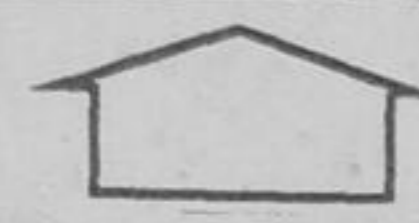


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## Margaret Beers Chosen As Bayview's Queen

More than 400 students of Bayview Secondary School enjoyed the annual prom last Friday night. Music for dancing was provided by Jack Denton's orchestra in the gym which had been converted into an "Enchanted Lagoon", with lavish use of fish and other marine life, in blue and silver, with touches of more vibrant colors.

Climax of the evening was the crowning of the Prom Queen by Carol Shelton, who reigned as Queen in 1965. The throne was of red velvet.

Queen Margaret Beers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beers, Rockport Crescent, was attractively gowned in yellow chiffon over taffeta and wore a corsage of double orchids and tiny yellow rosebuds.

In the picture above are: (left to right) Princess Sue Lalonde, Princess Connie MacRae, Queen Margaret Beers, Princess Jackie Dyer and Princess Jackie Wright.

## Wets Prevail On Third Liquor Vote, Vaughan OK's All But Cocktail Bars

After having crept closer each time in plebiscites held in 1960 and 1963, the "wets" finally tipped the balance in last Saturday's vote in Vaughan Township and for the first time since 1906, residents will be able to legally buy and sell liquor within the township.

However, if they drink in public, they will also have to bear stores 61.5 and sale of liquor with meals was given the widest approval with 64% of the voters in favor.

Another 165 votes from the "no's" would have defeated the ballot, retail liquor outlets, liquor stores, which were defeated by 47 votes in the 1963

vote). Defeated by 43 "dry" votes last time, liquor in dining lounges had a margin of 182 votes while another 80 opposing votes would have seen beer stores defeated again.

The announced campaign of the "wets" to get out and vote was evidently what made the difference as a total of 4,842 out of 9,912 eligible voters marked their ballots, 48.9% compared to the little more than a third of the electors who voted in 1963.

A study of results at individual polling stations would indicate that there are more "drys" per square mile in the Teston area than anywhere else in the township. With 109 out of 203 voters casting ballots, liquor outlets were voted down 68 to 31, beer stores 67 to 31, dining lounges 75 to 25 and cocktail bars 80 to 20.

In contrast, with a larger population but only 175 more of its 402 voters at the polls, Richmond produced a higher percent-

## High School Board Meets May 30

Because of the May 23 holiday which falls on its regular meeting date, York Central High School Board will meet instead this month on the following Monday, May 30.

Locale of the meeting is also changed and it will be held this month for the first time in the new library addition at Richmond Hill High School. Official opening of the library will take place at a later date, possibly in the fall.

Because of crowding at the board offices, the high school board has been meeting at the high school for the past year. Meeting time is 8 p.m.

## Apartments Pay Way—Mkham. Planning Head

So long as development continues along its present lines, apartment dwellers will pay their own way, Markham Township Planning Director Ian Keith, told a meeting of council Monday night.

Mr. Keith was reporting on a recent brief presented by the North York Citizens' Committee, 2.0 children per suite, compared to the 2 per suite permitted by the township.

Summing up staff reports to the planning board, Mr. Keith said the estimated average cost of public elementary school education per household in the township was \$140 a year.

In 1964, 4,300 households, both residential and farm, paid an estimated \$1,730,000 in taxes, averaging about \$400 per household.

The percentage of public school taxes for single-family development was 35 percent, while the percentage for suites was 19 percent.

Mr. Keith said the figures applied to "non-family type" apartments, which would include a predominance of bachelor and one-bedroom suites.

When North York didn't have a breakdown by suite, it used the 0.2 average.

Mr. Keith said fewer two and three-bedroom suites and more bachelor and one-bedroom suites would reduce this estimate.

"Metro Planning Board's apartment survey conducted in 1961, indicates Scarborough Township with 0.31 students per suite as the highest in Metro. The average was 0.12 students," Mr. Keith said.

Metro School Board considered 0.2 students per suite a "suitable estimate" for projection purposes, Mr. Keith said, with 0.3 per suite for single-family and low density multiple development.

In a continuing study since 1958 of Lawrence Heights public housing project, designed to accommodate large families, the public school students had (Continued on Page 3)

## Vaughan Council Split On Tax Rate, Councillor Objects To 11 Mill Rise

A lengthy finance committee report setting out proposed township mill rates and including a five year capital budget forecast was read at Monday night's meeting of Vaughan Township Council but could find no seconder to a motion that it be adopted.

With Deputy-reeve Garnet Williams and Councillor Sam Kaiser absent, attending a three day traffic conference at Ottawa, the motion to accept the report was made by Councillor Dalton McArthur. However, Councillor Warren Bryce refused to second its adoption, in spite of a plea that township employees were being held up in their preparation of tax bills.

It was pointed out too that the report made no recommendations and a levy bylaw based on the report was not to be presented until next week's meeting.

Councillor Bryce insisted however that it was a "serious and grave" report which he had received just before he had left his office and had not had time to study.

He also stated, "We have had a closed-door program on residential development. Industry was said to be the answer or at least provide some relief but in spite of that, our mill rate continues to go up. It is 11 mills higher this year. I am beginning to wonder if this mysterious percentage of industrial-residential assessment is a pipe dream.

"You can't stop a runaway engine by sticking your hand out," Mr. Bryce continued. "We can sit down with a developer and see if we can't get some of the advantages of services that are badly required in part pay-

ment of their being allowed to develop here."

Mr. Bryce also stressed that North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke didn't get where they are by stopping residential development. The township is suffering growing pains, he said and even more rapid expansion was to come.

"I don't feel right about increasing rates for those already here for the benefit of those who are coming in tomorrow," he stated, and concluded "I am not going to second this report."

This produces an overall rate of 97.5 mills for residential properties and 106.4 for commercial and industrial. Properties in water areas will be assessed an additional 3 or 4 mills and those in lighting areas, police villages, etc. will also have an increased mill rate.

There will also be a slight variation in school rates for separate school supporters.

The elementary school rate for supporters of RCRSS 2 Markham has gone down 1.4 mills to 30.6 for residential assessment and down 1.6 mills to 34 for commercial. For RCRSS 4 Richmond Hill the rate has gone up 5 mills to 31 for residential.

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## 'Hill Gets No Extra Money Help From Province To Pay Policemen

It doesn't look like Richmond Hill Council can expect any help from provincial government in paying its police bills.

Council received a letter from the office of Attorney General Arthur Wishart Monday night which threw cold water over any such visions.

The letter was in answer to one drafted two weeks ago on a motion by council complaining that it "took exception to a police commission which has been forced on us" as well as requesting the Province to increase its grant.

The Attorney General's letter explained that if council was unhappy with its police commission as regards its budget "the Police Act provides for a reference to the Ontario Police Commission for arbitration.

"There is no provision," it goes on to answer the extra grant request, "in the existing legislation for a grant for police purposes since . . . the original grant that was made for the administration of justice and police was at the request of the various municipal associations engaged into the unconditional grant where it is at the present time".

Reeve Donald Plaxton noted that the unconditional grant had to be applied to welfare and justice "and the actual portion for police is very small".

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst observed the cost of everything was going up and he was of the opinion it was only logical the unconditional grant would also go up.

"I think we should write them back," he said, "and suggest they look at the grant structure again."

Councillor Lois Hancey said the answer from the Attorney General's office was as evasive as ever.

"It would be nice for just once to get a straight answer to one of our questions," she said. "I agree that we should ask to review their unconditional grant structure," commented Councillor William Lazenby, "and bring it into line with rising costs".

Council's original letter of protest was prompted by the new police commission's first budget which totalled \$178,625 — up \$40,000 from the previous year.

Council unanimously agreed that another letter should be sent to the Attorney General requesting a change in the unconditional grant structure.

## Top Officials New Salary Schedule Approved By School Board Covers Seven Years

A salary schedule, covering a period of seven years, which would bring the maximum wage of the business administrator up to \$11,000, was approved last week by Richmond Hill Public School Board.

Recommendation for the new schedule was handed down by the personnel committee.

Starting salary will be \$8,000, plus \$500 car allowance annually, to proceed by \$500 annual increments to a maximum of \$11,000.

Present salary for the business administrator is \$9,000, plus \$500 car allowance.

The committee also drew up a scale for the secretary-treasurer, to begin at \$5,000 annually, with a \$300 yearly increment, up to a maximum of \$6,500.

Other salary schedules: Superintendent's secretary, \$3,200 annually, with \$200 yearly increments, up to \$4,000 maximum; present salary, \$3,600; school secretaries, \$2,200 annually, with annual increments of \$150 to \$2,800 maximum, effective January 1, 1967. A minimum of six months service prior to January 1 will be required for the first increment.

Clerk-typists' salaries will be at \$2,800 annually, with \$200 yearly increments to a \$3,600 maximum after a six-month's service before January 1, effective immediately.

Steps have already been taken to expedite some of these projects, it was reported.

**CHARLES HOWITT SCHOOL**

Mr. Jolliffe also passed on the following report on progress of construction at Charles Howitt School, made by Earl McMaster, supervisor of buildings and maintenance:

All exterior and block walls are completed; 90% of interior walls completed, including setting of door frames; 80% of all below-grade drains and steam pipes are in place, and both the feed and return steam pipes have been installed in the boiler room.

It was also reported that the school board will contribute \$12,000 to the drainage program on Pearson Avenue

## 18-Yr.-Old Youth Brutally Beaten

A Richmond Hill youth was taken to York Central Hospital with numerous head and body injuries after he was severely beaten by two unidentified youths early Saturday morning.

Thomas G. Woodward, 18, 22 Essex Avenue, suffered concussion, two fractured ribs and a

badly-cut ear in the fracas. He was released from hospital Monday and allowed to go home.

The fight took place at the Steer Inn Drive-In Restaurant, 255 Yonge Street South about 3:50 am.

Police said that, although there were others around at the time, no one was willing to come forward as a witness.

Richmond Hill Police, Wednesday, arrested 18-year-old Frank J. Johnson, Lake Wilcox, and charged him with assault occasioning bodily harm in connection with the Woodward beating.

land adjacent to the school grounds, although negotiations are proceeding. No work may be done on the land to make it suitable for playing grounds until the lease is signed.

**JEFFERSON SCHOOL**

Mr. Jolliffe told ratepayers from Jefferson, that the maintenance supervisor is investigating the work needed at that school, which will be undertaken as soon as his recommendations are known.

**ROSS DOAN SCHOOL**

Although they had not made an appointment, several members of a delegation from Ross Doan School were heard briefly. In a letter written March 7, the group had pointed out several matters at the school which needed correction. Spokesman R. Robson, concerned about the safety of children, told the



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## All Set For A Camping Holiday

The Gordon Pantling family of 51 Tonmore Drive, Richmond Hill, is looking forward to a happy summer holiday this year with their new camping trailer. Mrs. Pantling won the trailer in a free draw in connection with a display of trailers, tents and camping equipment at the Canadian Tire Corporation's warehouse, 1001 Sheppard Avenue, last month.

This was the grand prize drawn on the last day of the display, with numerous radios going to holders of other tickets drawn on the hour every hour.

In the picture above Mrs. Pantling receives the ownership papers, with the camping trailer in the background, in the driveway of her home. Left to right are R. G. Codner, director of purchasing for Canadian Tire Corporation; Mrs. Pantling; Harry Hill, owner of the Richmond Hill CTC store and Warren Melville, sporting goods buyer for the firm.

## Vaughan Bd. To Build School, Additional Classrooms, 2 Auditoriums — Cost \$836,000

On May 6, the Ontario Municipal Board approved the entire capital forecast of Vaughan Township Public School Board in the amount of \$835,000 for 1966, as submitted. Members of the township council and the school board had met with the OMB on the preceding day and tribute was paid to Chairman Lorne Wells for the convincing manner in which he presented the trustees' application. This was announced at the board's meeting May 12.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe, chairman of the board's property committee, noted that the OMB had made an exception in approving the board's forecast for this year, since the amount requested was beyond the limits they thought reasonable but granted the large amount of capital expenditure when they realized that Vaughan had a lot of catching up to do before any further residential development is permitted.

Trustee Terry Goodwin pointed out that the present board has been in existence only six years, and on its inception had to buy the existing school building for approximately half its pupils from the old joint school section of Markham and Vaughan along Yonge Street. A large percentage of the remainder of the township's pupils were accommodated in one or two room schools which have required replacement. "There is no way to conjure classrooms out of thin air," he commented, "we need them and your children need them."

Mr. Jolliffe outlined the major construction programs planned for 1966 as:

(a) Acquisition of land and construction of a new school, composed of seven classrooms, a general purpose room and library, to serve the western portion of the township — this will accommodate pupils now in one and two-room schools in that area;

(b) Acquisition of additional land and construction of four classrooms at the Joseph A. Gibson School — this will provide accommodation for grade 7 and 8 pupils from Concord and Edgeley Schools;

(c) Construction of five additional classrooms at the Roselawn School;

(d) Construction of a general purpose room at the Thornhill School; and

(e) Completion of a general purpose room and library at the Charles Howitt School.