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Councillor Gives Blood

It's not a budget session even though Councillor William Lazenby is preparing to donate a pint of blood at the April 4 clinic sponsored by the Richmond Hill Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Joining him on the left is John MacEachern, of 320 Gells Road, as three other members of council provide moral support in the background. They are Councillor Ivan Mansbridge, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Councillor Lois Hancey. The clinic itself received a record breaking donation as 286 people filed into the library.

11 Tenders On Vaughan Sewers

In spite of the fact that the construction business is said to be operating at top capacity, Vaughan Township received 11 bids when it tendered recently for the construction of sewer mains. The mains are to run south on Keele Street from Highway 7 to just north of the CN access line and east on Highway 7 from Keele Street to just west of the W. Hallawell property, thence north to Bowes Road and the sewage disposal plant.

Low bidder was Cafagna Bros. with \$179,117. Next was G. C. Romano Construction \$192,627, and Renzetti Construction Limited \$194,949. Three bids however, topped the \$300,000 mark. Dileo Contracting Co. with \$323,805, Leaside Construction Co. Ltd., with \$320,198 and Alcan Colony Contracting, \$314,765.

The low bid was fairly close to estimates for the work and all tenders are being studied by the township engineers.

The sewer mains will not be financed through debentures but their costs will be recovered through sale of township-owned industrial lands and by assessment against mainly industrial users.

Council To Receive \$20 As Salary Upped By \$4

Fourth For Vaughan

Bathurst Street Drive-In Brings Many Objections

Something of a rhabarb developed at the April 5 session of Vaughan Township Planning Board, meetings of which are usually models of droning decorum, when about 50 people turned up to protest the proposed site of a drive-in theatre on Bathurst Street, just north of the Langstaff Sideroad. A third drive-in theatre, west of Woodbridge, was approved early this year.

H. S. Mandell representing Twindex Century Theatres Corporation advised that the firm has optioned 98 acres of land on the west side of Bathurst, immediately north of Amos Baker's well-known sugar bush. A 1,000 car drive-in is planned for the westerly 31 acres of the property, about 2,300 feet from Bathurst Street, and reached by a 100 foot wide divided entrance and exit road.

Mr. Mandell advised that Twindex also owns Wilson Century Theatres, a joint ownership with Famous Players Corporation of the 400 Drive-In Theatre. Planning Board Secretary John Hall gave a staff report on the project and indicated that it would require an amendment to both the Metropolitan Toronto and Vaughan Township official plans. He also confirmed, in answer to a question by Vaughan Township Councillor Warren Bryce, that both these plans show the area on the side of Bathurst Street, opposite the proposed theatre as future residential.

When Chairman P. A. Deacon enquired who among the audience were opposed to the project, almost all those present raised their hands. A. L. Wigston of 8290 Bathurst Street spoke for the objectors and indicated that representatives were present from ratepayers groups in Uplands and North-holt subdivisions, from the Garden Avenue area and from Thornhill. Others indicated they lived very close to the site.

Chairman Deacon reminded those present that before any amendment was made to the official plan to permit the theatre the area would be policed. However, in view of the number of objectors present he suggested that Mr. Wigston might state their case to the board.

Planning Board Member R. A. Kirk took strong objection to this, however, and felt that the applicant should first outline the project so that the board and the objectors might be better informed about it.

Senior Housing Loaned \$519,806

A \$519,806 housing loan has been approved by the Federal Government for construction of the long-awaited Senior Citizen building in Richmond Hill. Announcement of the approval of the 56-unit low rental project was made in Ottawa.

The National Housing Act loan will be for a period of 50 years at an interest rate of 5 1/2 per cent. per annum and will cover 90 per cent of the cost of construction of the project. The Province of Ontario through OHC will provide the remaining 10 per cent of the cost.

Planning Board Fee Is Raised To \$16 Per Day

Members of Richmond Hill Planning Board Tuesday evening voted themselves an increase in their remuneration to \$16 per diem. The former fee was \$12. The increase is retroactive to January 1, 1966.

This is in line with the per diem rate for members of council which is being increased from \$16 to \$20 per diem. The per diem rate for Committee of Adjustment, which is also appointed by council has also been raised, it is reported.

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With almost everybody asking for salary increases, Richmond Hill Council has decided to get into the act itself.

Decision time came at a regular council meeting last week as members present voted to up their pay from \$16 per meeting to \$20.

The proposal was originally brought forward by Mayor Thomas Broadhurst at a committee-of-the-whole meeting held and approved by those present.

He also asked that the personnel and procedure committee be directed to bring before council at an "early date" its recommendations for streamlining procedures which will reduce the number of days on which committee meetings are necessary.

Present at the council meeting and favoring the mayor's proposal were Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, and Councillors Ivan Mansbridge, William Lazenby, and Lois Hancey. Reeve Donald Plaxton and Councillor John MacDiarmid arrived late and did not participate in the vote to approve the raise.

All of council with the exception of Mr. Perkins were present at the committee-of-the-whole meeting held March 24 when it was decided to bring the matter before council. Reeve Plaxton, who arrived shortly after the vote, then

"Flying Saucer" Buzzes The Hill

There's more than just spring in the air over Richmond Hill these days.

At least according to Mrs. P. Willems, 451 Elmwood Avenue, there is. Mrs. Willems joined the growing legion of unidentified flying object observers when she saw what appeared to be a flying saucer over the town Wednesday night.

Mrs. Willems said she was walking along Colborne Avenue near Bayview about 9.45 pm, when she heard a buzzing sound above her. She looked up and saw a football-shaped object gliding over the corner at Markham Road at a little lower altitude than an airplane usually flies.

It had a flashing red light on it, and another light that glowed alternately green and blue, Mrs. Willems said.

The object remained in the area for about 90 seconds and then either sped off, or turned off its light and disappeared. "I'm sorry I was alone at the time, because I don't think anyone is going to believe me," said Mrs. Willems.

Two weeks ago Mrs. John Bettles, 86 Richmond St., told "The Liberal" she and her husband saw a UFO by the Richmond Heights Centre. She said it had an extremely bright white light, and watched it until it disappeared.

At that time he said the increase was a part of his platform for re-election in 1966-67. He was unopposed but commented he would have stuck to his guns even if he had been opposed for the office of mayor.

"I'm for an increase in council fee."



Groceria's 3rd Anniversary

To celebrate their third anniversary as proprietors and the entire community, and surrounding area as well. Having found the people of IGA, Aaron and Nathan Yermus are offering their customers a pleased with the service they whole page full of bargains this weekend.

They have been with IGA for the past 10 years and in addition have stores in Toronto and Weston. They also claim more years of experience in the retail grocery business, to make shopping in Allencourt IGA a pleasure and a means of saving on expenditures for food (most of whom were already employed in the local store when it was purchased by the Yermus brothers), is reflected by the steady increase in patronage. These customers come not only from the immediate vicinity of the store but from

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Vaughan Police Budget Up \$25,000 From 1965

The first budget presented by Vaughan Township's new police commission, totalling \$175,000, was accepted by council recently and represents a \$25,000 increase over the amount budgeted by the police department for 1965. Actual expenditures for 1965 however amounted to only \$141,000.

Salaries account for \$121,430 of the total budget. At present, police staff consists of the police chief, four sergeants and 14 constables, plus a clerk which is one below the so-called "official establishment" for 1965. The salary budget anticipates the addition of three men, one actually a replacement and two additional to last year's official quota.

In addition, this year's establishment calls for five sergeants "one of whom may be a staff sergeant". Police Chief W. S. Shimmin points out that there should be a sergeant on duty at all times and with 168 hours in a week, with only four sergeants, this leaves one shift without a sergeant. The additional sergeant will mean that all shifts will be covered and will allow for days off, sick leave, etc.

Salaries are still under negotiation between the police association and the commission and these could still be changes in it.

Vehicle replacement added \$9,350 to the budget. This provides for the replacement of three vehicles and two new ones. One car was transferred to the fire department with Chief Davidson at the beginning of the year. Vehicle expenses account for \$10,700 of the budget.

Another item which is up somewhat this year is \$4,190 for uniforms. Chief Shimmin points out that some articles of uniforms are provided only every three or every five years. This year, for instance 22 winter top coats have been budgeted for (purchased every two years) and the same number of rain coats replaced every five years.

Also included in the budget is an item of \$2,200 for "board expenses". This includes a \$500 annual salary for the three members of the police commission. His Honor Judge Garth Moore, Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake and Reeve A. H. Rutherford, as well as for the commission's secretary J. M. McDonald (who is also Vaughan Township clerk). Commission members are also paid a mileage allowance.

Pass Mkhm Sunday By-Law

It will soon be legal to get out the ball and bat after 1.30 pm on a Sunday afternoon in Markham Township, but residents will have to wait a while longer before they can go to the movies.

However, this week council gave final reading to the by-law, approving Sunday entertainment in all parts of the township below Highway 7, including Unionville. Last week, council dragged out its Sunday by-law again, and after stipulating that it would only be for certain areas, gave first and second reading to it.

The by-law, which would allow movies, concerts, lectures and theatrical performances on Sunday, was prompted by a plebiscite at the last election, in which the township ratepayers gave their approval to the Sunday events. They also approved Sunday sports

and a two-year term for council at the next election. However, council has been reluctant to move with anything akin to haste in passing the by-laws. They finally gave third and final reading to the sports and two-year term by-laws Monday, but continued to stall passage of the third one on the grounds that those people not wanting movies and other similar forms of entertainment on a Sunday, had a right to be exempt.

At least, that is the view held by Councillors Charles Hoover and Anthony Roman, and they managed to incorporate it into the by-law, so that when it is eventually passed, it will only apply to certain areas of the township.

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All Star Plant May Be In Vaughan

Plans for a 150,000 square foot printing plant and a smaller ink plant to be built in Vaughan Township within two years by the Toronto Star were unveiled at the last meeting of Vaughan Township Planning Board.

Described by K. Kentridge of the professional engineering and town planning firm of Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited as "an elegant building", the plant will be located on a parcel of land on the west side of Highway 400 between the CN access line on the south and Highway 7 on the north. This entire parcel was recently purchased by the Star with the exception of a 30 acre parcel south of Highway 7 now occupied by a drive-in theatre.

A much larger parcel of land than they required had been purchased to ensure that surrounding development would be up to the same standard as their building. Mr. Kentridge said. It is planned to locate the plant, "a major structure" immediately west of the pool presently on the property, formerly operated as Sportsland Park. The area surrounding the pool will be landscaped and the water would be used in connection with air conditioning equipment. The building will thus "present a handsome facade to the highway," said Mr. Kentridge and will be served to the rear by an entrance from Concession 6 as well as by a spur from the CN line.

Mr. Kentridge noted that the area was presently zoned "open space" and an amendment to the township's official plan would be required. The land south of the railway line is industrial and the adjacent Metro area to the south is zoned industrial. The plan calls for this industrial zoning to be carried up to Highway 7.

Planning Board Chairman P. A. Deacon admitted that both the board and Vaughan Township council looked upon the site as prime industrial land but that opening it up would have implications for servicing which had not yet been discussed.

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Urge School Trustees To Find Means Of Providing Better Services

By MARGARET McLEA

A dinosaur with a peanut-sized research brain was the comparison made of the Canadian educational system by Howard Henderson, BA, B.Ed., superintendent of the Department of Education's east central area, addressing the 11th annual convention of the York County Trustees' Association at Bayview Secondary School, March 30.

Mr. Henderson told the assembly of several hundred elementary, secondary and separate school trustees that for every \$100 spent in Canada on education, only 10c goes to research. However, the expansion of knowledge and industry make it evident that attention must be given to our direction in education, he said.

To this end, the Curriculum Institute had been formed in 1962, supported by individual school boards, the Teachers' Federation, the universities and the Department of Education. The institute also received two \$100,000 grants from the Ford Foundation. In June, 1965 the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education was chartered as a college, combining the Curriculum Institute and the former Department of Edu-

ational Research and Graduate Studies.

Mr. Henderson suggested several areas of study for the new institute. While noting that it could never be expected that all pupils will continue to graduation when the school leaving age is 16 years, some students select unsuitable courses and others are attracted by immediate monetary rewards, there are many other reasons why pupils drop out and these the institute could explore. The identification, diagnosis and adjustment of pupils who do not respond, or fit into the class type of group teaching is also a field of major importance where additional attention could result in many more pupils achieving success.

Ungraded classrooms, the co-ordination of existing services for young people, improved guidance facilities, particularly in the elementary school, problems created by study of a second language in elementary school, were samples of other areas needing study, given by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson also suggested that many of these problems could not be solved within the small areas of jurisdiction presently set up and suggested that local boards should look about to find the most effective means of attack. "In order to supply to suburban and rural pupils many of the refinements now offered in urban centres, it would appear that recent legislation offers the broad conditions necessary to bring them into being," he said.

In discussing briefly the new Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (Community Colleges) Mr. Henderson pointed out that as only about 12% of Ontario's young people reach university, the colleges are aiming at the middle 50 to 60% who will not need degrees. There had been 200 requests for such colleges, he said, and 45 detailed briefs were presented.

While courses presently offered in provincial technological institutes, trade schools and vocational centres will form the basis of the curriculum, business and applied arts are new fields that will be organized. However, courses will not parallel university work but will be practical rather than theoretical.

Courses will vary in length from six months to two years and will be open to any graduate from a grade 12 in a

secondary school, as well as to anyone over 19 years of age. Special "catch-up" courses will be available for these people, many of whom will have dropped out of high school before graduation.

"The colleges will be occupation-oriented and the proposed curriculum makes it clear that the philosophy of the government is different from that of critics who wanted the colleges to be local stepping stones to universities," Mr. Henderson emphasized.

Following Mr. Henderson's address, members of the audience, representing the 18 school boards, 1,400 teachers and approximately 25,000 pupils in York County split up to attend one of seven separate workshops. These were on Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, special vocational schools, the education of slow learners, identification of children for special education and legislative grants. Topic for one workshop was left open but it was suggested by Warren Ballie, vice-chairman of Vaughan Township School Board that this group discuss the newly-formed regional education council, of which he is chair-

man, which had been created as a means of providing services to small boards which it would be uneconomic for them to provide for themselves.

Presiding over the workshop on special vocational schools were E. B. Comfort, principal, and Mrs. A. Wagg, vice-principal of Yorkdale Vocational School North York, and S. L. G. Chapman, superintendent, York Central District High School Board.

About half the students at Yorkdale come from the special education courses in the North York school system, Mr. Comfort explained. About a quarter come from the separate school system, where they may have also been in opportunity classes and another quarter come from slow grade 6 and 7 students who have been kept in the regular stream but can benefit no further from it.

It was from this latter group, said Mr. Comfort, that Yorkdale gets its greatest number of frustrated and disturbed children who have been failing in school, disappointing their parents and as a result develop many emotional problems.

None of the students at Yorkdale have reached grade

8 and they are admitted solely on an age basis at between 13 and 14. Also, there is no age limit for leaving but Mr. Comfort pointed out that industry doesn't want workers until they are at least 16 and often not until they are 17 or 18.

There is no such thing as failure at Yorkdale, Mr. Comfort stressed, but children may be moved about according to the level at which they are performing. On entering the school, each student is given a complete psychological testing by some of the 24 members of the staff, including seven psychologists, who work in this area.

The school provides 22 different shops where students may be trained in particular fields of interest. Much emphasis is placed on good grooming. "We feel these kids need this little extra edge to help them compete," said Mr. Comfort.

Particular attention is placed also on the development of good work habits and this has borne fruit in the wide acceptance which students from Yorkdale have had from industry, he stressed.

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