

# Taxes Reflect Rising Costs

Tax bills were received by approximately 5,000 ratepayers in Richmond Hill last week. The continuing rise in cost of services and municipal administration in general is reflected in these notices. The theoretical average householder, whose home is assessed at \$5,500, will, if a public school supporter, pay \$331.76 in municipal taxes in 1963. A separate school supporter will pay \$342.98 for the same assessment. Commercial and industrial taxpayers show a much greater increase, as provincial regulations say the tax for education may be only 90 per cent on residential property of what it is on commercial and industrial property. On an assessment of \$5,500 an industrial and commercial public school supporter will pay \$367.84, and a sep-

arate school supporter is assessed \$380.33. The increase this year for a public school supporter on the average \$5,500 assessment figures out at \$18.31 residential and \$29.99 industrial and commercial. For separate school supporters the increase is somewhat less — \$15.73 residential and \$25.19 industrial and commercial. Total taxes on an average \$5,500 assessment may be broken down as follows: For public school supporter on residential property: county rate \$37.12, town rate \$105.00, high school \$92.67, public school \$96.97. For industrial and commercial public school supporters: county rate \$37.12, town rate \$120.07, high school \$102.96, and public school \$107.69. For separate school supporter on residential property: county \$37.12, town \$105.00, high school \$92.67, separate school \$108.19. For industrial and commercial separate school supporters: county \$37.12, town \$120.07, high school \$102.96, separate school \$120.18. Faced with the fact that times in Richmond Hill have indeed changed since its days as a small village, and that there is no going back to those "good old days", a ratepayer in the central part of the town sadly compared the first tax bill he paid in this municipality in the early forties with 1963's tax bill. In 1941 taxes on his property were less than \$60, this year they will be \$215.

## Garson's Sparkling Dance Review

Sylvia Garson's dance students... and their mothers... must have worked hard all season to present such a sparkling, fast-paced recital last Friday night at Bayview Secondary School. The students, ranging in age from four years old to late teens, presented a review which ranged from ethnic dances from Spain, Japan, South America, Vienna, Paris, London, Russia and America to a salute to the seasons for an audience of more than 200. Entire choreography for the hour show was arranged and directed by Mrs. Garson who also designed the costumes. Piano accompanist and assistant director was Miss Ruth Garson. Much credit goes to the school mothers who made the recital costumes; obviously a great deal of thought and imagination was sewn into them both in colour and fabrics. Wardrobe mistresses were

Jean Smith, Evelyn Jones, Evelyn Jennings, Dory Hamilton, Karen Donaldson, Dale Nokes, Barbara Lintine and Barbara Burford. Looking after the effective stage lighting and clever stage props were Roger Ethier, Newman Burford, Patricia Bull, Christopher Toogood and John Dreihuis. Of special note were soloists Patricia Bull who danced a whimsical "My Funny Valentine" and a stirring mazurka. Sandra Bry delightedly graceful in ballet numbers "When I Fall in Love" and "Spring is Here" danced with Miss Bull. Lesley Nicholls as a sea nymph and the young male dance students Brian Toogood and Paul Boreham who did yeoman service. The solo dancers included Cheryl Matthews, Susan Kirkpatrick, Cindy Copp, Robin Lindsay, Cynthia Manners,

Elizabeth Toogood, Carol Shelton, Sandra Harris, Ruth Nokes, Dawn James, Carol Duncan, Judith Dodson, Mary Ann Derrick, Margaret Stevenson, Tove Fybo and Cathy Wilson. They were ably backed by the chorus members who included Beverley McCarthy, Amy Mercer, Sandra Markitants, Debbie Harvey, Carol Malone, Karen White, Janet Hamilton, Kim Richardson, Dianne Reynolds, Aina Liepens, Inta Liepens, Deborah Lindahl, Anne Karu, Ruth King, Laura Ivens, Cathy Peck, Barbara Hoffman, Cathy McIlveen, Rita Naglis, Deborah Drew-Brook, Joanne Jarvis, Janice Parrott, Kathleen Gauvin, Dawn James, Julie McBrien, Patti Maughan, Margaret Stevenson, Delia Garbutt, Diane Cameron, Karen Clendennan, Nancy Taylor, Lynda Walsworth, Heather Lang and Margaret Kneisel. In a salute to Canada's birthday in July, the third Richmond Hill Boy Scout troop members with drummers John O'Hara and Kerry Dickenson marched on stage with the dancers.

## DONCASTER NEWS

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Christine Knight, 1st Thornhill Girl Guide Company, was awarded her golden cord on May 21. "Thornhill Wildcats" intermediate girls softball team, under supervision of Richard Barbour, will play an exhibition game July 3 with the announcers of radio station CKEY. The game will be played in Thornhill park and will be in benefit of the Clow family, 57 Clarke Avenue. The Victor Dale family, Proctor Avenue, moved to London, on June 1. Mr. Dale and his oldest son Wayne have opened a service station in that city. Mrs. Dale was honored at a farewell tea presented with a gift by members of the Doncaster Community Ladies Club and other neighbours on May 21.

Cathy Haley of Clarke Avenue celebrated her second birthday May 28. Robert Brown of Morgan Avenue celebrated his sixth birthday May 28. Mr. Gordon Clow, 45 Clarke Avenue, is progressing most favorably in the Toronto General Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a serious leg ailment. He has been a patient in the hospital for almost two months. STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville District High School will have 21 teachers on its staff next fall including Principal William Duxbury; eight are new additions.



It's A Long Way Up

Pictured atop the 60-foot high scaffold built around the chimney of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church are John Walker and Mitchell, general contractors and Steve Guttormson. The firm recently repointed the chimney of the 140-year-old church and carried out repairs to the century old foundations of the structure. (Staff Photo)

## "Dogs Should Get The Best Deal"

Jim Ryan doesn't get paid for his kindness to the animals in his custody. Nor does he get paid for the 24-hour service he provides for emergencies and accidents involving pets, nor the public relations he maintains on behalf of pets and their owners. The canine control officer, who serves the townships of Vaughan and Markham and the town of Richmond Hill, feels he must have a raise to continue operation of the service and the "extras" which, in his opinion, are the reason for the high standard of control at present. He has asked the three area councils for a \$1,500 raise. At present he receives \$4,000 each from Richmond Hill and Vaughan and \$3,500 from Markham as well as \$1 for each dog licence issued. (He said this amounted to approximately \$700 in revenue from Richmond Hill last year.) Approximately 90 dogs are handled at the Maple pound each month as well as cats, rabbits, raccoons, foxes, squirrels, muskrats, pigeons, budgies and other birds. "Our motto" has been "never say no" to requests from pet owners," Mr. Ryan said. "But if the money isn't forthcoming, we will have to cut our service drastically."

violating the canine control bylaw. "I would hate to do the job as the contract requires," Mr. Ryan said. "There is no mention in the contract of humane treatment to the animal or of consideration or help to the taxpayer so I have added extra services to the operation," he said. The office provides phone services between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily including a line for the police for emergencies. Kennels are made available to the public eight hours a day and longer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the pound which he constructed, there is accommodation for 43 animals with adequate heating, stainless steel kennels and a large outside run. There is also a permanent kennel-man. Mr. Ryan said there is an excellent home-finding service for pets offered as well as immediate access to veterinary help. The pound also has a rabies isolation unit which Mr. Ryan believes is the first in the country recognized by the health department. Dogs suspected of being rabid are held and examined for 14 days. "With this service, a person who has been bitten by a supposedly rabid animal doesn't have to go through the numerous and very painful anti-rabies shots, if the animal proves not to be a

bid," he said. Of the several hundred dogs isolated at the unit in the past two years, five were found to be rabid. Mr. Ryan told the council he had applied for an increase in 1962 to cover the costs of the "extras" and his own many hours of work. Although Markham Township has said they are unable to grant the increase, Mr. Ryan has not yet curtailed his operation until he hears from the other two concerned. He plans to cut the additional phone listings, the emergency phone at Markham Township police station, the eight-hour kennel facilities, all public relations and all dealings with animals other than dogs. Injured dogs now will have to be taken by the police to local veterinarians and destroyed and all answering of anti-noise complaints and all investigations of the killing of sheep and livestock, will be stopped. "In the past, the dog catcher was some sort of bogey-man with a terrible reputation right across the country; all a dog meant to him was \$5," Mr. Ryan said. "I feel the dogs should now get the best end of the deal and that is what we have been doing." "What really is at stake here is the welfare of the pets in the townships and

the people who love them." Richmond Hill Council referred Mr. Ryan's letter to its finance committee.

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## Richvale Driver Collapses, Dies In Heavy Traffic

A young Richvale man collapsed and died after he had pulled out of heavy week-end traffic Sunday at Don Mills Road and Gormley sideroad. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday following the death of Mr. Jack Brass, 24, of 741 Carrville Road. Interment was in Richmond Hill Cemetery. Markham Police, called to the scene around 4 p.m. said Mr. Brass told his wife he was feeling faint and pulled off the side of the road where he walked around the car and then collapsed apparently from a heart attack. He was taken by Ogden's Ambulance to Scarborough General Hospital. The couple had no children.

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**GORMLEY NEWS**  
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Belated congratulations to Mr. Albert Leek who celebrated his 89th birthday on Saturday. Mr. Leek was able to again come home from St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Friday and is again convalescing at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek. Mrs. Swann of London, England, is spending a few weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swann. Misses Betty and Harriet Schlieter of Kitchener spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Schlieter. Rev. and Mrs. Willis Hunking and children attended anniversary services at Shrigley near Dundalk on Sunday afternoon where Dr. M. McGuire was the guest speaker. Mrs. Hunking and children remained to spend a few days with relatives there. Mrs. I. Brubacher and Miss Myrtle Sider of Stouffville spent Tuesday with Mrs. Beulah Jones. Mrs. Roy Brillinger returned to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday. She underwent surgery there on Monday morning. A "Welcome Home" shower was given Rev. and Mrs. Willis following prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sider and family of Wellandport, and Mr. King City and Rev. Engle of Lawrence Wideman of Kapuskasing spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wideman. Mrs. Ron Wideman commenced her duties as clerk at Milsted's store on Monday. Miss Irene Olaszewski of Bethesda spent Sunday with Mrs. Beulah Jones. Mr. and Mrs. R. Neilsen and family moved into Mrs. J. McKendry's apartment on Friday. The late Mr. Perry Edwards was buried on Saturday afternoon at Heide Hill cemetery. Mr. Edwards, who was in his 96th year, lived for quite a number of years in our community with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett. For the past number of years he lived with his nephew at Cannington. Mr. and Mrs. C. Milsted and Charleen had dinner on Sunday with Drs. Wm. and M. Arkinstall of Newmarket. Rev. N. Hunking showed the Billy Graham film "Africa on the Bridge" at the United Missionary Church on Sunday. Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. and Mrs. Orland Teal of Springvale, Miss Velma Sheffler of Stayner, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. VanderBent, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mr. Clarence Heise of Welland, Mr. Hugh Boyd of family of Wellandport, and Mr. King City and Rev. Engle of Lawrence Wideman of Kapuskasing.

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