over three shifts and counting days off and statutory holidays it leaves only two and a half men per eight-hour work day.

Claiming that one man per 1,000 population was above

average Mr. Neal said Chief R. P. Robbins should start taking direction from council and suggested a meeting with the chief to discuss redeployment of personnel.

Deputy-revee Stan Tinker thought shifts could be worked out to give proper supervision in the downtown commercial area.

When asked by Mr. Murphy about foot patrols in the town's four shopping cen-

tres if requested by the plaza owners, Mr. Neal replied, "I'm in favor of that."

No date has been set for the meeting with police officials.

A new design for hat badges that will incorporate the policeman's number is being considered by the police committee, council was told.

Chief Robbins has been instructed to submit a design along with prices.