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## Santa Greets Hundreds Of Children On Arrival

Fresh from his workshop at the North Pole, Santa Claus arrived at Richmond Heights Centre Saturday to the delight of hundreds of area children. Jolly Old Saint Nick has completed his supply of toys and games for this Christmas and will be at the Centre weekdays from 1 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm to hear the wishes of youngsters.

Santa's arrival was followed by a parade, led by the Wilkie Ranger, and then stories of "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" next to Santa's Workshop.

## 19 Candidates, Only 9 Seats

Mansbridge, MacDiarmid, Deputy-Reeveship

### Perkins, Lazenby Vie For Mayoralty

The two candidates for the mayor's seat and the two for the deputy-reeveship presented their platforms at Monday night's Richmond Hill nomination meeting:



**WILLIAM LAZENBY**  
William Lazenby, pharmacist, who announced his candidacy for the mayoralty in September, urged his audience to know its local representatives, support them and "they will create a municipality of which you will be proud."

Our youth problems. I would be far more interested in seeing a solution to the drug problem," he stated.

Questions each ratepayer should answer for himself, he thought are, "What do we have in common with the northern municipalities? The minister says they need our leadership. Do we need the expense of giving it to them? I think this expense should be undertaken by the province."

He advocated an extended program for the town's youth, to give them release for their energy and for their enthusiasm.



**JOHN MACDIARMID**  
A candidate for the seat of deputy-reeve, left vacant by Mr. Perkins' decision to run for the mayoralty, John MacDiarmid also paid tribute to Mayor Broadhurst.



**FLOYD PERKINS**  
"I have taken my time in announcing my candidacy for the mayor's chair, in the hope that I might have been able to persuade Tom Broadhurst to run again. If I am elected to that office I assure you the town will be run in pretty much the same way," stated Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins.

"I don't want to turn everything topsy-turvy. I don't want to make enemies at the provincial and county levels. I have found those with severe criticism of York County as the basis for regional government have no alternative to offer that fits in with provincial policy," he continued.

"I know most department heads at Queen's Park and I feel that someone who knows them will get more for Richmond Hill," Mr. Perkins claimed.

Mr. Perkins also favored acquiring water and sewage disposal facilities from the OWRC, according to their recently announced plan for trunk lines to serve this area.

"The council elected on December 6 will have to make many important decisions. The next two years will see decisions which will shape our town and county," he claimed.

"We must determine the system best for our town and speak up. We must determine the size, shape and powers of this municipality in the future by common sense and spell them out to the Minister of Municipal Affairs," he continued.

"Four years ago I took over as chairman of council's industrial committee. Since that time we have completed successful annexation of industrial acreage which is under firm control by planning and subdivision agreement. Services are there, a road is in, and a major industrial building is well on its way to completion," he reported.

"The balance of this acreage will be developed in the same manner," he promised.

He expressed concern over losing the character of the town. "Every time we lose a house to build an apartment, every time we lose a tree to build a bus bay, Richmond Hill loses some of its character," he charged. "I believe we should fight to retain this character. There is room for both old and new without destroying the old. Let us look ahead."

He advocated helping young people to help themselves. Citing his long experience in every aspect of town affairs Mr. Perkins promised to put that experience to work for the ratepayers as mayor.

More than 200 ratepayers evidenced an interest in municipal government and its problems by turning out to the annual Richmond Hill nomination meeting Monday evening and by staying until the last of 19 nominees for the nine seats had had his say.

Four acclamations were given to: Reeve Donald Plaxton, Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey, and to the two hydro commissioners, William Wagner and Sam Cook.

Elections will be held December 6 for the offices of mayor, deputy-reeve and councillors in Wards 1, 2 and 4, with 15 candidates vying for the five seats. Successful candidates will hold office for two years. An advance poll will be held December 1 from 2-10 pm in the council chamber.

- Candidates are:
- MAYOR**  
William Lazenby, 24 Knollside Drive.  
Floyd Perkins, 110 Church Street South.
- REEVE**  
Donald Plaxton, 381 Sugar Maple Lane.
- ACCLAMATION DEPUTY-REEVE**  
John MacDiarmid, 80 Trayborn Drive.  
Ivan Mansbridge, 390 Allgood Street.
- COUNCILLOR WARD 1**  
Eric George, 413 North Taylor Mills Drive.  
Walter Gustar, 280 Axminster Drive.  
Gerald Gaffney, 438 Alper Street.  
Andy Chateaufort, 244 Zelda Crescent.
- COUNCILLOR WARD 2**  
David Schiller, 51 Markham Road.  
James Lemoine, 372 Balkan Road.  
Thomas Murphy, 46 Palmer Avenue.
- COUNCILLOR WARD 3**  
Lois Hancey, 173 Sussex Avenue. Acclamation.
- COUNCILLOR WARD 4**  
Shaun Beggs, 58 Leisure Lane Joseph McKim Langton, 49 Arnold Street.  
Phyllis Hawkes, 95 Roseview Avenue.

### Warden Rumble Recuperating

Robert Stewart Rumble of York County, reeve of Markham Township, has been recuperating at his home in Thornhill since his discharge from York County Hospital November 13.

Mr. Rumble collapsed during a county council session November 6 and was admitted to hospital suffering from what doctors later diagnosed as an ulcer.

This Tuesday, Mr. Rumble told "The Liberal" he is "feeling pretty good" and ready to get back to work. However, he will be confined to his home for a few more days on doctor's orders.

Mr. Rumble has set December 1 as his target date for once again taking up the burden of his public and private responsibilities.

### Support Liberals & NDP

## Catholic Trustees Urge Pressure Politicians High School Grants

Members of York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board were urged November 18 to "keep writing letters" to members of the Ontario Legislature urging support of education grants to Roman Catholic High Schools.

Ontario Liberal Leader Robert Nixon recently announced his party favored full public tax support for parochial schools. "The Liberals and the NDP are being hit hard for their recent stand on support of Catholic high schools," said East Gwillimbury Trustee Robert Simpson, chairman of the board's committee for equality in education.

Adroitly fielding questions from opposition members at a meeting of the Legislature's Education Committee November 18, Education Minister William Davis said the matter of extending grants to Roman Catholic school boards to grade 13 is "a matter of continuing discussion by the provincial government."

"Please write all the letters to members of the Legislature you can, and get others to write," urged Mr. Simpson.

Separate schools now receive grants equal to those of public schools up to grade 8 level, and grants at the same elementary school level for grades 9 and 10 although public school boards receive higher grants for grades above 8.

Ontario Liberal Leader Robert Nixon recently announced that his party favors full public tax support for Roman Catholic High Schools, adding that if he were elected premier he would have the full support of the 27 Liberals in the Legislature in granting this tax relief to Roman Catholics.

### Christmas Gifts At The Centre

Santa Claus was welcomed to Richmond Heights Centre last Saturday by thousands of children and their parents.

He brought with him gifts for every person on your shopping list, as you will see when you read the Centre merchants' ads in the fourth section of this issue of "The Liberal".

Shop in comfort at Richmond Heights Centre, while the children have a visit with Santa and drop their letters to the genial Spirit of Christmas in the mailbox provided. Each letter will be answered. The wide choice of merchandise available at the Centre means that you can complete your Christmas shopping locally at your leisure and without the expense and trouble of travelling to the city.

## Police Settle On 1969 Salary At Approximate OPP Level

Richmond Hill Police will be paid on approximately the same scale as the Ontario Provincial Police according to an agreement reached between the town's police commission and the police association about two weeks ago.

The basic pay will be retroactive to the first of the year, but fringe alterations, which will come into effect on the signing of the agreement, the mayor explained.

Details of the agreement were not immediately available but will be presented to town council at a later date.

In the spring when negotiations between the commission and the association were deadlocked, the association decided to go to arbitration in June. Both sides named a representative to the arbitration board but the third member and chairman was not named. The police had earlier turned down

## For A Merry Christmas Shop At Canadian Tire

Do you want to buy a nervous breakdown? Believe it or not, they are for sale. The Canadian Tire Store, at the corner of Wright and Yonge Streets has one listed among the dozens of Christmas gift items displayed in an eight page special insert in this week's issue of "The Liberal".

For the outdoor types, there are skis and toboggans and surfers and hockey equipment of all sorts — all in junior and senior sizes, as well as snowmobile boots for men and women.

## White Cross Collects Gifts For Mentally Ill

The York County Branch mental health association is already thinking about Christmas, and White Cross Volunteers are collecting gifts to be distributed to the mentally ill in the county.

The aim of the volunteers is to be sure that each patient gets a gift. For many of them, family ties are weak or non-existent and if it were not for the generosity of the public there would be nothing under the tree for them on Christmas morning.

The branch's Executive Secretary Mrs. Faye O'Callaghan reports there are over 1,000 patients in homes for special care and in two Ontario Hospitals in York County.

Last year 1,400 donations were received, wrapped and distributed by volunteer workers.

Men seem to be the most forgotten people says Mrs. O'Callaghan. There

## Three Charged In Armed Holdup Of Service Station In Gormley

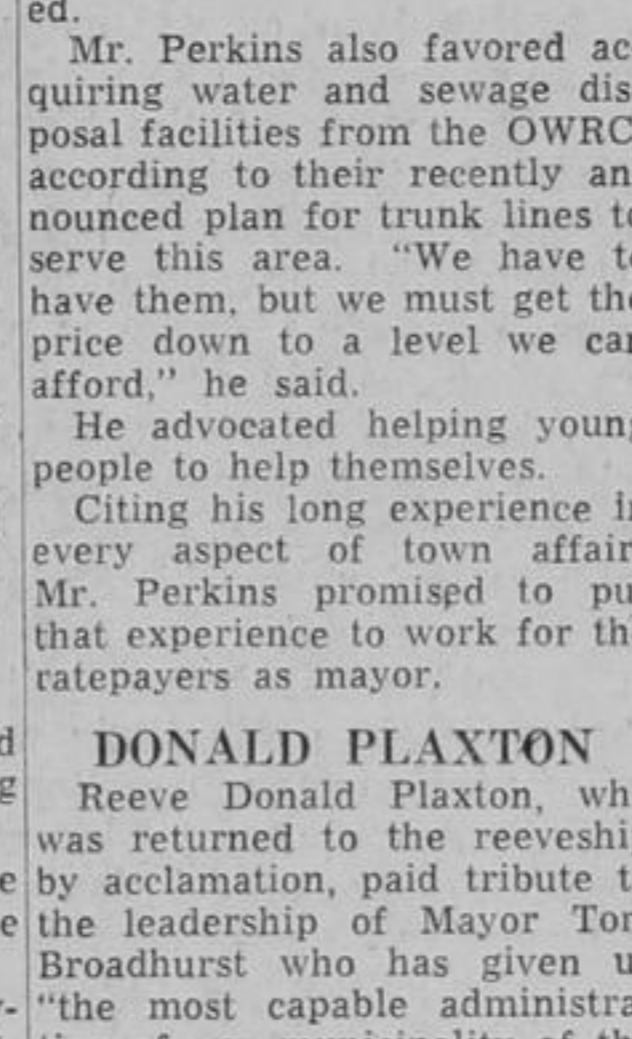
The three men who robbed a Gormley service station attendant at gunpoint Friday and fled with about \$200 in cash soon learned that crime doesn't pay.

While racing from the holdup scene their car crashed into a Unionville utility pole.

The three were quickly arrested by Markham Township Police and taken to York County Hospital with an array of minor injuries.

One man received a broken nose and facial cuts, the second a cut eye and sprained ankle and the third contusions to his knee.

In Richmond Hill Provincial Court Tuesday the threesome were remanded in custody without bail until December 2.



**DONALD PLAXTON**  
Reeve Donald Plaxton, who was returned to the reeveship by acclamation, paid tribute to the leadership of Mayor Tom Broadhurst who has given us "the most capable administration of any municipality of the same size and some much larger."

He pointed out that council for the past two years has exercised economy but not at the expense of necessary work.

He dealt with regional government, Yonge Street reconstruction, the arena and park program and cited as future needs a drop-in youth centre and a roof on the swimming pool.



**IVAN MANSBRIDGE**  
Ward 1 Councillor Ivan Mansbridge, who is also seeking the deputy-reeveship, stated his intentions and plans for the future of Richmond Hill.

"I would emphasize that no member of council can give a positive statement on regional government as nothing definite has come from the Minister or his staff," he said emphatically.

"I spent some time comparing some say in how my tax dollars are spent."

## Eleven Contest Three Open Seats At Richmond Hill Council Table

Eleven candidates are seeking the four seats on the 1970-71 Richmond Hill Town Council.

**ERIC GEORGE**  
A perennial candidate for the Ward 1 council seat, Eric George is making another try.

A resident of the town for the past 12 years, he has been active in ratepayers' groups, home and school, the Legion, the Lions and the reserve army.

### Assistant Engineer Markham Twp.

Dalo Keliar, 35, of Toronto has been appointed as assistant engineer of Markham Township. The promotion of Mr. Keliar was confirmed at the November 17 council meeting.

The Czechoslovakian-born civil engineer arrived in Canada just a little over a year ago and has been employed in the township engineering department a little over six months.



**SHAUN BEGGS**  
Receives Town Honor

"This does not detract from the contributions of the others," the reeve explained, "but is a tangible recognition of the efforts of all who make the town tick."

Only two persons received the coveted award at this year's banquet.

First to receive the cufflinks was Douglas Hitchens of Harding Boulevard, who has served on the Civic Improvement Committee since its inception in introducing Mr. Hitchens, Reeve Plaxton complimented him and his committee on the well-presented and imaginative "Operation Facelift" presented earlier this year as a concept of the desired appearance of Yonge Street.

Mr. Hitchens' movies of the street were a feature of this presentation.

The second award went to Shaun Beggs, under whose chairmanship the parks board in the past few years and now newly organized parks and recreation committee has made its contribution to the local scene. Last year's most successful winter carnival was the brain child of Mr. Beggs, who

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