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## Says Metro "Gestapo"

A member of the York County Council last week levelled a sweeping criticism at the Metropolitan Council for using what he termed "gestapo" tactics in strangling development in the fringe areas. He said that through the Metro Planning Board, the democratic right of the fringe areas has been usurped.  
Woodbridge Reeve, Fred Armstrong who was so critical of the strong-arm methods of the Metro Planning Board in regulating fringe development, called for an amendment to Bill 80 which established the Metropolitan Council and its subsidiaries. He urged that the Metro planning authorities have jurisdiction only over that part of planning which directly affects the Metropolitan Area.  
A majority of Council gave hearty support to the proposals and it was agreed to forward a resolution to Queen's Park. It was further charged that Metro has never given the fringe municipalities a chance to co-operate. Ever since the formation of the Metropolitan Area and the subsequent evolu-

tion of the Planning Board, there has been a dogmatic attitude about local planning. In the first place, the local municipalities and their Planning Boards have virtually no power over their individual planning. Despite the fact that the local councils are infinitely more familiar with the local planning problems and their individual needs, they have been usurped to the extent of a recommending body.  
The original plan was to permit the fringe municipalities to share in an over-all plan. But in actual practice, the Metropolitan Planning Board has become a tyrannical form of governing body which has deprived local municipalities of their democratic right to determine their own development at a rate compatible with their needs and resources.  
There has been no indication from Queen's Park as to the reaction of the County resolution, however, if some sort of consideration and relief is not forthcoming, stronger pressure should be put forth by the County Council on behalf of the local municipalities.



Two Die In Bus Crash

Two persons were killed—and 18 injured in a terrible crash in Richmond Hill on Saturday morning, when a Gray Coach Lines' bus rammed into a huge tree, 500 yards south of Elgin Mills. The Newmarket-Toronto bound bus was attempting to pass a left-turning light truck.  
The showroom of Birrell Motor Ltd., Yonge Street, opposite the scene of the tragedy—was turned into a temporary morgue and emergency hospital.  
Rescue workers, police and Hydro staff had to brave the fallen and twisted high tension power lines carrying 27,000 volts, to cut through the twisted metal of the bus, to free the score of trapped passengers. Local doctors, Dr. W. Cameron Cowan, Dr. R. S. Ideson and Dr. J. P. Wilson were at the scene in a few minutes, working to extricate the bodies, and treating the injured, who were then rushed by ambulance to hospitals in Newmarket, and Toronto.

Killed instantly were Mrs. Marion E. Bailey, 47, and her 8 year old daughter Jennifer, who were sitting in the right front corner of the bus.  
The terrific impact of the heavy vehicle crashing into the tree, caused the front end of the bus to be wrapped around the trunk of the huge tree—literally fusing it to it—requiring the efforts of tow trucks and the Hydro's mobile crane to winch the bus clear from the tree, to enable the injured bus driver, Ronald McBride, 28, to be released, together with injured passengers.  
The force of the impact tore some of the seats from the floor, and tilted other forward, hurling passengers into metal standards and against one another, strewn baggage all over the bus.  
Perhaps the graphic description of the tragedy comes from Mr. Bob Birrell, who at the time of the crash, was sitting in his office beside the Showroom, right close to the scene.  
Speaking to "The Liberal" Mr.

Birrell said, "With a noise like a cannon—something went off—followed by a brilliant white flash that lit up Yonge Street. This caused me to look out, just in time to see the bus crash into our tree, with the front right side crushed like an accordion and the driver's side was ripped open up the seam."  
From his desk, Mr. Birrell instantly and systematically telephoned the doctors, ambulance companies, Hydro, Police—and then organized his staff of 16 service mechanics and salesmen into a rescue squad, utilizing their oxy-acetylene cutting equipment, crowbars and tools to cut the metal away to reach the trapped passengers.  
Salesman Ted Freer forced open the emergency door of the bus. Six salesmen cleared the showroom, bringing in automobile covers and chairs for the less injured, preparing hot coffee.

## With Tantalizing Aromas

### New King City Bakery Recalls Old-Time Shops

The delicious smells of freshly home baked bread greet one upon entering the King City Bakery on King Street. The shop which was recently re-opened after necessary improvements were made is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod, well-known local couple.  
Mr. and Mrs. McLeod who were married in December of 1946 have operated their bakery since 1948. Prior to her marriage Mrs. McLeod worked in bakeries in Toronto and Guelph. Since last spring she has specialized in making bread in large quantities. Mrs. McLeod experimented with various kinds of doughs to find the right texture and the type of loaf that would maintain its freshness. "I still get a thrill when I take the perfect fresh loaves of golden bread from the oven," she commented.

Mrs. McLeod skillfully manoeuvres a six foot pole to take the bread out of her large oven which was purchased last fall. The oven holds 80 loaves of bread at one time. The bread dough is mixed in a 60 quart cake mixer which mixes 36 to 40 loaves of bread at one time. The dough is set to rise in a bread trough before being placed in the oven. After baking it is placed in racks which will hold 200 loaves of bread. The bread is not sliced or wrapped. "Wrapped bread is treated with a harmless chemical to prevent mildew as it is sliced and wrapped while warm as soon as it comes out of the oven," stated Mr. McLeod.

**Fame spreads**  
The fame of Mrs. McLeod's bread has spread far and wide, as people come from quite a distance to buy it. One hundred and fifty loaves are baked for Saturdays trade, while an average of 40 to 50 loaves are sold during the week.  
**Expanding**  
While the store was closed extra counter space and display counters were placed in the store and shelves and extra counter working area were built, where the baking is done. Some of the counters in the store were purchased from the original King City Bakery, on Springhill Road,

## "Fathers Night" At Scott Home & School

"Father's Night" proved to be a great success, an instructional and hilarious evening, when the Walter Scott Home & School Association held their monthly meeting on February 21, with the "Fathers" relieving the ladies in their executive capacities for that one night.  
Mr. Edward Castle acted as President in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Arnold Price, with Mr. Norman Ritchie as acting Vice-President, Mr. Grant Gibbs as Secretary, Mr. James Rimmer, Treasurer, Mr. Jack Royston, Public Relations; Mr. Lawrence Oliver as Social Secretary.  
Following the discussion and disposal of business subjects by the "Father's Executive", Mr. W. J. Babcock of Richmond Hill High School outlined the plans for this year's Day Camp, enlightening the parents as to procedure and registration. School Principal Mr. N. Davison gave a brief preview of the activities during "Education Week" March 3 to March 9.  
Guest speaker was the Mayor of Richmond Hill, Mr. Wm. Neal, whose interesting talk on the "History of Richmond Hill" was enlivened by anecdotes, personal experiences and humorous comments.  
Mrs. McWhirter's grade 4 room secured the "Parent's Attendance Award" for this month.  
The hilarious "Fathers Baby Picture Contest" was won by Mr. J. O'Connor, who guessed the identity of three "Fathers" correctly. As a final gesture, the "Fathers" demonstrated their proficiency in handling all phases of their work by serving the refreshments—even to washing the cups and putting them away!

**Reeve Armstrong Criticizes Budget**  
Reeve Fred Armstrong, of Woodbridge, claimed this week Premier Frost's new Provincial budget aided only Toronto. "It may look good on paper but it does not do anything for the rest of the municipalities," he stated.  
"The measly buck" accruing to municipalities on a per capita basis was more than offset by the bump in gasoline tax, continued the Reeve.  
He said he would approve the budget, too, if his municipality was getting "millions of dollars" for expressway construction.

**Actors Are Not Mental**  
Residents of Richmond Hill should not be too alarmed if they see quite sane and responsible people walking along Yonge St., apparently holding a serious conversation with themselves!  
The chances are that they belong to the Richmond Hill Curatorial Club and are rehearsing for their new play "Harvey". Of course, most actors go through a stage of talking to themselves, but in this case it is a bit different because they are talking to Harvey, even though he is not actually with them. You see, Harvey is the principal player in this hilarious comedy and he's a little bit - well he's not - it's difficult to describe, so please see the play and find out exactly what we're trying to say. You'll have fun. Honest.

**"Dear Mr. Editor"**  
Suggests Accounting Lot Fees.  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
A recent issue of "The Liberal" reported plans for an extensive works program in Richmond Hill. It was indicated this would be financed by borrowed funds.  
Subscribers in the past few years have been required to pay sums of \$300.00 to \$500.00 per lot to the municipality for use in public projects.  
You would render a distinct service to your Richmond Hill readers if you would obtain and publish an itemized statement showing the funds so received and on what it has been expended.  
Yours very truly,  
J. H. Rice  
Richmond Hill

**Smoking at Board Meeting**  
Dear Mr. Editor  
I was a visitor at this week's meeting of the Richmond Hill Public School Board. When I entered the main hallway the first thing I noticed was a large sign on the wall which read, "Strictly No Smoking in This Building." When I next entered the Board Meeting I was surprised to see two very contented looking Trustees smoking long black cigars. Smoke was belching up to the ceiling which reminded one of two locomotives struggling up a steep grade. Then I thought of the Trustees no smoking sign in the hallway. The motto, "Don't do as I do - but do as I say," might very well apply to them. Public School Taxpayer.

## Mrs. W. H. Johnson To Head New University Women's Club

A new group of the University Women's Club held its inaugural meeting at Kingcraft Hall, on February 19. Dr. Martha Law, immediate Past President of the Canadian Federation of University Women, told the 28 charter members assembled from King, Aurora and Richmond Hill that there were already 82 such groups across Canada, from Nanaimo to Charlottown.  
Dr. Law outlined briefly the purpose of the C.F.U.W. Firstly to encourage a sound concept of educational values, and especially to encourage advanced study. To this end five scholarships of \$1,500 and \$1,200 have been established in Canada. Dr. Law felt sure that "your group will feel the urge in two or three years to establish a small annual scholarship of your own." The second purpose is to arouse interest in political, social and cultural fields but in no way to become a political group.  
Thirdly they hope to guard and improve the economic, legal and professional status of Canadian women. Here Dr. Law told the story of how, with the concerted efforts of the Y.W.C.A. and the I.O.E.E. they managed to have one woman appointed to the Civil Service Commission. "As more than half the civil servants are women, we felt it only fair that there should be at least one woman on the board with nine or ten men." Fourthly the group hopes to foster a more understand-

ing and co-operation between University women, nationally and internationally.  
Following Dr. Lillian Langstaff's motion to organize, an acting secretary was called for, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, (King) who had been largely responsible for promoting this branch, was elected acting President. Mrs. P. C. Hill (Richmond Hill) and Mrs. Marjorie Cheesbrough (King), Vice-Presidents; Mrs. H. R. McCrimmon, (Aurora) Secretary; Mrs. John McDonald, (King) Treasurer; Mrs. James Langstaff (Richmond Hill) Membership Convenor. As Federation Representative the members elected Mrs. A. McNaughton (King), Mrs. B. Davis (King) accepted office as program Convenor, Mrs. John C. Belknap (King) Entertainment convenor; Miss Edna Izzard Archivist and Mrs. Woodburn Thomson, Publicity, (both of Richmond Hill).  
The first general meeting of this new group of the University Women's Club will be held in May to welcome all interested University graduates in this area.  
SUTTON: A survey of winter fishing on Lake Simcoe has been carried out by Lake Simcoe District Fish and Wildlife during the past two weeks. According to the reports there has been an increase in winter fishing in the past five years of nearly fivefold.

## First Fun Fair Night Is Enjoyed By All

It was amazing to see the high percentage of participation in the various attractions at Fun Fair last Friday evening. It was organized by Dominions Stores; Mrs. L. Sanderson won a beautiful doll exquisitely dressed in clothes made by Grade Mothers; Abbie Lund won the boy's jacket donated by Don Thurston; Mr. G. Smith, Richvale, won the bean guessing game prize donated by I.G.A. Stores.  
The McConaghy Home and School Association extends sincere thanks to the many families and friends who had a vital part in organizing this successful Fair. The entire proceeds of approximately \$450. will be used for playground equipment for the McConaghy School.  
It gives the Association a good feeling to know that through the kindness and support of so many interested people, they can reach out for greater achievements.

## Overtime For Employees

Vaughan Township Council agreed recently to pay an hourly rate to all township employees in the road and waterworks departments for overtime work. The rate will be set at time and one-half for extra services beyond the regular work day when called out in an emergency by the superintendent of the department.  
Councillor Victor Ryder presented this recommendation earlier in the year with the eye to encouraging men to be available for emergency calls. He suggested a regular call system as an alternative.  
The motion was presented by Councillor Bill Anstey and seconded by Councillor Ryder.

## E. J. Sand Urges Parents To Share In Education Week

Active participation in a full program of Education Week projects has been recommended to parents of all children attending Township School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan schools by Supervising Principal E. J. Sand. Education Week which runs from March 3-9 inclusive has received widespread acclaim from teachers, parents and school trustees as an event establishing closer liaison between the school, the board and the home.  
The programmes in the various schools are as follows:  
Ross Doan School  
Tuesday, March 5, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. — Open House.  
Thursday, March 7, 1.30 to 3 p.m. — Open House.  
Richvale School  
Wednesday, March 6 — Open House all day.  
Friday, March 15, 7.30 p.m. — Concert.  
Charles Howitt School  
Monday, March 4, 7-9.30 p.m.

Programme. During intermission, parents and children will visit classrooms.  
Langstaff School  
Tuesday, March 5, 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. — Open House.  
Thornlea School  
Wednesday, March 6, 11 to 12 a.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. — Open House, 8.30 p.m. — Home and School Meeting.  
Thornhill School  
Monday, March 4, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — Open House, Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, 8 p.m. — Concert.  
Henderson Ave. School  
Monday, March 4, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — Open House, followed by tea in the auditorium.  
Wednesday, March 6, 7.30 to 10 p.m. — Open House.  
Powell Road School  
Tuesday, March 5, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. — Open House.  
Thursday, March 7, 7 to 9 p.m. — Open House.

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**Special Announcement**

Due to the extremely popular demand and the many requests, we are happy to announce that one of the all-time great motion pictures "THE KING AND I" will be brought back for showing at this Theatre Mon., Tues., Wed., March 11, 12, 13.

THE MANAGEMENT  
NOTE AT GOING TO PRESS — "THE KING AND I" has been nominated for Seven Academy Awards, the awards to be made March 27