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"Fill it up, sir?" asks 14-year-old female gas attendant Colleen Fraser, of 373 Kerrybrook Drive, as she goes about her somewhat different than usual summer holiday job at Han's BA service station on the corner of Yonge and Benson Avenue. This is definitely service with a smile.

This Girl's A Gasser!

By FRED SIMPSON

The great female revolution is grinding relentlessly on.

Latest outbreak in the never-ending struggle is occurring in Richmond Hill at Hans BA service station on the corner of Yonge Street and Benson Avenue.

Striking terror into the hearts of all male gas attendants is a strikingly pretty girl 14-year-old Richmond Hill High School girl by name of Colleen Fraser of 373 Kerrybrook Drive, Pleasantville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fraser.

"I don't know, I just wanted to do something different for the summer holidays," states Colleen in disarming feminine fashion whilst rubbing away at an oil smudge on her face.

She had just finished gassing up a customer's car, checking the oil, polishing the windshield.

"I also wanted something which would mean being on the outside in the fresh air," she added.

This seemed chock full of logic and so the next question was, "How come you thought of this type of job?"

"It wasn't myself that thought of it," came the logical reply. "My mother suggested it. I thought she was just kidding at first."

But she wasn't.

Colleen then got on the phone and started dialing the numbers of local gas stations.

A muffled gasp, a clearing of the throat, followed by a weakened "Uh, uh, sorry lady we don't need any help at the time."

There was one exception, sort of exception among the six.

"This one fellow told me to wait. He wanted to talk to the manager."

But Colleen pushed on and tried Number 7 and quicker than you can say 'female' the chap said:

"Female? Sure we'll hire you although it won't be on a seven day basis. When can you start?" She works there Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

That fellow's name is Colleen's present boss — Hans Hinterseer — and he doesn't regret even a single second of his deciding to do so.

"She's better than most of the young fellows you hire," he said without blinking an eyelash.

"She has a sense of responsibility, she's conscientious, and . . . and . . ." Mr. Hinterseer kept going on.

But what he really didn't realize was he had become the victim of another not-so-subtle feminine out-flanking movement.

But enough for the personal note and back to Colleen.

"I like the job very much. Haven't had any difficulty at all. "Some of the customers are a bit startled but that's to be expected. I always ask them if they want their oil checked because they might hesitate to ask since it's a girl."

Colleen's most trying moment: The first was when the boss casually asked her to go into the garage to charge a battery.

"I'd never done it before so I sort of crossed my fingers, read the directions, and went ahead. It turned out okay and that's about it."

Colleen also runs into the odd teenage types whom she refers to as "smart alecks but I just go about ignoring them, putting in the gas, wiping the windshield and they drive away."

As for how she knows the sort of unfemale-like things about cars: "My boy friend knows something about them and I picked up things here and there."

Colleen also admits her boyfriend was kind of miffed when he first heard about her new job but finally came around.

As for the future, well, Colleen is not really planning to take up a career as a gas attendant or should we say a gas bar maid.

"But I think there could be worse jobs," she philosophized as she went out to put some more gas into a customer's car.

See you at the BA.

No Great Demand For \$150 Tax Exemption

The Ontario Government's legislation to allow municipalities to grant a deduction of up to \$150 from residential property taxes to persons 65 years of age and over, has not met with overwhelming success. The legislation was passed in June and since that time only 46 municipalities had passed bylaws putting into effect the province's tax relief plan. The Townships of Markham and Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill are among that number.

All three municipalities report few applications received as yet, although it is expected that before the final instalment of 1967 taxes is due (October for the townships and November for the town) more elderly people will file applications. Richmond Hill and Markham Township have each received a half dozen applications, and both have received several more inquiries. Vaughan Township has about a dozen applications on file. Only

about 200 Metro area homeowners have applied for this relief from municipal taxes. Municipal officials feel that many eligible persons are still unaware that the relief is available. Eligible persons still have until December 31 to make application to receive relief on this year's taxation.

The controversial Bill 105 states that the provincial government will make an interest-free loan of up to \$150 to homeowners over 65 to help them pay their realty taxes. To qualify the homeowners must occupy the premises and apply for the deferral. There is no means test. The participating municipality will then be reimbursed by the province in the amount of deferral. The amount becomes a lien on the property until the ownership changes or the homeowner dies. This feature of the act has received strong criticism from both the Liberals and New Democrats in the Legislature.

5,000 Angry Etobicoke Residents Petition Against Metro's Dump

A petition opposing Metro's mammoth dump on the borders of Vaughan Township and the Borough of Etobicoke which just two weeks ago had a little over 900 signatures has now passed the 5,000 mark, according to Etobicoke resident Mike Ferens.

Mr. Ferens, who lives within sight of the South Thackeray Site north of Steeles Avenue was first roused to action a couple of months ago by the stench from the sewage sludge being dumped on the property by Metro Works Department.

Receiving no help from Etobicoke authorities or from the local MLA, he spearheaded an organization which held a public meeting and started circulating the petition. An action

Don Deacon Steps Up The Tempo His York Ctr. Election Campaign

Three opportunities to meet Don Deacon, York Centre Liberal candidate in the provincial election which Premier John Roberts has called for October 17, are being given residents of this area in the next two weeks.

The first event is scheduled for September 8 at Mr. Deacon's home, Concession 5, Markham Township, north of Highway 7, Unionville. This evening will feature a feast of corn and wieners, with pony and hay rides, fireworks, and a campfire sing song. Festivities start at 7 pm. You and your family will be welcome.

The second event which will have the same attractions will be held at the home of Ab Rutherford, Concession 6, Vaughan Township, 2½ miles north of Highway 7 at Vellore.

The third event is a social evening and dance at Mart Kenney's Ranch, Woodbridge. Guest speaker will be Robert Nixon, MLA Brant County, leader of the Ontario Liberals. Dancing will be enjoyed to Art Holman's Orchestra, with cards, lunch, prizes and a licensed bar as features. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue for further details. Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained by phoning 884-1793 or 889-2482.

The new York Centre provincial riding includes the Townships of Markham and Vaughan, the Villages of Markham and Woodbridge and the Town of Richmond Hill.

Thornhill: Tom Stoyan and Andrew Kovacic of Langstaff and Barbara Riach and Wayne Reid of Richmond Hill High School.

This was all part of the 18th Annual United Nations Pilgrimage of Youth, sponsored by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and its sister body, the International

committee of six was appointed and 50 volunteers are now out canvassing for figures. It is hoped to have 10,000 signatures prior to the reopening of the OMB hearing on the dump September 13.

Main concern of Etobicoke residents, among whom the petition is circulating, is the 500 trucks per day which will travel to the dump up Kipling Avenue and Martingrove. Also of concern, says Mr. Ferens, are the rats which he insists the dump will generate, no matter how well run it is. He points out that just two years ago a baby in a carriage was bitten by rats near the Marie Curtis Park, at that time a dump.

"I am opposed to this for humanitarian reasons," Mr. Ferens told "The Liberal". There are thousands of small children in this area. If they had no other place to take the garbage I would have to accept it but there are two other larger and more isolated sites."

One such site he referred to was the Superior Sand and Gravel Company pits north of Maple.

"They don't need to dump it within half a mile of a good residential area. We are angry and up in arms," he concluded.

Mr. Ferens, a real estate salesman, lives in Strathavon Drive, Etobicoke and has two small children.

Blood Donors Urgently Needed

The third blood donor clinic for 1967 is scheduled to be held September 13 at Richmond Hill United Church, Area Director Ron Warren announced this week. Hours will be from 2 - 4:30 pm and from 6 - 8:30 pm.

Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross Society, the sponsoring organization, set its goal for this year at 1,000 units. In the first two clinics 447 donations were recorded, leaving 553 units to be collected in the final two clinics (the last one for the year will be held in December). With the cooperation of citizens of the area this quota can be easily met or exceeded.

Won't you help by attending the clinic next Wednesday and making your contribution? It may save a life and that life may be your own!

Remand Hill Boy Murder Charge No Bail Set Yet

Robert David Beatty, 17, Richmond Hill, charged with non-capital murder and manslaughter in the death August 27 of Toronto architect Taivo Kapsi, appeared in magistrate's court Newmarket September 1 but received a remand until tomorrow (Friday).

It is expected that at that time, a date will be set for a preliminary hearing.

Although a magistrate had originally set bail for Beatty at \$5,000, the crown disallowed this as the magistrate did not have jurisdiction. Beatty has remained in the Don Jail as the police investigation is not yet complete and bail will not be set until after the preliminary hearing.

Acting for the accused is Alfred J. Stong of Lawlor, Leclaire and Bannon, Richmond Hill.

Kapsi was found by a friend, John Ferguson of Toronto, near death after the two had given chase to four youths who had driven an old Volkswagen on to the rear of Kapsi's summer cottage property, on Bayview Avenue, a mile and a half south of Lake Wilcox.

Two of the youths, John Tolchard and Gordon Sparks, also of Richmond Hill, flagged down an OPP cruiser after having been chased. The fourth was Beatty's brother Allan, 16.

Arrange Sewage, Water Confab With Members From The OWRC

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen and members of council's works committee will be meeting soon with Ontario Water Resources Commission officials to continue discussions on the future of Richmond Hill's much discussed sewage and water facilities.

Council approved the meeting last week after another chin-fest on the somewhat thorny subject.

Councillor William Lazenby set the pace by asking when Richmond Hill's ratepayers could expect "this council to issue a statement as to where it stands on our sewer and water situation and what the people can expect in regard to home building possibilities."

The councillor said he had been approached by a number of people "who are interested in the town but who are wondering if they can find a home in Richmond Hill or not for their growing families."

"These people want to stay in the Hill and we want them to stay but this means we've got to come up with some kind of a statement as to our future policy at least within three or four months."

"There are people," he said, "who are becoming more affluent and would like to move into larger homes but they are having to move out of town."

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, chairman of the works committee, said the town's situation would be made "much clearer when the OWRC publishes its report on the water and sewage needs of this area. They

told us it would be out in a month's time." Councillor Ivan Mansbridge again criticized the slowness of the OWRC report. Mr. Perkins pointed out that "it's a big job for the OWRC to (Continued on Page 3)

Request To Raise Town Jail Rent Gets Deferral From Town Council

A finance committee recommendation that rent for the cells in Richmond Hill jail be increased to \$2,000 per year effective January 1 was deferred for further consideration last week by town council.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins gasped at the amount stating he was sure "we've only been getting \$750 from York County at the present time."

"That's about a 200 percent increase," said Mr. Perkins who is warden of the county.

William Lazenby, deputy finance committee chairman said he didn't feel it was "out of line but I'm willing to have the motion left over for the time being."

Councillor Lois Hancey didn't think \$2,000 was "bad for a year."

Mr. Perkins said he was sure the rent was more than in Newmarket "even now and we're not providing as much space."

Mr. Lazenby said the increase was due to higher maintenance costs and the great increase in usage.

He added that "many expenses result because of abuse of the cells with out-of-town cases usually worse than in town."

Councillor Hancey observed that "I still feel that if the federal authorities would contribute 100 percent to police and court matters we could afford to pay for education."

"If you could see some of the courtroom facilities in other municipalities you would realize our facilities aren't too bad. The crowded conditions in some of them are appalling."



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Mmmmmh, it's good. This seems to be the reaction as conveyed by the three notables in the above photo as they compare hot dog bites at the York North Young Progressive Conservatives' corn roast at the Maple Community Centre last week.

Left to right are Margo McCutcheon, daughter of Senator Wallace McCutcheon; Donald Fleming and Gordon Read, president of the York North YPC's. Messrs. McCutcheon and Fleming are among nine others with sights on winning the party leadership at the convention in Toronto this week.

Mmmmmh Hot Dog!

There was more corn than Conservatives in evidence Wednesday night of last week at the Maple Community Centre.

Occasion was the "Meet the Leadership Contenders" corn roast sponsored by the York North Young Tories.

Some 150 dozen ears of corn were cooked up for the occasion in company with 85 dozen frankfurters for an expected 1,000 eaters but it didn't work out that way.

Only about 300 persons ventured into the rain to listen to but mostly chat in neighborly fashion with the pretenders to the Diefenbaker throne currently being decided at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Among these were hotdog-munching Donald Fleming and hotdog-disdainer Senator Wal-

lace McCutcheon plus Nova Scotia Premier Robert Stanfield who got there late but in time to have some corn and handshakes.

Standing in for Davie Fulton was his wife who brought with her his regrets. Hoping to be there but unable to make it were Manitoba Premier Duff Roblin and Alvin Hamilton along with John McLean.

All was sweet corn and light as none of the candidates acted as if the well known moment of truth was fast approaching.

Mr. Fleming dispensed with his hotdog long enough to lead the evening off with a "Let's keep the Conservative banner flying before supporters by more personal grassroots contact."

"This leadership convention,"

he said, "has been of inestimable value to the party because our potential leaders are touring the country and meeting the delegates at first hand."

"The party," he said, "has suffered in the past from a lack of this kind of communication. We must keep these lines open for benefit of unity of the party."

Mr. McCutcheon, candidate for York Simcoe, was also full of sweetness and light.

He commented that persons who thought the leadership scramble of candidates was dividing the party were all wrong. "They think we're committing suicide. But let me tell you there are nine respectable and high calibre persons competing for the leadership."

The rest of the evening was taken up with persons milling

around among themselves and periodically making forays to the corn bowls.

The corn was boiled in five large pots over a wood fire in the rain but was quickly hustled indoors.

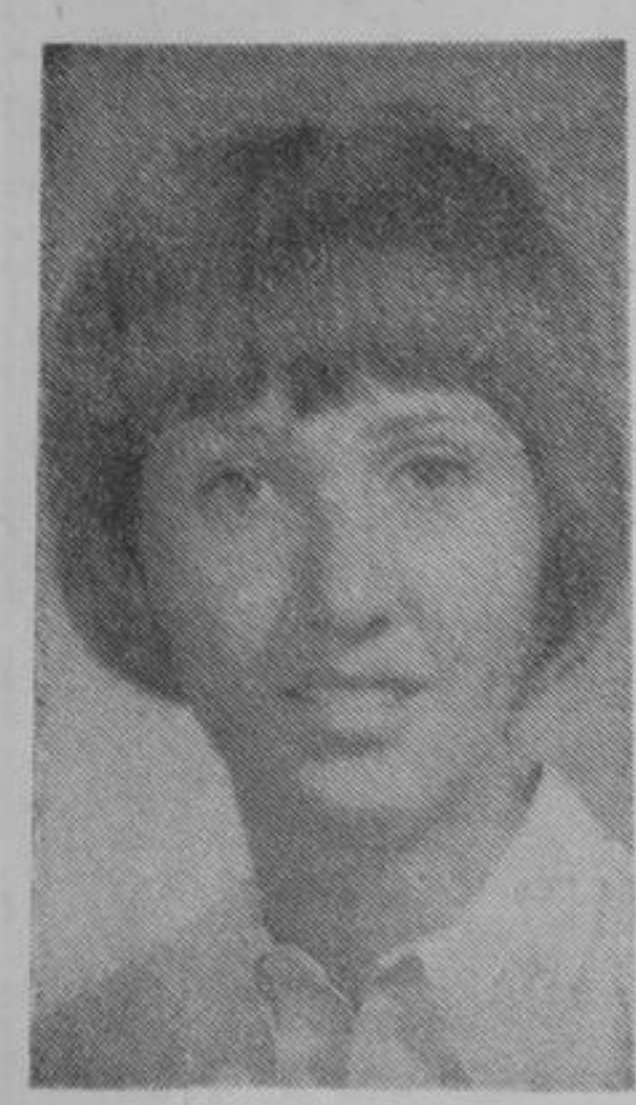
Gordon Read, president of the YNPC's, expressed disappointment at the smaller-than-expected turnout but blamed the inclement weather.

On being questioned as to what would happen to the leftover corn and hotdogs he answered:

"The corn and dogs will be distributed to the Maple Boy Scout and Brownie organizations."

Also in attendance was Lorne Wells, candidate for York Centre and Bill Hodgson, candidate for York North.

Barbara Riach Finds Oddfellows' UN Pilgrimage Memorable & Broadening Experience



By MARGARET McLEAN

Early this year, two students from four of York Central's high schools immersed themselves in facts and figures about the United Nations and submitted themselves to a 100 question examination on this very important organization.

The students were all in

grade 10 or 11, 16 to 17 years of age and had been recommended for the ordeal by their principals on the basis of their scholarship, leadership and personal contribution to the school and community. They were Brian Booth and Pat Wiley of Bayview Secondary; Ken Matheson and Peter Aimone of

Thornhill; Tom Stoyan and Andrew Kovacic of Langstaff and Barbara Riach and Wayne Reid of Richmond Hill High School.

This was all part of the 18th Annual United Nations Pilgrimage of Youth, sponsored by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and its sister body, the International

Association of Rebekah Assemblies. Over the years, 8,727 students have taken part in this annual pilgrimage to observe the United Nations in action, one sponsored each year by each participating lodge.

After the examination results had been studied, each of the local candidates was

interviewed by a committee from the Oddfellows of Metropolitan District No. 39 which sponsored the competition in this area. Following this, 16-year-old Barbara Riach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Riach, 371 Sugar Maple Lane, Richmond Hill was chosen to make the pilgrimage.

Chosen as an alternate in case something should prevent Barbara from making the trip, was 15-year-old Pat Wylie of 457 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill.

However, nothing interfered, and Barbara made the pilgrimage to New York, leaving Toronto July 20 and returning August 2. The fol-

lowing is her own story of the adventure:

"Where could one ever duplicate the opportunities for travel, education and good fellowship afforded by a United Nations Pilgrimage? My trip to New York, sponsored by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Rebekahs was filled with excite-

ment from the first day to the last when tears so aptly illustrated our feeling of fellowship, an experience I shall never forget.

I was greatly impressed by the friendliness and genuine desire to make us feel welcome which was evident on the part of the various lodges (Continued on Page 3)

SCHOLARS' PEN



BARBARA RIACH
Makes UN Tour