

AURORA: The Centennial arena and community centre to be built at Ballantrae will use steel from the old Aurora Arena. This project is the Centennial project of the Whitechurch Recreation Committee. It will be located a half mile east of Highway 48 on the Aurora Sideroad.

COMING EVENTS

BINGO — Thursday night, 8 p.m. sharp, Jackpot; — 4 special and 25 regular games. Our Lady Queen of the World Hall, East side of Bayview at Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill. tfe28

FEBRUARY 25, FRIDAY at 2 pm. Women's World Day of Prayer in the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 50 Wright St. opposite the Richmond Hill High School. Leaders from the various churches will take part. A Nursery will be provided for the children. clw35

MARCH 1st 1966, TUESDAY 8 pm. York Chapter R.N.A.O. will meet at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Speaker: Mrs. Anne Gribben; Topic: Collective Bargaining. clw35

MARCH 5, SATURDAY 7.30 pm. Richvale A-Go-Go Teen Dance. Community Hall, Spruce St. Hit records, live band, prizes. Couples \$1.25, singles 75c. *2w35

MARCH 29, TUESDAY, 8.15 pm. IOE Annual Hyacinth Bridge at Lions Hall. Refreshments. Tickets \$1.25. 884-3764. clw35



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Newcomers Get Acquainted

The UCW of St. Matthew's United Church Richmond Hill East, held a "Get Acquainted Tea" earlier this month. This was arranged to give newcomers to the church an opportunity to meet others. Pouring tea is Mrs. Mayme Bennett for Mrs. J. Park, centre, and Mrs. Thomas Beattie, president of the UCW.

Dairy Farm Open House March 1 At Nine Vaughan & King Farms

March 1 will be "Dairy Farm Open House" at nine leading dairy farms in York County. Visitors will be welcome at these farms any time between 10 am and 3:30 pm. A hot roast beef lunch will be served to all visitors, starting at 12:30 at Maple Community Hall. After lunch there will be a very short report on the progress of York County Milk Committee. The farms, which will be welcoming visitors on Tuesday, are all in King and Vaughan Townships. They all have well bred herds with production records well above average. Their breeding programs and general herd management will be of interest. Some of the newest ideas of building and equipment will also be seen. Farm which will be "open" to the public are those of: Harry Fieldhouse & Sons, Woodbridge; Gerald Livingston, Woodbridge; Glenn Snider, Maple; Don Bagg, Woodbridge; Shur-Gain Research Farm, Maple; Findlay Dairy Farm, Maple; Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill; Tannery Hill Farm, King City; and Carl Boynton, Nobleton. There will be extra people closely associated with the dairy business, including fieldmen from the breed associations, at the farms to give information. Vic Jensen, dairy fieldman working on milk quality, from the Department of Agriculture, will be at the Findlay Dairy Farms, and representatives of dairy equipment manufacturers will also take part. Dairy farming is changing all the time, efficiency is keeping pace, and its progress is of vital concern to everyone.

Walter Scott Grounds Likened To Sahara Desert By Ratepayer

The playground and surrounding area of Walter Scott Public School was likened to the Sahara Desert by two residents of the area in a letter to the school board Thursday of last week. "We're discouraged by the look around Walter Scott," wrote Mr. and Mrs. J. Matravers, Sussex Avenue. "Winter's covering storms were a welcome relief." The writers asked if something could be done about the dust, which they claimed carried over to their house, with something the same velocity as sand blowing off the Sahara during a desert storm. The schoolyard also provided uninspiring surroundings for the school children, and lowered the value of the bungalows in the district. More important, however, than cleaning up the yard right away was the erection of a fence around the grounds of "safety purposes". Chairman Walter Hutchinson said he thought the letter was quite justified. "There should be something put in the budget for this," said Trustee Jack Knott. Mr. Hutchinson said last year's budget provided \$6,000 for getting school grounds into shape following construction and Walter Scott had been given top priority this year. The clean-up had been left until this time

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Metro Plan Controls Land Use

(Continued from Page 1) The streams through Metro to Lake Ontario. We, in Markham, hope we will be able to work together and that Metro will co-operate with us in the question of water supplies and sewage disposal.

When asked for comment on the Metro plan by this reporter, Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township stated he had none to make. The revee reported Vaughan had submitted an individual brief, as well as participating in the Southern Six presentation. "We have been assured by our representatives that these presentations were thoroughly studied before the final draft of the plan was approved," he stated.

Richmond Hill has sought individually and as a member of the Southern Six to have something included in the Metro Official Plan which would protect its and other similar communities' rights to legitimate expansion. Local council members and planners believe that there should be nothing in the plan which will inhibit the natural growth of municipalities such as Richmond Hill when it is economically feasible for such growth to take place. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst commented that control of

planning by Metro Planning Board has always been used sensibly and lightly, but there is always the possibility that some future group of Metro politicians may use a heavy hand in planning control. "It will be possible for Metro to hold back development in the fringe areas while encouraging development inside Metro," the mayor said, noting that Metro Council can "divert industry interested in locating here into the Metro area". Mayor Broadhurst also pointed out that the Southern Six municipalities in York County which fall under the planning control of Metro (Town of Richmond Hill, Townships of Vaughan and Markham and Villages of Stouffville, Woodbridge and Markham) are setting up a central planning of their own "to fight this situation". The feeling is that planning by area will be more effective than by individual municipalities.

Recently A. M. Holmes, town planner, told Richmond Hill Planning Board that the town's new official plan, being prepared by his firm, Proctor, Redfern, Bousfield and Bacon, conforms to the Metro Official Plan. Walter Scudds, former councillor, who is a member of the 1966

planning board, suggested this is the time to introduce any planning proposals which deviate from the Metro plan, "since we have been assured that any reasonable deviation will be favorably considered". Members of the 1965 planning board suggested that a larger area planning, extending beyond the borders of the Southern Six and even beyond the borders of the County of York, is an essential development of the future. The Counties of Peel, York, Ontario and Halton were suggested as the logical area to be considered. "But direction in this should come from the top, from the provincial government", stated Councillor Lois Hancey. "They have the specialists and they have the money, which we, as a municipality, don't have".

With the larger area, industrial development could be centralized in several locations, which would provide the services industry needs and be located where industry wants to locate. Some system would have to be devised whereby all taxation from such industrial development would be paid into a central treasury, and distributed on a pro rata basis among all municipalities involved. In this way, it was noted, Richmond Hill and similar communities would be able to develop along residential lines without undue burden on ratepayers, since they would be assisted by the industrial assessment even though industry was located in another municipality. "Perhaps we should bury our pride and have ourselves declared a depressed area", suggested Mrs. Hancey, referring to the Georgian Bay area where, it was recently announced, several large industries will be locating in Midland District with government assistance.

Few Favor New Drainage Plan For Elmwood Acres

A comprehensive drainage plan for Elmwood Acres Subdivision at Concord was presented to residents of the area at the February 14 meeting of Vaughan Township Council but appeared to find little favor with the majority of the large group present. Drainage has been a problem in the area almost since the subdivision was opened and this was the second engineering study the township has prepared for the residents.

Present plan, presented by a member of the staff of Duncan Hopper Associates township engineers, calls for the re-establishment, deepening and re-location of a "dry" water course with an outlet into the property south of the subdivision. All new ditches are to be sodded and maintained by the township. Total cost of the project was estimated at \$15,400 and is to be financed over a 20-year period by assessments against properties benefitting by the scheme, set at 42, those receiving most benefit, paying a larger share. Main objections were as to the proportions of the costs to be borne by various individual property owners, and the fact that the scheme called for an open ditch between two properties on Southview Road in which the engineer admitted water would be over four feet deep during spring runoff. The plan included no arrangements for the protection of children from this hazard. Strong opposition came from the two property owners, H. Cox and E. Badour between whose lots the ditch would run. They felt it might interfere with the operation of their septic tank tile fields and the engineer admitted that this was a possibility. It was also suggested that some arrangements should be made to protect the foundations of their homes.

When asked the cost of running the water to the north of the subdivision by storm sewers or by pipe, the engineer replied that a 24" pipe to do this would cost approximately \$30,400 and would only drain that water that now collects at the west end of Rockview at Keele Street.

Several property owners objected that their property was remote from the drainage problem and wouldn't be affected but they were still being charged. Councillor Dalton McArthur, chairman of the roads committee advised that those who felt themselves unjustly charged could appeal their assessments.

As the work is to be done on a local improvement basis, a petition is required under the Drainage Act, bearing the signature of the majority of owners. Township staff had such a petition prepared and property owners having been informed of the meeting by registered mail. However less than a dozen signatures were received and after a short recess, council advised that the petition would be available for signature again at the February 28 meeting of council. In the interim any property owner who wishes to do so, may sign it at the municipal offices in Maple during the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

If a majority of property owners sign the petition, those assessed must pay for the scheme and cannot withdraw. If less than a majority sign, the scheme will be dropped. The problem is alleged to have arisen because of the blocking of a natural water

Licensing By-Law For Car Washes

(Continued from Page 1) why he opposed the amendment. It was later that Mr. Broadhurst realized he was not empowered to vote twice and consulted the town's solicitor T. O. Fraser. Mr. Fraser appeared Monday night and said the okaying of the by-law itself was sufficient to carry the amendment unless someone wanted to contest the matter through the courts. Council itself, he said, could rescind the by-law or leave it as it is. Council left it. The operator of the coin car wash, R. E. Murfin, appeared with his solicitor Norman Todd, and requested council reconsider its decision to force the car wash to install doors on its four bays. Mr. Todd felt doors were unnecessary and would also hamper police surveillance in observing the building after-hours. Instead he suggested a chain be installed across the entrance which would keep cars out after hours. A time-switch could also be installed to stop the car wash working mechanism after hours. Sufficient curbing would also be installed to prevent cars from going in the area other than the entrances. Council agreed and gave two readings to the by-law.

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