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## Vaughan Voters Keep Twp. Dry

Vaughan Township taxpayers once again made the decision to keep their area dry. But after ballots were tabulated from 42 polls in the township following Saturday's vote by about 42 per cent of 9,413 eligible voters, it was a narrow margin victory.

On the question, "Are you in favour of the establishment of government stores for the sale of liquor?" 47 more ballots would have been needed to affirm the plebiscite. The "yes" vote totalled 2,291 or 58.79 per cent and the "no" vote totalled 1,606 or 41.21 per cent.

On the question "Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a dining room licence for consumption with meals on licensed premises?" 43 additional ballots were needed to make the vote affirmative. The "yes" vote totalled 2,292 or 58.89 per cent and the "no" vote totalled 1,600 or 41.11 per cent; in both cases 60 per cent of the votes cast were needed to affirm the plebiscite.

The Saturday plebiscite was the second held in Vaughan Township to repeal a bylaw which has kept the district dry since 1906.

In March, 1960, after a group of 100 ratepayers petitioned Vaughan Township Council to change the bylaw "in view of changes in population and outlook", 49 per cent of the eligible 8,554 voters went to the polls to cast their ballots. All three requests, to have a retail outlet, dining lounges and cocktail lounges were defeated.

Voting on the store there were 2,255 "yes", 1,997 "no", dining lounges 2,144 "yes", 2,113 "no", and cocktail bars 2,018 "yes", 2,223 "no".

## Issues Warning On Firecrackers

This forthcoming holiday weekend, traditionally a time for fun, could bring tragedy if fireworks are mishandled.

Richmond Hill Police Chief R. Robbins this week reminded parents, and youngsters, of the town's bylaw regulating the sale and setting off of fireworks.

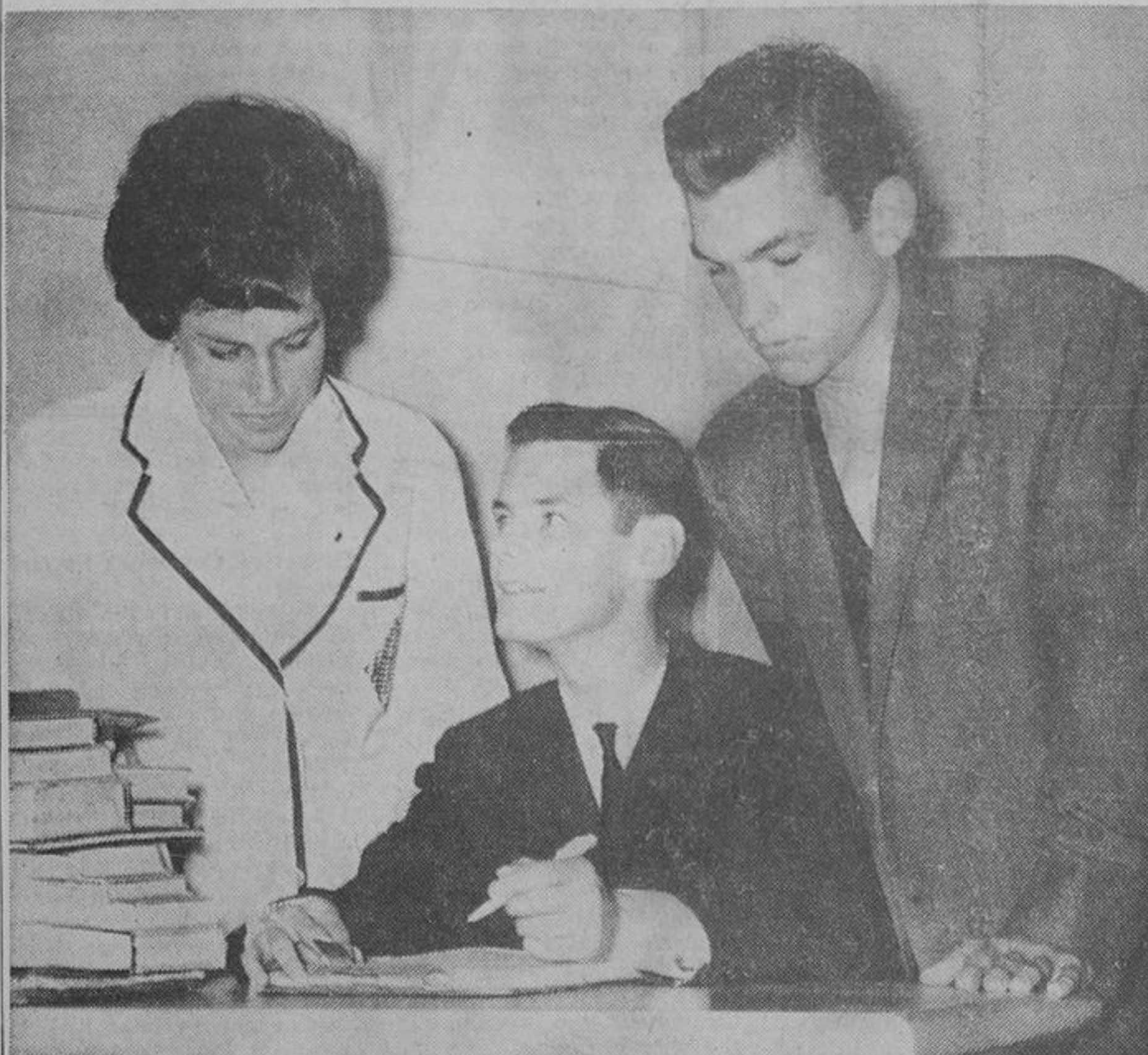
Firecrackers, candles and other pyrotechnic displays to celebrate May 24th, although it falls four days in advance this year can be sold only during this week at local firms. The bylaw states the fireworks are not to be sold to anyone under 16 years old.

Under the bylaw, no one may set off fireworks within town limits except on Victoria Day and then on his own property; they are not to be fired off on public streets or roadways at any time.

The committee said it believed an affirmative vote would result in improved restaurant facilities in the area, new construction to provide additional assessment, additional revenue from rebate to municipality from the sale of beverages, a more mature attitude towards the use of alcoholic beverages, and creation of more full time jobs. The committee also felt it would bring Vaughan Township more in line with its neighbors who have approved outlets by vote and give all citizens equal rights and freedom of choice.

Battling against the plebiscite on moral issues, the Vote No Committee with manager J. D. Kenzie, a farmer and realtor in Maple, held a public rally May 2, circulated letters and brochures and urged local clergymen to aid in defeating the plebiscite.

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## R.H.H.S. Student Council Executive

These young people are busy taking over their duties as newly-elected members of the Richmond Hill High School Student Council executive. Left to right are: Secretary Wendy Ashkanas, 11E; President Craig Peterkin, 11F; and Treasurer Wayne Zubek, 12B. Out of town when the picture was taken was Vice-President Jolene Goodier, 11E.

## Vaughan School Bd. Says French "No"; Water "Yes"

In a surprise move Thursday evening Vaughan Township School Area Board reversed its decision on the matter of Oral French. After Chairman Sam Kaiser had ruled that discussion on the matter would be restricted to members of the board as arguments from groups supporting and opposing the introduction of the subject had been heard on many preceding occasions, a motion by Trustees Mrs. Dorothy Robertson and Lorne Wells permitted the re-opening of consideration of the problem.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe asked members of the board to express their reasons for reconsideration of the implementation of a program in Oral French.

Trustee Robertson said it was obvious why she wished to reconsider it since she had opposed the motion in the first place. "Because of all the publicity given the matter and because of the petition which was circulated I feel that the matter should be re-opened," she stated. "I refused to sign the petition when asked to as I felt that as a member of this board I was obliged to support its decision. But I feel we should take into consideration the many signatures on the petition." The petition to which she referred was circulated by a committee of ratepayers opposed to the introduction of Oral French into Vaughan Township schools at the present time. The petition presented at the April meeting of the board contained more than 1,700 signatures.

Trustee Warren Baillie said he had voted for the original motion, and although he still did not agree with all claims

up in the study of the budget," Trustee Baillie continued, "and that there are many problems which I feel should have preference to the proposed program in Oral French. It seems quite clear to me that it should be reconsidered."

Trustee Lorne Wells said, "I do not feel that the previous or present board went into this lightly. No protests were received from anybody who was against Oral French in itself, but all protests were made on the basis of cost. I feel as a representative of the people, that regardless of personal feeling, when a petition of this kind is made available."

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## Police Arrest Two For Break-Ins

Two eighteen year old youths will appear in Richmond Hill police court today on charges of breaking and entering and possession of burglar tools.

William Allen, no fixed address, and Hugh George Sherwood, 18 Wilson St., Markham were arrested May 8 at Richmond Heights Centre.

Damage totalled \$1,700 following a collision at the intersection of Yonge Street and Markham Road May 7 between cars driven by John Richard Buchanan, RR 2, Gormley and Robert Koenigsberger, RR 2, Aurora, Richmond Hill police reported.

Slippery road conditions contributed to an accident May 8 between drivers William John Lougheed, Rowanwood Avenue, Toronto and Marie M. MacFar-

lane, RR 2, Aurora. Damage totalled \$160.

Faulty brakes were blamed for a collision May 10 at Church Street and Markham Road when a car driven by Frank Walton, 76 Harding Blvd. damaged one driven by Keith Hood, 343 Fesserton Road. Total damage was estimated at \$250.

Total damage was \$250 following a collision at Crosby Avenue and Osiris Drive between cars driven by Florence Gannon, 38 Cartier Crescent and Joseph Drmay, 316 Osiris Drive.

Rocchi Devuono, 22 Gram Street, Maple was charged with careless driving after police said he crashed into a car driven by Beverly Ann Kierstead, 308 Gells Road, Richmond Hill, May 8.

## 'Serve The Interests Of All' - Tinker

# Town Council Approves Apartments Hears Defence Of Planning Board

## Take Census Of School Pupils

Ways and means of determining the growing public school population in Richmond Hill were discussed at the last meeting of the public school board on May 9.

As a means of approximating the number of children that will seek registration in Kindergarten in the next five years parents of children are being circulated a questionnaire that will provide pertinent information for school authorities. Information gathered as a result of the questionnaire will be added to statistics already provided by the Town of Richmond Hill. The questionnaire points out that the information is required in order that adequate accommodation will be available for all children who have a right to attend Kindergarten and to ensure that only essential accommodation is provided.

In discussing accommodation Superintendent Gordon McIntyre pointed out that 150 children will be moving up from Kindergarten this September.

Efforts have been made for some time past on the part of school officials to locate and purchase a portable classroom to accommodate the overflow of children at Beverley Acres School but to date their efforts have not been successful. Business Administrator Kenneth Turton said that it may be possible to obtain a portable by October.

In the event that a portable is not obtained for use by school opening next fall Mr. McIntyre said that it would be possible, with the use of an additional teacher, to take care of the overload of pupils at Beverley Acres School until a portable is made available.

## Top Entertainers At Spring Fair

Vince Mountford and his Flower Town Entertainers will provide spirited entertainment for visitors to the annual spring fair on Saturday. Throughout the afternoon and evening his group which includes musicians and young square dancers will be on hand to add to everyone's pleasure.

This Brampton resident is well known in the district as the very genial and competent emcee of the old time fiddlers' contest at Shelbourne.

To climax a day of excellent entertainment the local Dynes ball team will play an exciting exhibition game against the highly rated Randall Roy team from the Beaches League. If you enjoy a good fast game of ball, don't miss this one.

## Water for Hillsview Dr.

Hillsview Drive residents are somewhat closer to the successful conclusion of their long fight for a municipal supply of water. Many of the wells in the area have dried up as the water table level dropped and residents felt that the only satisfactory long-range solution of their problem would be a municipal system.

Monday afternoon Markham Township Council accepted a recommendation from the water committee that the matter of water for Hillsview Drive be considered when a supply of water is assured from Richmond Hill.

Reeve Dean reported that he and Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper had spoken to Reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill about a supply of water for Hillsview Drive residents.

"Reeve Perkins said we can have all the water we want any time we want it," Reeve Dean said.

## Murphy Tries Twice

For the second time in two consecutive council meetings there was an attempt to gain approval of the issuance of an 'occupancy and use permit' for Branch 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

At last week's meeting of council it was moved and seconded by Councillors Murphy and White that the Royal Canadian Legion be given the required permit. This motion was defeated and an amendment to the motion was moved and seconded by Councillors Alex Campbell and Walter Scudds that the Legion be granted the use of a permit for the premises known as the Discount Plaza providing the use of the premises conformed to bylaw 1000. This motion was also defeated. Contention of the dissenting vote was that the Royal Canadian Legion neither owned nor was renting the

premises in question. The motion was then tabled to be brought forth at this week's meeting of council when it was again raised by Councillor Murphy with the qualification to his original motion that an 'occupancy and use permit' be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion, subject to and effective as from the date the Royal Canadian Legion becomes owners or tenants of the building'.

Councillor Campbell pointed out that such a motion was ultra vires and contravened bylaw 1000 by reason of fact that the issuance of such a permit would assume a change of land use as defined by bylaw 1000.

On a recorded vote the motion was defeated two to four with Councillors Al White and Tom Murphy being the only members of council voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Ben Freedman appeared before the May 13 meeting of town council on behalf of Markridge Apartments Limited and Markview Apartments Limited to ask that the necessary bylaws be passed to permit the beginning of construction on two apartments proposed to be built by the company in the vicinity of Markham Road and Colborne Avenue.

Following a short discussion on the matter bylaws 1104 and 1105 were passed by council to clear the way for the construction of the buildings.

During debate on the issue Harold Deeks, planning director told council that all necessary planning requirements had been fulfilled by the builders but asked for council's awareness of the fact that the construction of the buildings may require the expenditure of public monies in the matter of additional class room facilities at Walter Scott school and the improvement of sewage facilities in the area. Each of the proposed apartments will contain 42 suites and it is estimated that the increase in the school-age population may require an additional one and a half class rooms at the Walter Scott school. The school is now using four portable class rooms.

Reeve Floyd Perkins told council that the sewage syphon passing under the railway tracks in the neighbourhood has been a source of trouble in the past and that it will require modification whether or not new construction takes place in the area. He also said that it may be time to give some consideration to the advisability of a permanent type addition to the Walter Scott school or the construction of another school somewhere in the vicinity.

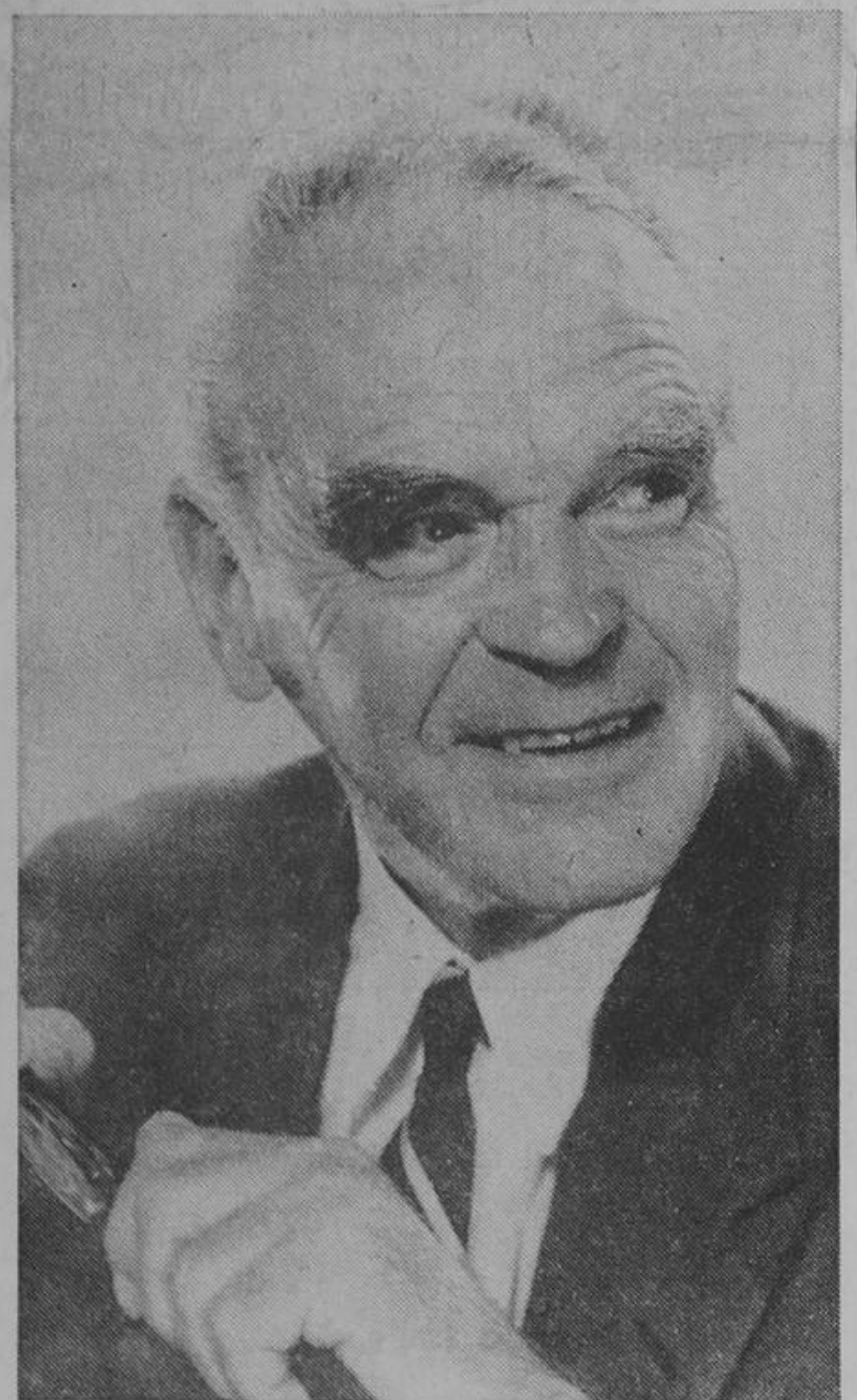
Mr. Deeks told council that the applicant had agreed to pay a substantial sum to defray the cost of local improvements. He also informed council that \$21,000 in taxes would be derived by the town from the two apartment buildings.

Councillor Walter Scudds asked Mr. Freedman if his proposed construction project had suffered any adverse affects or delays as a result of site plan agreements and approvals. Mr. Freedman assured council that his company had not suffered any adverse affects but rather that they considered both the site plan agreements and approvals as a service to prospective builders.

Mr. Freedman said that he was of the opinion that most builders in town felt the same way about the agreements. It was not the agreements, said Mr. Freedman, that builders objected to, they just didn't like paying the new fee that site plans required from builders.

With respect to site plan agreements Councillor Tom Murphy told Council that he knew of builders who would have liked to build in Richmond Hill but when they heard of the new agreements they had lost all interest. He said that it was the general feeling that if a businessman wanted to add to or change existing property that he would have to comply with the stipulations of the new agreements.

Mr. Deeks in return said that such was not the case (Continued on page 13)



## The Late William Ferguson

The community was saddened by the sudden passing last Sunday evening, May 12th, of William Ferguson, a highly esteemed citizen who for many years was active in the social and church life of the town. Retired five years ago after many years with the Colgate-Palmolive Company where through his long years of service he won the esteem and respect of his business associates. At the time of his retirement he was traffic manager for the company.

During his years of residence in Toronto he was a devoted member and elder of Old St. Andrew's United Church and gave of his talent as a member of the church choir. Moving to Richmond Hill in 1945 he attended Richmond Hill United Church and for many years was an active and valued member of the choir. He had a great love and appreciation of good music and for years he was a member of the Mendelssohn Choir. He possessed a keen literary mind and was a great reader of good literature and a devoted patron of the arts with a genuine love and interest in to Canada in 1919 and after a

# Comments On Tunnel

A 1,500 foot tunnel proposed to be constructed under Yonge Street between Dufferin and Wright Streets to a point north of the Markham-Vaughan Road in the heart of Richmond Hill's business section has aroused considerable interest and comment. The proposal is one phase of a 20-year development plan put forward by Planning Board Director Harold Deeks as a means of clearing the heart of the town's business section of traffic in the years ahead. At the present time it is estimated that 20,000 cars pass through the heart of Richmond Hill daily. If the proposal ever comes to fruition it would see the surface of Yonge Street along the length of the tunnel converted into a shoppers' mall. A seven block area surrounding the mall would, he feels, attract the construction of office buildings and the perimeter of the seven block area could well accommodate highrise apartment buildings.

Mr. Deeks' concept of what will have to be done for Richmond Hill in a development programme has aroused considerable local comment.

But what is the reaction of town council and those of our citizens who will probably be called upon to approve or disapprove the plan. What do they think? A check by "The Liberal" brought forth the following comments:

Mayor William Neal told "The Liberal" that Planning Director Harold Deeks was a highly qualified man with many good points but was of the opinion that he was being a bit of a dreamer with respect to the proposed tunnel. It was probable, Mayor Neal said, that the land and property in way of the proposed tunnel could be bought for less than what it would cost to build the underground traffic artery.

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Reeve Floyd Perkins said that there was little doubt that something had to be done, but talking about a tunnel at this time was a little premature. What's needed at this time the reeve said, is a solution to today's problems not the problems of 20 years hence. At any rate, Mr. Perkins isn't too sure that a tunnel is the answer to the problem. Yonge Street could easily be widened said Mr. Perkins by putting the hydro underground.

It was also quite possible that when Bathurst Street, Bayview Avenue and other main north and south streets were paved that a considerable volume of the traffic (Continued on page 13)



## "It's Delicious"

Teacher Melody Harrison sells a delectable-looking raisin pie at last Friday's Patterson School Fun Fair. Her customer is only one of the many parents who enjoyed the many attractions offered. Patterson School is located on Bathurst Street in Vaughan Township, just west of Richmond Hill.

# RICHMOND HILL FAIR, SATURDAY, MAY 18