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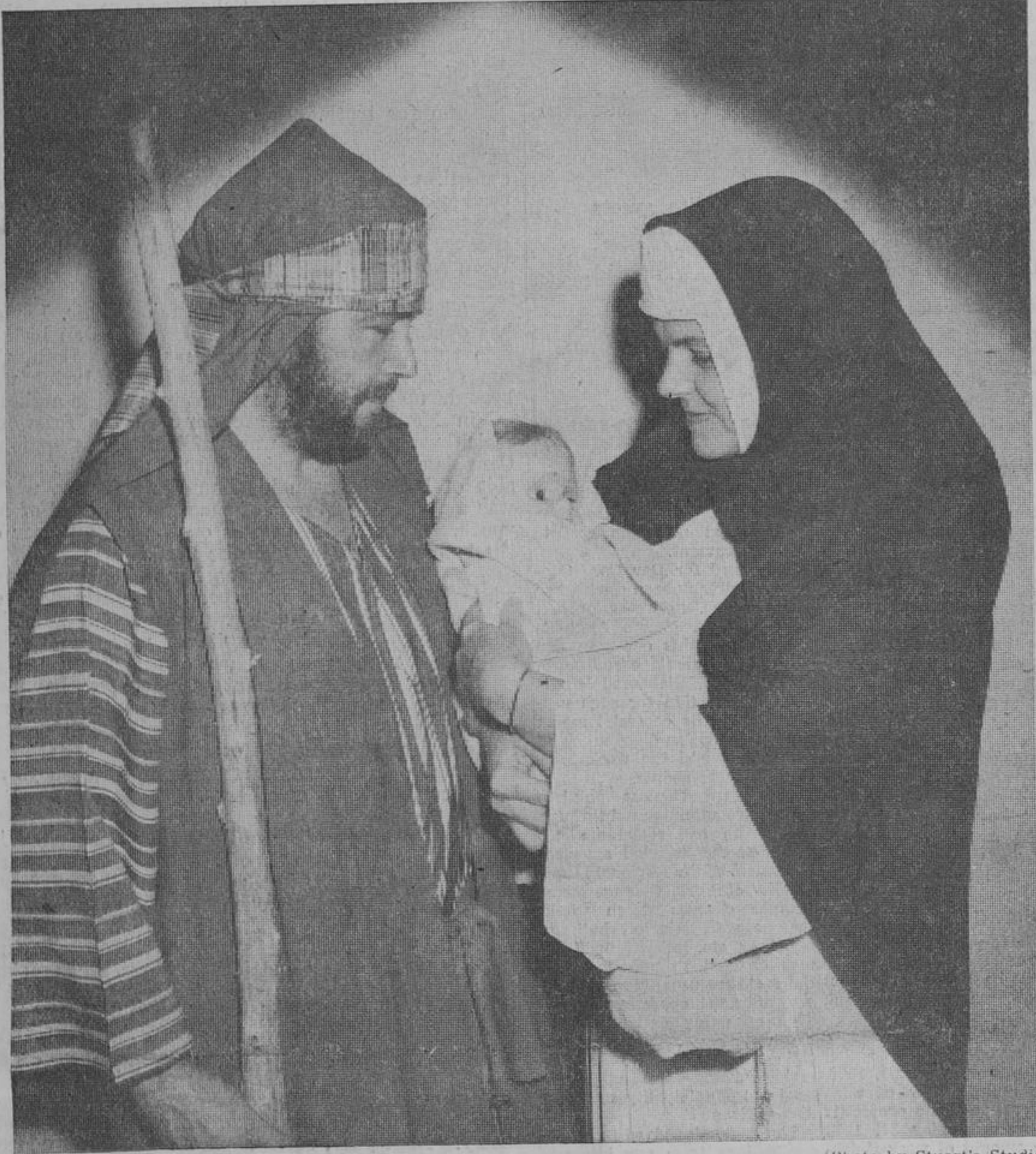
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## The Christmas Story Sunday At St. John's Anglican

This Sunday evening, "The Christmas Story" according to the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke, will be presented in St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson, at 8 pm.

Setting for this beloved, old but ever-new story of the Birth of Christ will be the chancel of the charming old church on Yonge Street. The program will be enhanced by period costumes and appropriate theatrical lighting and lasts about an hour.

Mrs. Joy Harnden, the church's organist and choir leader, is the producer and director of the pageant. She has presented it for several years at Lake Wilcox, Oak Ridges and at Jefferson, until it has become a tradition of the season. It is five years since it was last presented at St. John's.

Nucleus of the cast of characters is the church's choir, augmented by other members of the parish. The total cast numbers about 30. The narrator will be Mrs. Les Eliot of Oak Ridges and the church's young singing group, "The Mixed Blessings" will be featured in choruses and carols.

There is no admission charge but an offering will be received. Rehearsals have been going on for a month and the above picture was taken during the most recent one, showing Paul Harnden (left) as Joseph. Mary (right) is played by Dorothy Wilson.

## Vaughan Rd. Sidewalk Gets Priority

A sidewalk on the north side of Vaughan Road from Yonge Street to York Central Hospital has been conditionally approved by Richmond Hill Council.

The council decided Monday to recommend to York Region Roads Department that the engineering for a sidewalk be done when plans for the reconstruction of this regional road are being prepared.

No estimate of the cost of providing the sidewalk had been made, but Councillor David Schiller, chairman of council's works committee, noted that 3,300 linear feet of sidewalk constructed this year on the King Sideroad had cost \$11,200.

Although Mr. Schiller did not agree with the estimate of the length of the proposed sidewalk on Vaughan Road, at from half to three-quarters of a mile, council members felt the cost would be similar.

Mayor William Lazenby said, "The need for this sidewalk has been a thorn in the side of this council for years. It is a priority item." The mayor noted the hospital and Don Head Secondary School are served by the local bus from Richmond and Trench Streets. "But there is still a large number of people who walk from Yonge along Vaughan Road and who are in constant danger from the traffic."

Councillor Louis Wainwright said "There isn't a bus every minute of the day." Councillor Stewart Bell said "It should be considered extremely high priority."

Councillor Lois Hancey said "We have no choice but to consider this a high priority item, but I want to know what other factors will have to be considered when the time comes that the region decides to go ahead with the road reconstruction."

Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton agreed that the sidewalk should be high priority but did not want council to commit itself to construction at this time.

## Municipal Board Defers Decision On Town Plan

By MARGARET LADE

Metro Conservation Authority came up the villain in a two-day Municipal Board hearing in Buttonville last week.

All day Wednesday and on into Thursday morning lawyers, town planners and citizens presented arguments for and against an application of Gulf Oil Canada to build a service station on the northeast corner of Bayview and Steeles Avenues.

Conducting the hearing were Member Gordon Blake and Vice-Chairman Harold Roberts of the Municipal Board. Gulf was represented by Metro Lawyer Ross Hitch. Appearing in opposition on behalf of the Town of Markham was Lawyer James Wallace. Residents of the area were represented by Thornhill Lawyer Michael McQuaid.

The 1.5 acres in question were acquired by a B-A Oil Company in 1966. The company has since been absorbed by Gulf.

The land was valley land, but the company got permission from the conservation authority to construct a gabion wall and to fill the site. (A gabion is a wire mesh basket filled with stones and earth to form an artificial embankment. At this site the gabion has been re-enforced by a wall of cinder blocks up to the level of the roadway.)

The Gulf land is one of two parcels in the Markham North Bayview Secondary Plan that have not yet been approved by the OMB. The town and neighboring residents are vehemently opposed to any commercial development in the area. Gulf argues that it is an ideal location for a service station.

## School Board Plans Winter Works Under Provincial Plan To Relieve Unemployment

York County Board of Education plans to hire teachers, school aides, library technicians, painters and laborers and have their salaries paid by the province under the winter works program.

This year school boards and municipalities have been given allocations for projects that will provide employment for unemployed persons. These projects are not included in the budget for the year.

On November 22 the board received notice it has been allocated \$51,300 from the provincial fund. But the allocation lapses if it is not taken up before December 31.

At a meeting December 13, trustees approved staff recommendations for work to a total of \$49,990. Of this the province is expected to pay \$48,215. Cost to the board will be \$1,775 for materials, as the province assumes just 25 percent of the cost of materials and supervision for the special winter work projects.

**NOBODY AVAILABLE**  
Calls to the Manpower office in Newmarket revealed they have no file on unemployed teachers.

There are no school aides, librarians or library technicians registered. But the school board staff is sure there must be some looking for work in York.

It therefore proposes hiring of five teachers to relieve regular classroom teachers to work with small groups of students in special help programs. Cost from January 1 to May 31 when the provincial aid program ends is estimated at \$13,500. The board also plans to hire eight school aides to assist regular classroom teachers in preparing and organizing materials, keeping records and working with pupils. Cost for this part of the program will be \$10,800.

**NEED LIBRARY WORKERS**  
Three librarian/library technicians will be hired at a total cost of \$8,000 to relieve regular teacher librarians. This will enable them to begin work on materials for library centres to be opened in the Bayview Fairways and Stornaway Crescent Schools now under construction and to help place the board's professional library on a firmer footing.

The business division plans to hire two men to paint portables inside and out at a cost of \$8,050 including materials and equipment. The board's share for materials will be \$1,050.

Another two men will be hired to remove dead trees and brush from school properties, including the ravine at the rear of Thornhill Secondary School and the driveways at Woodland Senior School. In addition to wages for the men, cost will include equipment and truck rental to a total of \$4,600. The board will be responsible for \$725 of this.

**SURVEY OF SCHOOLS**  
The business division also plans to hire three men to compile data on school buildings and sites to aid in preparation of budgets and provision of maintenance service. The team will measure, log data and transcribe drawings and record forms. The total cost of \$7,040 will come under the provincial allocation.

It is expected most of the projects will continue for the full 21 week period covered by the plan. The tree removal project, however, is scheduled for completion in 13 weeks.

The federal plan provides funds to a maximum of \$500,000 for projects completed between November of this year and the end of May. Each project must provide at least 30 man months of work and must provide employment over and above that which would normally take place this winter.

Projects must be submitted for approval prior to the end of January. As yet the board has not come up with plans to take advantage of this program.

## Total Silence On YRP Exam

York Region Police Chief Bruce Crawford and members of the York Region Police Commission at press time were still keeping silence about the results of the 200-man police force had a failure rate as high as 80 percent in recent promotional examinations.

A spokesman for the police commission late Tuesday told "The Liberal" no statement on the report is being made. The police chief is reported to have met Sunday with the regional police association executive to discuss how the story was leaked to the press. The examination agenda at press time.

It is said 61 officers tried the exam and only 11 or 12 passed. A usually reliable source indicates the failing officers will have a promotion exam in February 25. Refusal to write or a further failure could affect the rank of pay of officers who held higher ranks in the former police departments now part of the regional force.

It is indicated officers could have a further opportunity to write the exams a third time if they fail in February and get permission from the chief to write again.

## Traffic Signals Get Green Light

At long last council has received a schedule for the installation of traffic lights at locations on Newkirk and Yonge Street. The lights were approved earlier this year.

Those on Newkirk Road at Crosby and Centre Streets will be installed by December 17. It was reported at the December 13 meeting of council. Those on Yonge Street — at the Arnold-Lorne and Wright-Dufferin intersections — will be completed by January 31.

"le the water," said Mayor William Lazenby.

An increase in water rates in the old town was due two years ago, but because the system had a surplus and regional government was imminent, a surplus was used up to balance the books at the old rate.

**AREA RATES GO**

In the other areas, the area mill rate (a levy on the tax bill) will be eliminated. Frontage charges will remain, however.

The new rates are to be in effect for the next five years. It is forecast that they will result in a surplus for the first two years, reaching a break-even point in the third year. Then there will be a slight deficit for the fourth and fifth year. This deficit will be offset by the surpluses from the first two years.

The new rates will come into effect in January throughout the whole town.

## Salary Contract For Catholic Teachers Finally Settled

At a meeting November 30, York County Roman Catholic School Board ratified a salary agreement with its teachers for the current school year.

The new contract will give continuing teachers an average increase of about 7.4 percent. There is no change for pre-level teachers, that is the teachers with second class or temporary certificates. Their starting salary remains at \$4,800 with annual increases to a maximum of \$6,500 after five years. There are a few teachers of oral French in this category.

Nor will there be a change for Level 1 teachers — those with a standard certificate plus some university credits. Salaries for this group range from \$5,400 to a maximum of \$7,400 after six years.

For the rest, the new contract offers increases of from \$100 to \$500 a year, depend-

ing on level of qualification and years of experience. At Level 2 the starting salary has been increased from \$8,800 to \$8,100 with a maximum of \$9,300 after eight years. Maximum in the 1970-71 contract was \$9,000.

As teachers improve their qualifications with university and Department of Education courses and in-service training they graduate to higher levels up to Level 6. Each step up is generally equivalent to one year of professional training. For most teachers this means several years of night school and summer courses.

At Level 3 minimum is \$6,500 and maximum after 11 years teaching \$10,900 under the new contract. Last year minimum was \$6,400 and maximum \$10,700. Level 4 goes from \$7,500 minimum to \$12,400 maximum after 12 years teaching. Under the

old contract the minimum was \$7,300 and maximum \$11,900.

At Level 5 starting salary is \$7,800 with increases to \$12,900 after 13 years. Last year the starting salary was \$7,600 and maximum \$12,900. The maximum for Level 6 also remains unchanged — \$14,000 after 14 years, but the starting salary has been increased from \$8,100 to \$8,400.

As in the past, religious teachers (nuns) will be paid 15 percent less than lay teachers.

There are increases for principals, too, with annual increments of \$500 a year up to the maximum. A principal of a "C" school (up to 199 pupils) starts at \$13,000 and may work up to \$15,500. Last year's range was from \$12,500 to \$15,000. In a "B" school (200 to 399 pupils) the principal now has a salary range of from \$14,500 to \$17,500 compared with \$14,000 to \$16,500 last year.

Principals of "A" schools (over 400 pupils) now range from \$15,500 to \$18,500. Under the former contract the range was from \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Salaries of vice-principals, co-ordinators, consultants and supervisors are tied in with the basic grid. The salaries over grid remain the same for these people: \$1,500 minimum for a vice-principal and \$2,500 maximum; for a co-ordinator \$3,200 minimum, \$4,200 maximum; consultants and supervisors \$1,200 minimum and \$2,400 maximum. For special education teachers salaries above grid go from \$300 to a maximum of \$700 based on qualifications.

There were other minor changes involving fringe

benefits. Travel allowance for consultants and itinerant teachers will be 15 cents a mile for the first 5,000 miles and 10 cents a mile thereafter. Under the old contract the allowance was \$200 a year or 12 cents a mile, whichever was greater.

Also, under the new contract teachers' salaries not fixed by the definitions of levels are to be negotiated with the salary committees and approved by the board before such positions are advertised and/or persons hired.

Salaries for all the teaching positions of responsibility not fixed by the terms of the agreement are to be negotiated by the salary committees of the board and the teachers are approved by the board.

There were 218 teachers and approximately 4,936 children in the schools operated

## Gormley Phones Go Toll Free Into Toronto

Bell Telephone users in the 887 (Gormley) exchange on and after next Sunday (December 19) will be able to call numbers in Toronto's core area and Willowdale-Don Mills without toll charge. Because the service is two-way, persons in these areas will be able to make local calls to persons in the Gormley area.

On calls to the Toronto core area, to the Willowdale-Don Mills exchanges and to Agincourt area numbers beginning with 438 and 499 — persons in the 887 exchange must dial the digit 5 before the seven-digit number.

Basic monthly rates for customers in the 887 exchange will go up because rates are based on the number of phones you can reach with a local call, according to Fred De La Plante, Bell Canada's manager in the Gormley area. The expansion of the local calling area on Sunday will make it possible for residents of Gormley area to call 854,000 additional phones without toll charge.

New 1972 phone books containing the Toronto core and Willowdale-Don Mills listings will be delivered to 887 customers next March. In the meantime customers can get a current Toronto phone book on request.

## To Start In January

## One Water Rate For Whole Town

By MARY DAWSON

A step toward uniformity in the new and old parts of the enlarged Town of Richmond Hill was the adoption of one water rate for the whole town by town council Monday evening.

The new rates will be \$1 per 1,000 gallons consumed for the first 9,000 gallons, 50c for 9,000 - 500,000 gallons, and 40c for consumption over 500,000 on a quarterly basis. The minimum bill each three months will be \$9. It was reported average usage is between 14,000 and 15,000 gallons per quarter.

The town has three water areas at present — the old town, the area south of the town served by the Vaughan system, plus the area of Oak Ridges and a portion of Lake Wilcox served by the Oak Ridges system.

Hardest hit will be consumers in the old town, where the average bill has been between \$7 and \$8 per quarter, it was reported. The present rate has been \$2 plus 45c per 1,000 gallons of consumption each quarter.

## HITS APARTMENT DEWELLERS

Multiple users on one meter (apartments, etc.) are classified at present as one consumer. Under the new rate system each user will be classified as a consumer and subject to the minimum billing.

Also hard hit will be the industrialists who consume large quantities of water. "It is our hope that the increased cost of water will spur them to establish water reclaimers to recy-

## Public Now Hears Council

Richmond Hill citizens who attend council meetings no longer will have to strain to hear what is going on at the council table. A public address system has been installed and was used for the first time Monday evening.

A microphone for each member of council was in operation and it was indicated that one will be installed at the press-staff table for use of delegations who wish to address council.

Members of the audience indicated they could hear every word spoken by council members.

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