



107 Summoned Under Canine Control Bylaw As Rabies Reaches Peak

"It was well worth the \$12.50 to learn what I have today", was the comment of one man among the 61 who paid fines of \$10 and costs at Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court Tuesday morning of this week for permitting dogs to run at large.

In a determined effort to control the increasing threat of rabies in the area, James Ryan, canine control officer for Richmond Hill and Vaughan and Markham Townships had charged 107 dogs under local by-laws. Due to limited courtroom facilities, only 65 were summoned to appear Tuesday and although the first case was heard at 10.30 am, the last one was not disposed of until 4.30 in the afternoon.

Before the cases were dealt with, Magistrate Pearce subjected the crowded courtroom to a gentle but impressive lecture outlining the reasons behind the dog control bylaws and the increasing danger from rabies when animals are permitted to run at large.

Unless a dog is under someone's control, it is considered to be "at large" he said and noted that some municipalities insist that dogs be on a leash. "These restrictions are to safeguard the general public and the dog owner as well," he stressed.

Magistrate Pearce then quoted extensively from "Rabies and Your Pet" a publication of the Canada Department of Agriculture, a copy of which was handed to each person as they left the courtroom, and also distributed to members of the press at the magistrate's instruction.

Rabies is an infectious and contagious disease and affects the nervous system of warm blooded animals, including man, it was explained. It is spread from the bite of an infected animal or if the saliva of an infected animal enters an open cut or wound. Biting animals such as the skunk, wolf, fox, dog or cat are the most active spreaders of the disease.

Incubation period of the disease is from 10 days to eight or 10 months in animals but from 10 days to two years in man and once symptoms of the disease appear it is always fatal. When a human being is bitten by a rabid animal a series of 14 daily injections are given and this treatment is "nearly always" effective, Mr. Pearce advised, emphasizing the "nearly" and noting that the treatment often has unpleasant side effects.

"Dogs have a natural instinct to hunt other creatures," Mr. Pearce pointed out, "and will go into a woods or park with the intent to hunt and kill other animals." (Continued on Page 15)



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Seen in their prize-winning Centennial costumes are, left, "Liberal" staff reporter Margaret McLean in a floor length gown made from a blue and white Centennial flag and right, Caroline Cook, the "Liberal's" Langstaff correspondent. Bordered top and bottom in blue, with the red maple leaf in the front, her gown symbolized Canada's motto "A Mari Usque ad Mare". Centre is Vaughan Township Centennial Committee Chairman Cliff Bennett who was one of the judges.

600 At Centennial Ball

Over 600 people attended Vaughan Township's Centennial Ball at Mart Kenney's Ranch April 21, the first in a series of celebrations arranged by the township's Centennial committee.

Guests enjoyed dancing and a buffet supper and the committee realized a profit of over \$2,000 which will go to assist

the Festival Choir of Vaughan on its way to Expo. As well as a variety of lucky number prizes, guests were quick to buy raffle tickets on the township's Centennial Ball. Lucky winner was a \$50 bill. Donor was Toronto, B. O'Donoghue of Toronto. These draw tickets raised \$219 for the choir. Another \$150 was raised through the sale of hockey sticks autographed by

members of the Maple Leaf team. These were donated by the public relations department of Maple Leaf Gardens. Some sticks are still available through chair leader Hugh Martin. Richvale Lions Club operated the bar at the dance and returned a percentage of the profits to the Centennial committee. Vaughan Township industrial area selling tickets.

ship Centennial Committee is Cliff Bennett, and Mrs. Milton Savage Jr. is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Martin is the third member. No small measure of the success of the ball is due to the efforts of Mrs. Dorothy Stephens of Carville Road who personally canvassed the entire Vaughan Township industrial area selling tickets.

Council Requests Public School Board Lop \$30,000 Off Its \$748,809 Budget

The Richmond Hill Public School Board has tentatively agreed to lop off \$30,000 from its \$748,809.63 budget request for 1967.

The amount won't be officially sanctioned until the board meeting tonight (Thursday) as a complete body.

This was the committee Monday night of a unanimous vote of the whole meeting between town council and representatives of the school board.

Finance Chief Reeve Donald Plaxton stated the \$30,000 was for a future school site on six acres of land which has already been included in the high school capital costs budget.

The high school board will purchase some 28 acres and sell some six acres of this at cost price to the public school board when it decides to build a school, Mr. Plaxton said.

The board at a previous meeting with council had agreed to delete the \$30,000 if asked by council although it felt the \$30,000 should be set aside for possible purchase of a new school site.

School Board Chairman Walter Hutchinson said, "the \$30,000 will be needed and we think that it's a good idea to build money up this way."

Mr. Plaxton stated the board had also been asked if it would consider purchasing smaller-sized trees for a Centennial

tree-planting project now listed as costing \$6,000.

"But the board," he said, "feels purchasing any smaller trees would be a waste of money. I'm not so sure."

Reeve Plaxton also said he was personally unhappy "about the very large blank check we're asked to write on shared services."

He stated that Richmond Hill's contribution toward shared services such as hiring psychol-

ogists, guidance teachers, attendance officers, amounted to \$70,000 — two mills — to the public and high school boards.

"I'm not saying these services are not vital," he said, "but I wonder if we're not getting too much into the social business at the educational level."

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annual fund raising drive of York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association will be held from May 1 to May 7 this year.

Honorary campaign chairman for 1967 is Warden Floyd Perkins of York County and deputy-reeve of Richmond Hill. He has expressed his pleasure "at the growing interest of citizens of York County in promoting better mental health services and facilities."

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Quiz High School Board As Tax Crisis Threatens

"We are supplying a first quality educational service", — "But can we afford it?" appeared to be the gist of the marathon discussion which took place last Thursday night between representatives of York Central District High School Board and of the four councils which support it, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, Markham and Vaughan Townships.

Held in Richmond Hill Council chambers, the meeting had been called to discuss the high school board's four million dollar current budget which will require a local tax levy of \$2,535,410. Costs of the high school district, apportioned on an assessment basis, will be borne this year 38.5 percent by Vaughan, 33.7 percent by Richmond Hill, 22.5 percent by Markham and 5.17 percent by Woodbridge.

Sticking hardest in the crowd of the municipalities was the \$125,000 budget item for a reserve fund. Vaughan Township Reeve Brian Bailey insisted that he at least, of his council, could not accept this item at all as the township has never been able to set up any reserve. Woodbridge Reeve Gordon Longhouse was of a similar mind, stating that his village also had been unable to keep anything in a reserve fund.

Speaking for Markham Township Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby suggested that each year's budget should stand by itself and that no reserve be allocated in 1967 until it was seen to what use the \$110,000 reserve set up last year was put.

However, Reeve Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill pointed out to the meeting that the school board was legally entitled by recent legislation to set up a reserve fund of five percent of its previous year's operating expenses and could have therefore set this item as high as \$190,000 for 1967. He noted that the board had a surplus of \$72,000 from last year and suggested that it either put the surplus into the reserve for this year, or set the reserve at half a mill

and put about \$42,000 into it this year.

Vaughan Township Councillor David Fraser stated that he recognized why the board had a reserve fund. "I am not concerned with the purpose to which you will put it, you will have to account for it in the end," he said, "but I would like to see it related to something. Is it a percentage, is it related to the mill rate or is it just pulled out of the air?" The \$125,000, he noted, would mean 1 1/2 mills to Vaughan Township and if it could be decreased would mean a good deal as "we are going to have to ask our taxpayers for quite a lump".

High School Chairman Allan Peck advised that rather than set the reserve at the 5 percent allowed by the legislation, it had been set at about 3 percent because this is what the board felt it would need. High school sites, of which one will be needed every second year, cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 each, he noted, and the reserve could be used for this, thus avoiding delay and consequent increased price when the board has to go to each individual municipality asking for debentures for a site.

Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman noted too that in setting the reserve at \$125,000 this year the board was looking ahead. "The board felt that next year it would not be able to ask for anything but might ask to put it back into the budget to take care of the increases we can see now are inevitable in next year's budget," he said.

Mr. Chapman cautioned that teacher's salaries are taking a substantial jump this year and reminded the (Continued on Page 3)



Three Canadians admire one of the exhibits in the Confederation Caravan which will be located at Richmond Heights Centre May 1, 2 and 3. Here tiny figures of the Fathers of Confederation are surrounded by the builders of Canada — trappers, Indians and settlers of many callings.

Caravan Tells Canada's Story

Visits to the Centennial Caravan by school children during school hours will not adversely affect the provincial grant. Children in Richmond Hill Public Schools, with written permission from their parents, will be excused from school to view the recreation of Canada's history.

The same privilege will be granted to children attending local separate schools, except that each of the three schools will be restricted to one of the days, to limit the disruption of classes to a minimum. These arrangements were learned by Richmond Hill Centennial Committee at its meeting April 20.

Some children will be bussed to the caravan location and take their position in the queue. Adults are requested to restrict their visits, if possible, to after school hours, so more children may be accommodated.

Experience with the Confederation Train has been that although it opens for viewing at 11 am, the queue began forming at least two hours before and continues at about 4,000 people throughout the day. The last person will be admitted to the caravan at 11 pm and leave the last van at 11:45.

Standing in line will not be too unpleasant, however, as this will give an opportunity to view the outdoor exhibits and constant entertainment will be provided from an outdoor stage. A large number of local and city musicians will be heard during the three-day period. Wednesday afternoon CBC radio network will do an interview type program from the caravan site.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 am Monday morning, with Premier John Roberts, Hon. Robert Winters

and other dignitaries in attendance. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst will be welcoming them to Richmond Hill. The 250-voice Festival Choir of Vaughan Township and Bayview Secondary School Orchestra will be participating. There will be television and radio coverage.

Forty-three police will be engaged in traffic control and parking has been arranged on the periphery of the municipality. Additional buses at 25c the round trip will carry the visitors from the parking areas to the caravan site.

Adequate toilet facilities in clean, well-cared for temporary buildings will be provided and Richmond Hill Jaycees will have refreshments and souvenirs on sale from a booth near the caravan, to relieve pressure on existing food outlets in the centre.

Name Brown Planning Bd. Richmond Hill Council Monday night appointed Ken Brown, of 183 Yonge Street South, to the planning board.

Mr. Brown, who has been a resident of Richmond Hill since 1964, will finish out the term of Stanley Tinker who has resigned as he is moving to the Maritimes.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Rotary Club and was a Junior Chamber of Commerce member in Chatham for five years. His term will run from May 1 to December 1968. He is manager of Guaranty Trust Co. of Canada, 44 Yonge Street South.

Caravan Of Sales

There will be two caravans at Richmond Heights Centre next week when Canada's Centennial Caravan opens its doors to the people of this district on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The other is a caravan of specially priced items offered by all merchants in the Centre, who will keep the stores open until 10 pm.

In the Richmond Heights Shopper which forms part of this issue of "The Liberal" you will find these special advertisements as well as two pages full of valuable coupons to be redeemed at the centre stores.

Also featured is a Mother's Day Coloring Contest for all children up to and including 12 years of age. No purchase is required to enter the contest. Each Richmond Heights Centre store will have two winners from entries submitted to that store and the prizes are attractive garden reclining chairs for mother. Further details on Page 41 of this issue.



Will Locate At Sheppard And Yonge

To Accept Applications Soon For Willowdale's New Seneca Community College

By JIM IRVING

A packed auditorium of students and some parents at Thornhill Secondary School heard all about their new community college — Seneca — Thursday night of last week. The facility, a welcome one, that the idea is a welcome one.

They also found out where it will be located — on the east side of Sheppard Avenue in the H. V. Cowie Co. Ltd., building at 43 Sheppard East.

Guest speaker, W. T. Newnham, president of the college, which will serve York County and the Borough of North York, told of the need for the school and also outlined the courses for both day and night students.

He said the colleges were not extensions of the secondary school, nor were they "semi-distinctive

educational institutions." He had "high hopes" they would establish a definite purpose, and students would come, not because they had to, but because they wanted to.

The college would offer a three-year certificate course, similar to Ryerson Institute of Technology, and a two-year certificate course. The former would include business administration, secretarial science, engineering technology and computer technology. Entry to the college, which will get underway in September, will be to students holding grade 12 secondary school graduation diplomas, or better from any four or five year course.

Application forms are expected to be out sometime by the end of May.

A breakdown of the other

courses in the day school is as follows: academic up-grading, to enable dropouts and others to make up academic differences; recreation management, recreation and youth leadership, also technical and business operations, such as arena and golf course and others; early child hood education, preparation for assisting in pre-kindergarten nursing schools; library technician, to qualify as library assistants and librarians in some instances; fashion, not completely set yet, but would prepare students for selling or manufacturing jobs; lab technician, chemical or research education; law enforcement and crime detection, preparation for police departments or detective agencies; general business, two-year course in business subjects, with second-

year option in real estate and marketing; secretarial, legal, medical or executive; civil engineering technology, drafting and engineering subjects; hotel, restaurant and resort management, incomplete, but course has backing of Royal York Hotel management; social welfare assistant, contact between agency and home; food technician, study chemistry of food, prepare for jobs in catering firms and cafeterias.

Singled out for special praise was the electronic data processing course, a two-year program, which Mr. Newnham said he couldn't speak "too highly" of.

He said the course had operated in North York, and students had not only enjoyed it, but had had the pick of five good jobs. "It opens the doors, because

many firms are just starting to use it," Mr. Newnham said. He said, also that lack of computer operators was a "major concern."

He said Seneca College expected to have 600 day students in its first year and 800 evening students. An enrolment of 5,200 was expected in five years and 12,000 in 10.

"The Minister of Education has predicted that there will be more people in community colleges in 1980 than in universities," Mr. Newnham said.

He said Seneca offered a broader program than most, with a "fine chance for the person in action to improve himself and get a broader education."

Answering questions from the audience, Mr. Newnham made

these points; prospective students would probably be interviewed in June, July and August; the school would operate on a semester system from September to December and January to April; admittance would be by grade 12 certificate or age 19. Some people would have to make up their grade 12, but others would be admitted as mature students; fees would be \$200 for three years and \$100 for two years.

Courses differed from Centennial College in Scarborough, as they were designed to fit the needs of the area; there was a possibility of transferring from a three-year course to certain university programs, but the college was "deliberately playing" that part down, the speaker said, "because I know

we hear just what we want to hear."

Also, that wasn't the main purpose of the college. As for the rumor that community colleges were just places for people who couldn't get through grade 13, or into university, that was "hogwash."

"I know miracles don't happen, but they can if you want them to," Mr. Newnham said in urging his listeners to accept the college on its own merits and for what it could offer them in advanced education.

There would be no radio and television arts program a la Ryerson, as the latter graduated "more than enough people" in this line to fill all the needs. Teaching courses would be restricted to audio visual, and architecture to drafting.