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Site For Swimming Pool?

At a recent meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council, Chairman Robert P. Ross of the York Central District High School Board suggested that the board might be willing to consider, on request, the possibility of including a swimming pool in the plans for an addition to Bayview Secondary School when necessary. It was understood that the pool would be paid for by funds other than those raised for secondary school construction.

Chairman Ross noted that swimming pools built in connection with new schools in North York have been paid for out of township funds, not educational funds.

tion at Bayview Secondary School is already established as the school building is this year accommodating more than its rated capacity and two portables have been located at the school to take care of the overflow. The building of extra permanent schoolroom accommodation can not

be too far in the future.

To our mind this suggestion has much merit. It should provide for the greatest economy in construction and maintenance costs. It is even possible that provision could be made that existing shower, dressing, and other facilities could be used by students and general public using a pool. The location of Bayview Secondary School is readily accessible to a large percentage of the town's population, which is also a favourable factor.

Whether the municipality of Richmond Hill could provide funds for building a pool in another municipality (Bayview School lies just outside the town limits in the Township The need for further accommoda- of Markham) is a legal point on which we are not qualified to com-

> But if such action is permissible, and if the ratepayers vote in favour of a swimming pool this December, then we feel that the swimming pool committee and council should give consideration to this suggestion.

Deep Freeze In Vaughan

A Toronto ice cream establishment recently got the deep freeze from Vaughan Township Planning Board.

After a poll in the posh Uplands Avenue area where the firm was planning to establish a frozen icecream parlour, the planning board members recommended that the request be turned down.

Both area ratepayers in the high assessment area and Vaughan School Board told the board they felt such an establishment was an unsuitable commercial enterprise for the particular spot where it was planned.

It was also thought that such a student-attracting shop might possibly create a traffic hazard from nearby Langstaff Public School.

Both were valid reasons for both ratepayers and planning board when they turned thumbs down on such an enterprise.

As a Toronto Township building inspector said at a recent Vaughan Council meeting when a delegation was protesting illegal use of property, townships should be careful not to accumulate catch-all industry just for the sake of having industry.

Now For A Little Quiet

The wording of Richmond Hill's new anti-noise bylaw may seem vague and incomprehensible to the layman, but is evidently the only wording acceptable under the Municipal Act.

Public demand prompted council to endeavour to find a bylaw which would stand up in court. Much study was given the matter by the police committee with the help of the town solicitor. Bylaws of many other municipalities were considered, but those which were more specific in definition of noises which were to be regulated, it was found, had been passed under private bills in the provincial Legis-

lature. This avenue is now closed to municipalities.

A great deal of the effectiveness of the new bylaw will rest on the magistrates' interpretation of what constitutes an "unusual" noise, or a "public nuisance." Responsibility will also rest on the citizens of the town.

A complaint must be prepared to support the police in their attempts to enforce the bylaw. A police officer without witnesses has little chance of having a charge upheld, since as Police Chief Robert Robbins pointed out, a policeman on duty is not considered part of the public.

This Aroma Is Not From Roses

"The Town of A Million Roses" has seemed anything but a bower of flowers for many citizens for some years. Odour from the effluent at the sewage disposal plant on Markham Road has been the subject of much criticism for a long period of time.

This spring, in an attempt to alleviate the conditions, it was decided to add chlorine to the effluent. This method is proving fairly satisfactory. The works committee of town council decided to give it a thorough trial by adding the chlorine manually. If the trial proves that the chemical will do the job efficiently, it has been promised that equipment will be purchased which will add the necessary amounts automatically.

Residents of the area have expressed satisfaction with the results so far. However, there have been occasions this summer when the offensive odour in the area has been as bad as ever. Explanation for one failure was that the man in charge of adding the chemical was away on holidays, and the task was neglected for a short period.

It is to be hoped that the works committee will soon decide that the experiment has been a success and that the necessary equipment will be installed to add chlorine automatically, so that the risk of failure will be reduced to a minimum in the future.

When the odour penetrates closed car windows, as it did one day last week, conditions in homes in the area must be almost unbearable. One can get used to almost anything - but when this malodorous atmosphere can be controlled, our citizens have a right to expect it to be controlled.

Dear Mr. Editor

councillors are shaving their average householder? My rough SWIMMING POOL determination to frighten the calculations indicate that about Dear Mr. Editor: I was encouraged to read in taxpayers off by making airy 0.7 mill would cover the finthis week's "Liberal" that the statements hinting at stagger- ancing over 10 years. If these Region Conservation Authority.) figures are in error, let us hear swimming pool committee had ing costs. come up with a recommenda- Let us not pussy-foot around a precise statement of the actual

with talk of an open-air pool, cost. This recommendation, unfor- which will be used for only I am sure \$5 to \$10 per year tunately, is once again but a three or four months each on the average residential tax timid suggestion that our elect- year. bill would be acceptable to ed representatives hold a pleb- Let us have some leadership most of the community.

iscite to determine what to do. and action with vision. Let us Yours sincerely, The need in this community have this indoor pool at P. A. Sale. for a swimming pool has been \$150,000! voiced very clearly on several How much would this amount 223 Beechy Drive,

occasions. Yet still certain to in dollars and cents for the Beverley Acres.

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Rambling

Around

BY ELIZABETH KELSON

BLACK CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

growing number of conservation areas administered

by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation

Authority. A conservation area is not a park, but it

is an area acquired for conservation purposes which the authority is able to make available as open space

for the residents of the Metropolitan Toronto Region.

The Black Creek Conservation Area consists of 119

acres situated on the upper reaches of Black Creek,

a tributary of the Humber River. Illustrations of

conservation on the property include preservation of

the valley lands as flood plainlands, reforestation,

demonstration farm pond and wild life plantings.

Pioneer Village is a unique feature of the Black Creek

Conservation Area, representing a living village of

a date previous to 1867. The annual pioneer festival

at the village, Jane Street and Steeles Avenue, is

THE FIRST HOUSE OF

DANIEL AND ELIZABETH STONG

now occupied by Pioneer Village and still stands on

its original site since 1816. The furnishings of this

house are noteworthy. They represent the typical

early settler's home. Lighting, a scarce item, was

primarily by grease lamps, commonly called "Betty'

lamps. These pear-shaped lamps burned animal fat,

and had either tow or rolled cotton wicks. Another

form of lighting was called the rush-holder, in which

rushes, dipped in grease, were held at an angle in

inverted pincers. Candles were either dipped or made

in molds from tallow (melted fat from oxen and

sheep). It would take many months to save sufficient

examples in this building are red ware, made on a potter's wheel from coarse clay, glazed and fired. This

ware is very brittle and there are few remaining

examples. The knives and forks of this period were

used. Bedding consisted of handwoven blankets and

coverlets. Also, quilts of extremely interesting de-

signs were part of the prospective bride's trousseau

and therefore quite proper in the early settler's

house. The settle-bed was made so that the seat

would open and form a box in which two straw ticks

were placed, and served as a bed for the eldest child.

This piece of furniture was usually situated near the

fireplace and during the night it was the occupant's

knowledge of the art. This required large pots and

vessels with capacities measurable in gallons, rather

than in quarts or pints. Since the cook had to work

in immediate proximity to the flame, the various

handles. Foods were largely salted pork, plus those

that the forest yielded, such as venison, partridge

and geese. When available, corn, cabbage and turnips

were part of the diet. Baking was done in an outdoor

oven. Elizabeth's work was as difficult as her hus-

band's and certainly as endless. Although the farm provided most of the raw materials for survival, they

needed work and attention before they could be used.

Wool, for example, required many washings before

simple . . . after it was washed, a brine was made. A

type of wood used and the bread was put to bake on

for endurance, the forest gave way to well cultivated

fields and substantial farm buildings at last. (Mat-

MAPLE - RICHMOND HILL

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Cooking in the open fireplace required a thorough

responsibility to keep the fire going.

in the early pioneer days.

to one week.

piggery.

of the staghorn variety and of conventional size.

Plates were often whittled out of wood. However

Simple rope beds, supporting straw ticking were

tallow to make a few candles for special occasions.

This was the first building to be built on the land

September 28.

The Black Creek Conservation Area is one of a

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Now that they have a rhythm band playing with "much verve" do we call them the Solid Senior Citizens?

by George Mayes

MOSCOW-(AP)-The Soviet Union has imposed a virtual blackout on news of this year's grain harvest. . . . This is one time—at least, for the Russians -when no news is BAD news.

The promoter of a new French-instruction TV series says, "They will teach you the past tense by taking you to a museum and the future tense by a trip to a fortune teller." The complete course includes a set of records. . . . Tense records?

Research workers at Harvard University claim horses are 10 times better equipped than man for hard drinking. Oh, yeah? Well just show us the horse Richmond Hill, Ontario that can get under a table!

The wife of an embassy secretary in Jakarta, Indonesia, says she and her daughter were standing near the cocktail bar when rioters broke into their home. One man threw a chair at her and the daughter threw a bottle of peanut butter back at him. . . Peanut butter? They must make some real crazy cocktails (out)?? there.

There is one puzzling point in that much publicized Dionne quintuplets' story of their unhappy childhood. They say they had no individuality and did everything as one person-including milking the cows. . . . So what did Quint No. 5 hang on to?

Canada's most-famous warship, the H.M.C.S. Haida, is heading for the scrap-yard cutting torches unless a group of Ontario businessmen can succeed in their campaign to give her a permanent home in Toronto. Former naval officer and possibly, by today, former premier, John Robarts has said, "I'll do anything I can to help you."-Like getting together with Ottawa to get her a port-able pension?

A massive advertising program being agencyplanned for a new Gillette razor blade will be based on the theme: "It's the edge that counts."

This masterpiece of lame-brain logic DESERVES the remark: "We don't care if it can count them. Can it cut them?'

CBC officials are blaming the F.L.Q. for the French flag they found flying from the top of their Toronto television tower one recent morning. . . Isn't the F.L.Q. supposed to be an underground organization?

Question for the future-

Will the 3 a.m. horn-honkers be able to evade the "unusual noises" portion of the anti-noise bylaw by claiming their noise is not unusual? . . . They ALWAYS leave a party that way.

ladles, dippers, skimmers, turners and forks had long Flashback

In Pears Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal" the home paper of this district since 1878.

and two out of 12 at Sutton. On this date "The Liberal" Seventeen out of 19 passed began its 21st year of publica- the prescribed examination at it could be carded and spun. Girls learned these tasks tion. The newly remodelled Newmarket Model School. from mothers and older sisters. No hands were idle Palmer House advertised its ac- The whole report shows the commodations as an ideal stop- schools in the northern inspec-The smoke house and its adjoining equipment ping place for riding or driving torate to be in first-class standshed were built shortly after the first log house. parties, bicyclists, or farmers ing.

going to or returning from Transportation Smoke houses were usually built of stone or brick market. Bus meets all trains. Richmond Hill had three due to the fire hazard, but this particular one was Electric cars pass the door, means of transportation in

constructed of logs. It was there that Daniel and Terms \$1.00 per day. Elizabeth Stong smoked the ham and sausages pro- Nationally, the federal gov- Trains on the Northern Railduced on this farm. The preparation of meat was ernment was debating a bill to road went north at 9:30 a.m.

Crow's Nest Pass Railway. barrel was filled with water and salt was added until On the international scene, Proctor's Stage Line connectan egg would float on the top. The meat was then im- the most important event was ed with all trains, carrying mersed for six or seven weeks. It was then removed the celebration of Queen Vic- mail and express as well as

and hung from the rafters in the smoke house. A slow toria's Diamond Jubilee. On passengers at 8:20 a.m. and burning fire of green maple, hickory, or dried corn services were held in all The Metropolitan Electric cobs burned in a huge iron kettle. Depending on the churches, with the National Railway left Richmond Hill at individual taste, the meat was smoked for three days | Anthem being sung at four 8:30 and 11 a.m., and 4 and 7 o'clock solar time in common p.m. Cars left the CPR cross-Daniel also built a log grain barn which was of with all others on the meridian, ing on Yonge Street in Toron-

typical Pennsylvania German style in 1825. The central construction is framed with sawn timbers which ed throughout the world. Mails closed at 8:30 a.m. are pegged together. In the same year, Daniel built | The Liberal's Thornhill cor- and 5:30 p.m. the log piggery. This was separated in the centre by respondent, described his coma log partition. Storage space for hay was provided munity as - "Very pretty, very beneath the roof, while timbers on the north side of let; and so quiet that if it was

the building were projected to protect the farmer not Thornhill it might well be from the north wind. The rear portion of the piggery called Sleepy Hollow." contained an exercise run. Either Berkshire or Tam- Buses to carry people from worth hogs were the type that were housed in this the electric cars to Bond Lake, had been arranged for the grand picnic on Dominion Day. Sixteen years after arriving on this land, Daniel Attractions were boating, danc-

Stong was in a position to build a much larger and ing and fishing. more comfortable second house. This was a two- School Report storey, seven-room home, constructed of hand-hewn | According to Inspector Datimbers, some measuring 30" in diameter. It was vidson's report to county countimbers, some measuring 30' in diameter. It was cil, the school population in covered with clapboard siding. The large kitchen North York is 7368 of whom contains a brick fireplace with a bake oven which 6131 are on the registers. Boys was used for cooking and baking. A fire was lighted exceed girls by 550. Teachers

in the oven and kept burning wth hard wood. The number 108, average salaries housewife judged the oven heat by the amount and being, for males \$374, females The report says truancy has the oven floor. In the kitchen now we find china from disappeared in rural schools, England and a larger collection of household utensils. and in town and village schools The parlour was used for special affairs and religious it has decreased, where the

meetings, and had many fine pieces of furniture in- truancy act has been strictly In the entrance examinations The story of Daniel and Elizabeth Stong was 45 passed out of 76 in Newrepeated many times by the families of the region. market, 38 out of 57 in Aurora, Following the years of almost unbelievable hardship, 35 out of 52 in Richmond Hill,

when the isolation of life demanded every capacity and seven out of 24 in Sutton. In the leaving examinations, all three candidates passed at Newmarket; six out of 17 in erial by courtesy of the Metropolitan Toronto and Aurora; the only candidate in Richmond Hill was successful

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Robert D. Little

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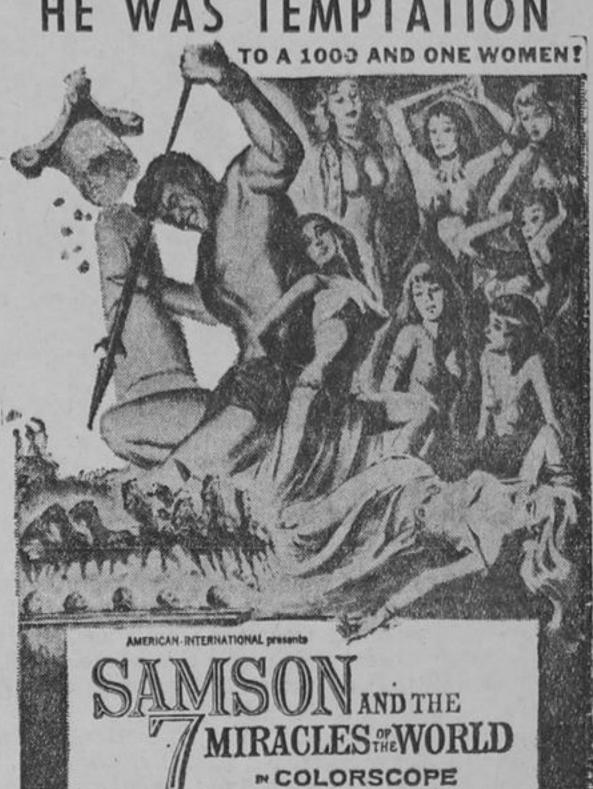
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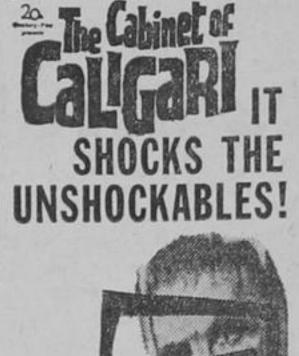
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