



Lovely Garden Tea Aids New Hospital

Some seven hundred people attended the lovely Garden Tea of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary held last Saturday afternoon on the beautiful estate of Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Snively of Oak Ridges. Glorious summer weather and enthusiastic interest in this important community project made the occasion a memorable event.

A group of charming ladies at the tea were (left to right) Mrs. J. Blyth, Mrs. A. Gallacher, Mrs. R. Farquharson president of the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox Branch of the auxiliary, Mrs. W. Pocknell, Mrs. M. Towers and Mrs. R. Woolley. In the background can be seen Hospital President Douglas Storms of Richmond Hill.

(Photo by George Chaplin)

Weather forecasters to the contrary, Saturday, June 23 proved to be a "What is so rare" sort of day, and the light dust of summer hung over roads leading to Glen Lonely Farm, as cars carrying visitors to the York Central Hospital Association Garden Tea sped to and fro. Hundreds attended this high-profile of the summer season. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snively opened their home and gardens for the event, and members of the Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox branches of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary were sponsors.

Under tall trees, guests roamed the spacious lawns which slope to Lake George, or sipped tea, or visited gift booths and bake tables which presented all manner of delectable items for sale. Senora Gabriella would spin a fortune if her palm was crossed with silver, and a clown entertained the children. Pouring tea were YCHA executive members and branch chairmen: Miss R. Kinsella, Mrs. F. G. Hare, Mrs. W. Pocknell, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. J. Rasmussen, Mrs. R. Britnell, Mrs. J. MacMicking, Mrs. S. Searlett, Mrs. J. MacDonald, Mrs. D. Spears, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. J. Passmore, Mrs. W. Kedwell, Mrs. H. Howden, Mrs. W. Dinnick, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. S. Parker, Mrs. Ross Farquharson, Mrs. Towers and Mrs. J. Robinson. Conveners were: Mrs. John Blyth, Mrs. Alex Gallacher, Mrs. Robt. Woolley and Mrs. Gordon Holmes.

Meet Again Saturday

Seek Lower Mill Rate Water Plan

"I will adjourn this hearing to Saturday, June 30, at 10:00 a.m.," commented J. A. Kennedy, chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board, concluding a 2 1/2 hour session when a large number of ratepayers were present at the Markham Township Council Chambers, Buttonville, on Monday morning of this week. "This adjournment will allow time for the municipality to recalculate proposed charges, to effect a substantial reduction in the mill rate - if possible to two mills or less. If this cannot be done, we will hear you as to why it can't - also any further objections to the water area."

The township asked permission of the O.M.B. to construct new mains in the Steele's Ave., Leslie, Bayview Ave. areas; purchase two former North York wells from Metro, and impose a water rate on owners or occupants of the water area defined as lots 26-36 inclusive, in the first concession; lots 1-11 inclusive, in the second and third concessions and the west half of lots 1 to 14, in the fourth concession.

In order to defray the cost of these improvements, the township proposed to assess a frontage levy of 25.45 cents per foot, plus seven mills on the water area, plus water consumption. The estimated levy on a \$3,000 assessment of a 100' property was \$70.45.

Contesting the high mill rate proposed, and the extension of the water area in the neighbourhood of Lot 10, running south and east of No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road was Solicitor Milne Freeman, acting for W. L. Clark and others on that site. Mr. Clark is the former reeve of Markham Township and former warden of York County.

Presenting the case for the township were Solicitor J. D. Lucas, Engineer Eric Jorgenson of the firm of Chrysler, Davis and Jorgenson, and Reeve W. R. Dean. The problems of low pressure in the Yonge-Steele's sector, and drained wells in the Buttonville area were stressed.

Industrial development in the Don Mills area is also creating an added demand. "Esna Electric has purchased five acres here, and other plants have indicated an interest," said Reeve Dean.

Concern was expressed for Grant Permission To Install Vapor Lights

Ontario Hydro Commission was granted permission by Markham Township Council Monday night to install two improved mercury vapor lights on Yonge Street in Thornhill. Installation is expected before July 15, council was told.

Want Stop Sign At Busy Spot

Residents of Altamira Road and Libby Boulevard, Richmond Hill, have asked for more adequate traffic protection for their children.

In a petition to Richmond Hill Town Council Tuesday night, they requested the erection of a stop sign at the corner of the intersection of Libby and Altamira.

The petition, signed by 26 area residents, cited heavy north and south traffic through the intersection between Rumble Avenue and Mill Street, along with heavy truck traffic to and from a construction site at the end of Altamira Road, as reasons for their request.

The traffic constitutes a major safety hazard to children of the area, the petition stated.

Council referred the matter to the police committee for further study.

Defer Decision On Legion Letter

Branch 375 of the Canadian Legion may seek a liquor licence under the recently revised liquor licence act.

The matter came up at Monday's Vaughan Township Council meeting when Brian Bailey, appearing on behalf of the Legion, said a letter from council saying they had no objection to their receiving a licence, would be a necessary part of an application.

Council asked for a chance to study the act before making any decision.

Mr. Bailey said that the Legion may be forced to move to Richmond Hill, if they are not granted a licence in Vaughan. Presently located on Carrville Road, it serves as a community centre for the area, according to Mr. Bailey.

Ask Police Protection For School Property

Pass Ward Bylaw In Richmond Hill

Town council Tuesday night approved the setting up of a ward system for municipal elections in Richmond Hill. The system had previously been approved in principle in a referendum held in December, 1960.

Under the system, one councillor would be elected from each of four wards, three on the east side of Yonge Street, one on the west. The offices of mayor, reeve, and deputy-reeve would still be filled by a general vote.

Councillor John MacDiarmid opposed the approval of the system, on the grounds that it was not the same system which had been voted on at the time of the referendum.

According to Mr. MacDiarmid, most of the people were under the impression that each ward would be represented by either two or three councillors.

Deputy-reeve Broadhurst also opposed passing of the ward system because he wasn't sure the people were behind it.

Extend House To House Mail Delivery

Richmond Hill Postmaster E. T. Willis announced Wednesday that house to house mail delivery will shortly be extended to an area south of Richmond Hill.

The district postal director in Toronto has approved carrier service for Weldrick Road, May Avenue, Walmer Road and Pemberton Road. The new service begins when 80% of the houses have installed letter slots. Mr. Willis reports at present these streets are being served by four different post offices, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Richvale and Yongehurst.

Hillsview Avenue will be served by a group mail box service.

Estimate Cost At \$16,000

"Clean-Up Industrial Area" Commission Asks Council

Says Railway To Blame For Dust On Crestwood

Construction of the new CNR Toronto bypass is still creating problems for Crestwood Road residents, according to N. Deprofio, who appeared before Vaughan Township Council Monday night.

Mr. Deprofio, who lives at 178 Crestwood Road, complained that dust was blowing from the project in such quantities that it appeared almost as a mist.

He said he had asked the CNR several times to do something to correct the problem. It was not until 7:30 Monday evening that Mr. Deprofio first saw a truck watering down the dust.

It was only the second day that dust had been a real problem on Crestwood, according to Mr. Deprofio, who added that large clouds of dust were blowing as far south as Steeles Avenue.

Cost of keeping the dust down during grading operations is relatively small, according to Mr. Deprofio, who is in the construction business.

Mr. Deprofio also asked council to check on the exact centre of the proposed track. He said that before construction had started, railway officials had told him the centre of the main line would be 250 feet from the back of his property. Recently, he learned that present plans call for the centre of the line to be 240 feet away. Council assured Mr. Deprofio that it would try to find out where the 10 feet had gone and that it would ask railway officials to eliminate the dust problem.

Good Luck Omen For Hospital

The district's new hospital has been launched with the good fortune of one of the best of good luck omens.

Chairman of the York Central Hospital Board of Trustees, D. H. Storms, while surveying the hospital site on beautiful Don Head Acres with Robert Drummond of the Angus Robertson Company, building contractor, this week picked a four-leaf clover.

The building executive and Chairman Storms agreed it was indeed a good omen auguring well for success and will have it framed and mounted as a good luck symbol for the community project.

Will Attract Industry Member Tells Meeting

Approval in principal was given by Richmond Hill Town Council Tuesday night to a resolution calling for grading and sodding of ditches in the industrial areas.

It was one of two resolutions submitted by the Richmond Hill Industrial Commission asking that action be taken to improve the unsightly condition of drainage ditches.

Estimated cost of grading and sodding 11,000 lineal feet of ditch would be near \$16,000, Works Commissioner Otto Whalen told the meeting. If approved, work will be done on Industrial Road, Enford and Newkirk Avenues.

Appearing on behalf of the commission W. G. Angus said that industry is running only five per cent of housing, while 20 per cent is considered a fair target for a well rounded town development.

He told council that in the past two years a goodly number of industries have been attracted to Richmond Hill and predicted more would settle here in the future. Mr. Angus praised the efforts of Industrial Commissioner R. B. Langford in bringing industry to the town.

"However, if Richmond Hill is to continue to attract industry it is imperative that there exist in the town a healthy industrial climate. Our best advertising is a happy, congenial industrial atmosphere among present industry," Mr. Angus stated.

Source Of Friction One source of friction between the industrialists and the town, he said, is the condition of ditches throughout the industrial area.

He said a tour of the area would bear out his charge of scraggly, deep ditches full of weeds and long grass. Mr. Angus described it as untidy and unkempt, and suggested it was hardly conducive to an orderly attractive atmosphere.

Recommending that immediate steps be taken to spray each roadside in the area with weed-killer, he also suggested that ditches be cut on a regular basis.

The commission requested ditches be graded and seeding done to bring grass up to the roadway.

A good example of the results of grading ditches is in the industrial area of Don Mills," Mr. Angus said.

Council Should Pay He was of the opinion sodding and ditching should be carried out by council because taxes paid by industry are considerably higher than residential. In some instances the difference is more than 100 per cent, Mr. Angus stated.

If improvements were made by the town, it would provide the incentive for industry to maintain an orderly appearance in the area, the commission member said.

In response to Mr. Angus' statements, Mr. Whalen said parts of the area were sodded.

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Estimate Damages At \$2,845 In 5 Vaughan Township Mishaps

A Pallgrave district man escaped with lacerations when his car left the road on County Road 25, near the Maple Side-road, last week.

Driven by Archibald B. Sinclair of Adjala Township near Pallgrave, damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1,000.

The accident was one of five reported by Vaughan Township Police in the past week. Total damages in the five accidents were estimated at \$2,845 by police.

On June 22, a collision between cars driven by two Misses resulted in \$1,000 damages. The accident took place on the Maple Side-road east of Bathurst.

Both Hendrik Hellendoorn, 3 Bergen Rd., Scarborough, and Ernest Judd, 35 Ridge Rd., Downsview, escaped without injury.

On June 24, Joseph Robillard of Briggs Ave., Richmond Hill, suffered cuts to his head and face in a two-car collision on Keele Street, north of Highway 7.

Driver of the second car was Arnold Naiman, 25 Buxton Terrace, Downsview. Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$300.

A car driven by a Willowdale man was damaged to the extent of \$300 when it overturned on Con. 6 at the Teston Side-road, June 20. The car was driven by Gerald Anthony Foley, 2786 Bayview Ave., Willowdale.

A collision on the morning of June 22 at Keele Street and Hope Avenue resulted in an estimated \$245 damages. Cars involved in the collision were driven by Audrey Naylor, Con. 5, Vaughan Township, and Ross Rumble, Con. 3, King Township.

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He expressed gratitude for the opportunity provided by this and similar privately-sponsored conferences to inform the public.

Charges Planning Board Members Being "Idealistic Or Impractical"

"The restricted base of our planning units, their containment within established boundaries, lack of adequate economic and social planning and intermunicipal competition are, I believe, at the root of some of our common problems. And these problems, I suggest, cannot be solved within the framework of existing legislation and established procedures."

These were remarks made by W. Harold Clark as part of his keynote address at a conference for planning board members in Ontario this month. Mr. Clark, whose home is at 16 Elgin St., Thornhill, is the chairman of the City of Toronto Planning Board. His topic was "Planning Problems and Progress."

Mr. Clark suggested that planning in a modern industrial society includes within its range of responsibility the entire physical pattern for all community needs.

"We are no longer rugged individualists charting our own course irrespective of the rights, privileges and welfare of others," he told the meeting.

He stressed that no municipality can now exist by itself for planning purposes, but must work with its neighbors in order to solve its planning problems.

He reminded the delegates of the delicate relationship between the local planning board and the public. Although it is an appointed body, it spends the voters' money for administrative purposes and its recommendations often affect the tax rate, Mr. Clark stated.

"The degree of acceptance of the planning board by the community and the support or lack of support by the ordinary citizen and by the elected councillor, also contribute to the problems of planning board members," he said.

The position of the planning board is often misunderstood, Mr. Clark reminded the conference that, although it passes on the ultimate responsibility for its actions to the elected members of council, it is hamstrung by the fact that it has a power of persuasion to implement anything.

He expressed regret that municipal elected representatives often turned down well-presented reports or proposals by the planning board without studying them thoroughly and often without even reading them. He censured planning board members for being daydreamers, idealistic or impractical.

"The planning board sees the community as a whole, and its responsibility is to the whole community," he stated.

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Turn Down Petition To Close Palmer Ave.

A petition by four property owners for the closing of part of Palmer Avenue in Richmond Hill was denied by town council Tuesday night.

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There were 19 applicants for the position, seven of whom were chosen as finalists and interviewed by H. Deeks, town planning director.

Mr. Deeks felt that Mr. Vent was best qualified because of extensive experience in surveying and landscaping, along with a good deal of artistic ability. He said that he and Mr. Vent would be able to work together well in organizing a comprehensive plan for future development in Richmond Hill.

Council agreed to pay Mr. Vent a starting salary of \$4,500. Mr. Deeks suggested that council must be willing to provide substantial increments for performance if they hope to keep him.

Mr. Vent is married and has two children.

Mr. Vent, who must give three weeks notice to Ontario Hydro will start his new duties July 16.

Council Appoints William Vent As Planning Board Draftsman

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Hill Man Killed Two In Hospital Following Crash

Alexander Keith Deschamps, 253 Zelds Cres., Richmond Hill, 30-year-old father of five, was killed Saturday night when the car he was driving collided with another at the crest of a hill on a Tay Township road, 3 1/2 miles south of Port Severn.

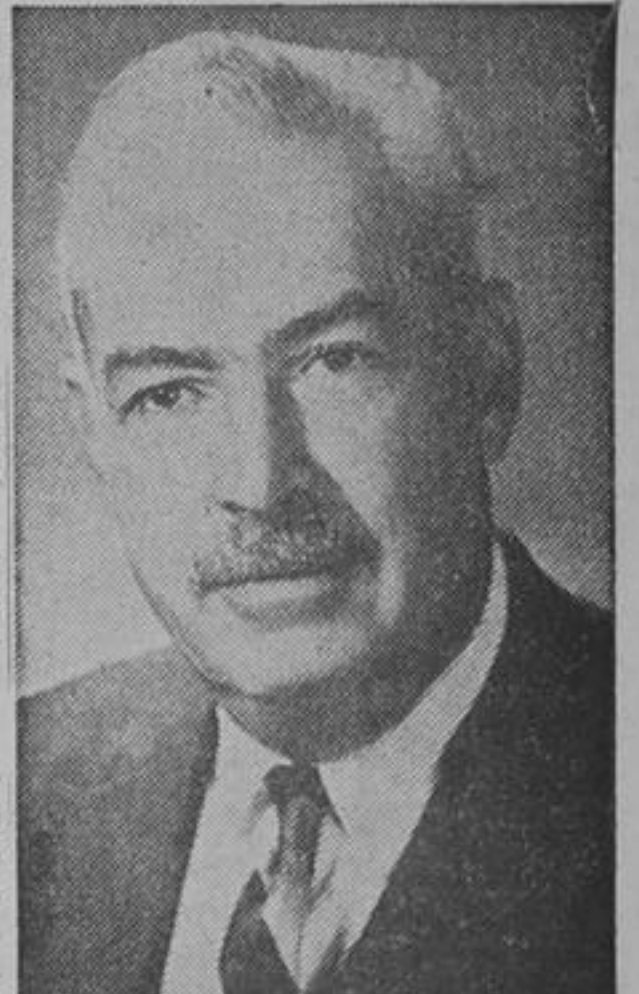
Two passengers in the Deschamps car, Alfred Deschamps, 51, father of the dead man, and Mary Dunn, Coldwater, were taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland, with multiple injuries. They are reported to be in satisfactory condition.

James McGuffin, 17, Islington, driver of the second car, was not injured, but Michael Dunn, 18, Port Credit, a passenger in his car, received a broken nose.

Mr. Deschamps was a foreman at Both Fisheries (Canadian) Ltd., Toronto. He leaves his wife, who is expecting a baby in about a week, and five children, Kathy, 6; Alexander, 5; Marlene, 4; Marylou, 3 and Lynn, 15 months.

Services were held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., at the chapel of Washington and Johnston at 717 Queen St. East, Toronto. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Worshipful Master Richmond Lodge



W. Bro. Stanley F. Tinker installed last Friday as Worshipful Master of Richmond Masonic Lodge. V. W. Bro. Cecil C. Mabley, ably assisted by a number of Grand Lodge officers and past masters, was in charge of the ceremony of installation.

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