

# Mayor Arranges Irish Music Night Next Monday

A rare musical treat has been arranged by His Worship Mayor William Neal for the citizens of Richmond Hill. At 7:30 p.m. Monday evening, the City of Belfast Girls' Pipe Band will present a programme of music and dancing in Richmond Hill Town Park.

The concert will be preceded by a parade on Yonge Street from the town hall to the park.

Pipe music by the full band will include The Minstrel Boy, Highland Cradle Song, Cock O' The North, Major

Bobbie, Bonnie Galloway, Green Hills of Tyrol, Scotland the Brave, Badge of Scotland, Rowan Tree, Nut Brown Maiden, 51st Highland Division and Nae Awa Tae Bide Awa. To lovers of pipe music, whether from Ireland, Scotland, or native Canadians, this programme promises the best.

Irish Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing and Scottish Highland Dancing will also be featured, as well as songs by the girls' choir, and accordion selections.

The concert has been made possible by the co-operation of Richmond Hill Minor Ball officials who have agreed to run their nightcap a little later Monday.

Since the band's formation in 1947 the City of Belfast Girl Pipers have been on parade at gatherings all over the British Isles. They have appeared at the highland games in Scotland and gained many awards for playing and deportment at home and abroad. They have appeared on stage and at garden

parties and have the distinction of being the first ladies' band to appear on BBC and ITV. In 1962 they won 10 awards in competition.

The girls, and a prettier group of colleens it would be hard to find, come from government and business offices, shops and factories. Blended together, they uphold the high reputation of Northern Ireland.

"There is a magic in the pipes, which is not found in any other instrument," says the band's souvenir pro-

gramme. "The 'gentle cadences' provided in drone and chanter and the steady rhythmic beat of the drums, joined with the precision marching and graceful bearing of the pipers themselves, provide spectacle and sound which would be difficult to surpass."

The girls began saving for their trip to Canada nearly a year ago, banking the first shilling last September, Band Manager Alistair Gray reports. Since then every cent of earnings from

shows they have put on has been saved for this trip.

During the past two weeks wherever the girls band has appeared in this area they have received a warm welcome and have contributed to the success of many events. Mayor Neal issues an invitation to all residents of Richmond Hill and district to be present in the town park at 7.30 p.m. July 22 to give these young pipers and drummers a typical warm Canadian welcome.

## May Water Garden Wash Car Anytime

Cars may be washed, and flower and vegetable gardens may be watered by hand (no sprinklers) at any time, the works committee informed Richmond Hill Town Council Monday evening.

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen reported that the public has accepted the necessary regulation of water use and responded in an excellent manner to water restrictions. Council approved measures undertaken by the commissioner in the recent emergency which left people in the north-west section of town completely without water. Severe measures were necessary, reported the commissioner, to preserve the minimum storage retention required for fire protection, and to ensure that the whole town would have a supply of water for essential purposes at all times.

It was also reported that the raw treatment main is now under construction from well number five, located in Markham Township, just south of the town limits, to the plant. It is

anticipated that the tender for the construction of the pumphouse will be advertised around July 15; closing and award will follow in approximately two weeks.

International Water Supply Ltd. has placed all necessary equipment on a rush order basis with complete delivery expected within two weeks.

The gasoline pumping equipment is now on hand to provide water from No. 5 well, for the local system until the construction of the pumphouse is completed. The works committee also reported that temporary chlorination facilities were installed at the four sewage pumphouses throughout the town in an effort to eliminate offensive odors. A check made by phone of residents in the areas close to these pumphouses had indicated considerable improvement has been made.

Permission was granted, it was reported, to St. Joseph's Separate School to install service connections to the town's trunk system. This school is located on Bayview Ave., in Markham Township.

## Hill Council Briefs

Richmond Hill Town Council agreed Monday night that there will be no council meeting next Monday night, because of the parade and programme by the City of Belfast Girl Pipers in the town park that evening.

The tender of Miller Paving in the amount of \$44,796.03 for surface treatment of certain streets in town was accepted. This was the lowest tender received.

Council agreed on a motion by Councillor Alex Campbell, seconded by Reeve Floyd Perkins, that hiring employees at a salary in excess of the basic minimum salary as outlined in the salary schedule may be granted in order to get an experienced and well qualified person.

Council accepted the quotation of "Fabric Fair" for supply and complete installation of drapes, hangings, tracks, etc., for the west stairwell of the municipal building. The quotation of \$110 by the local firm was the lowest received.

Reeve Floyd Perkins reported that he had contacted Warden Clarence Davis, who has promised to call a special meeting of county council to discuss the problems connected with Bayview Avenue thoroughly. Mayor William Neal queried what could be accomplished by such a meeting when the county budget is already set for this year.

A letter from Helen McIntyre, 58 Centre Street West, asking council to pass a noise by-law was referred to the police committee. Mrs. McIntyre complained of barking dogs, day and night. Stating that over the July 1 week-end, it was necessary to close the windows to shut out the noise of dogs which had been tied up outside and left for the week-end. Councillor Walter Scudts pointed out that it is difficult to determine what level of noise is acceptable and what is unbearable. The problem is in passing a bylaw which will be enforceable, he claimed.

Councillor Al White asked if the parking meters are being checked constantly. "I went along with the meters," he said, "but if they are not going to be working and are not being checked, I want no part of them." Councillor Walter Scudts promised to look into the matter.

Four by-laws were passed: No. 1111 controls the erection of fences. Legal fences will be four feet high constructed of pickets or ranch style. If neighbors agree fences of other materials (except barb wire) and of other heights may be erected. The bylaw also provides for eight foot fences and the use of barb wire in industrial areas.

No. 1113 is an agreement for the operation of an ambulance service.

No. 1114 establishes as a highway the extension of Newkirk Road from Centre Street to Markham Road, and No. 1115 establishes as highway the extension of Trench Street

south of Richmond Street to the south limits of the town. These bylaws are necessary so these roads will be eligible for grants from the Department of Highways.

Councillor Walter Scudts reported that two meetings had been held by the special swimming pool committee, and asked councillors to turn over to the committee any information they may secure re swimming pools.

A request from Richmond Hill Public School Board for council's tentative approval for the construction of an addition to the Beverley Acres School at an estimated cost of \$160,000, was referred to finance committee. The school board reported that tentative approval for legislative grant had been received from the Department of Education for an expenditure of \$160,000 for a six classroom, kindergarten and library addition.

## Vaughan Twp. Council Briefs

Vaughan Council and Pine Grove residents will meet at some future date to discuss changing Pine Grove's Memorial Hall to a community hall as suggested.

Township council at its Monday night meeting approved \$160,000 as requested by the Richmond Hill Public School Board to build an addition at Beverley Acres School.

As school section 4 makes Vaughan and Richmond Hill a union school section, Vaughan will assume 2.345% of the resulting Richmond Hill debt.

The finance committee was advised Roman Catholic Separate School Sections 25 and 17, Pine Grove and Kleinburg respectively will unite under one union separate school board to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate School for the united sections 17 and 25, Township of Vaughan.

The waterworks committee recommended spending \$38,903 on cast iron, wall steel and transit water pipes for its Edgeley water area main extensions. It is the first time Vaughan has used transit pipe which is guaranteed by its manufacturer, Canadian Johns-Manville, for three years.

Council has approved borrowing \$37,500 from the bank for the winter works portion of the Concord water development since the sum won't be available before the work begins.

Councillor Ruth McConkey queried an item in the police and fire committee budget which called for the purchase of 12 sets of "harness" for the fire department.

"Our firemen may work like horses but they don't have to look like them." The harness is a hanger used to hold equipment, she was told.

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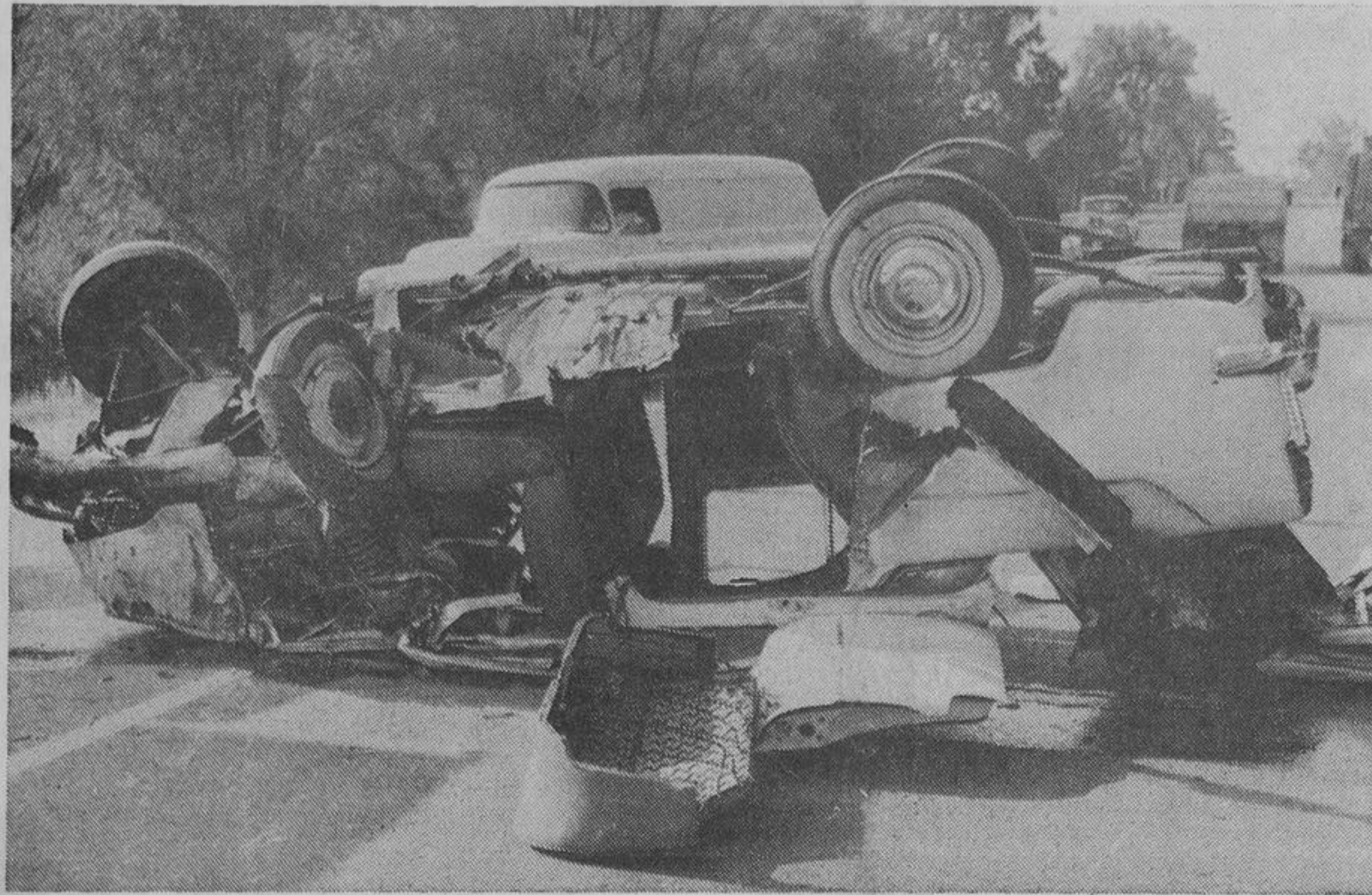
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## Car Demolished, Hill Driver Injured

Richmond Hill motorist William Lyon, 47 Elmdale Court escaped with his life following a car-demolishing accident at 8 a.m. last Thursday in Markham Township. He is reported in satisfactory condition in Branson Hospital where he was taken suffering a concussion, fractured ribs and lacerations, Markham Police said. Mr. Lyon's car had a blow-out and crashed into a bridge abutment on Bayview Ave. and Donerest Road, police said.

## Ratepayers Air Beefs On Markham Tax Boost

Ratepayers of Township School Area No. 3 should have a clearer picture of the reasons for the sharp increase in 1963 taxes in their area of the township, following a meeting with representatives of school boards held Thursday evening. About 70 ratepayers of the area came to the meeting primed to ask questions of their elected and appointed officials, and fired away for more than three hours. Reeve Wilfred Dean chaired the meeting.

### High School Board

York Central District High School Board was represented by Chairman Robert P. Ross and Markham's representatives John Honsberger and Norman Tyndall.

Chairman Ross stated that the high school board is responsible to ratepayers to administer the secondary school system. "We know what the increases are - we live in the area and have to pay these increases, too," he said. Before

giving a resume of where the money for high school purposes is spent, Chairman Ross declared he could foresee no reason why there would be a decrease in the York Central budget in years to come. The budget for 1963 is up slightly over 20 per cent, he said, while enrolment has increased 16 per cent and teachers' salaries 24 per cent. Last year teachers' salaries accounted for 54 per cent of the budget. This year it will be 56 per cent.

Last year 30 additional teachers were hired, this year another 16 will be needed. Provincial grants will take care of 28 per cent of the budget this year - last year the percentage was 29.

Enrolment will increase every year, claimed the chairman, until by 1969-70 it will practically double itself. He pointed out that no local debentures had been required for additional vocational wings at Thornhill and Bayview schools, which had been paid for by federal and provincial governments.

Trustee John Honsberger stated he felt lucky to live in Markham Township where water, sewers and other facilities are available. "Not many people leave an area because of good schools," he declared, "but people will leave because of poor educational facilities. We have one of the best high school systems in the province. We are paying teachers exactly the same as Metro. Perhaps we could take the mill rate down three or four mills by taking \$200 of each teacher, but we wouldn't be able to get staff if we did so."

One taxpayer reported that council says that the main raise and only raise in taxes is due to education and complained that taxes in the area had gone up from \$75 to \$175. Another (Continued on Page 3)

## Aurora Man Wins Kinsmen's Trailer

Mike Patrick, Temperance Street, Aurora, was the lucky winner of the house trailer in the Richmond Hill Kinsmen's lucky draw.

Mayor William Neal drew the lucky ticket Monday afternoon.

## Season Ending Pea Crop Poor

This season's activities at the W. G. Seales Ltd. food processing plant on Centre Street East are drawing to a close after two weeks operation handling peas.

The dry weather hit the pea crop hard so that the yield was not as good as usual, reports B. J. Twiddy owner of the plant.

About 35 local people, mostly high school students have been employed this year in processing the pea crop.

## Two Additions For Industries Given Go-Ahead

An addition to Deciantis-Rice Construction Company on Enford Rd. was approved by Richmond Hill Planning Board members.

The 3,000 sq. foot addition will be leased to a flexible tubing manufacturing company, Planning Director Harold Deeks said.

Approval subject to presentation of plans was given to Oskar Vingler, Professional Bowling Services, Enford Rd. for a 24 x 16 addition to his building. Earlier, Mr. Vingler didn't have drawings and estimates available and was told by both Mayor William Neal and Mr. Deeks, a building permit could not be issued without them.

The board explained to Miss Ada MacKenzie why her request for land subdivision on her property on Arnold Cres. and Highland Lane had been turned down, after Miss MacKenzie asked for reasons for the straight "no" refusal and asked if her two neighbors had given any suggestions for alternate use of the land after they objected to the proposal to divide the large property.

## Old Ticket Plus Coins After Aug. 4

Following the fare change on August 4, present tickets may be used on buses of the North Yonge transportation system, with an additional cash payment, Richmond Hill Council was notified by the Toronto Transportation Commission.

For one zone, adults may pay one 7½¢ ticket plus 3¢ cash; two zones, two 7½¢ tickets plus 5¢; three zones, three 7½¢ tickets plus 8¢ cash.

Scholars: per zone one 4 1/16¢ ticket plus 1¢ cash.

Children: per zone, 3 1/8¢ ticket plus 1¢ cash.

If preferred, refunds on old tickets will be made after August 4, in person or by mail from the T.T.C. office at 1900 Yonge Street, Toronto. Council agreed that, as a service to residents of the town, refunds will also be made at the municipal offices in Richmond Hill from August 4 to September 1.

## 97th Birthday

Beloved teacher of two generations of Richmond Hill children, Mrs. M. Lillian McConaghy will celebrate her 97th birthday on July 28 at the home of her son, 36 Thurston Road, Toronto.

Mrs. McConaghy is the descendant of two pioneer families of the district, the Langstoffs and the Miles.

She is still intensely interested in all aspects of life in her community.

"The Liberal" joins former pupils and friends in extending best wishes for many more years of happiness for this most respected Richmond Hill citizen.

NEWMARKET: Council approved grants to three town bands including \$4,145 for the town band, \$2,500 for the new Canadian Legion band and \$500 for the Salvation Army band; it represents money collected on the half-mill allocated for bands on present assessment.

## Council Reverses Housing Decision

### Little Damage In Town Parks

Vandalism in Richmond Hill parks has been at a low ebb this year according to Allan Smyth, chairman of the parks committee.

This contrasts sharply with the Metro area where in 1962 vandalism in parks exceeded \$20,000 and is expected to be much greater this year. The Metro Parks Board is pressing the Ontario Legislature for legislation to make parents responsible for damages caused by their children.

Locally, damage has been confined to a couple of broken swings and teeter-totters, and seats being upset. The conclusion would seem to be that Richmond Hill teenagers are reasonably well behaved, said the parks chairman.

The door to industrial development of the much disputed jail farm property at Langstaff was opened Monday of this week, with Markham Township Council's agreement to allow the Markham Township Planning Board to release stage 2 of the development area near Thornhill.

Previously, council had turned down the suggestion that these lands be released before acquisition of the North York wells was a certainty, and Metro's position regarding the farm was clear.

At that time Reeve W. R. Dean voted with Councillors C. Hoover and S. Rumble to defeat the request.

This week he reversed his position, noting that the wells in question are under expropriation and should be in service this autumn. Also, he said, Metro has indicated its willingness to co-operate.

On a recorded vote Reeve Dean, Deputy-reeve Charles Hoover and Councillor Allan Sumner were for release, and Councillors Hoover and Rumble were against. Both councillors expressed doubts about releasing these lands for development before the wells are actually in township hands and new industry at the jail farm is assured.

Mr. Hoover noted that 1,400 homes are planned for the new development area at Thornhill, and stated that taxpayers are already bearing as much school tax as they can. "If I could be convinced that new assessment would be chiefly industrial I would agree," he told the meeting. "But," he continued, directing the question toward J. S. Gadsby of the planning board, "if your income was cut 30% would you want higher taxes?" "There is a class of taxpayer today that cannot stand any more unless the economy of the country gets healthier than now," Mr. Hoover was no doubt referring to the dairy farmer who has suffered because of new dairy procedures and finds his milk check greatly depleted.

Councillor Rumble agreed with Mr. Hoover, stating he "feared for" the taxpayers of Markham Township. He said that in 1954, when he became a member of the York Central District High School Board, the high school mill rate was 8 mills. Today it is 25 mills.

"This rise came under planned levies, more libraries, particularly in the more heavily populated areas, could be set up.

Impetus for the fall meeting was given by Vaughan School Area Secretary-Treasurer N. C. Jackson who said the school board members felt one should be held.

Assistant Clerk Ted Jackman said if such co-ordinating group could be formed and a general rate levied more libraries, particularly in the more heavily populated areas, could be set up.

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## More Libraries For Vaughan Twp. Topic Of Meeting

### 88% Eclipse First In 38 Years Seen Saturday

All eyes in North America should be focussed Saturday around 5:30 Eastern Daylight Time to see an event that will not occur again until 2025.

In Northern Ontario, the sun will be in total eclipse and in this area it is expected it will be about 88 per cent of this remarkable occurrence. A total eclipse comes when the moon passes between the sun and earth.

It is also cautioned not to look at the eclipse without adequate protection to the eyes.

The last eclipse in the Toronto area was in January, 1925, and there was one seen in the Lake Superior area, June 30, 1954. This year, the total eclipse will be seen between Montreal and Quebec City and in the Moose River Crossing area, several hundred miles north of Cochrane. Special trains are being arranged by the Royal Astronomical Society.



## New Minister At St. Matthew's

Rev. P. James Burn, B.A., B.D., new minister of St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill East, with Mrs. Burn and two of their four children are shown above at the reception which followed his induction service July 10. On Mrs. Burn's knee is their daughter Margaret and on Mr. Burn's knee is daughter Eleanor.

Mr. Burn succeeds Rev. W. W. Patterson as minister of the local charge.