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Merry Christmas To All Our Readers



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Santa Meets His Young Friends

Santa Claus was the focus of all eyes last Thursday evening at the annual party held in the Lions Hall when the children from the Orange Home and young members of the Lions' families were feasted and entertained.

Two hundred people were present for the seasonal festivities. Above a group of children are gathered around the white-bearded man in the red suit as he tells them about his trip from the North Pole behind his team of eight flying reindeer.

\$289,470 CAS Budget Gets County OK By Slim Margin

CAS To Investigate Counselling Service

On a motion introduced at the December 14 session of York County Council by Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton, York County CAS will investigate and report to council on the possible cost and need for a youth and family counselling service in the county.

Reeve Plaxton noted that concern by Richmond Hill people as to the need of some form of counselling service had led to the setting up of a Social Planning Council.

He noted that 58% of the CAS 1966 budget of \$289,470 was for the care of children of unmarried parents and suggested that this indicated a need for youth counselling.

CAS Director Miss Betty Graham commented that the society did family counselling as did the family court, almost every minis-

Best Gift Of All A Pint Of Blood

An opportunity to give the best gift of all this Christmas — the gift of life — will be given to residents of this area on December 28.

On that Tuesday, a blood donors' clinic will be held at the Legion Court, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. Hours are from 2 to 4:30 pm and from 6.30 to 9 pm.

This is one of the finest gifts that a person can give for the benefit of humanity. Blood must be the free donation of the individual. It is given with love for fellow citizens whose very lives depend on receiving it.

You will be most welcome at next Tuesday's blood clinic to make your Christmas gift to someone who may well be near and dear to you. The local Red Cross has a quota to fill, help them reach it.

The \$289,470 budget of the York County Children's Aid Society for 1966 passed with a margin of only two votes at the December 14 meeting of York County Council.

The first vote on acceptance of the budget showed 12 in favor and eight opposed with seven abstentions. After some confusion as to whether the abstainers should be counted with the negative voters, a recorded vote was called which would have given some of the more populous municipalities plural votes. However, County Solicitor J. D. Lucas advised that a recorded vote was not permissible when the session was in a committee of the whole, which it was.

A second vote was called, which saw the budget approved by a vote of 15 to 13. The budget had been presented to an earlier session of council and had not been accepted but sent back for revision.

Main item of contention was the size of the society's board of directors, 25 members and the sum of \$5,000 which was included to provide indemnities for board members. Previously board members have served without remuneration, with the exception of the three representatives of York County Council who are paid by the county \$18 for each meeting they attend.

In justifying payment of board members, Mrs. M. A. Gillan, Sutton, noted that payment of board members had become a general trend, with members of school boards and municipal councils now paid for their services. She also pointed out that since the province will now be paying 40% of the society's expenses, the county will save money on the amount it pays its representatives on the board.

Under the new legislation, the county will have four representatives on the board instead of the former three.

Support for payment of board members was given by Reeve A. H. Rutherford of Vaughan Township who felt it was unfair to ask local citizens to come to board meetings unpaid when county council members on the board are paid. Woodbridge Reeve Norm Garriock also supported the step, noting that both school board and municipal council members are now paid.

Opposition was voiced by Reeve Stewart Patrick, of Aurora who emphasized that members of school

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3 Openings On Combined SS Board Hold Annual Meeting December 29

Nominations of candidates and election of eight trustees for the board of the Combined Roman Catholic Separate Schools of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Townships of Markham and Vaughan will be held under provisions of the Separate School Act on December 29. The meeting will get under way at 8 pm in the gymnasium of the St. Mary Immaculate School, located on Trayborn Drive, Richmond Hill.

The annual report will also be presented during the evening.

The 1965 board has been composed of Chairman J. F. Taylor, Vice-Chairman John LeClaire, Treasurer Mrs. Thomas Gleason, Trustees R. Steele and J. Pennyfather, all of Richmond Hill; William Henderson of Langstaff; Pat Ottaway of Victoria Square, and Con Thompson of Richmond Hill, who resigned several months ago.

It is expected that Messrs. Taylor, LeClaire, Pennyfather, Henderson and Mrs. Gleason will all seek re-election. Mr. Steele has moved out of the school area to Thornhill and will not be eligible for re-election and Mr. Ottaway has indicated that pressure of business will not permit him to seek re-election. Therefore the 1966 board will have at least three new members.

As of January 1, the Maple

Separate School Board will become a part of CRSSS Richmond Hill, the new boundaries of the area being: Vaughan Township, Lots 11 to 33 Concessions 1 to 4 inclusive, Lots 36 to 57 Yonge to Bathurst Streets, Lots 16 to 29 Concessions 1 to 5 inclusive, Lots 30-31 Concessions 1 to 4 inclusive, Lot 32 Concessions 1 to 3 inclusive, Lot 33 Concession 3; Markham Township, Lots 36 to 59 Yonge to Bayview Avenue and Lots 11 to 33 Concessions 1 to 3 inclusive. These boundaries include the Town of Richmond Hill and the Village of Maple in their territories.

Briefly these borders stretch from Highway 400 on the west to the Don Mills Road, and from No. 7 Highway to two lots below the King-Vaughan-Whitechurch townline.

All separate school supporters are urged to attend this important meeting.

Arrest Man In Yule Tree Theft

A Downsview man has been charged by King Township Police following the theft of a Christmas tree from the property of Thomas Muloch, Armitage, over the weekend.

Police said they caught a man leaving the property and carrying a tree over his shoulder.

Charged was David Nolan, who will appear in Magistrate's Court January 26.

Shelter At Bus Stop To Protect Travellers

Something new has been added to the bus stop on Yonge Street just south of Markham Road. A few weeks ago, Richmond Hill Works Department, with the co-operation of Vaughan Township, cut back the embankment and laid an asphalt sidewalk beside the curb, with wooden steps up the embankment to join the sidewalk on the west side of Yonge Street in Vaughan Township. This work has eliminated a very dangerous situation where people were forced to walk on the road to reach the bus stop.

Monday morning installation of a shelter was completed. A cement block retaining wall had been laid to a height of three feet and within this has been erected a laminated aluminum and glass shelter to protect residents waiting for the bus. The bus stop sign will be moved south to the shelter.

Scudds Suggests \$250 For Police Commission

Councillor Walter Scudds, chairman of the now defunct police and fire committee, has suggested that members of the newly formed Richmond Hill Police Commission should be paid \$250 annually.

Mr. Scudds said he had reached his figure by adjusting the amount of work performed during the year by his committee.

Since November the Richmond Hill police affairs have been handled by a three-man board appointed by the Ontario Board of Police Commissioners.

It is made up of Judge Garth H. F. Moore, Magistrate James Butler, and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

Judge Moore is also on the boards of both Vaughan and Markham Townships as is Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, Q.C. Reeve A. H. Rutherford will be the third member of the Vaughan Board and Reeve Charles Hooper the third member for Markham.

CMHA Gift Campaign Assures That No County Mental Patient Missed

Once again, through the generosity of the people of York County and the tireless volunteer workers for the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, every mental patient in the area is assured of a brightly wrapped Christmas gift.

Mrs. William Hodgson, of Kettleby who was in charge of this year's gift campaign reports that the response in several areas was better this year than ever. Last week a dozen volunteers wrapped more than a thousand gifts at the United Church in Aurora.

Gifts were also wrapped at Markham Village, where Mrs. M. Rutledge was in charge and in Thornhill where Mrs. Claire Moore headed the campaign.

In Thornhill, six members of a teen-age Bible class at Holy Trinity Anglican Church spent an afternoon wrapping gifts and supplied their own wrapping paper. The girls later delivered the gifts personally to a boarding home for convalescent mental patients and to the Darrell Nursing Home on Bayview Avenue. This home cares for 16 handicapped young children, some crippled, some blind, retarded or disturbed and this is the first time this institution has been included in the gift campaign.

Two groups of White Cross Volunteers in Thornhill had sherry parties in their homes to which the guests brought wrapped gifts and the volunteers then distributed the gifts to individual members of the homes which they visit regularly. Such parties were given by Mrs. L. Coyne, Mrs. H. McNally and Mrs. B. Marsh.

Gifts contributed at Thornhill Presbyterian Church were wrapped by Mrs. Billie Mavor and Mrs. M. Mote, with selection of suitable gifts made for residents of the approved home which they visit regularly and the rest wrapped and turned over to Mrs. Moore for distribution.

Surplus gifts will be delivered to the Ontario Hospital at Whitby with those suitable for children going to Orillia. Gifts also go to Warendale, the home for disturbed children at Oak Ridges.

Main concern of the volunteers, reports Mrs. Moore, is to get the gifts in early enough. She often has gifts delivered to her the day before Christmas, she says, which causes a lot of last-minute running around.

Ask Council To Consider Banning Mobile Vendors In Richmond Hill

Members of the 1966 Richmond Hill Town Council will be asked to consider prohibiting the sale of ice cream or candy by mobile vendors.

Making the recommendation was the police and fire committee following receipt of a letter of complaint from a local resident. Council approved the recommendation last week.

The request, if approved will prohibit "the sale of ice cream, or ice cream cones, or candy from a basket, wagon, cart or other vehicle, upon any highway or part of it or in any public park or other public place as outlined in section 399 (1) of the Municipal Act."

This would not apply to the Richmond Hill Parks Board's right by agreement to the sale of ice cream, and candy in a public park.

North York Township is seeking more far reaching legislation from the province to prohibit mobile vendors.

Its proposal is aimed at giving municipalities complete control over mobile vendors.

Two years ago the township banned the sale of ice cream or ice cream cones from mobile vendors. Last summer, mobile vendors started selling what was termed iced milk products in the municipality.

The Metropolitan Toronto Licensing Commission intends to increase its control over mobile vendors at construction

sites and on neighborhood streets.

Metro legal authorities are preparing a draft by-law. Among its requirements are that ice-cream truck drivers refuse to serve anyone standing on the roadway.

Other members of the anti-racket branch were Det-Sgt. William Erskine, Ted Grubb, Jeff Cooper and Jan Hutcheon. Police had been on to the possibility of a counterfeit ring operating in the area for the past month and the arrests Monday climaxed their almost non-stop efforts since that time to bring the investigation to a head.

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Arrest Two In Hill On Charges Conspiring To Make Phoney Cash

A four-week investigation, in which a Richmond Hill resident acted as undercover agent, ended here Monday afternoon with the surprise arrest of two men in connection with an alleged counterfeit money ring.

Charged with conspiring to manufacture counterfeit American money were Carl G. Uteck, 44, of 71 Proctor Avenue, Doncaster, and Joseph Marc Jean Theriault, alias John Mark Martin, 33, of Harley, Wisconsin and Toronto.

The two men were grabbed by members of the anti-racket branch of the OPP as they left the Richmond Inn in company with the undercover agent and an unidentified woman, who was also working with the police.

Also on hand for the arrest was Richmond Hill Police Chief R. P. Robbins, who earlier in the day had been involved in

some cloak-and-dagger work in the matter, operating from a vantage point at the back of "The Liberal".

In charge of the overall investigation was Chief Inspector James L. Erskine, whose investigative efforts two years ago in Toronto led to the cracking of an art fraud ring, which had copied paintings of well-known Canadian artists — such as The Group of Seven — and auctioned them off as originals.

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Poor Salary One Reason For Resignation Of Hill Recreation Director Jean Thomson

By FRED SIMPSON

Part-time Richmond Hill Recreation Director Jean Thomson quit her position after six years because she felt the job should be a fulltime one.

"I've enjoyed my associations with everyone and in particular with the various school boards."

Mrs. Thomson was reluctant to leave the impression she was casting stones or even if there were stones to cast.

"I do feel though," she said, "that recreation in Richmond Hill should be run on a large scale in the manner of most municipalities the size of ours and as well as numerous smaller ones. It amounts to going into the business on a full time basis or forgetting about the whole thing."

Mrs. Thomson said she was quite aware of the financial problems a wider program would involve especially in the Hill where there was a preponderance of residential to commercial and industrial assessment.

"But that is the decision other people will have to make," she said. "I just felt the job was becoming too much of a burden for myself. It was a personal decision."

Mrs. Thomson said that salary (or the lack of it) was a factor which pushed her toward her decision to resign at the end of the month.

"I am being paid a salary of \$3,000 a year for an eight month period," she said, "in a position which commands an average salary of \$7,500 on a fulltime basis in other communities."

She is a fully qualified physical education instructor in possession of the permanent A certificate issued by the province.

"Only one third of all recreational directors have this qualification," she said. "There are only three other women directors in the province."

Mrs. Thomson took the part-time job six years ago at a salary of \$2500 after serving on the board for three years prior to that time.

"The six playgrounds were set up at that time and they wanted someone to supervise them. I got the job."

Mrs. Thomson said she "didn't know what the job encompassed but I was willing to give it a try. There's a lot more work to it than people realize."

She established the equipment room at the town hall and looked after the yearly collections and repairs and cleaning.

"This was the equipment the town buys for the various recreational uses," she said. "In previous times it either was lost or scattered or ended up in someone's cellar."

The local playground program started out supervising 500 children per day and since



MRS. JEAN THOMSON

Part-time Richmond Hill Recreation Director Jean Thomson cited a low salary plus the fact the job should be a full time one as among the reasons for her resignation. She was appointed to the part-time position in 1960.

that time has grown to over a thousand children per day.

Mrs. Thomson supervised the various areas and did the hiring of the teenage staff for the summer months as well as train them.

"It's difficult to set down in black and white," she states, "the duties of a recreation director. It involves many different activities."

Her busy part of the year, of course, is the summertime, when she works eight to 10 hours a day.

"I drew up the recreation brochure as well as the plan for the Crosby Avenue Park area with suggested equipment."

"The work doesn't stop in the winter as in February I start inquiring around for summertime supervisors, people come to you with problems, and you're asked to make speeches on recreation."

"It's only an eight-month job but you can't tell this to people who come to your home. You don't like to refuse them because it would defeat the whole purpose of the job," she said.

Mrs. Thomson feels the local recreation program is doing well by the children but leaves something to be desired for the teenage and young married group.

"Our climate," she said, "is decidedly sports conscious at the expense of culture. There's

not sufficient opportunity for all ages of people.

"In other communities they have art classes, dancing, baby sitting, and keep-fit programs. Of course there again arises the financial problem and just how much a community is prepared to contribute."

"Our recreation budget at the present time is about \$10,000 net and, of course, isn't enough to pay for a fulltime director at its present rate."

Other communities, she said, charge as much as \$1.50 to \$2.50 per capita for recreation. Richmond Hill's rate is 50 cents.

"I feel people could afford at least the former amount," she said, "especially if they put a high value on good recreation programs in this leisure age."

Mrs. Thomson admitted she had expected at one time to be hired as a fulltime director but such was not to be.

"It was suggested by the recreation committee in other years," she said, "but it never got off the ground. I'm not really interested or haven't given it much thought this year."

As for the future:

"I'm fully qualified as a recreation director," she concluded, "and feel I could do the job perhaps in another community. But I don't know. I haven't any real plans at the moment."