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### Car Clubs To Aid Drinking Drivers

In an effort to keep drinking drivers off the road at New Year's and thus keep traffic accidents to a minimum, members of the Aristocrats Rod and Custom Club and the Knights Custom Car Club of Richmond Hill are again offering a "drive home" service.

The area to be covered is Don Mills on the east, Keele Street on the west, Aurora on the north and Eglinton on the south. This area will be divided into zones with a member's car to each zone. A member will do three calls at a time and then phone back to headquarters at 96 Yonge Street North and receive three more calls for his zone.

The campaign is a voluntary service offered by the combined members of the Aristocrats and Knights and the members accept no payment for their services. Their only purpose is to serve their fellow citizens and eliminate, as far as possible, needless loss of life and suffering from traffic accidents in which drinking drivers are involved. To this end they are ready to give up any plans for personal celebrations to welcome 1965. Last year they answered 65 calls, transporting 200 persons.

If you drink New Year's Eve, don't drive — phone these young men at 884-1013 or 285-6192.

They will be only too happy to see you safely home.

### Thornhill Motel Delayed By Provincial Planners

Vaughan Council has delayed construction of a multi-unit motel on Yonge Street just north of Thornhill.

Earlier this year the council gave developers Freedman and Lazaroff the go-ahead to build a 52-unit motel with a restaurant; the plan has been in the offing for two years according to Sam Freedman.

The township's by-law was not given Ontario Municipal Board approval because the OMB were told by the provincial Community Planning Branch use of the land is in conflict with Vaughan's Official Plan.

The provincial branch said it was holding its approval until a complete overhaul of the plan covering commercial development all over the township be completed.

Until now, Vaughan has been agreeing to spot re-zoning, particularly along Yonge Street where much of the land is either zoned residential or agricultural, rather than for its obvious commercial use.

Mr. Freedman who has purchased a 300-foot frontage, 300 feet deep at Thornhill Avenue and Yonge for his motel told "The Liberal" Tuesday Vaughan Council should call in an independent set of planning consultants to work out an amendment to the official plan, rather than try to do it themselves.

"Vaughan seems to want to pass up valuable commercial assessment like this. Their own planning department is swamped with work and this study will take ages," he said.

One of the Vaughan councillors Monday night said approval should be given to the project and then the study be undertaken.

According to the council's planning and building committee headed by Deputy-revee Jesse Bryson, "It would be some time before the necessary study would be complete and Messrs. Lazaroff and Freedman were asked to keep in touch."

### 2 More Lucky Winners In "Add-Game" Contest

Mrs. Bert Nichols, RR 2, Gormley, and Mrs. Robert Swarbrick, Apartment 101, 55 Trayborn Drive, Richmond Hill, are two more winners in the "Add-Game" contest which ran in "The Liberal" on December 3, 10, 17.

Mrs. Nichols picked up entry form number 3469 from one of the participating merchants which with the hidden number total of 99 for December 10 gave the winning combination of 3568.

Mrs. Swarbrick picked up entry form number 2618, which, with the same hidden number total gave her the winning combination of 2717.

There are still many winning combinations to be claimed at this office, and there are still several winning entry form numbers still to be picked up at participating stores. Make the rounds today. Make up your winning combination and bring or mail it to this office. The entry form you pick up can be combined with the hidden number total of any week for a winning combination.

You will then be advised where and when to claim your prize and what you have won.

### Trio Charged In Armed Holdup

Three area men appeared in Richmond Hill Magistrates Court last Thursday charged with the armed hold-up of a Markham Village service station night watchman December 16.

They are Barry Wayne Palneau, 23, and Frank W. Payne, 34, both of Lake Wilcox and Wayne King, 21, Ruggles Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Palneau and Payne were arrested about two hours after a break-in and robbery was reported at the Markham BP Service Station on Highway 7. A trio of robbers, armed with a .22 revolver, allegedly demanded \$58 in cash from 84-year-old watchman Sam Meune and then threw him to the floor.

The arrests followed a chase by Markham, Whitechurch, Aurora and Stouffville Police. King was arrested in New Toronto after he eluded Stouffville Const. Ed. Grimshaw.

Markham Village Police Chief said a gun had been recovered. In charge of the case are Chief White, Constables William Gunn and R. Ward.

The three men were remanded to Newmarket court December 22 and bail was set at \$4,000 each.

### Sign Agreement Build Health Unit

York County Council approved an agreement Thursday last with the York County Hospital Board to build on its Newmarket property a \$300,000 health unit.

The agreement sets out that the hospital will construct the unit with the approval of plans by county council and the county board of health.

Cost of construction after deducting the provincial grants will be made by York County to the hospital and will include land acquisition not to exceed \$20,000 and the costs of any demolition of buildings needed.

The health board will also be responsible for any maintenance, repair and relating services like telephone, water, light, heat and janitor service in the new unit which will be paid directly to the hospital board but no other charge will be made.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### Holy Night, Silent Night

The handsome nativity scene shown here is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, 48 Bridgeport Street. Mr. Armstrong made the almost life-size figures three years ago, using a pattern supplied by a lumber company. The figures were cut from plywood, the pictures pasted on and then the whole was varnished. Mrs. Armstrong reports that carollers frequently stop and sing in front of the scene.

### Vaughan Becoming Metro's Dump

Vaughan Township is rapidly becoming a dumper's paradise.

The serpent in Disposal Services Limited's little Eden on Dump Road off North Keele Street is township dump supervisor Jack Fawbert who wants to know why the township council is turning a blind eye to 40 feet of garbage piled high beside their own property.

"Is there no teeth in your by-law?" he challenged Monday night when he told council the privately-operated disposal dump next door to the township dump is apparently breaking every rule set out to regulate dump operation.

According to the dump by-law passed last summer, garbage is supposed to be covered with an inch of fill every 24 hours.

Mr. Fawbert claimed Monday his next door neighbor has never put one inch of covering on the delectable haul brought into the township, mainly by North York, Weston and Forest Hill municipalities not to mention the dozens of private garbage contractors from all over Metro.

The township dump is a veritable rose garden by comparison.

This reporter visited it three months ago at Mr. Fawbert's invitation and had to be convinced it actually was a dump; it was levelled, bulldozed and clean.

By comparison, there was at least a six foot rise of garbage on the Disposal side with some of it spilled over onto the township driveway. Mr. Fawbert at the time said the fence posts marking the lot line had long been buried in the debris.

He described to council what happened during a strong westerly wind and what happened when some "hotter" material was brought up by Disposal in incinerator trucks from a Metro borough.

"They dance around it like Indians at a pow-wow trying to stamp it out," he claimed.

According to Township Clerk Jim McDonald, Building Inspector John Derry is supposed to be taking photographs at eight or 10 different times of the Disposal operation but he didn't say that this WAS being done.

The Metro dump trucks have also caused the Maple ministers to complain to council as a body.

They said they strongly objected to the trucks traveling through the peaceful little village on Sundays on their way to Disposal.

Vaughan Police Chief Jim Davidson in a report Monday said the only way the trucks may be prosecuted is under the Lord's Day Act of Canada and to do this, permission must be obtained from the Attorney-General.

He suggested the council did have the authority to suggest the private dump keep more "reasonable" hours on the basis that if it weren't open on Sundays, there would be no annoying trucks.

This was vetoed by Township Solicitor Thomas Fraser who said the council could not prohibit Sunday operation altogether.

Council's fire and police committee is trying to work up a meeting with Disposal Services President Max Solomon to discuss the problems of land fill, the side and road allowances, the hazards of fire and overall dump operation.

### Attempt To Cut County Expense Accounts Foiled

A move to limit York County councillors to \$300-a-year convention expense accounts was squashed by a 17-8 vote last Thursday.

The resolution proposed by Georgina Township Reeve E. J. Norris would have excluded the warden who usually represents York County at most major conventions.

Present plan is to pay convention-goers their regular \$18 a day meeting rate plus mileage allowance, registration fee, lodging and meals.

Mr. Norris contended that if a councillor was "a friend of this winsome trio, the warden and commissioners, he would get at least two invitations to a convention, even if he didn't want to go."

Richmond Hill Reeve James Haggart said, "Some members of county council's only contribution is to keep their chairs warm. They would be of no benefit to us in attending a convention."

Chairman of the by-laws and legislation committee which would have had to deal with the resolution Deputy-revee Stanley Tinker of Richmond Hill defended convention expenses. (Continued On Page 3)

### Dark Clothes Part Of Fatal Accident

A Whitechurch coroner's jury Thursday night of last week found that a Lake Wilcox lad was killed partly because of poor driving conditions and partly because he was wearing dark clothing and walking with the traffic.

Dr. G. W. Williams sat as coroner in the investigation into the accidental death of Brian Donald Melia, 13, fatally injured when he was struck on the North Road by a car driven by Gordon Keith Munro, 21 of Whitechurch.

The boy was walking home with his brother, James Peter, 15, when both were hit by the car. The brother was able to be released from York County Hospital as an inquiry witness. Other witnesses were Willowdale pathologist Dr. N. Medline, Herbert Melisse of Bayview Avenue, Mr. Munro and Whitechurch Const. John Murray.

The jury included George E. Richardson, Robert M. Kennedy, Keith W. Horton, M. G. Slater and William T. Paine.

### Car Hits House

In an unusual weekend accident in Vaughan, a house being moved across Keele Street north of Highway 7 Friday was struck by a car driven by Robert J. Scott of Humber Summit. Damage to the car was \$50, police said, but the house was undamaged.

It was being moved under police escort, and had been stopped momentarily before the Scott car hit it.

Edna Higgs, 49, of Steeles Avenue West suffered injuries to her neck when her car and one driven by Michael P. Holly, 33, of Greendale Avenue, Toronto were in collision on Steeles Avenue between Bathurst and Dufferin Street. Damage was \$100. No charges were laid.

### Driver Is Injured Weekend Crash

Herbert Earl Stanley, 22, of Wembley Drive, Toronto was taken to York Central Hospital Sunday following a three-car accident at the hazardous Markham-Yonge intersection.

Drivers of the other two cars in the accident were Frederick Charles Case of Newmarket and Arthur Abbey of Thornhill.

Mr. Stanley apparently suffered only minor facial abrasions when he fell out of his car after the impact. Damage was \$600, Richmond Hill Police said.

Two accidents on Saturday were reported, one at Bedford Park Ave. and the other at Markham and Yonge. In the first accident, damage was \$250 and no one was injured in a three-car crash between Gerald L. Smith, Cascade Circle, David G. Whitmore, Isabella Street Toronto and John Bos of Bradford.

A passenger, Andrea McIntyre was slightly bruised in the second accident when cars driven by Douglas McLellan, Oak Avenue, Thornhill and David Joseph Martin, RRI, Maple collided. The Martin car skidded 63 feet before coming to a stop.

### Propose Forestry Lab Move

Federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve, a visitor to Richmond Hill last week, has been opposed in any plan he may have to move several research laboratories from Sault Ste. Marie to this area.

Residents of the Sault including Ontario Attorney-General A. A. Wishart who represents the city in the Legislature has called the suggestion "a reactionary idea" and George Nixon, federal member for the city has told Mr. Sauve he is against the idea.

The plan is to move two forestry and insect laboratories either here or to Maple.

Mr. Sauve said he wanted the laboratories (there are two in southern Ontario) grouped centrally and he must decide whether they go north or south.

He has indicated grouping them around Toronto would bring the laboratories nearer institutes of higher learning.

Sault observers are arguing that moving the labs south would hinder any development of a local college or even university.

The forestry minister has been presented with briefs from Sault civic, labor and political groups urging that the labs be left where they are. They employ up to 200 people and have an annual payroll of \$680,000.

While in Richmond Hill, Mr. Sauve discussed the plan with local forestry department staff at their offices located in the old Richmond Hill Post Office.

### Vote 28-19 - South End Opposed

### Okay County Assessment

Although Markham and Vaughan Townships fought a determined delaying action last Thursday, York County Council finally voted 28-19 in favor of a single assessment system for all 14 municipalities.

It took three recorded votes and a five-hour meeting to name a county assessment commissioner and empower him to co-ordinate all assessment data in York County based on the new provincial assessment manual.

Hired at \$11,000 a year was C. D. Wright, a 34-year-old assessment supervisor currently employed by the Department of Municipal Affairs at \$8,600 a year.

The county's assessment committee headed by King Reeve Ray Jennings received 11 applications for the job advertised last month and interviewed five. According to Commissioner J. O. Dales, Mr. Wright stood "head and shoulders" above the others.

Markham Reeve Charles Hooper termed the appointment by-law premature. "We still do not have enough information on the new manual." He claimed a change in the assessment pattern is going to drastically affect Markham Township farmers.

"We will be severely criticized across the country," Mr. Hooper charged.

He claimed he thought the county was setting the new commissioner's salary at \$10,000. He said he had heard it was to be \$11,500 the first year and \$13,500 the following year.

"We are dealing with hearsay, Mr. Hooper, because your figures are wrong," retorted Newmarket Deputy-revee Clare Salisbury.

Mr. Jennings confirmed the \$11,000 figure but Markham Village Reeve Alma Walker said Mr. Wright had asked for the \$13,500 in three years.

King Deputy-revee Gordon Cook proposed a resolution that the entire assessment question be again deferred to the 1965 county council, in which there'll be eight newly-elected members.

Richmond Hill Reeve James Haggart in the debate before Mr. Cook's resolution said he didn't feel the appointment was premature since "high assessment doesn't necessarily mean an increase in taxes and if accepted generally might even mean a lower mill rate."

Council used the plural vote system as set out in the Ontario Statutes in that if a town or township has more than 2,000 but less than 3,000 municipal electors, its reeve is entitled to an additional vote and where the number of voters is more than 3,000, both reeve and deputy-reeve have an additional vote.

The decision to hold the by-law to the spring was defeated, the resolution to name Mr. Wright to the position was approved and the motion to pass the entire by-law was approved each by the same 28-19 plural vote margin.

Present assessment facilities will remain where they are in municipal offices and most of the present staff will remain but will come under county jurisdiction; a rental system for staff accommodation and business machines used for data processing will be worked out, councillors learned.

The new system, to cost an estimated \$168,000 to \$175,000 a year, will employ between 20 and 30 men under a commissioner, whose responsibility will be to gather, transcribe and keep data on every piece of property in the county.

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### Benefit Musicale For King Family Ups Fund \$1,000

Last Sunday's all-star benefit show for the Walter Sparks' family of King Township brought in \$1,000 to boost the fund to \$5,200.

Canadian show business personalities on radio and television including Tommy Hunter, Tommy Common, Shirley Harmer, Bill Bessie, Alex Reid, Wally Koster, Bert Niosi, the Phythm Pals, Al Fisher, King Perry and Bill Stoneham Jr., put on a musical variety show before 800 people at King City Composite School.

The Sparks who lost five of their 10 children in a fire at their rural home near Nobleton two weeks ago are now living in Aurora where Mr. Sparks has been given a job at St. Andrew's College.

The fund was organized by Nobleton Lions Club who are aiming for \$6,500 to help the tragedy stricken family.

### Mail Volume Up From 1963

With the public co-operating by mailing early, by Monday of this week Richmond Hill post office staff was able to report everything well in hand.

Although the volume of both incoming and outgoing mail was up considerably from last year, with December 16 registering 60,000 cards going through the cancelling machine, the staff, augmented with extra helpers, handled it well. So well, indeed, that the report on Monday was that everything was up to date, with no backlog.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### Symbolic Decorations

Members of the CGIT and Explorer groups at St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill East, admire their Christmas tree which they have decorated with Chrismosms, symbols from Christian history. The Chrismosms are all in white and gold to symbolize the purity, perfection and majesty of the Son of God. The CGIT and Explorers presented a joint candle light service on December 21 when their tree was on view for the congregation.

Prominent among the Chrismosms are the fish, one of the most ancient symbols for Jesus; the circle, symbolizing eternity, several types of crosses; and butterflies, symbolizing resurrection.