

# School Bd. Look At Lot Fees?

MacKillop Public School where a nearby 67 suite Trayborn Drive apartment is proposed, has now reached its maximum of 35 pupils per teacher.

How the school board is going to finance the extra school space needed for tenants' children next fall may have to be discussed by board, town planners and council.

Vice-chairman W. J. Hutchinson said last Thursday night the whole questions of lot fees paid to the municipality should be examined by the Richmond Hill board's finance committee.

The fees are paid to the municipality and used for general expenditures in the community.

At present, the Trayborn Drive apartment proposed by contractors Freedman and Lazaroff is on Richmond

Hill Planning Board members' agenda; they in turn sent the local school board a copy asking for its approval.

On the basis of types of suites planned, the board felt at least 30 new pupils would be added to MacKillop as the nearest school. Thirty-five students is the maximum suggested. Other five schools are averaging 33 and 34 per teacher.

Trustee Gordon Stephenson pointed out at least planning board was notifying school board about proposed apartments; in the past, notification had come when it had reached the Ontario Municipal Board stage.

In defence of builders, he said he didn't see how they could be charged for extras when the land on which they were building was already zoned for its intended use.

The building will certainly be paying its way through its high assessment and taxes and apartments obviously bring in more taxes than residential homes."

Chairman Harold Sanderson recommended the board should delve into the whole lot fee problem before the schools' 1964 budgets are drawn up.

He said he could see problems where small subdivisions of 12 or so homes might be built in various land pockets around the community, necessitating another look at present school facilities which appear to be heavily loaded now.

"Everybody in their election speeches says they can't help if taxes are going up, that they have no control overschool taxes", said the chairman.

# Markham Twp. Briefs

Council accepted with regrets the resignation of Unionville Fire Chief Ben Gayman to be effective December 1, 1963. He stated willingness to remain a member of the brigade.

Council passed a resolution calling for a \$3 raise for the township's polling clerks and a \$2 raise for its deputy returning officers. The polling clerks will now receive \$15 and the deputy returning officers \$20.

Commenting that the township was becoming "the antique capital of the world" — next to Buttonville — councillors okayed an application for an antique shop at 7609 Yonge Street. It was noted the location is a commercial one with no bylaw in effect prohibiting such a business.

On recommendation from its committee, council referred the proposed watermain on Don Mills Road for further discussion between the clerk and township engineer and the township solicitors as regards method of financing the project. The committee report said negotiations are proceeding with industrial property owners to see if they are willing to pay cost of laying a 12-inch instead

of six-inch watermain along Don Mills Road. Indication is the owners may be willing to pay if the over-sizing cost is repaid over the term of the local improvement.

Council had earlier decided to install a six-inch pipe to cut down on costs but the OWRC felt the larger pipe would be more suitable for future industrial purposes in the area.

A report from the township planning director on discussions with Toronto Township regarding freight rates said the matter will be pursued further. The report recommended that Vaughan Township be asked if it will join Markham in making application. The report says it appears there is doubt as to whether the best approval is through legislation or by application of the transport association for extension of area. Object is to obtain lower freight rates for the township.

Council agreed to have uncollectable taxes to the amount of \$1,060.29 written off from the tax roll. The unpaid taxes resulted mainly from business failures and have accumulated from as far back as 1959.

# Lot Fee Query At Markham

Some pre-election rumbling regarding dispensation of lot fees reached Markham Township Council Monday night.

Councillor Stewart Rumble broached the question when he asked Clerk H. C. T. Crisp about the lot fee question which was raised by candidate for reeve in this year's election Stan Patterson.

Mr. Patterson is urging that lot fees be directed toward capital school costs and has said the money from such fees has been directed toward other purposes not within the scope of

what the money was intended for.

Mr. Crisp explained to the councillors he was preparing a statement indicating to what use the money had been directed and would present it to them.

He referred to a statement making the rounds to the effect the township had "mis-spent lot fees" to the tune of \$25,000 as incorrect.

"I don't know how this thing got started," he said, "but it is absolutely incorrect."

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# U.C.W. Executive Ravenshoe Meet

Dr. Margaret Arkinstall presided over the November 12 meeting of York Presbyterian United Church Women executive at Ravenshoe United Church. Rev. B. Hayward led the worship service based on St. Matthew 6, with emphasis on "as we forgive".

Mrs. S. Jones of Uxbridge, Mrs. J. Pollard of Richmond Hill and Mrs. R. Montgomery of Uxbridge reported on the Toronto Conference Workshop. After discussion it was decided to continue with sectional rallies another year.

A committee for constitution and bylaws was chosen composed of Mrs. G. Fish, Aurora; Dr. Arkinstall, Newmarket; Mrs. S. Jones, Uxbridge; and Mrs. Arnold, Newmarket.

January 7 to 10 was accepted for York Presbyterian ladies to help with overseas relief packing. Annual meeting will be held at Stouffville on January 28. The report by Treasurer Mrs. G. Todd, Pickering, showed a quarter of the allocation of \$24,800 is still to be sent in by the 56 churches in the Presbytery. 1964's allocation is \$25,750.

AURORA: The question of whether or not to ask the electorate for its views on a \$2,000 annual bus subsidy for Aurora Bus Lines was referred to a council committee. The bus line has been in operation for one year without subsidy.

# Markham Drag-Strip Application Shuffles In, Out Of Scene Again

Markham Township's "to be or not to be" drag-strip question failed to be again Monday night when it came before council.

On a suggestion from Councillor Charles Hoover it was decided to check out a piece of paper submitted by applicant E. Chapman containing names of persons in the proposed drag strip area.

Mr. Chapman informed council he had questioned — not petitioned — persons in a three-quarter mile area and "had found no objections with some very much favourable toward a drag-strip."

If passed, it would mean rescinding a by-law not presently permitting such activity and Councillor Stewart Rumble wondered if the bylaw should be changed on the basis of just one request.

"I feel," he said, "the bylaw must have been given consideration when passed and I don't think our decision to rescind it should be made in haste."

The councillor added Mr. Chapman had not formally ap-

# Hill Town Council Briefs

Monday night Richmond Hill Town Council handled the following business.

Received a report from the works committee that a meeting is being arranged with Mr. Clark, O.W.R.C. operating engineer, to discuss proposed remedial measures regarding odours at the sewage treatment plant.

Decided to purchase 25 safety helmets at an approximate cost of \$150. In keeping with a request from Department of Labour inspector all works department employees will be required to wear the same during working hours. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in suspension with loss of pay.

Referred a request from Dr. R. K. Young to have his property on the east side of Church Street South rezoned from R2A to R2B, so that a nursing home might be established there. Dr. Young reported that in offering his home for sale, he had contacted parties who were interested in using the home as a convalescent home. He pointed out that many changes have occurred in the three years since the zoning by-law was passed, chief of which was Richmond Hill's new hospital, which will increase the need for nursing homes in this area. He said his home was large and ideally suited for this purpose.

Passed bylaws number 1112, 1113 and 1135, all of which

were amendments to bylaw 1000. (These amendments were reviewed last week in our report of the planning board meeting with council, Ed. Note).

Reeve Floyd Perkins reported that work on No. 5 well has just been completed. It was expected to test it on Tuesday. This

# Bayview Ave. OKayed

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Reeve Perkins said he was in favour of stage construction. "I never expected the three and three quarter miles of the worst part of Bayview would be done all at once."

In a review of T and Y road budgets as compared to York County assessment it was indicated that in 1956 when the assessment for budget purposes was \$60,800,000, total mill rate was \$10.33 whereas in 1963 with an assessment of \$175,400,000, total mill rate for roads in the county was \$2.96 mills.

long-awaited well will provide 750,000 gals. of water per day, and is good news for the people of Richmond Hill.

Received a letter from the Sun Oil Company agreeing to the town sub-leasing the Sunoco parking lot to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Reeve Norris said the county was fully justified in spending more on its roads.

Interested Observer

An obviously interested observer at Tuesday's council sessions was Rev. F. Robinson, parish priest at Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church on Bayview Avenue.

He has been among local spokesmen to have Bayview Avenue put high on the list of county road projects because of its disgraceful appearance and inconvenience to a majority of east side Richmond Hill citizens.



JOHN MACDIARMID

# Seeks Comeback

A member of the 1962 town council Mr. MacDiarmid has announced he will be a candidate for Ward 4 in the December 7 elections. A resident of Beverly Acres in Ward 1 for the past seven years Mr. MacDiarmid has purchased a new home on Trayborn Drive in Ward 4.

# District Nursing Homes Elect Their First Association Executive

The first meeting of District Nine of Associated Nursing Homes of Ontario was held in Aurora. District nine comprises the Counties of Peel, York and Ontario. This is in line with municipal thinking, that these counties (often referred to as "Little Metro") share common regional problems.

Officers of district nine are: President D. C. Stewart, The Villa Nursing Home, Thornhill; Vice-President Allan Cooper, Cooper's Nursing Homes, Mount Albert and Newmarket; Secretary Mrs. Frances Watson, Resthaven Nursing Home, Aurora; Treasurer Mrs. Lillian Willson, Nursing Home, Pine Grove.

An active program has been planned for 1964, including study of methods for closer liaison with public health, welfare and municipal boards, and ways and means of more effective

co-operation with general hospitals in the area.

Much has been accomplished by the association in the past five years in improving the public image of nursing homes, and in publicizing their necessity as facilities for the care of chronically ill and aging persons in the community. Constant efforts are being made by members of the association to aridize licensing regulations, methods of care, standard research, newer equipment in nursing homes through geriatric research, and to improve the standards of care and increased awareness of the needs of the aging population of Ontario.

The association welcomes as members, owners and administrators of nursing homes who are willing to adhere to the code of ethics and standards of care as set forth in the regulations.

# Crestwood Rd. News

Correspondent Mrs. Fred St. John 75 Crestwood Road Willowdale Telephone AV. 5-3443

## Social Notes

Welcome to our new neighbours who arrived last week from Westminster London, England, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gray and their three children, Benjamin, 9, Frika, 5 and Crispin, six weeks. Their address is 67 Crestwood Road.

Mrs. Gray's aunt, Miss M. Orion, journeyed with her niece and is having a holiday here in Canada.

Mrs. Gray, formerly Elizabeth Orion, is an actress of note having performed on the stage and in films with England's celebrated Joan Littlewood.

Her husband was manager of a theatre and he and his wife plan to carry on this work in Canada as soon as they get settled. We wish them lots of luck.

Happy Birthday to Debbie Miller who will be nine years old this week.

Mr. and Mrs. McEwen Sr., of Prince Edward Island, are visiting with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McEwen on Crestwood Road.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dewar on the birth of their son in Branson Hospital last week.

A pre-Christmas sale held last week at 62 Crestwood Road was a success considering the miserable weather. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Olive St. John wish to thank all the ladies who helped bake and send material for their sale. They raised \$65 for the school.

St. Paschals Baylon Church on Steeles Avenue West is holding a rummage sale November 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Fun Fair, held November 9, was a great success. Winners of the raffles were Mrs. McLaughlin, of Cummer Avenue and Miss Reid, of Keele Street, two crocheted centre pieces; Mrs. G. W. Marlett, of Nipigon Avenue, fur mat; Mrs. E. R. Robinson, of Madawaska Avenue, dresser scarf; Mrs. J. Mathews, Betty Ann Drive, and Mrs. Bulger, of Kenton Drive, two tablecloths; Miss Mable of Berdale Avenue, a baby's quilt; Mrs. J. Mathers, of Drury Avenue, scales; Mrs. J. Anderton, of Wilson Avenue, dressed doll; Bonnie Lydon, Barbie doll; Juliana Cheff, summer outfit; Ina Leja, bride outfit; and Mr. A. Smith, of Woodward Avenue, a man's bulky knit sweater.

# Liberal Women At Convention

President of the York North Women's Liberal Association headed the delegation from York North to the National Federation of Liberal Women convention held recently in Ottawa.

The delegates attended a reception by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson at their home, 24 Sussex Drive, and a dinner given by John Addison, North York M. P. and Mrs. Addison.

Among the ladies from North York attending were Mrs. Gwen Riseborough and Mrs. George Kelly of Buttonville; Mrs. Leslie Wilson and Mrs. Ray Norton of Stouffville; Mrs. Don Plaxton, Mrs. Betty Stephenson and Mrs. F. Southwell of Richmond Hill; Mrs. Frank Plaxton of Thornhill; Mrs. Fred Hare of Temperanceville; Mrs. W. J. Henderson of Langstaff; and Mrs. Garnet Williams of Nashville.

AURORA: Town council has accepted a tender for the sale of \$168,259.65 of town debentures to a syndicate of Gairdner and Company and R. A. Daily and Co. at a 5 1/2 per cent under par of \$99.40 for every \$100. STOUFFVILLE: Reeve Win Timbers has announced he will accept a nomination for a 3 1/2 term as reeve of Stouffville. He was elected to the post in 1961 and returned again in 1962.

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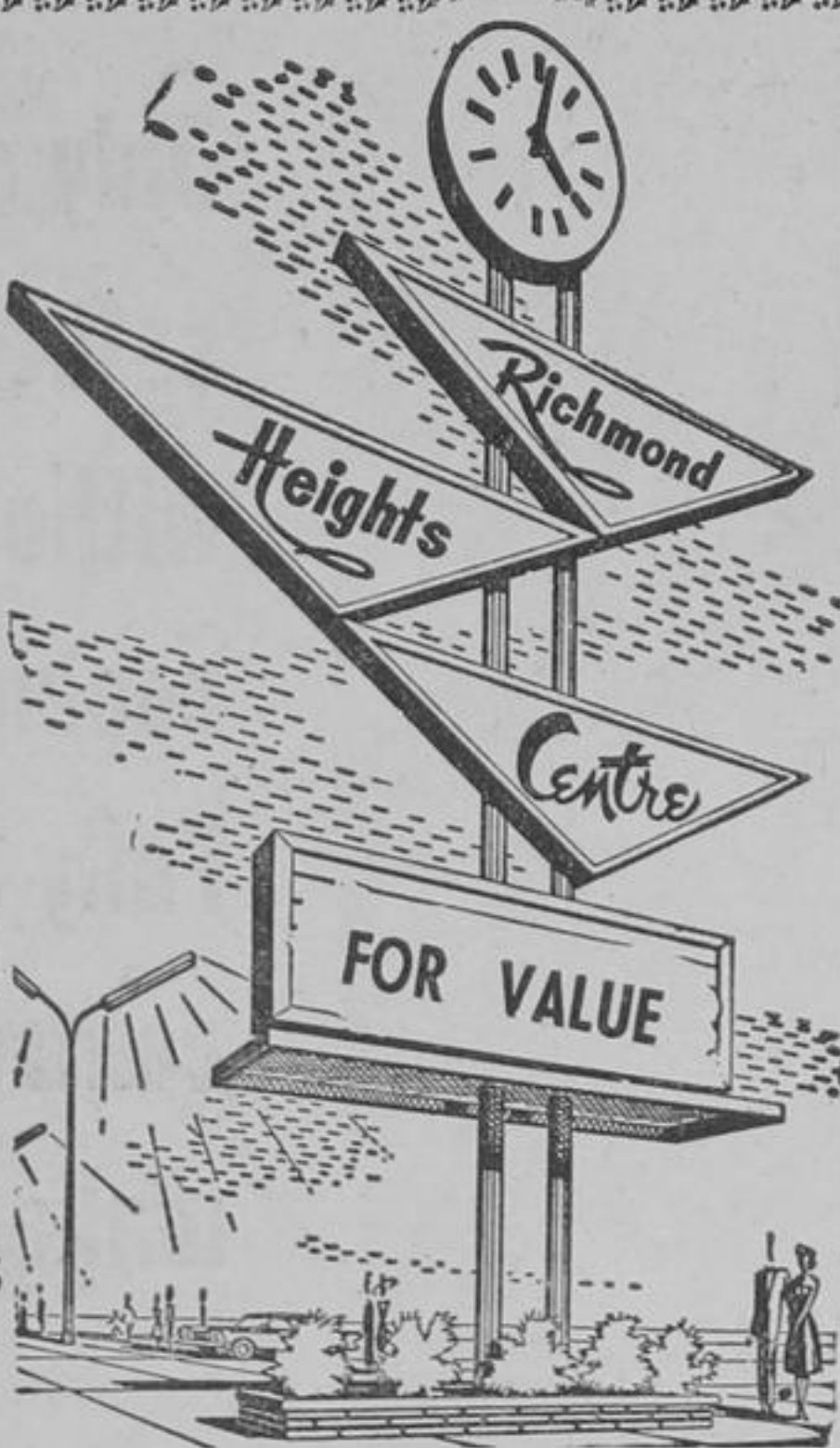
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