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# RICHMOND HILL TO ANNEX 250 ACRES



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## A Not-So-Wise Owl

The annual Christmas Party of Trailways of Canada held at the Summit Golf and Country Club, December 15, was delayed an hour and a half because of a power failure. After a search the culprit who had caused the blackout — a not-so-wise owl was located caught on two power-lines.

In the above photo Club Manager Bill Frampton holds the owl showing its great wingspan which measured four and a half feet. From the tufts on the top of the head this would appear to be an excellent specimen of the Great Horned Owl.

## Police Forces Pay Final Respects To Richmond Hill Constable Peter Gosling

Members of police forces from Richmond Hill to Barrie, paid their final respects to Richmond Hill Constable Peter Douglas Gosling, Monday afternoon in a funeral service at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

The 36-year-old, father of seven, died early Saturday morning at York Central Hospital, where he was taken shortly after complaining of not feeling well. Death was attributed to a coronary thrombosis.

Peter stood for that ideal of law and order, which has its roots in the British system. . . . said Rev. James O'Neil, of St. Mary's Anglican Church who conducted the service. "He recognized human frailty and had sympathy for it. . . . It was his way to help rather than hinder."

Mr. O'Neil said that having a large family himself, Constable Gosling was able to work well with others.

He said he was grateful that Constable Gosling had been a member of his parish, and although saddened by his death, those who knew him could be "strong in the faith that he has passed from death to life."

Richmond Hill Police Chief R. P. Robbins, described the deceased as a good officer, who was very conscious of other people's feelings and who would "bend over backwards" to help those in trouble.

"He will be missed," said Chief Robbins.

Born in London, England, Constable Gosling was a member of the London Metropolitan Police for four-and-a-half years, and also served with the Royal Military Police, both in England and in France.

He came to Canada in 1954 and was a member of the Canadian Army Provost Corps for three years.

After a stint in private life, he joined the Barrie Police Department, serving with them for another three years. He came to the Richmond Hill police April 14, 1964.

He is survived by his wife Margaret (Worker); his mother, Mrs. Hilda Gosling, Barrie; and seven children, Michael, 16;



PETER GOSLING Dies Suddenly

## 'No Parking' Regulations To Ease Traffic Danger

Dangerously narrow streets have resulted in sweeping changes in Richmond Hill's "no parking" regulations.

The proposed changes were approved Monday night by town council and are designed to protect both the motorists and school children.

Councillor Lois Hancey, chairman of the fire, ambulance and bylaws committee which brought in the recommendations, stated the changes had been approved by Police Chief R. P. Robbins.

"I've toured every street in town," Mrs. Hancey said, "to study the traffic patterns and figure out what parking regulations were necessary to assure the best interests for both the residents, school children, and motorists."

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst stated he wasn't opposed to the regulations but suggested the changes "cut such a wide swath in the parking situation on back streets that I think we should find out the reaction of residents before passing a bylaw." He said changes might be favorable in some areas and that it would be easier to hear complaints from residents before passing a bylaw.

Councillor Hancey replied it was the council's duty to act when it saw a traffic problem and take the initiative in forestalling any serious accidents that might occur.

"I agree," said Mr. Broadhurst, "but it would be in the interest of good public relations to give them a chance to act before starting into a bylaw."

Reeve Donald Plaxton noted that "when you solve a traffic problem you often create a parking problem although I'm not quarrelling

## Everyone Invited Mayor's Reception On January 2 At The Richmond Hill High School

Richmond Hill's celebration of Canada's one hundredth birthday will begin the day after New Year's with a public reception in the auditorium of Richmond Hill High School. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst will receive all citizens of the town at a "leave" as the first official event of Centennial Year. He will be assisted by members of council and the Centennial Committee. The reception is timed to commence at 2 pm on January 2.

The York Chorales, who have accepted an invitation to sing at Expo in July, 1967, will entertain and coffee and cake will be served.

At three o'clock those in attendance will proceed to the front of the municipal building for a flag raising ceremony. A Centennial flag will be raised to fly under the Canadian flag throughout 1967. Scouts of Richmond Hill Ninth will be asked to assist in this ceremony as representatives of Canada's youth.

These and other final arrangements for the reception were made at the December 15 meeting of Richmond Hill's Centennial Committee.

The committee also agreed to suggest that the citizens leave up their Christmas lighting, modifying it somewhat to fit into the Centennial theme. When it was pointed out that many people are suffering from vandals stealing and smashing the bulbs, it was suggested that only those lights which are out of reach should be left installed for the year.

It was reported that the committee has received the gift of a three-seater democrat and a dog sleigh, which are now in storage in the town and will be available for any event during the year.

The chairman was authorized to sign an application on behalf of the UCW of Richmond Hill United Church for the "Portraits of the Past" fashion show. The first date on which this display of historical dresses is available is November 1, 1967. Mrs. William Babcock and Mrs. William Ellis told the committee. The costumes are available through Ontario Centennial for any group with a Centennial project to help in raising funds. The UCW's Centennial project is to furnish the office for the church's new minister, the two representatives reported.

Bill Ruttle volunteered to keep a running record of financial commitments of each sub-

## Bulb Theft Brings Display Removal

Although police report the incidence of Christmas light bulb snatching about as usual this year, at least one Richmond Hill resident has regretfully been forced to dismantle his display because of stolen bulbs.

A. E. Martin of Richmond Street, an electronics expert, for the past several years has shared his skill—and several hundred dollars worth of electrical equipment — to produce a delightful Christmas display, the delight of all little children in the area. He received recognition for this last year when he won the Richmond Hill Hydro's Christmas Home Lighting Contest. He previously won a similar contest conducted by the local Jaycees.

Mr. Martin's annual spectacle includes several hundred light bulbs and their replacement costs him around \$30 each year. While previously he has replaced stolen bulbs without comment this year he complained to the police when he saw three teen-age boys run from his property and found they had stolen about \$10 worth of bulbs and also disconnected the display. On Wednesday of last week an entire tree was stripped and about 70 bulbs stolen, forcing him to take down the lot. He wishes his neighbors to know that he did so with reluctance.

Unless the householder collars the culprits in the act, and then phones the police, there is little the police can do to catch the thieves. However, Richmond Hill Police do prosecute several such offenders each year, most of them youngsters who are charged in the Juvenile Court, where they (and their parents) receive little sympathy for such un-Christ-maslike behaviour.

## Motion By MacDiarmid Stirs Up Controversy

An anything but united Richmond Hill Council voted 4-3 last week to annex 250 acres of land in Markham Township north of Elgin Mills Sideroad East.

The vote — a recorded one as requested by Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins — came after a drawn-out debate highlighted by Mayor Thomas Broadhurst's obvious displeasure at the way the annexation proposal was presented.

Tabling the motion was Councilor John MacDiarmid, chairman of the industrial committee whooping the surprise annexation but just to Mr. MacDiarmid's method of introducing it.

"I'm not quarrelling with the motion," stated Mayor Broadhurst, "I think we all want annexation. I'm just quarrelling with the method, the timing".

Mr. MacDiarmid's motion — later amended — called for annexation for industrial purposes of about 250 acres of land lying north of Elgin Mills Sideroad East between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

It also called for a meeting with Markham Township Council as soon as possible to discuss the exact area involved and resolve with it any boundary or other problems this decision may create.

Then came the controversy-stirring clause which sent councillors scurrying off on different directions of opinion. It requested that council submit its application for annexation to the Ontario Municipal Board not later than January 31, 1967.

Reeve Donald Plaxton moved an amendment to delete the latter clause stating the original motion was premature.

"We should first discuss any annexation with Markham Township and find out its viewpoint. Then this motion could be dealt with. Markham has just had an election and this might upset some of the councillors."

Mr. Plaxton's amendment was carried unanimously — also by a recorded vote — and the date for annexation was deleted.

Then came the vote on the motion as amended to call for annexation . . . also recorded.

Approving annexation as outlined in the motion: Councillors MacDiarmid, Lazenby, MacDiarmid and Lois Hancey. Opposing: Mayor Broadhurst.

## Dump Issue Plagues Council From First To Final Meeting

"Ring out the old, ring in the new" must be the fervent wish of members of Vaughan Township Council after spending the better part of their last meeting of the year discussing the same subject which occupied much of their time at the initial meeting of 1966, and at the bulk of those in between — garbage.

Indeed there has even been the suggestion from some quarters that council might as well abandon formal agendas altogether and instead prepare them with only one item, "waste disposal."

Leading off the program Monday night was Robert K. Baker of the Teston Sideroad who advised council in a formal letter that he would keep his daughter out of school unless some protection is given her from the 400 garbage trucks a day which he claimed are now travelling the Teston Sideroad east to Keele Street.

(One of the terms of the agreement council recently entered into with Norman Goodhead, operator of Disposal Services Dump on Teston Sideroad east of Keele Street, was that the trucks were to travel up Jane Street and east on the Teston Sideroad, avoiding the centre of Maple where residents have complained about them continually for the past year.)

Directing 19-ton trucks to use a gravelled sideroad instead of the newly paved four-lane Keele Street was like closing Toronto International Airport and landing jets at Maple Airport, Mr. Baker insisted. The road was already showing the results with deep muddy pot-

## High Praise Works Dept.

Richmond Hill's unsung heroes — the works department — came in for some praise from Councillor Ivan Mansbridge last week.

Mr. Mansbridge said the attention the department pays to the streets and byways of Richmond Hill in combating ice conditions "is second to none in the whole area of Metro Toronto."

"They do a tremendous job every year," he said.

Mr. Mansbridge also added that "I know this will continue to be the case the remainder of the season."

## Give Xmas Turkeys To Town Employees

Richmond Hill Council played the Santa Claus role again this season to its employees presenting them each with turkeys in honor of the Yuletide season.

Council also decreed Monday that the town offices would be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Christmas and the Monday following New Years.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## We Three Kings Of Orient Are . . .

Who thinks of Christmas in July? Maybe you don't, but C. Sears and Sam Muscat of Bond Avenue, Oak Ridges did — in July 1966.

With about \$60 worth of material, many hours of labor and bountiful artistic imagination they have produced this scene of the first Christmas. The three kings, mounted on camels, to a total height of eight feet are seen above arriving in Bethlehem on Epiphany with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The scene is complete with the star "shining in the east" which led them to the spot "where the Christ Child lay."

When you are out seeing the Christmas lights this year, take a tour of Bond Avenue Oak Ridges. It will be well worth your while.

"The Liberal" was told about the display by a passerby, who described it as "the most effective display I've seen for many years."

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