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Make Rose Week An Annual Event

Richmond Hill lived up to its new slogan "The Town of a Million Roses" Saturday. Crowds of rose lovers estimated at 3,000 thronged the Richmond Hill High School from the time the doors opened at 1 p.m. until the concluding auction of the displays. Many were observed taking notes of outstanding varieties to add to their own gardens.

From the bower of roses which arched over the main entranceway, through the rose-bedecked foyer, and on into the gymnasium which housed the displays, the rose was supreme. Specimens of all varieties, corsages, boutonnieres, and arrangements from the tiny miniatures to ones suitable for dining tables and living rooms, featured roses in all their exquisite loveliness. Commercial displays also featured rose in garden settings.

Lovely smiling Rose Queen Donna Cattermole with her princesses, Debby McConkey of Maple and Patsi Higgs of Richmond Hill, were welcomed to the stage to preside over the show by a fanfare of trumpets, which was repeated at her command to declare the show open. Douglas Boyd, president of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce, declared the show one of the finest he had ever seen, and said Richmond Hill was looking forward to a repeat performance. "We are a nice town," he concluded, "and are very happy you came."

In welcoming the Canadian Rose Society's annual show to the town, Mayor William Neal called it the largest convention ever held

In Richmond Hill, and extended an invitation for it to come back in Canada's centennial year, 1967.

Reeve Norm Garriock of Woodbridge, representing the warden of the County of York, Clarence Davis, described his home town as a poor little orchid between two roses (Richmond Hill and Brampton).

President of the Canadian Rose Society, E. Billington, expressed his gratitude for the wonderful turnout of displays and people, thanking the town and the Chamber of Commerce for their co-operation and assistance.

Harold Mills, who acted as chairman, announced the prize for the best red rose in the show had been awarded to Allan Stollery, and for best white rose to B. Taylor, both of Toronto.

Throughout the afternoon, organist Wally Thompson played nostalgic songs, many of which had roses for their theme. The Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra also added their music to the enjoyment of those attending.

A member of the rose society who has not missed a show in 20 years told "The Liberal" that (Continued On Page 3)



Pick Of The Bunch

Riding high in the sixth annual sports day parade last Wednesday and again in the Chamber of Commerce parade Saturday to mark the Canadian Rose Society's Show in Richmond Hill were Rose Queen Donna Cattermole (centre) and her princesses, Patsi Higgs (left) and Debby McConkey (right) of Maple. The girls were chosen at a dance held at Bayview Secondary School to raise funds for the York Central Hospital. Fifteen girls, each representing a variety of rose, competed for the crown won by Miss Cattermole, a Grade 12 student at Richmond Hill High School.

TTC Fare Boost In the Wind For Yonge Bus

Toronto Transit Commission suggests that if the North Yonge bus line fares should be boosted and Saturday service curtailed.

This was brought before Vaughan Council Monday night through a letter from J. G. Inglis, TTC general manager who was commenting on a commission study of the line linking Metro with Richmond Hill.

Mr. Inglis said that in order for the line to operate as closely as possible to a break-even financial position, fares should be increased; he also recommended that the 30-minute service on Saturday afternoons be lengthened to 40 minutes.

Representatives of Vaughan's Finance Committee will meet with representatives of Richmond Hill and Markham Township prior to making any decision on the changes.

Delay Industrial Committee Hearing

A meeting of the industrial committee of Richmond Hill Town Council scheduled for June 22 to hear briefs from interested groups of citizens was postponed to allow the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees more time to prepare their recommendations to the encouragement of industrial development in the town.

Invitations had also been issued to other local groups of businessmen to present their recommendations, but no representatives showed up Thursday night.

Present were Councillors Alex Campbell and Walter Scudds of the industrial committee, Industrial Commissioner R. G. Langford, Councillor Tom Murphy, one unidentified ratepayer

Hill Motorist Fair Condition After Accident

L. W. Donnelly, Church St., Richmond Hill is in fair condition at last report in Branson Hospital following a car accident Saturday morning on Don Mills Rd. and 16th Ave.

Also admitted with serious injuries were his wife, Mary, their 10-year-old daughter Jane and Miss Katherine Wilbraham of Toronto, Branson Hospital authorities said. The daughter was released Tuesday.

According to a report, Mr. Donnelly failed to see the jog in the road and ripped through guard rails on the west side of Don Mills Rd.

Both the Vaughan-Hill and Ogden's ambulances were required to transport the victims to Branson Hospital. No details or extent of injuries was available.

Constable John McCague of Markham Township Police investigated the accident.

New R. C. Church Asks Paving Of Bayview

Rev. F. C. Robinson, parish priest of Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Bayview Avenue, Markham Township, was spokesman for a delegation asking for immediate paving of Bayview Avenue from Markham Road to the Elgin Mills Sideroad, which met Markham Township Council Monday afternoon.

The brief presented by Father Robinson, stated that immediate concern of the delegation is the new church recently constructed by the parishioners of both Markham Township and Richmond Hill at a cost of some \$400,000. Harmful results to the floor of this church are feared when Bayview Avenue is oiled as it has been in the past. Cars will bring oil into the parking lot and from there, the people will track it into the church.

If permanent paving is impossible, the delegation asked that temporary paving be done to tide things over.

The delegation was aware that the road was assumed by the county on June 16, but stated this in no way satisfies their need. It could remain in county hands in the same state it has been for the past five years for another five years, they claimed, unless elected representatives on county council from Markham Township keep the matter continually before the attention of York County. The brief continued that "only persistent hammering on the proper doors by our duly elected members will acquire the proper results."

Father Robinson also claimed that the rectory of the church will be one of the highest assessed dwellings in Markham Township, and it is the Roman Catholic taxpayers of Markham (Continued On Page 3)

Family's Custom Upheld By York Chief Of Staff

It was announced at York County Council sessions last week that Dr. James Langstaff of Richmond Hill has been appointed chief of staff for the York Central Hospital.

Dr. Langstaff graduated in 1935 from the University of Toronto School of Medicine. After internship in Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, he joined his parents, Dr. Rolph and Lillian Langstaff in general practice in Richmond Hill.

He has been an active member of Richmond Hill Lions Club, serving as its president for a term, and has taken an active interest in the organizational work which led to the building of York Central Hospital.

Dr. James Langstaff, his wife and their four children live in the old family home on North Yonge St., which has housed three generations of doctors, and their offices. Eight years ago the offices were moved to the newly built Langstaff Building at 50 Yonge St. North.

The Langstaff family has been practicing medicine in and about Richmond Hill for 114 years. The practice was begun in 1849 by Dr. James Langstaff who studied medicine with Dr. John Rolph as a house pupil for two years, proceeding to England where he attended Guy's Hospital for two years. Returning to Canada, he passed the Upper Canada Medical Board in 1849. This first Dr. James Langstaff was the son of John Langstaff, who came on horseback from New Jersey to settle on the now jail farm in the community which still bears his name, and his wife Lucy, daughter of Abner Miles, one of Richmond Hill's first settlers.

Dr. Rolph L. Langstaff succeeded his father in the practice in 1891 after graduating from the University of Toronto and continuing his studies in Edinburgh. He was a charter member of the Academy of Medicine. Joining him in his practice was his wife, Dr. Lillian Langstaff, who graduated from the University of Toronto in

1905. Both doctors continued to serve the medical needs of this area until 1946.

Included in Dr. Rolph Langstaff's medical family, besides his wife, his son, and his father, have been an uncle and three cousins.

These doctors who carried out the practice of medicine under almost primitive conditions in this area, on horseback, by horse and buggy, by early motor car and sometimes even on foot, through drifted snow, torrential rain, violent winds and all the unpleasantness that nature could devise, would have welcomed a hospital to serve their patients.

The gratitude of present-day citizens to the committee which made the York Central Hospital on the western limits of Richmond Hill a reality, is no less real.



DR. JAMES LANGSTAFF

Hydro To Save \$8900

Following several months negotiations Richmond Hill Hydro-Electric Commission has completed arrangements for the purchase of the Centre St. East Substation from the province. The purchase price is \$34,309 less the equipment. The local commission plans to install a new transformer which will be adequate to meet the increased demand for power in the area served by Centre Street. The transformer will cost an estimated \$17,000.

Local ownership of this substation will mean an annual saving of \$8,900 in rental charges. It's a definite

advantage for a municipality to own as much as possible in the matter of equipment and distribution system. Ownership of the distribution system will also soften the blow of any future increases in the wholesale cost of power. Richmond Hill has not had a wholesale increase since 1960.

The Centre Street location was the last substation in Richmond Hill still owned by Ontario Hydro. The local commission purchased the Yonge Street Substation in 1961 at a price of \$27,237. The Beverley Acres Substation was built by the commission in 1958.

The cost of purchasing the Centre Street East location will be financed in part out of a \$37,244.43 rebate the commission received from the province on its 1962 wholesale power bill. This year's rebate was considerably higher than the 1961 figure of \$15,000. For the third year in a row the commission will require no debentures.

Ontario Hydro has expressed its pleasure at the satisfactory financial position of the local commission. In a letter to hydro officials the senior body remarked, "we are pleased to note that you continue to enjoy a fa-

vourable financial position. The service revenue increased during the year which to a large extent no doubt reflects your load building program. The average monthly consumption per residential customer increased from 528 kilowatt hours in 1961 to 551 kilowatt hours in 1962."

The commission plans to install new modern type street lights on Bayview Ave. and the Maple Sideroad. The total cost of this work will be \$5,000. The members of the commission are Chairman Sam Cook, Commissioner William Wagner and Mayor William Neal.

Used 1,500,000 Gallons Sunday

Water In Short Supply Open 5th Well In Month

Assistant Priest Transferred

Announcement has been made that Rev. Basil Breen, assistant priest of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic parish in Richmond Hill has been transferred to the parish of St. Mary's at Port Credit. Father Breen will take over the duties of assistant priest in that parish.

His successor in the local parish will be Rev. John Markle, M.A., who will come to Richmond Hill from St. Joseph's Parish, Leslie Street, Toronto.

Future Site For Church & School

It has been learned from a reliable source that some months ago Lot 8, Concession 3, Markham Township was purchased by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Toronto. This property is on the east side of the third at Leslie Street.

Although no application has been made for building permits it is understood that the land is slated for church and school purposes in the future.

Prepare Bylaw Prohibit Dumping

Markham Township Council Monday instructed its solicitor to prepare a bylaw prohibiting dumping of industrial and domestic waste, and burning of the same within the township.

The proposed bylaw will not affect the residents of the township who may wish to dispose of waste material from their own property, but is aimed at prevention of waste material being brought into the township for disposal.

Fears of Richmond Hill's 1963 mayor and town council that hot summer weather would create a water shortage in the town were realized Sunday evening when water pressure fell to the point where residents on the west side of town were unable to obtain even a trickle of water from their taps. Consumption of water on Sunday reached 1,500,000 gallons.

Extensive lawn watering in all areas of town was blamed for the shortage and a sound truck was brought into use to ask all citizens to co-operate by turning off their lawn hose.

Tuesday a letter was sent out over the signature of Reeve F. R. Perkins, chairman of the town's works committee, asking the co-operation of all water consumers in restricting lawn watering to two nights a week according to a schedule contained in a by-law which has been prepared to replace the present bylaw covering watering of lawns.

It is hoped that by this co-operation the supply of water will prove to be ample and that it will not prove necessary to enforce these restrictions with resultant penalties.

Council Delegation Tues. To Demand Town Pool

If Richmond Hill residents want a swimming pool, they can do one thing. Be at the town offices at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

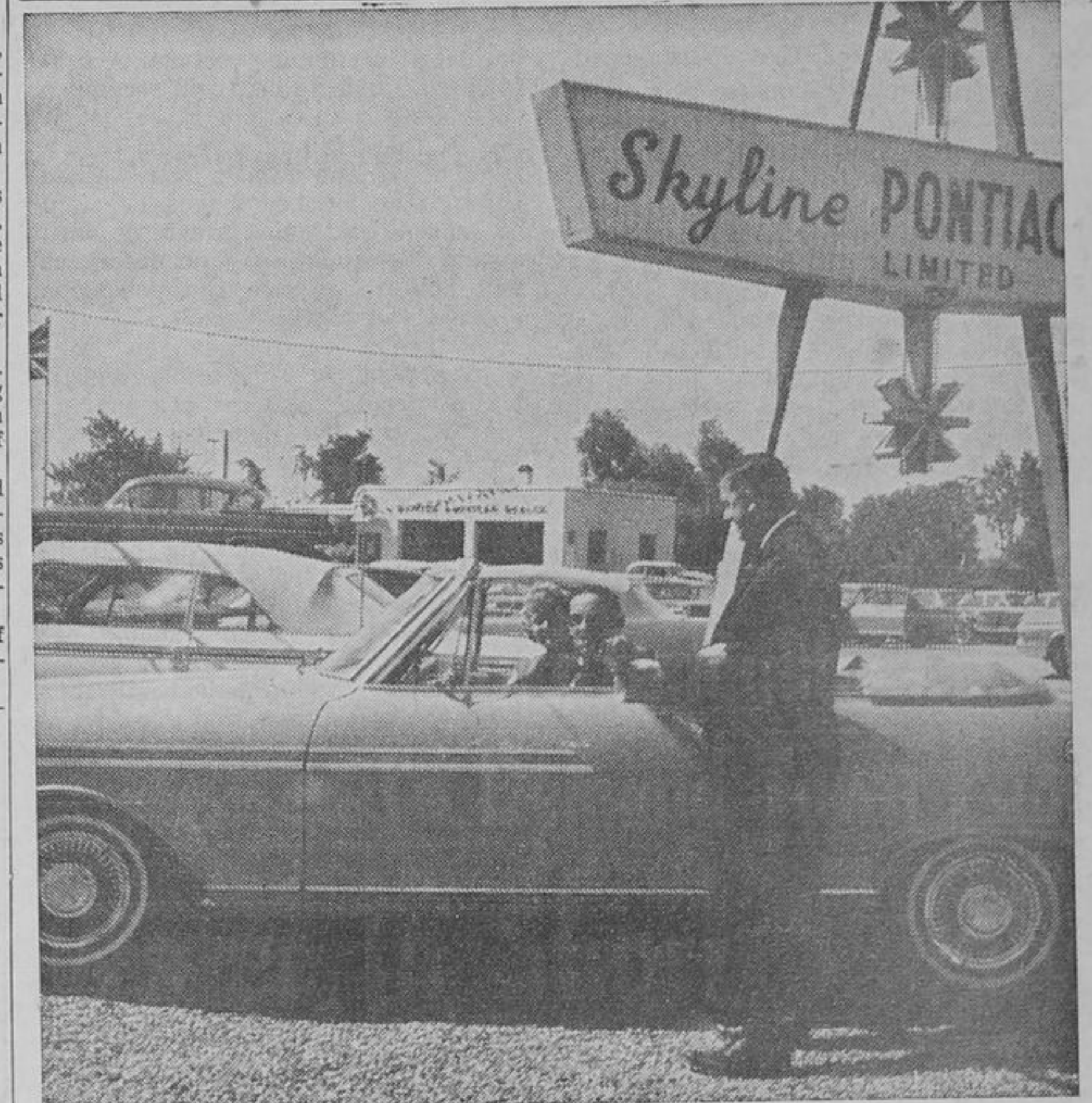
Councillor Walter Scudds is rumoured to be ready to launch a proposed indoor swimming pool project at the council's meeting.

Red Cross branch water safety chairman Lois Hanney, spearheading a campaign to find out if at last Richmond Hill wants its own pool and is prepared to work for it, is urging as many people as possible to attend the meeting to back up the proposal.

The community, in the past, has made several abortive attempts to build a pool. In February 1959, architects' drawings showed a plan for a modern pool to be operated as a non-profit recreational facility with services available at all lowest possible rates; leadership for the 1959 project was by the three service clubs, Lions, Rotary and Kinsmen. The project died through lack of interest.

One indication of the need was graphically illustrated this week when the Red Cross water safety committee had to turn down 700 applications for swim lessons at Thornhill Pool this summer.

There is a possibility of making the pool construction a 1967 Canadian Centennial project. As an example of a commun-



Enjoy Summer In Skyline Convertible

Mr. and Mrs. J. Silverman, 96 Invermay Ave., Downsview, receive the keys to the beautiful new Acadian Super Sports Convertible given away free by Skyline Pontiac-Buick. The Silvermans were the lucky winners in the draw sponsored by this well known local GM dealer.

Anyone purchasing a car from Skyline during the period from March 1st to June 22nd was eligible to enter the draw. The winning ticket was drawn by Maple Leaf hockey star Billy Harris. Sales Manager Bob Hunter presents the keys to the lucky couple.

School's out... Safe driving is in!