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## Markham Twp. Approves 69 More Lots In Varley Village Development

Markham Township Council Monday considered a request from Hengran Development Limited for release of 69 building lots in the subdivision immediately bordering Varley Village in the northwest corner of Unionville. Council agreed that "since these lands are within the area of lands described in the Hengran Subdivision Agreement, it is recommended that the subdivision be released, subject to a satisfactory agreement and to approval of the secondary plan for the Unionville area by the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Developer Jack Grant told council that "sales are very good" in Varley Village — so good in fact that builders are running out of land. He asked for the further 69 lots to be released for construction. He also asked that the secondary plan be speeded up to permit this and suggested council consider a diversionary road to Varley Village from either Concession 5 or 16th Avenue. This road is needed so construction equipment will not have to use Selberras Road or Fred Varley Drive as they do at present. Residents on these roads have objected to the damage done by and the heavy danger from heavy equipment.

Councillor Anthony Roman said an alternate route is a must if there is going to be considerable construction. "Pre-

### Patrick Cillis

## Popular Student Traffic Fatality

Students of Bayview Secondary School and residents of Richmond Hill were shocked to learn of a traffic accident on Bayview Avenue north of Crosby Avenue, February 4, which took the life of Patrick Gerard Cillis, 18, 132 Hillside Drive, Markham Township.

Although Patrick had transferred to Bayview Secondary from Brebeuf High School just last fall for his grade 13 studies, he had become very active in school sports, the chess club and library work. He was a good student with a keen interest in English and history and very popular with his classmates. Patrick had been the chief senior-student organizer of the successful blood donor clinic held in the school January 31. He was also a member

of the Youth Corps at Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church.

Mourning Patrick's loss are his parents, Alfred and Margaret Cillis, his brothers, Daniel, who came from Ottawa to attend the funeral, Terrance, from Toronto and Michael who returned home from Halifax. His three sisters Carol, at home, Sharon (Mrs. Gerald Gaffney) of Richmond Hill and Catherine, who is attending the University of Windsor and four foster brothers and sisters, Catherine, Pamela, Daniel and Douglas were also present.

A Requiem Mass was held Wednesday evening in Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery Thursday morning.

### Randall To Open Senior Citizens' Building Monday

Richmond Hill's senior citizens' apartment, fully occupied for some weeks, will be officially opened by the Ontario Housing Corporation February 12 at 11:20 a.m.

Honorable Stanley Randall, Ontario Minister of Economics and Development will be the host and a yet unnamed representative of the federal government will also be present. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst will bring civic greetings.

Following the brief ceremony an opportunity will be given to inspect the 56 suites contained in the four-story building and meet the senior citizens who are resident there.

A buffet luncheon will follow for invited guests at The Honey Pot, at which Minak Construction and Engineering Company Limited, who built the apartment, will be the host.

## Town Dusts Off Bylaw Sets Out Parks Control

A bylaw for the management of parks in the Town of Richmond Hill, which was first introduced in 1966 and put aside for further study, again saw the light of the council chamber on January 29.

Councillor Lois Hancey quipped, "I'm surprised at how much thinking this council has done in the past year," as Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and other councillors queried provisions of the bylaw.

Objection was noted to a subsection which defined "parking" as standing still of a vehicle, whether occupied or not. It was felt the more common term, with which motorists are familiar, is "standing."

Both Mayor Broadhurst and Councillor Ivan Mansbridge took exception to a clause which would forbid any person from publicly preaching, lecturing, declaiming or haranguing in or on any town park without approval in writing by the parks board.

"I would like that clause

out in the 'limey' tradition of free speech," stated the mayor. Although agreeing with the mayor on the principle of free speech, Councillor Mansbridge noted that such events in our town's parks, because of their limited area, wouldn't leave much room for other people wanting to use the facilities.

Reeve Donald Plaxton, although approving of the Hyde Park principles, felt council should give parks board the right to deny this kind of meeting.

Another section of the bylaw which prohibits the selling, offering or exposing for sale in any town park of food, drink or refreshments and any other articles came under fire, and it was suggested that the words "except on written permission of the parks board" be added.

The bylaw covers all phases of park management and park usage and will be studied at greater length in the near future in committee of the whole.

# Province Leaves Door Open 2 York County School Bds.

By MARGARET McLEAN

The Department of Education's long-awaited white paper on county boards of education finally made its appearance at the end of last week, but contained few surprises and added very little new information.

No reference is made to anything smaller than county boards although the term "school divisions" appears frequently and this has been interpreted by some as indicative that other than county-wide boards may be permitted.

York Central District High School Board, Vaughan Township and TSA 1 and 2 Markham Public School Boards all sent briefs or letters to Education Minister William Davis asking that two boards be permitted in York County, one for the Southern Six and one for the balance of the county.

To date, these communications have been merely acknowledged with no indication of the minister's approval or otherwise of the suggestion.

Representatives of Southern Six school boards are rumored to be seeking a meeting with Education Minister William Davis within the next two weeks. The meeting with Mr. Davis is being arranged by Donald Deacon MLA York Centre who feels there is a good possibility that an exception will be made in York County and two boards of education permitted.

The new county boards of education will consist of 14 to 20 elected members, based on total population within the area. The white paper reveals: An area with less than 50,000 population will have a 14 member board; from 50,000 to 99,999, 16 members.

Thus a Southern Six board would consist of 16 members as the population of the Southern Six, in 1966, was 68,000.

Areas with 100,000 to 149,000 population would have 18 member boards. This would be the case if York County, with a population of 130,555, had one board. Areas with a population of over 150,000 will have 20 member boards. Separate school supporters will also elect members to the boards in the proportion that

"suggestion". However, there is no indication as to how county councils would set up wards, on whom population or on assessment.

With respect to financing, the white paper indicates that costs will be apportioned by the boards among all municipalities in the division on the basis of provincial equalized assessment. That is, municipalities with the highest assessment will pay the largest share of costs, regardless of the number of students they add to the system. This is the basis on which York Central District High School Board costs are now apportioned.

Although tax bills for education are to be distinct from those for other municipal services, the municipalities will continue to collect the taxes, although instalments for education may be made payable at times distinct from those for municipal services, as determined by local councils. Each school board will issue its own debentures, subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

The setting up of a ward system to elect trustees is evidently to be left in the hands of county councils, although this is noted as a

To assist in the work of the new boards, which are to take office in January, 1969, each present school board is to appoint one representative to an Interim School Organization Committee, not later than February 15, 1968.

This committee, during 1968, will be charged with the responsibility of compiling comprehensive reports from each present school area, containing complete descriptions of each board's individual operating procedures, policies, special services, personnel, salaries, accommodation, enrolment, transportation and finances.

From this information, each interim committee will be expected to identify problems and "outline as part of its report, a series of priorities for the consideration of the new board during its first few months of operation."

The white paper notes, however, that "it will be essential for each existing board to conduct itself in 1968 as though it were responsible for the operation of its schools until June, 1969."

It is suggested that interim committees should consult with teachers during the year for their help and advice.

Various school board officials and representatives were asked by "The Liberal" to comment on the white paper.

York Central Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman pointed out that there will have to be a tremendous amount of work done by the present board staffs to assemble the information required by the interim committees.

He also expressed the wish that the white paper had shown more concern for staff security than it seems to. "Existing school boards here will have lost the attractiveness created by new developments," he said. "They won't be able to tell new teachers anything about the new setup and this will create uneasiness in the teaching staff."

Mr. Chapman also pointed out that the 1969 reorganization of school boards is co-incident with the elimination of Ontario College of Education summer school courses for high school teachers. "We may have to hire some staff with no teacher training at all, at a time when

supervising personnel in charge of hiring may not yet have been appointed," he stressed. "Needs for teachers are established in mid-February each year. Who will establish this in 1969? Who will hire them?"

Richmond Hill Public School Superintendent Gordon McIntyre, when asked to comment, read an extract from the brief sent by his board to the York County Consultative Committee on Education in October, 1965.

It read: "Richmond Hill is not in itself large enough to

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## Vandals Destroy School Property

Vandals broke into Langstaff Secondary School, February 4, causing an estimated \$2,500 damage to the school's office, kitchen and classrooms. Vaughan Township Police reported that books and papers were torn and strewn in the main office and ink was dumped on floors and desks. Four fire extinguishers had been emptied about the school and eggs from the kitchen had been broken against walls. The vandals entered the gymnasium and used bows and arrows to ruin the sport time clock.

However, some of the malicious damage may prove the downfall of the destructive vandals. Police are listening to voices on a tape recorder which the vandals apparently found and used in the school office. This may give police some clues to the identity of the vandals involved in the incident.

Two Toronto youths and a juvenile were arrested by Metro Police shortly after midnight, February 3, and held on a series of theft charges following crimes in Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships.

Douglas Rayson, 16, 59 Hamilton Street, Toronto, and Ronald Brousseau, 16, 82 Hamilton Street, and the juvenile were charged with the theft of two motor vehicles, one from the Allencourt Plaza and one from Cartier Crescent; break-entry of the home of Gordon Davis, 7780 Yonge Street, Thornhill, and the theft of two musical instruments from the Bayview Secondary School.

# Service To Country, Community Earns Centennial Medal For Seven Richmond Hill People



**Dr. Douglas H. Pimlott**  
After five years in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, Douglas Pimlott entered the University of New Brunswick and graduated with a B.Sc. in Forestry in 1949, receiving an M.Sc. degree in 1954 and a Ph.D. in 1959 from the University of Wisconsin. Six years were spent in Newfoundland where he studied the ecology of the moose and was in charge of wildlife research and management for the provincial government.

mond Hill in 1958 when he joined the staff of the Research Branch of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests and was in charge of wolf research. Since 1962 he has been associated with the teaching of wildlife biology and animal ecology in the Department of Zoology of the University of Toronto.

As an author Dr. Pimlott has written many technical publications, alone and in collaboration with other scientists. His latest work, in conjunction with Russell J. Rutter, is "The World of the Wolf". It has already been released in the USA and will be released in Canada this month.



**Edna Izzard**  
A teacher, beloved by all her pupils, Miss Edna Izzard was on the staff of Richmond Hill High School from 1930 until her retirement in 1962. Retirement did not put an end to her teaching days, however, as she has continued to act as a supply teacher and as an instructor in grade 13 subjects in night school. She has been described by a pupil as "A friend, philosopher and guide to all who have sought the light of truth."

A graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto, Miss Izzard became head of the English Department in RHHS. She served as president of District 8 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The three-act plays she produced and directed during two decades will long be remembered.

Organizer of the 1st Girl Guide Company north of the city limits, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Miss Izzard went on to become Guide Commissioner for Richmond Hill. She is a charter member of Richmond Hill Naturalists and a member of the Horticultural Society and of the Ontario Horticultural Association (40,000 members). Serving four years on Richmond Hill Council he also served as a trustee and as chairman of both the public and high school boards.

Federation of University Women meeting in Brisbane, Australia, in 1965.

A member of the Corporation of Trinity College, she is also the CFUW representative on the executive of St. Hilda's College and a member of the alumnae association.

Among her former pupils are the famous Canadian author Farley Mowat, now living in Newfoundland, and Mrs. R. S. Fowler (Marion Little) who will be obtaining her Doctor of Philosophy degree in English at the University of Toronto next year.



**R. D. Little**  
A quiet man, whose influence has been felt in every phase of the life of Richmond Hill, since he came to live here in 1928, Robert D. Little was the founder (in 1927) of R. D. Little Ford Sales Ltd., now one of the largest Ford dealers in Canada, and the oldest in Ontario in point of continuous ownership.

He was the third president of Richmond Hill Lions Club and during his year as District Governor of Lions Clubs was chairman of the Board of Governors for Ontario and Quebec. He is a past president of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society and of the Ontario Horticultural Association (40,000 members). Serving four years on Richmond Hill Council he also served as a trustee and as chairman of both the public and high school boards.

Mr. Little was chairman of the campaign for funds in Richmond Hill for the building of York Central Hospital and then served for three years on its board of trustees. He was also chairman of the first campaign for funds for the VON and is now honorary president of that organization. His latest chairmanship was of Richmond Hill and District YWCA's fund campaign.

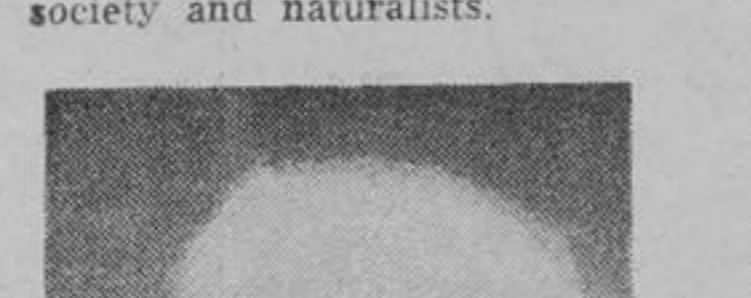
Author of two books of light verse, Mr. Little does considerable public speaking to garden clubs, horticultural societies and Lions Clubs.

He is still active in the local Lions, horticultural society and in St. Mary's Anglican Church which he has served as warden — and in anything else that comes along", to quote this recipient of the Centennial Medal.



**Mrs. Flavia Redelmeier**  
Associated with Guiding since 1944 when she became a Brown Owl in Toronto, Mrs. Ernest (Flavia) Redelmeier continued her active interest in the movement after coming to Richmond Hill on her marriage in 1951.

Mr. Hutchinson is a charter member of York Central Hospital Auxiliary and was its second president. She is the 1968 president of Richmond Hill Curtain Club and second vice-president of the Garden Club of Toronto. Some of her other interests are reflected in her membership in the weaving group at Kingcrafts, the local horticultural society and naturalists.



**Leonard Hutchinson, RCA**  
Supervising instructor at the Adult Retarded Centre for the past two years, Leonard Hutchinson, RCA, 20 Doncrest Road, Langstaff, also received a Centennial Medal last week.

A resident of the area for 20 years, Mr. Hutchinson is a distinguished Canadian artist and was recently made a senior academician of the Royal Canadian Academy. At one time on the staff of the Hamilton Art School, he is a past president of the Canadian Society of Painter-Etchers and of the Can-

adian Society of Graphic Art. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London.

Mr. Hutchinson's special field for many years was that of the graphic arts, lithography, etching and printmaking. Lately, he has turned his attention to designing and making jewelry and fused glass compositions using a technique resurrected from the ancient Egyptians.



**Dr. Helen S. Hogg**  
Dr. Helen S. Hogg, AM, Ph.D., DSc, FRSC, is a professor of astronomy and research associate at the University of Toronto. She has been associated with the David Dunlop Observatory here since 1936.

Her list of achievements is long one. Early in 1967 she was the first Canadian and the second woman to receive the Rittenhouse Silver Medal, presented by the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society and along with Hon. Pauline Vanier, CC, PC of Montreal, has just been named a director of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

exhibition at Expo '67. She writes a weekly column "With The Stars" for a Toronto daily and in 1955 served as program director of the astronomical section of the National Science Foundation in Washington.

A member of the Richmond Hill Public Library Board for 18 years, she was chairman of the building committee when the present building was erected. It later won the Massey Award for design.



**Katherine Ball**  
A resident of Richmond Hill since 1938, Miss Katherine Ball is a professor in the School of Library Science at the University of Toronto, where she served as a librarian for 21 years.

Miss Ball is president-elect of the Canadian Library Association and was a Canadian delegate to the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles held in Paris, France, in 1961.