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## Loan Approved By School Board

Mrs. Dorothy Street, business administrator of the Richmond Hill Public School Board, found herself in a distressing situation June 27. She had \$30,000 to meet an \$80,000 payroll.

Mrs. Street outlined the picture at the school board meeting that night, and asked that they authorize her to borrow up to \$300,000 at an interest rate of seven and a half per cent, on top of the \$400,000 she has already borrowed this year.

The problem stems from the fact that the school board's money arrives in instalments from the town and province at different times than it goes out to the staff and to pay for other expenses.

The payroll for the local staff continues over the summer. Rather than being paid only during the school year, the teachers receive a twelfth part of their salaries every month.

"The delay is in getting the tax money from the town," Mrs. Street explained. "Their problem is getting their tax money and grants in."

The next instalment of tax money will be in August. The last provincial grant was in May, and there will not be another till August. The tax money will eventually cover the expenses the board has to borrow to pay now; this does not mean they have gone over their budget, but rather that they need money now that they can't have until later.

Staff salaries are the chief item to be covered by the borrowed money, Mrs. Street claimed. The capital equipment that has been ordered will not be paid for until the fall.

The board members passed a borrowing bylaw to enable Mrs. Street to go ahead with the plan of borrowing what is needed from the bank, up to \$300,000.

"Money is something we can't very well do without," pointed out Chairman Deena Simpson.

## Rambling Around

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occur sometime in the future. Clerk Harry Crisp of Markham Township, said there are 39 lots in this development. Further up and just below Henderson are the foundations for five new stores.

Just above Henderson is Clarkwood Heights. According to Mr. Crisp there are 21 lots here.

A small attractive parkland provides a refreshing contrast to the excavations and cement of the building projects. It is owned by Markham Township and is adjacent to Woodland Public School.

The shadow of the much disputed CN track looms ahead. I followed Clarke Avenue curving around into a lovely quiet area called Sprucewood Drive.

### The Mizens of Sprucewood Drive

In 1923, an English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mizen bought five acres on Sprucewood Drive and have lived there ever since. The property was owned by a Mr. Stevens according to Mrs. Mizen.

"Clarke Avenue was just a lane lined with beautiful elm trees," said Mrs. Mizen. "It was lovely."

There were only three home on Clarke when the Mizens came to Sprucewood. Mrs. Mizen recalls that their property was in what was called "The Gardens" and that from Henderson down to Yonge Street was known as "The Annex."

Almost all the trees on the small farm were planted in the early days of residence. They provide wonderful shade in perhaps the quietest area in the district despite the fact it lies below the railroad track.

Before the advent of the track it was possible to walk right down to the Don River.

"We do miss the river," said Mrs. Mizen "children used to swim there all the time."

However she isn't bothered by the neighboring railroad. "You can't stop progress," she said. "You wouldn't want to go back."

On the corner by Mac's Milk, Henderson and Clarke, was once a farm home belonging to a Mrs. White. At that time the Mizens made their first trip back to England. Harry Mizen came from Essex and Mrs. Mizen from Dorsetshire. On their return they learned that the farmhouse had burned down.

Mr. and Mrs. Mizen have lived a good life in Canada. They have made four trips back to the old country to visit relatives and they have been deeply interested in their community.

Before retiring, Harry Mizen was an employee of Toronto Wire and Cable. The Mizens belong to Thornhill Presbyterian Church, the horticultural society and the senior citizens club. Harry Mizen was the first president of Thornhill Senior Citizens. The club membership is now more than 50 and Charles Clifford is the current president. Mrs. Mizen has been a member of the Women's Institute since 1929. Recently, members gathered at her home on Sprucewood Drive for a meeting.

The Mizens have five living children, David who lives on Centre Street, Thornhill, Charlie of Owen Sound, Jim of Newtonbrook, Heather who lives next door and Ada who lives at home with her father and mother.

The Mizens gave up half an acre to the railroad but still enjoy spacious grounds with beautiful flower gardens and a good sized vegetable garden.

"We hope we can live here for the rest of our lives," said Mrs. Mizen.

## In The Spotlight

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"A star night can be an interesting and informative affair. If the skies are clear, visitors can expect to see celestial objects including stars, double stars, nebulae, galaxies, and possibly the moon. Unfortunately Jupiter, the largest of the planets will only be visible for a short time after sun-set, before setting below the horizon. We're sure that you will enjoy our program and that you will find it a worthwhile visit."

In 1869 a group of eight amateurs started an astronomical club in Toronto, and in 1903 it received a Royal charter and became known as the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Since then it has grown to include seventeen centres across Canada, and approximately 3,000 members, some amateur and some professional astronomers. The Toronto branch, at the moment meets in the basement of the National Headquarters at 252 College Street, but when the McLaughlin Planetarium opens later in the year, the society will have use of its facilities.

There are many advantages to studying astronomy as a part of the society. The fees are very reasonable — adults \$7.50, and students \$3.50 per annum, and these include some excellent publications.

The annual observers handbook has an invaluable article called "The Sky Month by Month", and the bi-monthly journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada contains contributions from the world's leading amateur and professional astronomers. The Toronto centre's own publication Scope comes out monthly.

Other advantages are the extensive library, said to be the finest in Canada, and the special programs geared to each centre, including instruction in telescope making and mirror grinding.

Any non-member may obtain an observers handbook by sending a dollar to the National Headquarters on College Street. A single copy of the Journal is \$2.00. Applications for membership should be sent to the same address.

Sixteen year old Gregory does not yet know whether he will become a professional astronomer, but he says he would perish from boredom during these long, unemployed, summer months if he did not have such a fascinating hobby.

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### Before The Magistrate

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The crown attorney explained that Myhran was found with a car at Jane Street and Highway 7, July 7 at one o'clock in the morning. He swayed when he walked, and he had alcohol on his breath. On the floor of his car was part of a bottle of liquor.

Myhran agreed that these facts were true, and on this evidence and his plea of guilty to the charge, Magistrate Russell Pearce found him guilty.

A charge against Robert McDonough of Maple was withdrawn. McDonough had been charged with reporting the theft of his car when no such theft had occurred. He will face a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident in Newmarket, July 31.

David Burley, 17, of Concord pleaded guilty to drinking under age. Burley was charged after two policemen found him in a car approaching an intersection where their patrol car was June 13. "This young man has been before me too many times now," Magistrate Pearce observed. He remanded Burley for three weeks on \$500 bail, while further inquiries are made.

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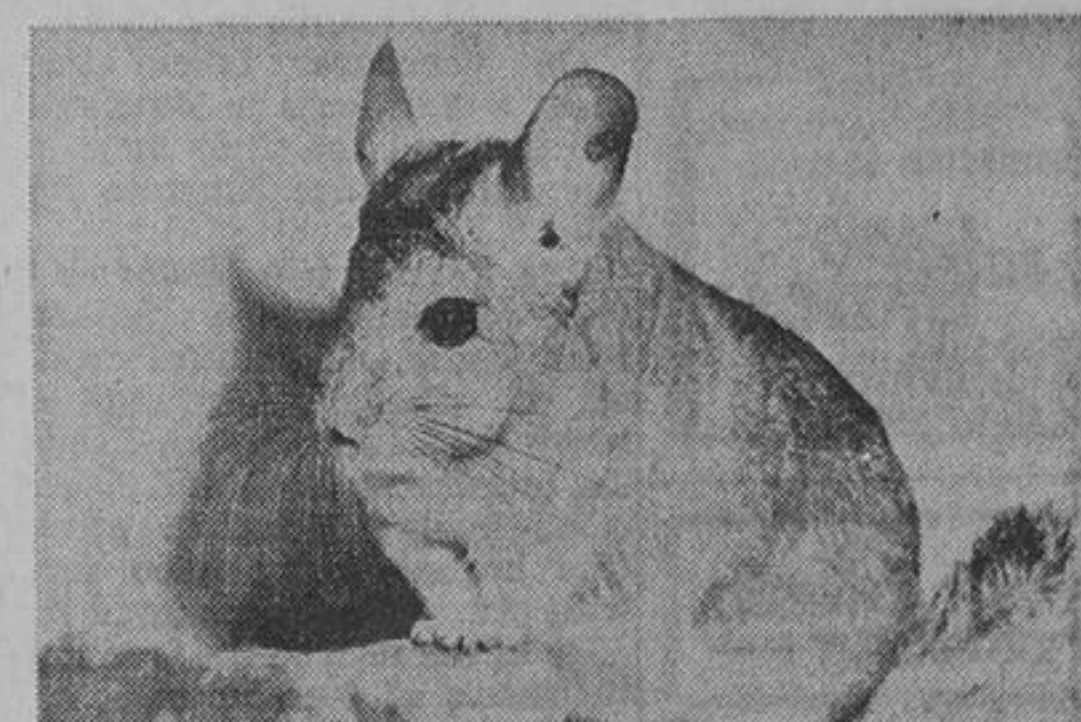
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