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To All Our Readers



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### Christmas Is A Happy Time

Traditionally Christmas is a time for making children happy. In keeping with this tradition Victoria Square and District Lions last Saturday afternoon entertained all the children from their area at the community centre.

Above, part of the happy throng keep their eyes on that jolly old man, Santa, himself who visited the party and chatted with each youngster. This was a happy climax to a program of cartoon movies, soft drinks, food, treats and gifts which brought happy smiles to all these sobersides.

## Vaughan Planning Board Reconsiders Re-Zoning For Metro's Thackeray Dump

Few Vaughan Township residents raised object the past year. tions at a hearing held by the township planning board December 14 at Woodbridge High School to discuss the operation by Metro Toronto of a garbage dump on the Vaughan-Etobicoke border.

However, a large number of Steeles Avenue, on the north this year, it was decided that board. Etobicoke and North York resi- by the CN access line and on only the south site would be It is known too that negotiavocal in their opposition to the move, largely on the grounds of an expected increase in truck.

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of an expected increase in truck ed fill for use in the construct necessary for Vaughan Town-Klown as the South Thack- adjacent to the river is owned zoned open space. The re-zoneray Site, the land is a wedge- by Metro Conservation Author- ing required notification of shaped piece of property ity and Metro has been dump-surrounding property owners bounded on the south by ing sewage sludge there for and the December 14 hearing.

the celebration of 100 years of was appreciated by the crowd Johnson.

of Tourism and Information Post" and "Reveille" for the Plume.

Bayview Secondary School bert and Sullivan productions, census.

memorable one, and one with a the spontaneous applause.

was presented to Centennial resounding applause.

tion of the access line. The land ship to re-zone the land, now

a lengthy OMB hearing, earlier tion made by the planning payers were in favor of the

One item already agreed upon is that Metro is to pay Vaughan's \$32,000 costs of the OMB hearing.

Metro Works Commissioner Ross Clark and Metro's Solicitor George Mace were both present at the Woodbridge meeting to answer questions, most of which came from Etobicoke residents.

Michael Fearens, who earl-"In recognition of a disting-jenter the music course at the piano by Ingrid Zijp, and Maria ier presented a petition bearing mished contribution by commun- University of Toronto, also play- Petrowanchuk's glorious sopra- several hundred names of Eto-Ity leaders, the Centennial Com- ed an alto saxophone for the no voice was heard in A. Adam's bicoke residents protesting the mittee and individual citizens band numbers and will be re- "O Holy Night". She was ac- dump asked Mr. Clark if Metro to the Centennial celebrations membered for his excellent companied by Doug Johnson, would withdraw its request for program during 1967. The performances in the school's Mervyn Pickering sang Mitch the North Thackeray site if the magination and enthusiasm Gilbert and Sullivan produc- Leigh's "The Impossible south site is obtained but Mr. shown by everyone has made tions. That his performance Dream", accompanied by Doug Clark advised that the North Thackeray Site would be con-Confederation in Canada a most of more than 300 was evident by St. Matthew's Choir's contribution to the program included north of Maple at some future lasting effect on each of us." Another featured instrument- a collection of folk songs, a set date.

These words are engraved on alist was Ronald Robbins who of negro spirituals and a group At the end of 21/2 hours, the planning board was still not in agreement on the re-zoning question. Finally, acting Chairmier John Robarts and Minister phony and sounds the "Last Beattie, Cliff Plume and Joan man Norn Garriock cast the deciding vote to refer the matter back to the board for chairman of the Cabinet Centen- Day service. Again the audi- and their melodic presentation nial Committee. The plaque ence showed its appreciation by of each number brought rapt further discussion.

Planning Board Chairman P. attention and hearty applause Committee Chairman Jack Cor- Brenda Haddock, who is also from the audience. Their repu- A. Deacon did not chair the bett by Reeve Donald Plaxton remembered for her excellent tation as an excellent choir is meeting as he felt that, living at the December 13 concert in vocal participation in the Gil- indeed well earned was the con- on the east side of the Humber not far from the site, he might which officially brought Cen-sang Mel Torme's "The Christ- Jeff Parisi was the capable be considered to have a conflict of interest in the question.

Pay \$16,000 Per Acre

### 4 More Plants Locate In Vaughan

Vaughan Township has now sold all but 40 acres of the 100 acre-plus Snider farm which it acquired on Keele Street, south of Highway 7 just two years ago. The 40 acres is the last industrial land the township now owns in the Keele Street area.

"In Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"

At its December 11 meeting, council concurred in the sale of four parcels, all on Snidercroft Road which runs west from Keele Street north of the Continental Can Company plant.

A five-acre parcel was sold for \$16,000 an acre to Alphonso Galluci General Construction Limited. A

building of not less than 30,000 square feet is to be erected before June 30, 1969. Tenant for the building is not yet known.

A second five acre parcel was sold to Tycos Tool and Die Company Limited, also at \$16,000 per acre. A 25,-000 square foot plant is to be built on this property before December 27, 1968.

The township deleted from these two offers a provision that would entitle the owners to further partition the properties, advising that council's policy was to have a clause in each sale agreement that the property could not be subdivided

without council's permis-

Council also accepted an

South Taylor Mills Residents

# Change Minds On Change Of Name the York South Regional Educounty would be considered. He cation Committee for the speci- noted however, that if they

Mills Drive are having second thoughts about changing the street name to Tower Road. In response to a request from these ratepayers, presented by Ward I Councillor Ivan Mansbridge, last week council instructed Clerk He noted that some of the Russell Lynett to ask for action dissenting ratepayers might not to be withheld on the judge's be able to attend the judicial hearing re the change of name, hearing to present their objection. Ask Vaughan For cipation of large-scale development in the successful to the scale development in the scale develo until such time as the ratepay- tions and why they have changers can make further represented their minds. The mayor council that all information had changed their minds, they been forwarded to the judge on should so notify council in writthe application but no date had ing.

Mr. Mansbridge explained ing as a member of the legal have gone into the full implication of the change and realize change of deeds, wills, etc.

In asking for the change of Metro had originally request- board, Warren Bryce, termed was acceding to a request preed this site and some 600 acres the matter a "rubber stamp is- sented in a petition some weeks

tions are almost complete be- that it is planned to circulate

gation seeking the change had been warned that it

#### Colin Robertson Area Librarian

Richmond Hill Public Library Board, has accepted, with regret, the resignation of Chief Librarian Colin Robertson.

Mr. Robertson has been with the local board for the past 21/2 years, and leaves to assume the position of co-ordinator of library development for the Central Ontario Regional Library Board, covering the areas of Peel, York and Ontario Counties. He came to Richmond Hill

from Vancouver. No definite location for a permanent office has yet been selected, but Mr. Robertson will have an office in the Richmond Hill Library Building for the time being. He assumes his new duties January 1.

Mrs. Maureen Stephenson, assistant chief librarian, has been appointed acting chief librarian pending the appointment of a replacement for Mr. Rob-

the town and the individual ratepayer. Mr. Mansbridge agreed that the cost factor had been stressed, but stated the full implication did would be registered. not hit home until recently. (Continued on Page 19)

tations. The clerk informed pointed out that if they have TVOIO

Reeve Donald Plaxton, speak-

just south of the Victoria & ted in December, 1968 to take known about the legislation. Grey Trust Company and build- office January 1, 1969.

and the building will cover 19,- last December's vote in favor market. 500 square feet. The A&P will of a township hydro system) Aurora District High School occupy 12,000 square feet of but had to wait a year. this with 7,000 square feet being Councillor Charles Birkett in- agreed. "Any discussion tonight design with mullioned windows said Mr. McArthur.

of architecture.

Crosby Avenue. summer occupancy.

Yonge Street and aid in the cating the reeve's seat. rehabilitation of the central core of Richmond Hill, is the company's belief.

Also included in the A&P's building plans is a big processing and distribution centre on Dundas Street East in Toronto to serve their Ontario market. The 180,000 square foot warehouse housing \$2,500,000 worth of mechanical handling devices

Continental Can Company to Everest & Jennings Canadian Limited. Purchase

offer for the sale of 8.4 acres to Evermore Investments Limited. This is a construction company and it has covenanted to complete a building of not less than 50,000 square feet before March 1, 1970.

Fourth sale was a 10 acre parcel immediately west of price is \$15,000 per acre and the purchaser has agreed to construct a 40,-000 square foot building within the two years.

Await White Paper

# Trustees Remain Divided

BY MARGARET McLEAN

While no consensus was reached at a meeting of York County school trustees at Newmarket High School December 13, it was evident that few school boards in the county look with favor on the establishment of a county board of education for 1969.

Out of the 20-odd boards represented, only one, the Richmond Hill Public School Board, took a positive approach.

"We favor it and believe it can be done," said Chairman Mrs. Deena Simpson.

fic purpose of finding the feel- waited until the first and sec-|deeds do not necessarily have to ing of the northern boards to ond reading had been given to be changed. Passports, drivers' the pending legislation before the new legislation. "you have licences, and insurance policies any decision was reached by the a real battle to change it." He would require change. The southern boards to either accept urged that the meeting leave clerk noted that the bylaw the legislation or press for a the door open to have three separate board of education for boards in the county.

> the Southern Six municipalities, who are also discussing political amalgamation in anti-

However, in spite of frequent encouragement from York Comm n South Regional Education Committee Chairman Warren Bailie A petition asking the setting who presided at the meeting, up of a hydro commission in representatives of the more Vaughan Township was favor- northerly boards appeared rethat some residents of the street profession, told council that ably received by council at its luctant to express themselves. It was not until YSREC Secret-Lou Wainwright of Richvale ary John LeClaire asked for a presented a petition bearing moratorium on speeches from it could affect them in costs for New A&P Store presented a petition bearing moratorium on speeches from change of deeds wills, etc. New A&P Store 126 names of those favoring southern trustees that any

the commission, advising that spoke up. One member of the planning Drive to Tower Road, council Yonge & Crosby the signatures were from various areas in the township and exceptions, that members of the signatures were from vari- It appeared, with one or two that no one approached had re-northern boards felt any dis-Excavation has been com- fused to sign. It asked that a cussion of the possibility of one to the north for a mammoth sue" as the township council ago, at which time it was claimled this site and some ood acres to commission to administer the or two boards for the county to consider long range problems waste disposal project but at can override any recommenda- ed 80% of the affected rate- Centre located on Yonge Street township hydro system be elec- was premature until more was any communication went to the ing will be continued through Reeve Brian Bailey advised Prime Minister on this now it that council had considered would be like signing a contract

The total land area, amassed having an election for a com- without reading the fine print,' Board Chairman J. M. Hunter

divided into smaller stores, 'The dicated that he was in favor is premature until more in-Liberal" was told by a spokes- of a commission, as did Coun- formation is available," he said. man of the company this week. cillor Dalton McArthur. "We Rev. William Reid, trustee- cil's education committee warn-The architecture will be a would have held an election elect to King Township School ed the meeting to be careful of radical departure from the pre- last year, but until we had Board objected that the new making motions that would take sent standard A&P store and elected to have a hydro system, board there had not even met away from the county as a will feature "Early American" we couldn't ask anyone to run," yet. "We are all sitting around unit. No recommendation here and we don't even know should go to the province, he

and a weathervane. The smaller | Councillor David Fraser each other," he said. He sug-said, unless it went from county stores will conform to this style taunted Mr. Wainright, saying, gested that a later meeting council. "I had hoped you would have should be held with one repre- Newly elected MLA for York There will be room for 80 found a way to hold an election sentative of each board, author- North, William Hodgson adviscars on a paved parking lot before next December." ized to speak for their board. ed that he had come to the and there will be access both Asked if he intended to run A representative of Sutton meeting for instructions. "I

from Yonge Street and from for a seat on the commission, District High School Board would like to see a committee Mr. Wainright, who is an em-stated that his board had dis-formed here to study the leg-A&P are hoping for an early ployee of Ontario Hydro, re-cussed the matter but had islation when it is announced," plied, "Not right now, maybe reached no conclusion. "We are he said, "so we can go into the That the new building will in five or six years. That centre afraid that in this big board caucus or the House and say give a lift to that section of chair looks nice to me," indi- we will get lost in the shuffle," this is what our ridings want." he said, and hoped that two He was speaking also for

READERS WRITE ....

etters to the Editor

District High School Board objected however, to any arbitrary divisions of the county. "I thought we were all one county." he said. "We can't opt in or out of the county." He did point out however, that there are 36 counties in the province and the Premier had stated there were to be approximately 100 boards of education under the new plan and although there were to be separate boards for metropolitan areas there could well be more than one board in some counties.

A member of Newmarket

He urged however that a coordinating committee should be set up representing all boards as well as current ones. He pointed out that most of the high school districts in the county and many of the elementary systems also were considering building programs. several months ago, is 11/2 acres mission last spring (following said a representative from New- "These additions will have a marked effect on the debt structure for the next 20 or 30 years," he noted.

Reeve George Richardson, chairman of York County Coun-

York Centre MLA Donald Deacon who had had to leave the meeting early but had stated that he was ready to work for whatever the municipalities in his riding wanted. John MacKay, vice-chairman

of TSA 1 Markham, who is also a member of the York County Consultative Committee on Education and a director of the Ontario School Trustees' Association urged that no decision be made until the government's (Continued on Page 23)

#### ... EDITORIAL PAGE and employing 250 persons, should be in operation by next Farmers Treated Same As Others, Vaughan Insists At Tax Exemption Hearing

# municipal building. CANADIAN

in Richmond Hill. The plaque will remain in Mr. Corbett's keeping until the year's end

when it will be hung in the

The closing Centennial program featured the versatile and accomplished Bayview Secondary School Band under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Mathews and the melodious singing cision could have widespread of the prize-winning St. Mattnew's United Choir under the di- province, it is expected that rection of Mrs. Eileen Robbins. it may take some months. The band's selections featur- Assisting Mr. Maguire at the ed Gordon Adnams as soloist on hearing was W. T. Shrives. the baritone horn in "The Em- The hearing was a reconperor". This versatile young vening of one held March 30,

By MARGARET McLEAN At the completion of a day-long hearing at Vaughan Township Municipal Offices

tennial celebrations to a close mas Song", accompanied at the master of ceremonies.

Recognize Town Centennial Efforts

plaque sent to the Town of played trumpet solo in the of Christmas Carols, which fea-

Richmond Hill by the Province "Evening Breeze". Ron also tured the male chorus and solo-

of Ontario and signed by Pre- plays in the Richmond Hill Sym- ists Bud Renshaw, Barbara

James Auld, who served as annual town's Remembrance Their evident love of singing

December 11, the Municipal Board reserved decision on an appeal by Vaughan farmer Andrew McClure for relief from taxation for certain municipal services. Chairman of the hearing was R. Maguire who advised that the decision would be handed down as soon as possible. However, as the de- ship.

repercussion throughout the

that time sine die. It arose out of a request early in 1964 by some 124 township farmers to the township council for the passing of a bylaw exempting farm lands from taxation for fire, police, water, sewer and road maintenance service, on the grounds that farm lands do not benefit from such services to the same extent as other properties in the town-

two men, and adjourned at

Assessment Act a council is permitted to pass such a bylaw. However, Vaughan Township Council refused to pass the bylaw and the farmers carried their appeal to the county court. When the man who plans next year to 1966, conducted by the same appeal was rejected early in

1965, a municipal board hearing was sought and took place in March, 1966.

Decision at that time was that farm lands did not benefit from some services (fire protection and water) as other lands in the township. However, no adjudication was made of the extent of lowed).' the relief which should be accorded Mr. McClure (in whose name the hearing was called), but this was left to the two parties to agree Under Section 37 of the upon between themselves with the right given to either

> CHARGE BAD FAITH Acting for Mr. McClure was John F. Brewin who accused Vaughan Township of failure to negotiate the ques-

Questioned by Mr. Maguire if he meant there had been "bad faith", Mr. Brewin replied, "Precisely, The township made no attempt to negotiate. We have had no meetings to discuss the quantum (of relief to be al-

Mr. Brewin argued that Mr. McClure, by paying full taxes for all services on his residence, farm buildings and 10% of his land had discharged his obligations as a taxpayer; that the "back 40" side to reconvene the hear- of his property did not benefit from fire and police protection and from monies spent on road maintenance and construction, sewers and water. He asked that 90% of

ation for these services.

Fire Chief James Davidson, who in 1964 was also the police chief, was called to the stand briefly and identified a copy of the 1964 police report. Mr. Brewin drew attention to the steep \$2,200 in 1949 to \$138,000 in 1964 and to Mr. Davidson's statement in the report that the increase in that year had been due to general development and growth in the township. The only police costs directly attributable to farmers in that year were 10 of livestock by dogs, out of 3,500 complaints during the year, he noted.

the land be exempt from tax- some time on an item of that this expenditure, .48

\$2,500 in the township budget for 1964 which produced an extra tax of .115 mills Bathurst Streets. jointly with North York, "It increase in police costs from is very clear," he said in his awarded costs of the Decemsumming up, "that Mr. Mc-Clure's back lands received no direct or indirect benefit from this sewer in any way," and therefore he was entitled to relief from the .115 mill charge.

He further contended that 90% of Mr. McClure's lands calls concerning molesting should be relieved of charges to Mr. McClure's "back 40", for the \$12,450 paving of Mr. Brewin was ignoring the Bathurst Street from the fact that the assessment act Mr. Brewin dwelled for Mills Road on the grounds it interprets lands to mean

mills, was of no benefit to the grounds.

asked that if the board found in Mr. McClure's favor that even if the board found against him, he should be ber 11 hearing as it had been made necessary only because of Vaughan's failure to negotiate.

> ALL PROPERTIES BENEFIT

In rebuttal, S. C. French, acting for the township, pointed out that in referring Maple Sideroad to Elgin deals with "lands" and that "land plus buildings". "We

are not considering the back 40's at all," he stressed. "We In addition, Mr. Brewin are considering his lands, that is, all his property and this receives as much benefit from each of these services as other lands in the township."

> Mr. French stressed that if Mr. McClure could establish that all of his property did not receive as much benefit as other lands in the township, then it would be possible to consider what relief he should have from the cost of particular services. With respect to the storm

sewer on Steeles Avenue, Mr. French stated that it was obvious that the only properties which benefited from it were the few which (Continued on Page 3)