

### Blood Donors January 19

A Red Cross blood donors clinic will be held in the Christian Education Wing of Richmond Hill United Church next Tuesday.

Quota for the January 19 clinic is 250 pints. Hours are 2 to 4:30 in the afternoon and 6 to 8:30 in the evening.

Parking for donors is available at the rear of the church and behind Woolworth's Store, a half block away on Church Street. In the evening, the Toronto-Dominion parking lot may be used and also the lot behind the Lowrie Building (entrance from Church Street). There is a walkway through to Yonge Street from this lot.

The need for blood is always pressing. Your donation may save a life.

Dr. J. M. Wachna is in charge of the clinic.

## Busy Year Forecast By Reeve A. H. Rutherford

"Our main task will be to keep a stable tax rate and yet keep abreast of present day requirements," said Vaughan Township's Reeve A. H. Rutherford, speaking on behalf of all the township's administrative bodies, which held a joint inaugural meeting at the municipal offices Monday evening.

Mr. Rutherford mentioned briefly the many projects facing the township this year — acquisition of building sites for the centennial library project, sewage plants for the fast-developing industrial area, a road needs study and road program and a review of township's by-laws.

Dr. Ramsay Armitage of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Maple, led the devotional exercises and charged the elected and appointed representatives to "be strong and of good courage" and prayed that they might carry out their duties with courage, charity and justice.

Members of council were first installed and the oath of office

**\$7,708 Annually**

### Approve Sewer At Pleasantville

The same contractor who is doing the storm sewer installation on Yonge Street has been awarded the contract to install a sanitary sewer from Pleasantville to York Central Highway by the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Work will begin as soon as the work on Yonge Street is completed and will be eligible for winter works assistance.

This work was proposed in 1963 but Richmond Hill requested the OWR to reduce the term of debentures from 30 years to 10 years. The cost of the work spread out over 10 years will mean an annual payment of \$7,708 including interest and reserve debt payments.

An implementing bylaw was given two readings at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Council.

Reeve Donald Plaxton cautioned council not to forget that changing the term does not change the amount of debt but only increases the annual payment. Mayor Tom Broadhurst retorted, with a grin, "We have a finance committee who will watch this."

(The reeve is chairman of the 1965 finance committee.)



W. J. "TOM" TAYLOR

### Roads Chairman

Well known Richmond Hill resident who on Monday was elected chairman of the Toronto and York Roads Commission at the annual meeting held at Newman.

Chairman Taylor has been a member of the commission since 1962 and has had a long experience in municipal affairs. He served eleven years as a member of Richmond Hill Council. First elected as a councillor he filled this office for three years and then became the municipality's first deputy reeve. He then served seven years as reeve and was warden of the County of York in 1957.

Toronto and York Roads Commission is a five member body with jurisdiction over some 216 miles of suburban and county roads. Chairman Taylor and William Sellers of Sutton are appointed by York County Council. R. Earl Bales and John A. Leslie are appointed by Metro and E. M. Miller of Toronto is appointed by the province. (Lagerquist)



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### Skyline Donate Safety Van

Constable Doug Young, safety officer of the Town of Richmond Hill's Police Department is all smiles as he sits at the wheel of a new van he will use in his work.

Ted Bleakley, sales manager of Skyline-Pontiac (left), whose firm has donated the van for safety work in the town, presents the keys to Walter Scudts, chairman of council's police committee. Elmer the Safety Elephant looks on in approval as Young instruct the town's youngsters in good safety practices.

### Handbury Asks

## Recognize Blind Corners As Major Safety Hazard

"I am not so much concerned with aesthetics as I am with the safety of our citizens, particularly of children," Councillor Eric Handbury told Monday evening's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council. He was seeking council's recognition of blind corners as a major public safety hazard, and asked that the involved committees (police and works) prepare reports on these concerns for council's consideration. "I believe we will have to be completely ruthless within our powers," he stated, "in removing plantings which screen these intersections."

Reeve Donald Plaxton noted the problem was a physical one of day-lighting the corners and would lead to land acquisition.

He suggested making stop streets of these blind intersections all three ways might provide a measure of safety. "At this time of year what can we do with graders and road building operations?" he queried.

Councillor Walter Scudts pointed out that the town cannot enter private land to cut shrubs or trees or remove retaining walls. Mr. Handbury suggested the property owners might be willing to co-operate, but Mr. Scudts replied that council has not had this co-operation in the past even in the face of a threat to expropriate. Councillor Lois Hancey reported that it had taken her and the police chief three months last year to persuade two property owners to cut shrubs which blocked the view of corners.

Mr. Handbury reported he did not wish the work to be connected in any way with sewer construction and road reconstruction proposed last year for the south-west section of town, which was not approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst claimed that no problem stands alone. "Each problem is dependent on others," he stated. "If you want to make a permanent remedy you will require property. Then the question of how much property arises. If we wish to expropriate the property owner may contest it and may be successful in so doing."

Reeve Plaxton felt the municipality should find out just what powers it has to limit plantings. "I realize these corners are old-established ones and conditions there antedate any controlling by-laws which may have been passed. Do we have the legislative powers to compel people to remove obstructions? If we have, let us use them."

Mr. Scudts: "We have by-laws, but you can't make them retroactive."

Mr. Plaxton: "If we can't do it directly maybe we can do it indirectly."

The clerk was asked to inquire as to the legislative powers of the town to require owners of property to daylight corners at intersections.

### Year Closes With Bang

## Building Up In Markham Township By More Than \$1,000,000 In '64

Building in Markham Township was up during 1964 from the previous year by more than \$1,000,000, a report of the building committee presented to council Monday night, showed. The year also closed with a bang with building for December up more than \$200,000 from the same period in 1963.

Fees for building permits during the year totalled \$6,649.50, with fees for December amounting to \$357.

Following are the figures for 1964:

Residential buildings: 161 new dwellings, 53 additions, 48 new accessory buildings and three ad-

ditions. Total \$2,764,700. Public buildings: two new buildings and eight additions. Total \$983,500. Commercial and industrial buildings: 12 new commercial buildings, seven additions, seven renewals of building permits, 15 new industrial buildings, 10 additions, four gasoline tank and pump installations, 11 sign permits. Total \$878,680.

Figures for December: Three new dwellings, (single family detached), two additions, two accessory buildings, two commercial buildings, two industrial buildings, two additions to industrial buildings. Total \$273,000.

### 300 Marching Mothers Needed For 1965 March Of Dimes Feb. 1

Mrs. Norman Todd, chairman of the 1965 March of Dimes committee for Richmond Hill and district and other members of the committee have started work on their campaign.

Mrs. Roy Crowther is assisting Mrs. Todd in organizing the "Mothers' March."

Mrs. C. R. Peterkin is in charge of industrial canvassing; Miss M. Mackie, publicity chairman; Mrs. Bert Tyson is secretary and Don Ross of the Bank of Montreal, treasurer.

This year, the "Mothers' March" will be held February 1 in Richmond Hill and district and Mrs. Todd hopes the ladies of the town will come forward and volunteer to canvass their block as they have in the past.

Three hundred marching mothers are needed to properly canvass the town and not have one mother with too many homes to call on.

This is a one-hour blitz and no call-backs are required. Each marching mother is asked to call on 15 of her neighbors be-



Shown taking their oath of office at the inaugural meeting held at the municipal office on January 11 are members of Vaughan Township Council, (left to right) Councillor Samuel D. Kaiser, Deputy-Reeve Garnet Williams, Reeve A. H. Rutherford, Councillor W. R. Bryce and Councillor Dalton McArthur.

At right, back to camera, is Township Clerk James McDonald administering the oath and seated, Deputy-Clerk Ted Jackman.

### No Work On Private Property

Snow-grading equipment in Markham Township will now stick to its own snow-drifts.

Township council Monday night went on record with a resolution that its equipment not be used on private property, except in case of an emergency.

The resolution was prompted by a complaint last week by F. R. Beard of Markham Village, who charged council with allowing the use of a township snow grader to remove snow from the race track at Markham Fair Grounds.

Mr. Beard, who had planned to remove the snow with his own equipment, said the operator of the grader had told him he was doing the work on orders of Reeve Charles Hooper.

Reeve Hooper denied that he had ordered the work done.

### Street Lights Never Extended To Hospital

Street lights on Vaughan Road and trees on the CNR right-of-way concerned Councillor Lois Hancey at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council.

She noted that on May 4, 1964, Richmond Hill Council had agreed to share in cost of installation of street lights on Vaughan Road between Arnold Crescent and the hospital, if the Townships of Vaughan and Markham would assume a third of the cost each. These lights would be located in Vaughan Township. On May 25 word was received from Markham Township that they did not wish to participate and town council informed Vaughan Township that they would share the cost with that township on a 50/50 basis.

"We have heard nothing further from Vaughan Township," Mrs. Hancey reported and moved that a letter be sent to the township asking what action is planned in this respect.

Mrs. Hancey reported that last year she had contacted the CNR asking them to clean up the right-of-way through town and plant trees to act as a buffer. The reply had been it was not the railway's policy to plant trees but that an effort would be made to keep the weeds and grass cut.

The councillor requested that a letter be sent the railway asking them to review their policy on tree planting, particularly where the line goes through a residential area.

### Inaugural Meeting

## John Honsberger To Be H. School Bd. Chairman

John Honsberger, Markham Township's appointee to the York Central District High School Board was elected its chairman at the January 5 inaugural meeting of the board.

Allan Peck, Ernest Redemeier and Robert Ross were also nominated to the chairmanship but declined to stand.

Mr. Peck, who is Vaughan Township's appointee to the board, was subsequently elected as vice-chairman.

Composition of the 13 man committee for 1965. The property committee will consist of Messrs. Ross, Edean, Masters, Tyndall and Snider. Mr. Clement and Mr. Redemeier will be on the planning committee. Members of the advisory committee will be Messrs. Redemeier, Clement, Peck and White, and the advisory-vocational committee will be made up of Messrs. Edean, Ross, Clingersmith and Kinnee.

The chairman of the board is automatically a member of all committees.

Other board members are Manley Clingersmith, whose appointment by the Village of Woodbridge runs to the end of 1965; Robert Edean, appointed by the Town of Richmond Hill to the end of 1966; Wm. Masters, by Markham Township to the end of 1966; E. W. Snider, by Vaughan Township to the end of 1965 and Norman Tyndall, appointed by Markham Township to the end of 1965.

Messrs. Peck, White, Yates, Clingersmith and Kinnee will act on the management committee.

### Reeve Riled By "Auctioneering"

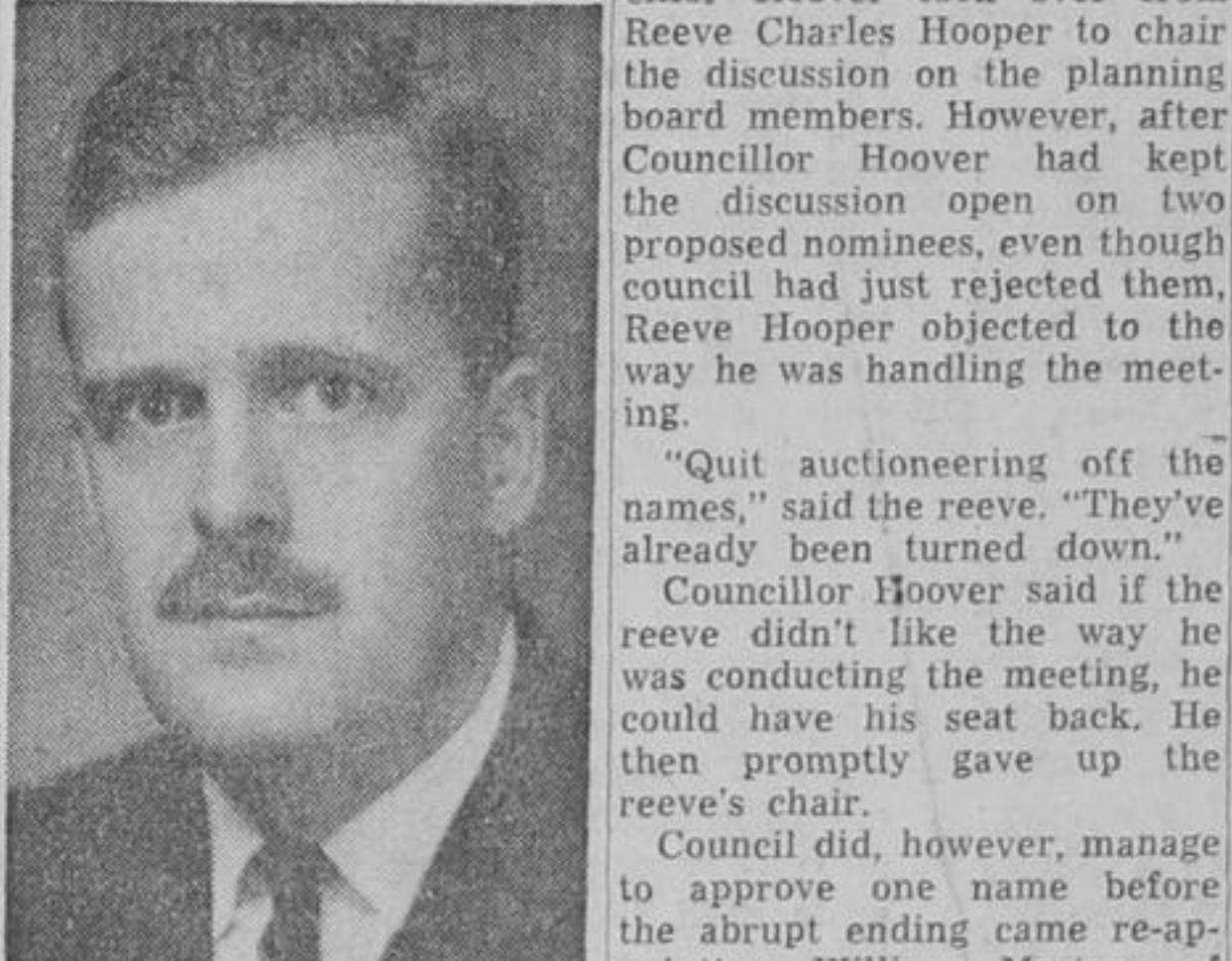
Markham Township Councillor Charles Hoover found that occupying the reeve's chair is not to his liking, and as a result Markham Township Council is still without one of its two appointees to the planning board.

Meeting in Markham municipal office Monday night, Councillor Hoover took over from Reeve Charles Hooper to chair the discussion on the planning board members. However, after Councillor Hoover had kept the discussion open on two proposed nominees, even though council had just rejected them, Reeve Hooper objected to the way he was handling the meeting.

"Quit auctioneering off the names," said the reeve. "They've already been turned down."

Councillor Hoover said if the reeve didn't like the way he was conducting the meeting, he could have his seat back. He then promptly gave up the reeve's chair.

Council did, however, manage to approve one name before the abrupt ending came re-appointing William Masters of Thornhill, a member of York Central District High School Board.



JOHN HONSBERGER

## Tell Council Propane Observes Safety Regulations

A question at Monday night's meeting by Councillor Eric Handbury if a local propane plant is keeping within safety regulations revealed that almost all members of 1965 Richmond Hill Council had received several phone calls from residents in the area surrounding the Altane plant on Markham Road, protesting increased installation of storage facilities at this plant.

Councillor Lois Hancey, reported she had been in touch with F. Wilde, 90 Leisner Lane, who is the chief inspector of propane gas installations for the Ontario Energy Resources Commission. Mr. Wilde had assured her, she reported that the commission checks all factors and regulations and issues licences. If the plants do not comply in even one of these, they do not get licences. She quoted Mr. Wilde as saying the regulations are very strict and further legislation last year added to the regulations.

When Reeve Donald Plaxton asked why below ground installation of storage tanks had not been required, Mrs. Hancey reported that she had been informed above ground storage is safer, and the larger the tank the safer the installation. Each tank is supplied with a safety valve which blows off if pressure or heat from a nearby fire builds up. If the tank was buried, this could not happen.

Town officials told "The Liberal" this week that the committee of adjustment had heard application for in-

stallation of a 21,400-gallon propane gas tank at Altane Ltd., 216 Markham Road on August 26 and granted approval the same day. Town council, planning board and the fire chief were notified of the application so that objections could be lodged.

Monday night, Councillor Walter Scudts reported that the fire chief had lodged an objection.

The committee of adjustments' approval carried the proviso (customary in hazardous use) that necessary approvals be secured from all boards concerned with safety regulations, we were informed.

If an application seeks relief from an existing by-law the committee of adjustment is required to notify all property owners within

### Attendance Not A Guide

Since no records are kept of committee and board meetings for which a quorum did not show up, Councillor Walter Scudts suggested that attendance records be studied before making 1965 appointments was not practical, Richmond Hill Council discovered Monday night.

In the case of one board, Mr. Scudts reported, there were at least three occasions on which a meeting could not be held because sufficient members did not attend.

### Council Names Reps. To Board

Appointments to various boards and positions were made by Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night.

Library Board: Ray Nugent for a term of three years.

Weed Inspector: Fred Bovaird.

Fence Viewers: K. Flynn, F. Rumble and R. Giles.

Planning Board: Howard Whillans for three years.

Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority: W. J. Haggart and John Bradstock.

Committee of Adjustment: W. J. Taylor, Gerald Huntley.

Recreation Committee (Seven members, two of whom are members of council): Ray Gemmill, Ed Brown, Robert Saunders, Angus Philip, R. K. Belfry and Councillor Scudts and Lazenby.

Board of Parks Management (Seven members, two of whom are council members): Shawn Beegs, John Bradstock, H. Wunderlich, Harold Jones, Mrs. Muriel Oliver and Councillors Scudts and Handbury.

Court of Revision: F. L. Smith, Norman Todd, J. E. Corbett, H. Whittaker and Alec Clarke. It was noted that the life expectancy of this group is limited with the takeover of assessment by the County of York. However, Reeve Donald Plaxton expressed the belief they could be constituted an area court and the appointments should be made.

Industry in Canada is as safety-conscious as the propane industry." He said that no industry is subject to such severe restrictions and strives so hard to exceed these regulations.

"There is less danger of an explosion or fire in our plant than in any other industry in Richmond Hill," Mr. Alty said, at that time.

Once the town has allowed a plant to be built, it was also noted in 1962, it was no control over safety measures, except by safety checks carried out by the fire chief. Safety regulations are enforced by the Department of Labor, Board of Transport Commissioners, the Ontario Energy Resources Commission, the firm's insurance company and the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.