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## Gift Of Appreciation

Dr. H. H. MacKay, Clerk of Session, helps Rev. J. N. Hepburn into the new gown presented to him by the Women's Association and the Mary and Martha Guild at a congregational dinner October 25. Mr. Hepburn has served as minister of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church for the past 12 years. Mrs. Hepburn was also presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The dinner, served by the M&M Guild was part of the observance of the 148th anniversary of the congregation. Young dancers, Wendy Hirano and Caroline Lismore of the Dennis Moore School of Dancing entertained and H. H. Dymond gave a humorous address.

It was in 1817 that Rev. William Jenkins first visited Richmond Hill and held the first church service here, using the stump of a pine tree for his pulpit. After the sermon a communion service was held; members of all denominations gathering around the Lord's Table.

## Markham Township Will Seek Meeting On Roads

Markham Township Council will send a representative to meet the Minister of Highways following a request by an Aurora resident at Monday's meeting.

I. Harris told council that he was concerned with the number of traffic accidents between Richmond Hill and Davis Drive in Newmarket. He said that during the past five years there had been 635 accidents and 12 deaths.

"We need a four-lane highway," said Mr. Harris.

At present, the highway varies between two, three and four lanes. Mr. Harris said he thought a four-lane highway all the way would diminish accidents and proposed a meeting with the minister among representatives from Newmarket, Aurora, King and Markham Townships.

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble was appointed to represent council whenever the meeting should take place.

Council will also send two members to the Canadian Planning Association Conference, November 17, 18 and 19 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, plus one unofficial member.

Reeve Charles Hooper and Councillor Charles Hoover will attend as members of Markham Township Planning Board, while Councillor Cleary Palmer will go on his own.

"This is a most important subject," said Mr. Palmer. "If I'm not appointed a delegate, I'll pay my own way."

He said he would like to go as an official delegate, but council decided that its two members of council on the board could report back. Maximum allowance is \$25 a day.

Said Mr. Hoover: "I don't think I need \$25 a day. I can't vote for it."

Said Mr. Rumble: "The motion doesn't say he has to spend it all."

Mr. Hoover agreed to the motion.

Council also approved a recommendation to establish a library board in the township and requested the clerk to prepare a petition.

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## Sewer To Star On Television

A closed-circuit television program will be produced in Richmond Hill for the first time but it's not likely to star Elizabeth Taylor or Richard Burton.

In fact you won't even be able to see it if you have pay-television or even the cable kind or even in your nearest theatre.

It's about a sewer with a possible blockage.

Producers will be Hisey and Barrington who are currently constructing the Crosby Avenue foremain.

Town councillors were somewhat intrigued Monday night on hearing of the production. Some wondered if it would be in color, others who would be starting in it.

Councillor Eric Handbury essayed a guess that the "sewer program might draw a parallel between that and the junk you see on American television shows".

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst wondered what the reason was for the "exotic production".

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins explained the construction firm had requested the television project because "it feels there is some kind of stoppage or blockage in the tile".

"If they try to check it the orthodox way," he said, "it could require a lot of digging up of the sewer main and could be very costly".

Cost of the television production will be between \$300 and \$700 but the amount has already been allowed for in the total cost of the project.

Scene of the camera inspection will be between "manhole 15 on Broaddale Crescent and manhole 23 on South Taylor Mills Drive".

## Second Diabetic Clinic Wednesday, Nov. 10

The second annual diabetic clinic sponsored by the York Central Hospital as a part of its continuing public education program will be held in the hospital cafeteria on November 10 at 8:00 pm.

This year's clinic offers an expanded visual program stressing early detection and detection kits will be available for home use. Diet instruction will be offered on different feeding methods, and discussion on meal planning. New menu plans, new desserts and new foods will be displayed.

An integral part of the program will be the continuous showing of a film entitled "Diabetes, What You Don't Know Can Hurt You". Members of the hospital's medical, nursing and dietary staffs will be on hand to answer questions.

All members of the public are urged to attend this important health clinic. Remember - the York Central Hospital, November 10, 8:00 pm.

## Behind Schedule

Richmond Hill Public School's attempt at progressive education is not getting much help from a couple of construction firms in the area.

Last week, reporting on three of the schools, which are having work done on them, Trustee David Stephenson told members of the board that progress was practically at a standstill at Walter Scott, while Beverley Acres was better, but still behind schedule, and rain was coming in the roof at MacKillop.

Mr. Stephenson said that work on the Walter Scott addition was to have been completed by November 13, but was a "long way behind schedule."

It was unfair to ask staff and students to put up with the inconvenience that was being caused.

## Vaughan To Abandon Its Memorial Services

After having tried in vain for more than five years to interest Vaughan Township residents in a November 11 Memorial Day service, Vaughan Township Council on Monday night quietly accepted a recommendation of its general purpose committee and decided to abandon the project.

In previous years a program had been arranged for the evening of November 11 with members of local Royal Canadian Legion Branches laying wreaths at the memorial plaque in the lobby of the municipal offices, and township policemen forming a guard of honor.

However, other than those taking part in the ceremony, there were seldom more than three or four people from Maple who attended.

There was no comment from the 15 or 20 people present at the council meeting when the recommendation was adopted to discontinue the service on Monday night.

## Same Judge To Serve On All Three Local Boards

Members of the police committees of three local municipalities found themselves without a job this week when the formation of a board of police commissioners for Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships was announced at Monday's meetings of the three councils concerned.

As of November 1, Richmond Hill police affairs will be handled by a three-man board, appointed by the Ontario Board of Police Commissioners, made up of Judge Garth H. F. Moore, Magistrate J. W. Butler and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

Judge Moore is also on the boards of both Vaughan and Markham Townships, as is Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, QC. Reeve A. H. Rutherford will be the third member of the Vaughan board, and Reeve Charles Hooper the third member for Markham.

Magistrate Butler, a native of England has been a resident of Richmond Hill for 40 years. He lives at 105 Wright Street and is an elder of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. He served as clerk of the magistrate's court for the County of York from 1948 until his appointment as a deputy-magistrate for Scarborough in 1956. He was appointed a full magistrate within the last two years.

Magistrate Hollinrake of Toronto is a graduate of University of Toronto Schools, Royal Military College and Osgoode Hall. He served in both World Wars, leaving the army with the rank of Colonel. He was in private legal practice in Toronto from 1922 until his appointment as a full magistrate in June, 1947. He now serves in both Newmarket and Richmond Hill Courts.

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## Poor Progress On School Additions

Trustee Phyllis Hawkes is one member of Richmond Hill Public School Board who really means it when she says she's going to sleep on her problems.

Arriving a few minutes late for a meeting of the board last week, Mrs. Hawkes said she had been delayed looking for her minutes of the previous meetings.

"You'll never know where I found it, Mrs. Hawkes said. "Under my pillow."

and the Sunnybrook Riding Club whose land the walkway would cross.

The board also referred a letter from F. Powell, quoting \$8 an hour for snow removal—up \$1 an hour from last year—to the building committee for consideration.

Agreed to allow the parks board to install rinks in the same locations as last year, Monday night.

## Transport Meet Nov. 18, 2 P.M.

A town council request for a change in time has apparently been ignored by members of a Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study group.

The group informed council that a public hearing on area transportation will be heard on November 18 at 2 pm.

Council had written asking a change from 2 pm because "everyone will be working at that time".

Metro made no comment on the request.

"They obviously don't want too many there," observed Reeve Donald Plaxton.

"They'll be talking to an empty hall," said Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

Richmond Hill has submitted a brief calling for rapid transit as soon as possible in the area.

Reeve Plaxton had the best idea: "Maybe we should conduct a filibuster until later in the evening so we could get a better time. Just hold them here".

He smiled indicating he was only being facetious.

## 'Gavel' Missing Mayor Can't Rap

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst would just love to rap his gavel in lusty fashion whenever council gets off the track.

But alas, lack. He can't. No gavel.

It's been missing from the council chambers for about three weeks apparently the victim of some thief.

"I thought at first that someone else was using it," he said, "but apparently it's been lifted".

The gavel, along with the striking plate — which was left behind — was presented to council several years ago when Mayor Ken Tomlin was in office.

It was made and donated to the town by William Wagner of Richmond Hill.

## Palmer To Hold Meet On College

Markham Township Councilor Cleary Palmer, who has been conducting a one-man fight for a community college in the township, will hold a special meeting today (Thursday) at the council chambers to discuss the latest developments in obtaining a college.

Only this time, Mr. Palmer will be meeting with principals of area high schools, John Honsberger, chairman of York Central District High School Board; Mrs. Arthur Toogood, of the Unionville Library Board; Markham Township Reeve Charles Hooper; possibly York County Warden Sidney Legge, and others. All told, approximately 25 people will be on hand.

Mr. Palmer said that, if he is successful with this first stage of his negotiations, he will attempt to get the backing of service clubs, educational people — both Catholic and Protestant — the ministry and industrialists throughout the county.

Mr. Palmer said that the college was no longer just a community matter, but would cover the whole county.

## Markham Township Stalled Over Business Of Rented Automobiles

Markham Township Council is having a hard time getting a couple of cars on the move, but it has nothing to do with the change in weather.

Two weeks ago, council was informed that a meeting of finance committee had sent out three invitation bids for the rental of two cars and recommended the bid of Talpark Motors Ltd., Markham Village, at \$75 a month each.

However, at Monday afternoon's meeting, Councilor Charles Hoover said he felt he had to take a different position. If the cars were only going to be used for inspection in the Unionville development, there was no need for two cars.

Previously, both Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble and Councilor Cleary Palmer had objected to the finance committee meeting being called without their knowledge. Mr. Hoover is chairman of finance.

Mr. Rumble said he felt the three bids submitted should be disregarded and regular tenders called. Mr. Palmer felt the matter should be tabled.

Said Councilor Allan Sumner: "Unless the chairman of the finance committee is prepared to come up with something concrete, I'm not prepared to support it."

Reeve Charles Hooper said it wasn't fair to those who bid and voted to take the Talpark tender.

Mr. Hoover moved that the matter be reconsidered and council agreed.

## Big Jump Advance Vote

A heavy vote at the advance poll in York North is reported by Returning Officer Warren Baillie. The two days (Saturday and Sunday) saw 1,355 voters in the riding mark their ballots. In 1963 only 728 voters advanced themselves of the privilege.

In Richmond Hill there were 231 in Vaughan Township 148, in Markham Township and Markham Village 70, in Whitechurch Township and the Village of Stouffville 82 and King Township 149.

Any eligible voter who expected to be absent from his or her normal voting place on election day, November 8, had the privilege of voting at the advance polls.

The returning officer suggests that the deer season opening on election day may be one reason for the big jump in advance poll voters.

## Policeman Loses Car Then Two Holidays

A Richmond Hill Police Constable will likely think twice—maybe even three times—before he leaves his cruiser running and unattended with the keys in it.

The unidentified policeman as a result lost his cruiser and later on lost two statutory holidays.

Town council approved Monday night a police and fire committee report which stated the constable had the two days taken away from him because of leaving his car unattended.

The cruiser was stolen while he and another policeman were attending a fire October 14 at Street Construction at 178 Centre Street East. It was recovered in Richvale an hour later.

# Public School Board Suggests One Education Unit

Richmond Hill Public School Board will recommend to York County Public School Consultative Committee that a board of education be formed to cover the area now served by York Central and Markham District High School Boards.

Chairman Walter Hutchinson told a meeting of the local public board Thursday evening of last week.

The recommendation was contained in a brief to the committee, which was reviewed by Mr. Hutchinson at the meeting.

Mr. Hutchinson also announced that a meeting of representatives from all area boards will be held at Langstaff Secondary School November 9 to discuss the formation of a regional board. The meeting will be a follow up to one held in Pleasantville earlier this month, at which members from Markham TSA No. 1 and 2, Markham Village, Vaughan Township, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill Public and Separate School Boards met to discuss

different areas in which they could co-operate to their mutual benefit.

Mr. Hutchinson said that, if the first recommendation were not feasible, the board would favor a board of education to serve the present York Central area.

"In the event that the consultative committee does not find a board of education feasible, certainly a public school board to serve as large a portion of the district as it is politically feasible to create comprising the areas covered in the previous recommendations, would be a poorer, yet acceptable, solution for this board," Mr. Hutchinson said.

In its brief the board said that, with an enrolment of 4,050 pupils as of September, 1965, Richmond Hill was at present the largest elementary school in York County.

It employed a staff of 138 teachers under the direction of its own superintendent of public schools. All but eight — six principals, a music supervisor and a speech cor-

rection teacher, were employed as regular classroom teachers.

The board was also developing its first senior public school — Crosby Heights — and felt that this type of school would provide a better educational environment for elementary pupils than the more traditional organization. It would also facilitate the integration of elementary and secondary school programs and provide auxiliary classes for the "atypical" student.

At present, the board operates two of these classes, but make no other provision for the needs of these pupils.

"We have considered the need for special facilities for the emotionally handicapped," the brief said, "however, no action has been taken because of the lack of adequate facilities to determine the magnitude of the problem. The board believes that adequate psychiatric and psychological assistance must be obtained before classes of this type can serve any realistic purpose."

The board said that it had considered the desirability of employing specialist consultants in fields such as mathematics, science and French, and knew the importance of proper co-ordination between the elementary and secondary schools when considering the role of consultants. It appreciated the work of York Central District High School Board staff for its assistance in this area, and welcomed its announcement that it intended to build a vocational school to meet the needs of special cases within three years.

The brief said that an overall board would be of greater assistance in the securing of teachers on a par with Metro. Sponsoring of teacher development by means of inservice courses, special courses and teacher consultants could be more effectively handled by a larger board.

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## \$35,000 Fire At Oak Ridges Farm

Spontaneous combustion was believed to have been the cause of a fire at the Oak Ridges farm of Reuben Denis, Toronto land developer, Saturday morning.

Destroyed in the \$35,000 to \$40,000 blaze were two holding barns, containing about 50 tons of hay. A third barn was saved. Answering the call were firemen from Aurora, and Vaughan and King Townships.

Shortly before the fire pedigree cattle had been released from the barns for outdoor feeding.