

Public Dump Site Of Conservation Forest

Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is going to help Albion Township and the Village of Bolton to get rid of its garbage. The authority will create a sanitary land-fill project on the Sixth Concession of Albion near Bolton. The former Argent farm of 100 acres is the site of the new dump. The authority owns the land and is working with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests toward creation of a forest there. The site will take about five years to fill.

Museum Adviser Will Address York Society

V. N. Styrme, Museums Adviser for Ontario, will be the guest speaker when North York Historical Society holds its first meeting of the 1965 season at 8 p.m. on January 28 at North York Public Library, Willowdale. Mr. Styrme will discuss the operation of small local museums in an address entitled "The Business of a Museum." Prior to taking his position as museums adviser in 1963, Mr. Styrme assisted in the development of Fort York and became its curator in 1959. He later served as executive assistant on the Toronto Historical Board. Percy Mulholland, president of the North York Society, will preside at the meeting.



(Photo by Lagerquist)

\$15,000 For Adult Training Centre

The Thornhaven Adult Training Centre's fund raising campaign came to an official close at the end of December. At left, Campaign Chairman John Graham, Richmond Hill, presents a cheque for \$15,000 to Thornhaven President Don Brown of Markham Village. Looking on is Donald Deacon of Markham Township, chairman of the special names canvass.

Plaxton Opposes Two Year Term

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The reeve asked if anyone could tell him whether there is a greater turnout of voters in a biennial election and Councillor Lois Hancey replied that it was about the same. She also noted that she had knocked on every door in her ward in 1963, and almost all in 1964, requesting that the electorate go to the polls and vote even if they did not vote for her. This effort had made no appreciable difference in the turnout, she stated. "Let's face it," said the reeve, "when we pass this by-law, we are not legislating for this council, which I consider a good one, but for future councils which may not be so good." "I could not disagree with you more whole-heartedly," retorted Mayor Broadhurst. "Whatever my personal opinion, and mine is violently in favor of a two-year term, we are confronted with the opinion of the majority of electors who choose to come out. If we wished to oppose it, we should have said so at election time and tried to influence the votes." "A council needs a year to plan and a year to put those plans into effect. With a one year term you can plan, then somebody else comes in and demolishes the plan," he said. "It's my humble opinion" replied the reeve, "that if you put a question on the ballot often enough you will eventually strike a year when it will carry. My main objection is that it separates the electors and the elected a little farther than before. Whether right or wrong your record is reviewed on the last three or four months' of office." Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins said, "I'm all for the two-year term. We've been in the horse and buggy days too long." He reported in England borough councils have a three year term and in many European countries they sit for four years. They don't want to go back to one year, he stated. "You have just dragged the reeve, shrieking and protesting, into the twentieth century," the mayor observed to the deputy-reeve as the vote was called.

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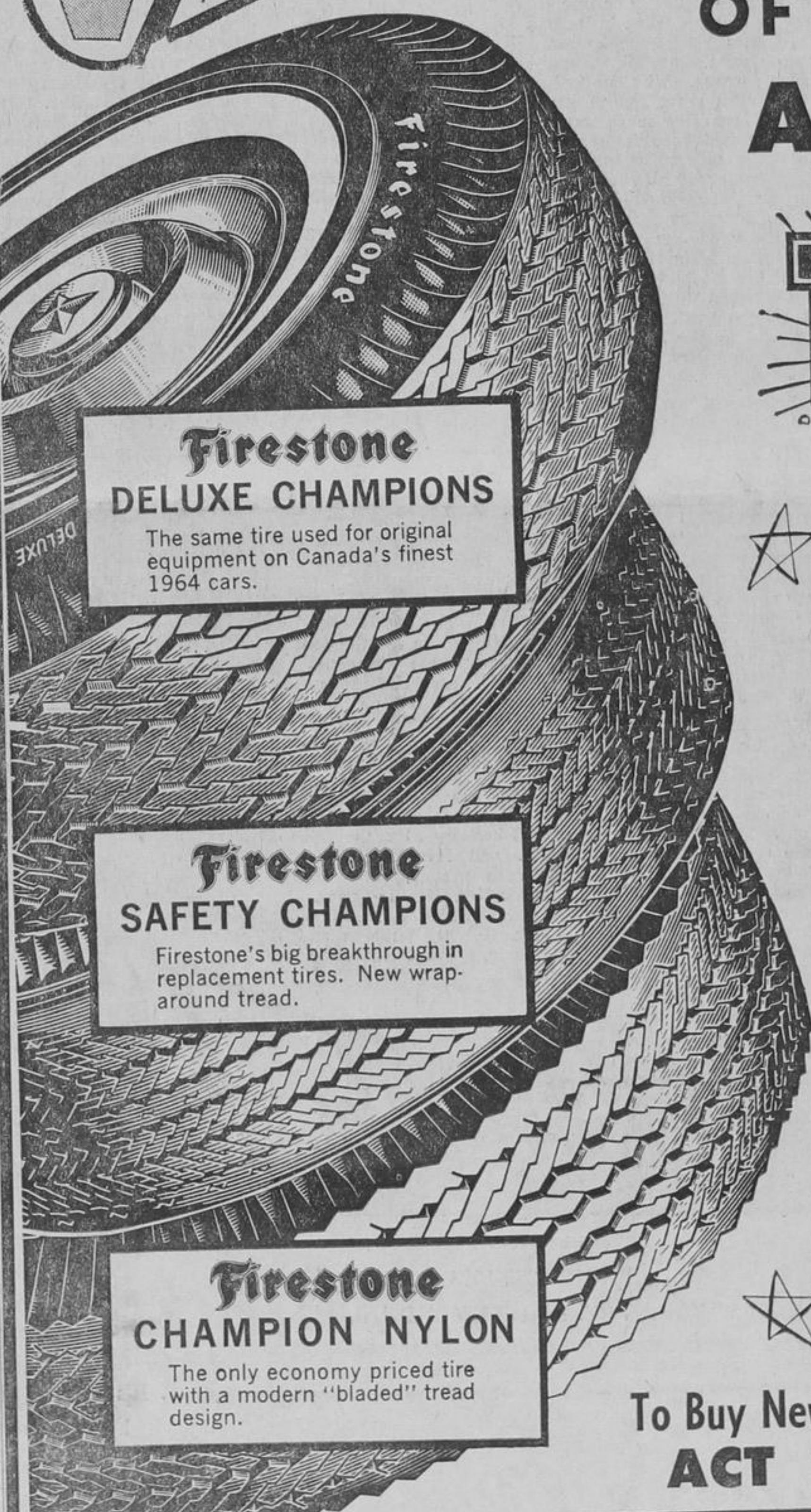
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The 1964 fund raising campaign to assist the adult training centre for the Thornhaven Retarded Children's Association came to a successful conclusion last week. Slightly over \$15,000 was raised as a result of the door to door canvass that covered all the municipalities on the south-central part of York County. Campaign Chairman John Graham of Richmond Hill paid tribute to the hundreds of men and women who had taken part in the canvass. "The members of the Thornhaven Association for Retarded Children are extremely grateful for all the help they received from both donors and canvassers".

The \$15,000 will be used to train young retarded adults in simple industrial and commercial skills so that they can perform a useful function in society. The Thornhaven Adult Centre under the guidance of Miss Dolly Ketola has ten trainees employed in their own rented premises on Industrial Road in Richmond Hill. Mr. Graham pointed out that effective January 1 the Ontario Government and the municipalities were now responsible for the financing and operation

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'65 Council Studies 1964's Proposals

Several recommendations made by the 1964 Richmond Hill Town Council to the 1965 council were considered last week. A finance committee recommendation, made at the November 13 council meeting, that an

allowance be put into the 1965 budget for a sprinkler system in the arena was referred to this year's finance committee.

A November 27 recommendation from the same committee that the town rent a store from the Legion as a day centre for the senior citizens at \$1,200 per year was referred to the 1965 finance committee. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst noted that the present quarters are proving inadequate for the group, and the town pays an annual rental of \$900 for them.

On December 28 the works committee recommended that the town-owned lots on South Taylor Mills Drive be sold by public tender. This was referred to the new works committee. It was explained that these lots were part of a settlement with the developer and soil tests had revealed they were suitable for the erection of homes. One is located at the corner of South Taylor Mills and Neal Drive, the other on South Taylor Mills at Taylor Mills.

A recommendation from the December 23 council meeting that the 1965 council refund to H. B. Cable, former town assessment commissioner, all monies paid into the pension plan by him and by the municipality, notwithstanding existing policies to the contrary, was referred to the personnel committee to discuss with Mr. Cable before action is taken.

It was noted that Mr. Cable had not resigned nor been discharged and neither he nor the town had had any control of his change of occupation, which was brought about by the county take-over of assessment. Normally the money paid by the municipality is not refunded to an employee.

Mayor Tom Broadhurst pointed out that no committee meetings had been held so far in 1965. "There is a considerable amount of work awaiting attention," he said, "and it is time to get the town's business underway expeditiously."

He reminded council members that in 1964 a ruling had been agreed on that matters referred to committees would be dealt with within two weeks. "Some of these matters will take longer than that," he stated, "so you had better get busy."

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