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Pictured above at last week's inaugural meeting of the 1965 Richmond Hill Public School Board are:
Front row (left to right) Chairman W. R. Hutchinson, Mrs. Phyllis Hawkes, Jack Knott, Vice-Chairman Deena Simpson.
Back row (left to right) James LeMoine, S. E. MacBeth, David Stephenson and Andrew Hutcheson.

Vaughan Buys More Ind. Land

With offers pending on all the remaining township-owned land in Vaughan Acres Industrial Park, Vaughan Township at Monday's council meeting took steps to acquire a further 40 acres of land to be serviced and sold for industrial purposes.

Three readings were given to a by-law authorizing the acquisition of the land, the northerly half of lot 9, Concession 3, west of the CNR right-of-way. The property adjoins the township owned land on Keele Street, south of the Langstaff Sideroad.

The land is being purchased for \$4,500 per acre. In answer to a question from the audience, Deputy-revee Garnet Williams estimated that it would cost approximately \$2,400 per acre to service the land and the eventual selling price to industry would be in the neighborhood of \$7,500 per acre.

It is expected that sales of some of the previously owned township land in the industrial park will be announced next week.

At the same meeting, council gave approval to the sale of two lots, one 140 feet by 412 feet and one 165 feet by 412 feet on Creditstone Road in the industrial subdivision owned by Estelle Investments Limited on the south side of Highway 7, west of the CN yard.

By the terms of the subdivision agreement the township is required to give its consent to such sales.

Hutchinson, Mrs. Simpson Head Public School Board

Former vice-chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board Walter Hutchinson was elected its chairman at last Thursday's inaugural meeting of the board.

Voting for vice-chairman produced a tie between Trustees Mrs. Deena Simpson and Jack Knott. In accordance with provisions of the School Act, the two members drew for the office and Mrs. Simpson was named vice-chairman.

As the members had been sworn in earlier, there was no formal inaugural ceremony but a prayer of invocation was given by Rev. E. James Burn of St. Matthew's United Church.

Heads of committees were not chosen. The chairman and vice-chairman will prepare a slate of committee members, following preferences indicated by the other trustees.

Richmond Hill Police Committee Chairman Walter Scudds appeared before the board, along with Police Chief R. P. Robbins to discuss the location of the crossing guard for McConeghy School.

Because of the number of accidents which have occurred at Yonge Street and Markham Road where the guard has been stationed, the school board had suggested that the guard be moved to Church Street and Markham Road.

Local Horticultural Soc. To Meet January 26

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will present a "Review of '64 - Our Golden Anniversary Year", at its next meeting January 26 at 8 p.m. at Wrixon Hall.

Included in the program will be films and slides of the various activities throughout the year, and presentation of awards.

The society recently received mention in the Ontario Horticultural Association newsletter, which congratulated it for its 50 years service to the community and urged it to continue "in your good work."

Auxiliary Raises \$1,500 For Hospital Equipment

By MRS. LOREN GUILD

A large attendance at the January 14 meeting of the general committee of York Central Hospital Auxiliary bespoke the keen interest of the members in their organization. With the mercury at 15 degrees below zero a cosy fire and a good book offered stiff competition. The reason for the continued interest was evident as business proceeded. The auxiliary is a going concern under the management of efficient officers.

Mrs. William Finlay, gift shop convener reported a successful year and presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the president. An interesting item from her record is the sale of flowers. These are bought from Rice's Flowers at a 35% discount and the net profit 1964 was \$764.

The president, Mrs. E. Redelmeier announced that \$1,500 had been set aside for the purchase of hospital equipment.

The project committee are busy preparing for the theatre ticket sale for Spring Thaw, May 1 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. It was suggested that if each member sold four tickets the house would be full.

The public relations committee, Mrs. F. Jackson, convener was authorized to publish a monthly newsletter with Mrs. W. Spears, editor. This letter will serve as a vehicle of communication between areas and will contain notes of interest, suggestions, advice and chat.

Mrs. R. J. Miller, director of volunteers reported that volunteer work in the hospital added up to 2036 eight hour days. This is only one face of volunteer work. Many women are working at home; sewing, knitting, promoting money raising projects and helping with extras such as decorating the Lions Hall and helping with the very successful hospital staff dinner in December.

For women who are anxious to help with the auxiliary work but cannot give time there is a sustaining membership fee of \$5. This is an important contribution as the money is used to pay for material for the gifts in the shop. It does not include the privilege of voting nor is it necessary to be a branch member.

Mr. W. Pocknell, first vice-president was appointed delegate to the auxiliary institute to be held in March sponsored by Ontario Hospital Association and Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario. The subject for study is, developing organizational and executive responsibilities. Mrs. W. A. Smith, secretary, alternate.

Of necessity the annual meeting of the general auxiliary has been advanced to February 11, to be held in the hospital cafeteria.

Using Cars As Bars Bring Fines To Three

Turning their cars into bars proved costly to three men in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court Tuesday.

Fined \$15 and costs for having liquor in a place other than a dwelling, were Ronald T. Boake, 21, and Gerald Dyck, both of Stouffville; and Thomas C. Byberg, 26, of Willowdale.

All three were apprehended with open bottles of beer or liquor in their cars.

Allan L. Campbell, 20, of Cookville, was fined \$15, and costs for drinking while under the influence of alcohol in his car while parked in a cornfield on Steeles Avenue near the fifth Concession, October 11.

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Prime Minister To Officially Open Secondary School

Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson will speak at the official opening of the new Newtonbrook Secondary School January 22.

The school is located at 155 Hilda Avenue, Willowdale, south of Steeles Avenue, behind the Sayvette store.

Newtonbrook is Mr. Pearson's birthplace. His father, Rev. E. A. Pearson, was minister of Newtonbrook Methodist Church.

\$200 Monthly Subsidy Asked

Township-Wide Ambulance Service Said Necessity For Vaughan Twp.

A rather uneven, and some thought decidedly unfair situation with regard to ambulance service in Vaughan Township was revealed at this week's council meeting.

The operator of the Vaughan Hill Ambulance Service, David Holt, had contacted the township, asking for a \$200 monthly subsidy for his service. He proposed having one ambulance operated by full time men, one ambulance operated by part-time men on call and one station wagon, to be used for removal or as an ambulance.

Mr. Holt estimated the cost of such service, on a three year basis at \$26,395. Income was estimated at \$13,000 leaving a deficit of \$13,395 to be made up by the municipalities in which the service is provided.

Mr. Holt proposed to serve an area extending from Steeles Avenue to the Aurora sideroad and from Highway 27 to Highway 48.

"How about the township west of Highway 27?" queried Reeve A. H. Rutherford. "Wilt Scott is providing a service there but we don't subsidize it. He often doesn't get paid for highway accidents."

Deputy-revee Garnet Williams pointed out that Markham Township made no contribution to the ambulance service and termed it "a very unfair arrangement," insisting "Markham is getting service and we're paying for it."

Name Legge Warden In Close Race With Dales

Reeve Sidney Legge of Newmarket was elected warden of York County at the 1965 inaugural of the county council held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Legge was opposed by Joseph O. Dales, Q.C., reeve of North Gwillimbury. The vote, taken orally, gave him 15 to Mr. Dales' 13.

Mr. Legge was nominated by Floyd Perkins, deputy-revee of Richmond Hill and his nomination seconded by Ross Farguharson, reeve of Whitechurch Township. Mr. Dales was nominated by Reeve Norn Garriock of Woodbridge, seconded by Reeve Charles Hooper of Markham Township.

Mr. Hooper's deputy, Stewart Rumble voted for Mr. Dales, however. Richmond Hill's two representatives were also divided in their choice of warden. While Mr. Perkins voted for his nominee Legge, Reeve Donald Plaxton voted for Mr. Dales.

Vaughan Township's two representatives, Reeve A. H. Rutherford, the retiring warden, and Deputy-revee Garnet Williams both voted for Mr. Dales.

The two representatives of Markham Village, Reeve Alma Walker and Deputy-revee A. Laidlaw both supported Mr. Legge.

Among the distinguished guests in the packed council chambers were Liberal MP for York North John Addison, MLA for York North A. A. Mackenzie, Magistrate O. M. Hollinrake who administered the oath of office to the new warden and many others.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst congratulated the new warden and brought greetings from the Town of Richmond Hill. Former Warden Clarence Davis of Aurora offered congratulations on behalf of past wardens, noting that Warden Legge filled the handsome red vest which is part of his official uniform better than had some former wardens.

Retiring Warden A. H. Rutherford, reeve of Vaughan Township, and Mrs. Rutherford graciously accepted a set of hand-luggage from the council. Mr. Rutherford intimated that he was not retiring from public life as he felt he still had more to offer.

Reeve Jean Moffat of Aurora presented the new warden's wife with a sheaf of red roses, stating that each bloom carried with it the best wishes of the 1965 council.

It was reported that since 1963, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township have been paying a subsidy of \$100 per month to the ambulance operator. From 1960 to 1964, the township gave \$100 per month to the York County Health Unit who paid this amount to the ambulance operators. At that time, municipal law did not permit the township to pay the subsidy direct. This has since been amended.

An observer at the meeting, Dr. N. B. G. Taylor of Concord suggested that ambulance service was a necessary public service similar to police and fire service and might well be provided by the municipality.

This suggestion found general agreement among the council members. "It's just as necessary as any other service," stated Councillor Sam Kaiser.

Councillor Warren Bryce enquired if it should not go to tender. "We don't know if he's actually spending this \$200 per month," he stated.

The reeve agreed also that it was necessary to provide the same service over the whole township and the matter was referred back to committee for further study.

No Sunday Dumping

Improved Conditions At Vaughan Twp. Dump

It was reported at Monday's Vaughan Township Council meeting that conditions at the dump operated by Disposal Services Limited on Concession 3 have improved considerably.

The planning and building committee reported that Norman Goodhead and Max Solomon, the firms' principals, had appeared before a committee meeting to discuss conditions at the dump. It had been reported in December that Disposal Services were breaking just about every rule regarding garbage disposal, as well as creating a nuisance by having heavy trucks rolling up to the dump on Sundays.

Mr. Goodhead and Mr. Solomon advised the committee that they had had trouble acquiring the necessary machines to operate the dump in compliance with the by-laws but gave assurance that they were making every endeavor to rectify the situation. They also promised that Sunday operation of the dump would cease.

John Fawbert, who is in charge of the township dump located next door to Disposal Services property, reported that there was a big improvement and about eight inches of sand had been spread on the dump.

\$1,005,000 New Industrial

Town Building Permits Total \$3,278,595 - '64

Building permits were issued in Richmond Hill during 1964 for a total estimated cost of \$3,278,595. This compares with \$2,182,570 in 1963, \$2,656,020 in 1962 and \$1,655,640 in 1961.

Number of permits was 162. Of the 1964 total \$1,005,000 represents eight new industrial buildings with \$191,000 for industrial alterations on thirteen others.

Mayor Broadhurst commented that this last amount was a very healthy sign, indicating that stable companies which are increasing their space have been attracted to the municipality. He noted that this pointed up the necessity of having building restrictions realistic. (The 1963 figures were \$412,000 for nine new industrial buildings and \$56,000 for alterations on nine buildings.)

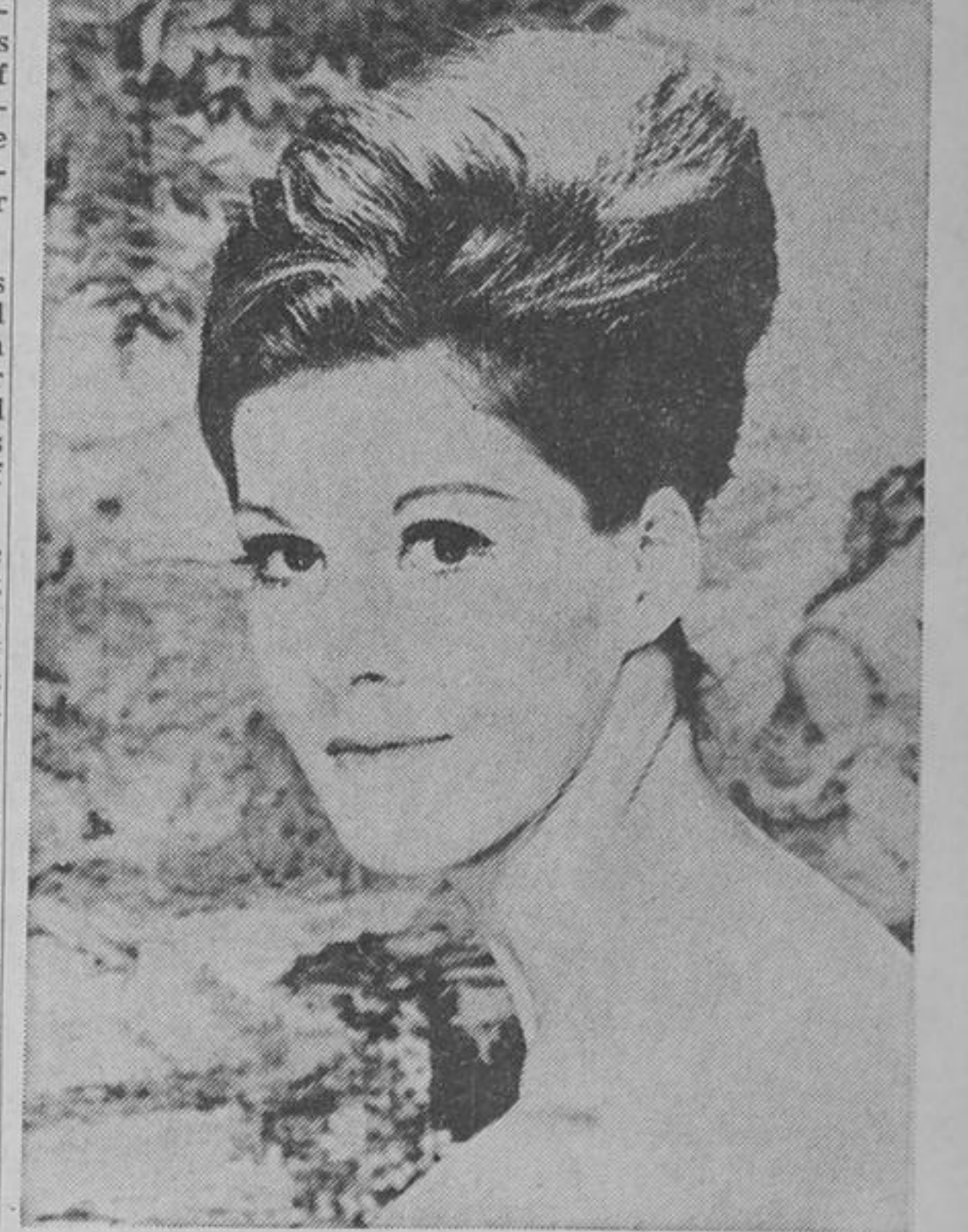
Ten new commercial permits valued at \$497,500 were issued in 1964 (there were none in 1963), and seven permits for commercial alterations valued at \$104,500 (in 1963 11 permits were issued in the amount of \$38,800).

One permit for a 67-suite apartment building valued at \$500,000 was issued in 1964 (in 1963 three were issued creating 126 units with an estimated cost of \$697,000). Thirty-three single family residences, with an estimated cost of \$431,000 in 1964 compared with 56 in 1964 an estimated cost of \$779,000.

One new church was built at an estimated cost of \$200,000 and a school addition at an estimated cost of \$170,000. Thirty-eight private garages accounted for \$17,325 and the Centennial Swimming Pool for \$94,000.

This report from J. R. Hollowell was received by Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night.

Mr. Hollowell also reported that he had made 158 inspections under the Construction Safety Act. Four stop work orders had been issued and 45 written orders to comply.



DIANA EDE OF THORNHILL

Dances At American Inaugural

While Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Moore Ede of Thornbank Road, with a teacher who had given dancing lessons to Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

At six years, she began ballet lessons with Miss Betty Vacani. She appeared in recitals in London with Madame Vacani's Dancing School. Although Diana never took part in them, it was students of this school who put on the Christmas pantomimes at Windsor Castle for many years.

When the family came to Canada, Diana studied with Betty Oliphant throughout her high school years at Bishop Strachan School and Brank-some Hall. When in grade 12, however, she was told that she had grown too tall to be a prima ballerina and decided abruptly to abandon her career as a dancer.

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Council Passes By-Law

Plaxton Feels Majority Of Voters Did Not Approve Two Year Term

By-law No. 1187 to provide for biennial elections, as approved by the electorate in the December election, was given three readings and passed at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council. This means that the council, elected in December, 1965, and succeeding councils, will sit for a two year term.

On a recorded vote, Reeve Donald Plaxton cast the lone dissenting vote, with Councillors Walter Scudds, William Lazenby, Lois Hancey and Eric Handbury, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Deputy-revee Floyd Perkins all voting in the affirmative.

The reeve felt that since only 39% of the electorate cast ballots in the 1964 election the decision was not made by a majority of the electors. He felt those eligible as voters should be encouraged to vote and a two year term of office is a step in the direction of discouraging them. "A good council, doing a good job, can be, and usually is, returned to office in a one year term" he said, commenting on the number of the 1964 council who were returned for 1965.

"On the other hand under the two year term a poor council will remain in office for two years." The increased term would also discourage many people from becoming involved in municipal life, he felt. "I have never known the electorate to turn people out of office because of their lack of experience," he commented, continuing, "a person who does a conscientious job is very apt to be returned."

The reeve also stated he would be in favor of any move to limit expenses in an election. He forecast that future municipal election campaigns could run a candidate into several hundreds of dollars and was answered by other members of council that it already does.

Councillor Scudds countered that a two year term would eliminate some expenses and pointed out that a great number of municipalities have a two year term.

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Vaughan Area School Trustees Are Divided On Payment For Services

The matter of payment to school trustees was referred to Vaughan Township School Area Board's finance committee for consideration. After the matter had been discussed at the board meeting Thursday night of last week.

An amendment to the School Administration Act, known as Bill 52, passed last year, permits school trustees (other than those appointed to a board of education for high school purposes only) The amount payable is based on the average daily attendance in the classrooms controlled by the board concerned. In the case of Vaughan Township School Area trustees the maximum amount which may be paid is \$50 per month.

The board, since its inception five years ago has paid its members an honorarium of \$60 per year and a travelling allowance when travelling on board business.

Vice-Chairman Warren Baillie moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee, but failed to find a seconder for his motion when it was advanced, and discussion proceeded in the open meeting.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe said he was not in favor of taking advantage of the per-

missive legislation. "The present honorarium is only token," he said, "and is, to my mind, quite in order. However, in the first place, I object to the principle of paying trustees. I think it is wrong and might entice people to run for a seat on this board for monetary reasons only. Secondly, I feel that if trustees are going to be paid, this is not enough for the number of hours they will have to spend on board business."

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