

Old And New Mix Well At Fair Square Dancing Not So Square

By JIM IRVING
The old and the new collided at the 118th annual Richmond Hill Spring Fair May 12 and 13: a long-haired youth did the square dance; massive Percherons and Clydesdales occupied the centre of the ring with tiny jumping ponies, and a veteran entertainer competed against the music of the merry-go-round with such old favorites as "Golden Slippers" and "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain" — and the overall mixture couldn't have been more compatible.

With a benevolent weatherman plugging in the sun on the final day, Richmond Hill Agricultural Society's annual offering of entertainments and individual competitions, provided a spring tonic as well for the throngs that poured through its gates to be both entertained and enlightened, and/or to exchange a little bit of gossip along some tree-lined fence.

It was a fair that was every bit a fair in the old sense of the word, with its only concession to the so-called go-go age, if indeed, that's what it was, was that it moved at a brisk pace from the opening gates on Church Street, where the midway started, to the senior jumping events at the other end of the grounds, where spirited horses carried their riders over the hurdles, and sometimes to the winners gate and another red or blue ribbon.

Children, especially, got off a fast start, as they made for the go-carts just inside the door and performed with Sterling Moss-like dedication, jostling for position around the tiny oval.

A little farther down the midway, the ferris wheel showed that it has lost none of its attraction for the young, with lineups there that would have done credit to the Gyroton at Expo.

Some of the more hair-raising of the 10 rides featured, found the children reacting in the way children have always done, the novices hanging on for dear life, and the "old timers" releasing their grips every now and then to wave a cocky greeting to their fans on the sidelines, and maybe even mug a bit, if the ride wasn't spinning too fast.

A little farther along, Batman and Robin, beside their arch enemies, "The Joker" and "The Riddler", gaped open mouthed at passersby, who were invited to try and knock out their long wooden teeth with just three balls for a quarter.

A psychiatrist would have had a fine time analysing the reasons why the children chose the particular victims they did to throw the balls at.

Over at the bell-ringing booth, a muscular pitcher discouraged a flabby reporter and several others from trying their luck when he rang the bell with a sledgehammer, using only one arm.

New Appointees To Metro Planning Board

Richmond Hill Mayor Tom Broadhurst and Norn Garriock of Vaughan Township Planning Board have been appointed by the Southern Six municipalities to represent them on the Metro Planning Board. Mr. Garriock is the former reeve of Woodbridge.

The action was taken at a recent meeting of the Southern Six at the request of the Metro authorities.

As a result of the formation of the six Metro boroughs, the places which have represented no longer exist and its composition is therefore being changed. At the same time, instead of its present four representatives, the three fringe areas are to have six members on the board, two from each area, north, east and west.

In a letter from Metro Planning Board to the Southern Six municipalities, which are called the "North Planning Area", it was requested that one elected municipal councillor and one local planning board member be appointed to the Metro board. Timing of the appointments is not yet clear.

Previous local representatives on the Metro Board have been James Haggart and Robert Kirk.

Tax Rate Up 5.2 Mills Plan To Hire 6 Firemen

The bad news is official. Tax bills for 1967 in Richmond Hill will be up \$26 for public school residential supporters with homes assessed at \$5,000; \$31.20 at \$6,000 and \$36.40 at \$7,000.

Those wearing the biggest scowls are the separate school residential supporters with increases of \$35.25 for homes assessed at \$5,000; \$42.30 at \$6,000; and \$49.35 at \$7,000.

The final figures were struck by town council Thursday of last week in an all-day budget session after weeks of hammering away at figures proffered by the various municipal departments and school boards.

The increase amounts to 5.2 mills — down from last year's record 8.83 jump — for public school residential: 6.71 for public school commercial; 7.05 for separate school residential; and a 9.41 increase for separate school commercial. A mill is valued at \$36,389.20.

In dollars and cents this means:

- A public school residential supporter with a house assessed at \$5,000 will see his taxes increased from \$362.55 to \$388.55.
- A public school commercial supporter will see his taxes increased from \$397.50 to \$431.05.
- A separate school residential supporter will see his taxes increased from \$388.54 to \$423.79.
- A separate school commercial supporter will see his taxes increased from \$423.50 to \$470.55.



The 5.20 rate comprises the .10 mill increase for town purposes; .90 for the county; 3.15 for public schools; and 1.25 for high schools. The separate school board took the biggest hunk at 6.20 with the remaining mill rates identical with the figures for the public school supporters.

Other budget items saw council approve a \$212,925 request by the Richmond Hill Police Commission — \$34,300 over the previous year.

Salaries accounted for the major increase at \$165,637 compared to \$138,991 in 1966. The commission will also hire one cadet plus a clerk. Other items include \$12,618 for cruiser expenses; \$5,000 for uniforms and equipment; \$2,000 Centennial expense.

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board will receive \$50,000 compared to \$42,000 last year with salaries again making up the major proportion; the planning board \$25,000, an increase over 1966's \$22,375; recreation, \$15,000 compared to \$14,875 last year. Public works is down at \$369,442 from last year when it totalled \$381,691.

Of the \$2,928,416.53 to be raised in taxes for 1967, \$1,927,711.23 will be used for educational purposes and \$1,300,705.30 for municipal purposes.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

It all depends on where you sit when you're operating a dual-controlled flying boat, such as the one these two young boys were in Saturday at Richmond Hill Spring Fair. Obviously the boy on the left is convinced he was in control all the way, while the lad beside him is convinced there was something wrong with his half, even if he did have the rail position.

The Penny Arcade rang true to form, with the little girls putting their pennies in the "astrology" machine and the boys donating their earnings to the pinball machines.

Not so fortunate, however, was the real life palm reader, who had her own little tent outside; she might be more accurate than the "Accurate Astrology" machine but 50 cents goes a lot farther in a penny arcade.

Winners of the two bicycles drawn Saturday were Susan Paek, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Paek, 191 Altamira Road, and Mike Madaleno, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Madaleno, 124 May Avenue, Richvale.

It was the first bike for Susan, a kindergarten student at MacKillop Public School, who insisted that her parents put it in the trunk of the car and take it home immediately.

For Mike it was his second bicycle; according to his mother, his old one was in a bad state of disrepair. "He broke the fork in it the other day and was wondering when he was ever going to be able to save up enough money for a new one," Mrs. Madaleno said.

Mike picked up his prize Monday.



11.9 Mill Rise In Vaughan Tp. Residential Rate Is Now 109.4

"This is ridiculous, I don't think the people of Vaughan Township can stand it," was the comment of Deputy-reeve Garnet Williams as Vaughan Township Council last week struck a tax rate of 109.4 mills on residential properties and 120 mills on commercial and industrial.

This represents an 11.9 mill overall increase from last year's rate. On a home assessed at \$4,000, it will mean a tax increase of \$47.60.

Biggest jump is in the elementary school rates which went up an average of 3.7 mills residential and 4.1 mills commercial to a total of 32 and 35.5 mills respectively. Tax levy here is \$1,046,371, compared to last year's levy of \$895,542.

Close behind in rate of increase was the township road rate, up 3.5 mills to a total of 14.3 on both residential and industrial. A total of \$414,685 will be spent on roads, up from \$309,022 last year.

Another 2.4 mill increase is accounted for by secondary school costs where the rate is 29.3 for residential and 32.6 for commercial properties. The levy for secondary schools is \$859,885, compared to \$852,217 last year.

Both the township general purpose rate and the county rate went up 1 mill, while another half mill increase was caused by public library costs, the levy for which increased to \$41,305 from \$25,122 last year.

The few public school supporters in Vaughan whose children attend Richmond Hill public schools will pay a slightly higher increase as school costs went up here by 4.9 mills.

Separate school supporters also will have to dig a little deeper although for St. Luke's in Thornhill, the mill rate is exactly the same as for the township public school rate, 32 mills residential and 35.5 commercial. In spite of a fractional reduction in the tax levy here, \$11,414 instead of \$11,477 last year, the rate for St. Luke's supporters went up 1.4 mills, indicating a decrease in assessment.

Biggest increase will be felt by Richmond Hill Separate School Board supporters where the jump was 5 mills, bringing the total to 36 mills residential and 40 mills commercial.

Hydro Display Centre Open Thursday Ev'g's

The initial response to Richmond Hill Hydro's Centennial Lawn Light Project has been good and homeowners are reminded there is still time to order their lights. Six different models are available at a price range of \$27 to \$45. Each light comes complete with post, automatic control and 100 watt long life bulb. Hydro will also handle the installation at an average cost of \$35 or if the purchaser prefers he can do it himself.

The total cost can be financed over 12 months on your hydro bill. A low interest rate of six percent applies with a minimum down payment of \$5.

As an added convenience effective May 25 the display centre featuring all the models and full information will be open Thursday evenings between 7 and 9:30 pm. These extra hours are in addition to the regular 9 to 5 pm hours every Monday to Friday.

The display centre is located in the hydro office at 56 Yonge Street North (Municipal Building).

In 1967 Richmond Hill's public school supporter ratepayers will pay 77.71 mills on residences and 86.21 mills on commercial and industrial assessment.

Separate school supporters will pay 84.76 on residential assessment and 94.11 on commercial and industrial.

The general rate for residential public school will be 22.94 mills — a reduction over 23.04 in 1966 — and 26.67 for commercial and industrial.

The remainder of council took the position that a town of 20,000 — with its residential and commercial-industrial buildings — needed a start on fulltime men. They adopted a "let's not wait until it's too late attitude."

Also controversial — but with all councillors in agreement — was the decision to lop \$75,000 off the surplus fund of the York Central and District High School Board in conjunction with other area municipalities. Richmond Hill's share will be 33.7 percent of the \$2,535,410 budget less the \$75,000.

Richmond Hill Public School Board Teachers' Min. Salary \$4,600, Max. \$10,600

Richmond Hill Public School Board has adopted the recommendation of its salary negotiating committee, to set the following salary schedule, effective September 1, 1967:

Level 1	\$4,600	\$6,400
Level 2	\$4,900	\$7,900
Level 3	\$5,200	\$8,800
Level 4	\$6,100	\$10,300
Level 5	\$6,400	\$10,600

with \$300 annual increment.

At the board's meeting on May 15, Superintendent Gordon McIntyre reported that five more resignations had been received making a total for the system of 19. Three teachers have also been granted leaves of absence effective September 1, 1967. Twenty-eight new staff members (the same number as in 1966) have signed contracts for September, 13 of them being experienced teachers. This will put a teacher in every classroom, Mr. McIntyre reported, pointing out, however, that resignations may still be received until May 31. "These will all be very good teachers, who have been called up to fill key positions with other systems," he commented.

The teaching staff is composed roughly of one-third men, one-third single women and one-third married women, Mr. McIntyre stated.

The superintendent also reported that Mrs. Laila Saleh, who will be teaching Oral French next year, has had teaching experience in Cairo, Israel and Rome. For the past two years she has been engaged in designing souvenir medals for Expo '67.

New teachers are employed (Continued on Page 15)



DEPUTY-REEVE G. WILLIAMS

Disagrees With Road Costs

Councillor Dalton McArthur objected to any discussion of the matter at the meeting. "It was discussed in committee of the whole several times and approved. It is a necessity," he said.

Reeve Brian Bailey defended the increase in the road budget. "We have a responsibility to try and maintain roads and get them up to par," he said. "I am in favor of the increase in the roads budget and I am prepared to defend it at any (Continued on Page 3)

To Appoint Trustee May 25

Richmond Hill Public School Board hopes to have a replacement for Ward I Trustee Andrew Hutcheson, in time for its next meeting on May 25. Mr. Hutcheson officially resigned on April 27 as he was moving to Oshawa.

At the board meeting Monday evening trustees suggested several people will be approached in the search for a replacement until the end of the year.

The public school board will be up for election in December.

\$1,051,500 Yonge Street Reconstruction Likely To Be Launched This Fall In Richmond Hill

BY FRED SIMPSON
A \$1,051,500 reconstruction program on Yonge Street and portions of adjoining arteries will likely be launched this fall in Richmond Hill.

Town council has approved the project which will see downtown Yonge Street grow into four lanes, installation of new street lights, storm and sanitary sewers. Approval is also required from the Department of Highways.

The project will also include reconstruction of portions of Arnold, Centre, Richmond, and Wright Streets.

Author of the face-lifting is the firm of Proctor and Redfern Consulting Engineers of Toronto.

Cost to the town — following the subsidies by the Department of Highways — will be approximately \$250,000 excluding the cost of hydro distribution. Formal approval has still to be received from the province.

"It's been long overdue," commented Works Committee Chairman Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins.

"The present situation," he said, "has been holding back the central section of the town along Yonge Street. We need storm sewers badly and we just don't have the lines to take the runoff away. It's a mess."

The Yonge Street section of the report includes analysis of present traffic volumes, prediction of future traffic to determine traffic lane requirements, preliminary investigation of soils data to estimate the type of pavement required and recommendations on pavement widening, channelization, and relocation of existing utilities where necessary.

In addition, it includes cost estimates showing estimated subsidies for the various phases of work, suggestions on traffic operational improvements, parking and servicing of abutting properties and possible alternative by-pass routes for through traffic.

It calls for four traffic lanes on Yonge to handle the present volume alone.

"Since the existing right-of-way is only 66 feet, eight traffic lanes cannot be provided. Additional right-of-way cannot be obtained without causing considerable damage to adjacent properties.

"Thus an additional four lanes paralleling Yonge Street must be provided to accommodate the anticipated volume within the next 20 years. If the population increased more than anticipated, more lanes will probably be required."

The maximum practical widening is four 11 foot lanes (46 feet to face of curb) rather than 48 feet because of the restrictions.

"Widening to 44 feet will improve the capacity over the present 40 foot width," the report states, "provided parking is prohibited during the peak hour."

The report recommends that the town lease, purchase or otherwise acquire land for the development of off-street parking facilities.

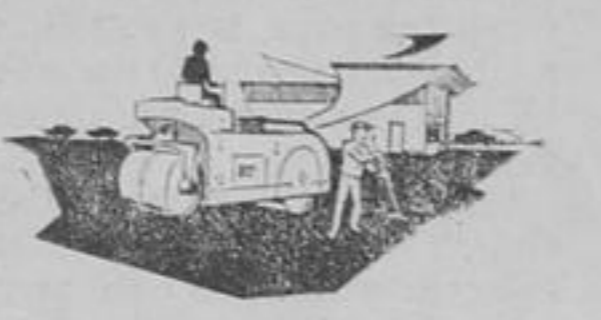
This off-street parking located to the rear of the Yonge Street frontage would be in the form of "small" surface lots, the actual size depending upon the availability of land.

"Small lots tend to reduce walking distances to the areas of attraction thereby encouraging the use of such off-street parking."

Proper servicing of the central business district is termed "extremely important" by the report.

"Most stores and offices require service by a number of suppliers throughout the normal working day and most require the disposal of waste. If the trips so produced are not properly handled the level of traffic service achieved by other operational improvements will be reduced."

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