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## Running Tap Bill Uncollectable

Monday evening, Richmond Hill Town Council in session implemented the following recommendations of the finance department. That \$367.04 in overdue uncollectable water accounts be written off. One of the 17 accounts dated back to 1955. Notations of reasons the amounts are uncollectable specify bankrupt, lost house, or no trace. Two accounts for repairs included were the town's responsibility. Of particular interest was a 1961 account for 346 North Taylor Mills Drive. The notation read tenant moved, left tap running, owner lost house. This account was for \$63.84. Councillor Alex Campbell remarked that considering the waterworks de-

partment had an increase of \$200,000 a year, it had a wonderful collection record. Many businessmen, he stated, would be very happy if their record of collections was as good.

Councillor Campbell also pointed out that only \$85,000 in debenture debt was being added by the town this year. This sum is being debentured for a 10-year period at 5½ per cent interest. \$55,000 is for roads and \$30,000 for the arena extension which is self-liquidating. The councillor also said that \$250,000 of the debenture debt was paid off during the year, making \$175,000 less debt this year.

Ten dollars was granted to the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

## Legion Presents Town With Deed For Laneway

Frank Barrott, president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill Branch 375, presented town council with a deed for 15 feet behind its building across from the municipal building on Yonge Street. This land will be used to provide a laneway. In exchange the town will waive the remaining five parking spaces needed by the Legion under Bylaw 1000.

A report of the parking and transportation committee held October 8, which recommended the issuing of a letter of tolerance to the Legion, was accepted by council Monday night. The report said the Legion would like to rent the Sunoco lot from the town, to provide parking needs for evenings and Saturdays. The town some years ago acquired the Sunoco lot to provide off-street parking for downtown merchants, but Chairman Walter Scudts said the whole enterprise had been a colossal flop. The parking lot is not paying for itself and has a lease running until 1969. Because of this the parking committee is looking for a way to get the town off the hook and utilize the lot for the purpose for which it was leased.

The owner of the lot must agree to sub-leasing to the Legion, it was pointed out. A question by Councillor Tom Murphy as to whether the town would retain control of the lot, was answered in the negative. Councillor Scudts stated that the police would have the same control of the parking lot as they have of plazas. He said the chief of police was satisfied with the arrangement.

The committee's report also pointed out that other businesses could apply for a similar letter to suit their parking needs. Councillor Alex Campbell had commented that the Three Coins

could do the same thing with the parking lot across Yonge St. Sixty-three parking spaces are required under Bylaw 1000 by the Legion. Parking in front of the building and on the Sunoco lot will provide space for 58 cars.

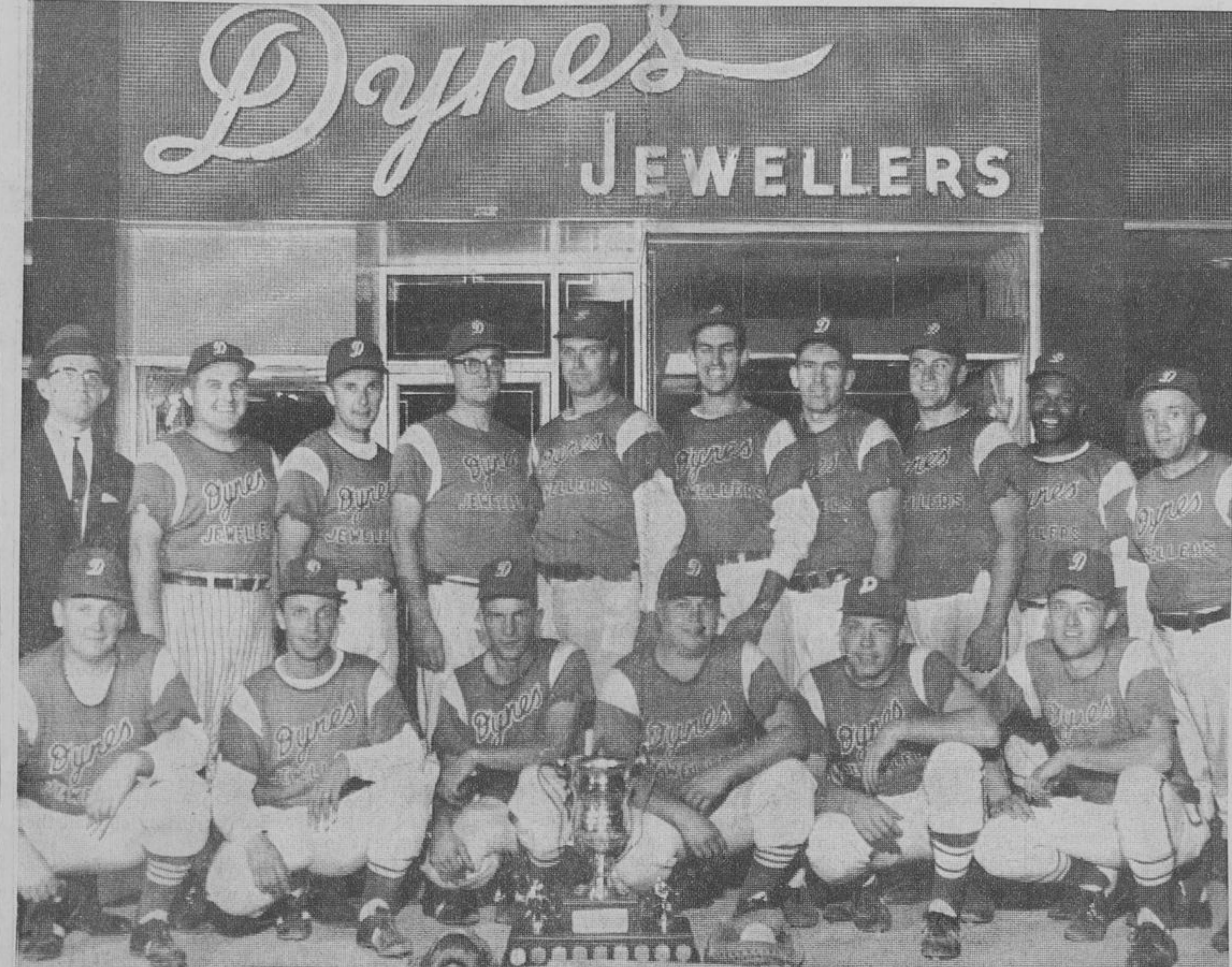
## Home and School Protests Board Closed Meeting

Deep concern about the decision of the York Central District High School Board to hold a meeting with municipal councils in camera on October 24, was expressed by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations in a statement issued this week. The supper meeting scheduled for tonight was called for the purpose of allowing board members and representatives of councils in the Town of Richmond Hill, the Village of Woodbridge and the Townships of Vaughan and Markham to discuss the problems of concern to all bodies. In issuing the invitation to the Richmond Hill Town Council some weeks ago, Chairman Robert P. Ross said, "The press is not being invited so you will be able to speak freely."

The statement said: "The Ontario Home and School Federation are appalled that any school board would close its meetings to parents and the press, who might be interested in attending."

The statement was signed by George G. Gray, public relations officer of the federation who resides at 292 Axminster Drive, Beverly Acres.

# INDUSTRIAL PARK PLANNED



Richmond Hill's Dynes Jewellers, winners of the 1963 All Ontario Intermediate "A" Softball and Metro Majors Fastball championships line up for the final inning. . . their team photograph. From left bottom row are Jim Gregory, Skip DeGeer, Bill Robson, Chico Fernandez, Ken Coultres, Neb Gayman. (Back row from left) Vern Dynes (sponsor), Tony Centa, Matt Kinnari, Sil Steffan, Stan Thornington, Moe Williamson, Ray Judd, Frank Hughes, Gary Smith and Russ 'Casey' Cripps (coach). Missing, Brent Selvage.

## Mayor William Neal Seeks December Re-Election

Mayor William Neal of Richmond Hill confirmed at Monday night's council meeting that he will be a candidate in December for election to a second term of office. Mayor Neal last year defeated former Mayor James Haggart by 234 votes.

The only other council member to make his intentions known was Walter Scudts who announced that he would again be a candidate for the Ward 1 seat.

Unconfirmed rumours indicate that Mayor Neal may be opposed by Thomas Broadhurst, a former councillor and deputy-revee. Last December Mr. Broadhurst lost out by three votes to Floyd Perkins in a close race for the reeveship.

John McDiarmid, who served as councillor during 1962, has been mentioned as a possible contender for the Ward 1 seat against present Councillor Walter Scudts.

Councillors Alex Campbell of Ward 2 and Thomas Murphy of Ward 3 both indicated to "The Liberal" this week that they are still undecided about seeking re-election. Should Mr. Murphy run again, he might have opposition from Mrs. L.

P. Hancey, 173 Sussex Ave., who is seriously considering seeking the Ward 3 seat. If Councillor Al White decides to stand again in Ward 4 he will be opposed by Mr. Robert Saunders of 22 Benson Ave. Mr. Saunders, first candidate in the field last year, was defeated by Mr. White in a three-way race.

Ward 1 takes in residents living north of Crosby Avenue, east of Yonge Street; Ward 2 comprises the area between Markham Road and Crosby Avenue, east of Yonge Street; residents residing south of Markham Road and east of

Yonge Street are in Ward 3, while all residents living west of Yonge Street are in Ward 4.

Residential assessment is up 1.9 per cent in Markham Township this year while farm assessment has taken a 2.19 per cent decrease.

The farm decrease is due to annexation of lands by the Village of Stouffville.

Township Assessment Commissioner Robert Thomson reported recently that total assessment for the year amounts to an increase of \$945,274.43 over 1962.

Residential increase totals \$879,030 and commercial and industrial \$137,219. Total assessment in Thornhill amounts to \$716,490.74 and in Unionville \$610,985.84.

Mr. Thomson noted population figures total 14,800 which isn't a "jump in accordance with the assessment." Over 100 persons, he said, were "lost" to the township due to annexation by Stouffville.

Assessments for public schools totalled \$20,014,022.86; and for separate schools, \$882,000.

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## Vaughan To Buy 71 Acres In Price Control Bid

Vaughan Council, in an attempt to control industrial land prices, will purchase about 71 acres for a proposed industrial park adjacent to the C.N.R. marshalling area. First two readings of a bylaw authorizing the purchase at \$3,000 an acre were read at Monday's council meeting.

The move is another step in Vaughan's aim for \$4,000,000 worth of assessment by 1965. It follows on the heels of a recent announcement Vaughan will install a \$600,000 sewage plant to service the industrial land bounded by the railway yard.

Sale of about 22-23 acres in the parcel, formerly owned by Nelson Bowes, is currently being discussed with a potential buyer, Reeve A. H. Rutherford said.

Re-sold by 1964 The land is to be re-sold by the end of 1964 and no debentures will be issued because the vendor will accept a small down payment and payments on the mortgage will be made as the land is sold by Vaughan.

The council hopes to attract larger factories and other industrial users to the tract which will eventually be served by highways, railways, hydro, water, gas and the new sewage system. Vaughan as developments will lay out the streets and water mains.

Deputy-revee Jesse Bryson said the proposal "is one way of getting an industrial settlement started and will keep prices for industrial land at a reasonable level." The land will be sold at about cost, he said.

Asked if the council was considering purchase of any other industrial land to tie in with the development, Reeve Rutherford said, "We will see how this works."

The parcel involved is part of township lot 10, Concession 3, lying west of the Newmarket C.N.R. line. By-law for its purchase will be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval, prior to the third reading.

O.M.B. Approval Councillor Ruth McConkey, chairman of the waterworks committee, also announced at the meeting Vaughan's request to the Ontario Municipal Board for capital budget revision to allow construction of the sewage plant was approved. The verbal okay came from the O.M.B. three days after it was forwarded by Vaughan, Mrs. McConkey said.

The plan must now be approved by the Ontario Water Resources Commission and the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The work, anticipated to be completed by the summer of 1964 may or may not be a winter months project but will qualify for winter works financing, councillors said.

## Markham Council Going To Races To See How Drag-Strippers Work

Markham Township Reeve Charles Hooper and his three-man council will be taking in the races this Sunday—drag-strip races, that is.

Or is drag-stripping really racing? This and other items pertaining to drag-stripping popped their heads up at Monday's council meeting as councillors wrestled with the do's and don'ts of allowing such a strip in the township.

The question was deferred at last council meeting because Councillor Stewart Rumble was unavailable for his comment.

But it was Reeve Hooper who turned a new page in the drag-stripping book when he suggested council should journey down to Niagara Falls, N.Y., "to see just how this drag-stripping is operated."

Mr. Hooper said council should give the application for a strip serious consideration before coming to a decision.

"These boys obviously can't set up their drag-strip courses in the city. It has to be in open areas like the townships. If it will get them off the roads and possibly avoid killing people we have to give it some thought."

The reeve noted it would be the first strip in York County and required careful scrutiny. "We might be doing the township police and residents a favour by taking the boys off the road. Again, we might be harming them, I don't know."

Councillor Rumble wondered if a strip-okaying "is not out of our jurisdiction. Sunday sports have not been passed in the township," he said.

Reeve Hooper said he wasn't sure if "drag-stripping was a sport or testing operation."

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## Three-Car Crash Markham-Yonge Injured Woman

One passenger was injured in a three-car collision early Sunday morning at Richmond Hill's "calamity corner."

Damage totalled \$1,200 when cars driven by Larry Vaillancourt, Keele Street, Maple; William C. Jones of Toronto, and Robert C. Pollard of Uxbridge, collided at Markham Road and Yonge Street.

Taken to Branson Hospital with injured wrist and bruises to her elbow was Linda Gayle Rose of Maple.

Richmond Hill Police said Vaillancourt, who has been charged with failing to stop at a red flashing light, was approaching the intersection, when Jones car was coming south on Yonge Street, and the Pollard car stopped on Maple Sideroad, when it was struck in the ensuing crash.

## Offers Accepted Improve Dufferin

Offers to sell parcels of land to Vaughan for the improvement of Dufferin Street were accepted by council.

The land needed totals 9,911 square feet at a total cost of \$3,316, of which \$2,793 is land value and \$643 is damages, etc.

Making the offers were Mrs. W. E. Lapping, K. Sharp, G. and A. Hansen, Adeline Moore, D. T. Sackfield, J. G. and S. K. Fitzgerald.

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## 600 Canvassers Needed For November 18 Town Pool Blitz

Forces are currently being marshalled for a swimming pool blitz in Richmond Hill with "D" for invasion day set for November 18.

"We're still busy organizing ourselves," commented Peter Sale of Beverley Acres who is chairman of the canvassing committee.

First plan of attack, he said, centres on splitting areas of the town up via the ward system.

"Each of the four wards will have a canvass chairman," he explained. "Under the chairman will be 10 or 15 captains and under them will be 10 persons who will do the actual canvassing."

Mr. Sale explained this approach was being used to ensure "the entire town is completely covered."

The present setup applies only to home canvassing with plans for industrial and commercial properties to be worked out at a later date, he said.

"We expect the home campaign to go about a week," he stated.

The pool has been officially named the Richmond Hill and Community Centennial Pool. If built in conjunction with Canada's Centennial celebrations in 1967 it will be eligible for a special federal grant of \$20,000. A further provincial grant of \$5,000 is also expected. The estimated cost of the pool will be \$200,000. Plans are for an indoor pool junior olympic size. A suggested

model of an indoor pool prepared by Mr. P. F. Kelleen is now on display in the window of the British Mortgage and Trust Co. Yonge St. S.

Chairman of the project is Cliff Bennett of the local Lions Club.

Members of the pool project along with Chairman Bennett are urging the public to get behind the current drive "to get it going and keep it going."

Anyone requiring further information or desiring to aid in the canvassing is asked to phone either Mr. Bennett at TU. 4-3113 or Mrs. John Vernon, secretary, at TU. 4-7366.

At a meeting called Tuesday night, Mr. Sale said the idea behind the canvass is to demonstrate the community really wants a pool.

In addition to actual cash donations, a pledge system will be used. Working on the figure of 10,000 homes, it works out to about \$1 a month per family over a year which may be in the form of bank or payroll deductions when this is arranged with local bankers.

The land for the pool has not yet been made firm but will be donated by the town, as will all the promotion work by the Richmond Hill Lions Club.

"In other words, for every dollar 25 bricks will be added to the pool and not used to defray expenses of the

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