

(Ontario Hydro Photo)

Ontario Hydro's Richmond Hill area office will be closed within the next two years, depending on the availability of office facilities in the vicinity of Newmarket. Richmond Hill is being merged with other areas in central region for greater economy and efficiency of operations.

Ontario Hydro Office To Close

Ontario Hydro's Richmond Hill offices will be closed within the next two years and part of its present area will be served from an office to be established in Newmarket. The

Students' Creepy Crawl Nets \$80 For Excursion

The dance was called the "Creepy Crawl" but there was nothing slow about the grade eight students of Pleasantville School who planned every detail of a psychedelic sound and light dance party in the school gymnasium February 24.

The event was held to raise money to help defray the cost of sending 38 grade eight students on a science excursion to the Cedar Glen Camp near Bolton, March 5-7. Under the supervision of Principal John Hinks the students hired a musical group "The Cretins" from Richmond Hill; decorated the gym; collected prizes from generous local merchants and arranged their own advertising campaign.

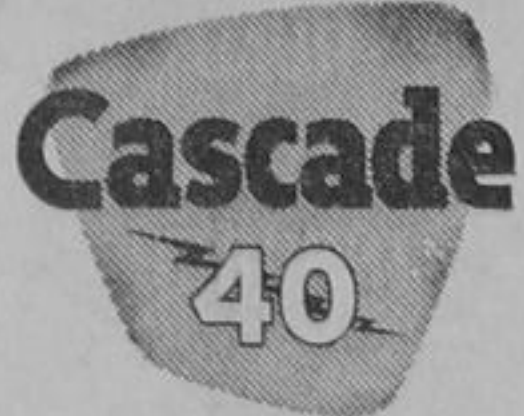
More than 100 teenagers attended the dance and the enterprising students netted over \$80 for their trip. The Pleasantville Home and School had earlier contributed \$250 towards the estimated \$700 cost of the expedition. Deena Simpson, chairman of the school board, and Trustees Phyllis Hawkes, Jim LeMoine and Ken Tomlin were guests of the students and were very impressed by their responsibility and effort.

At the January meeting of the Pleasantville Home and School, David Porter, of the Social Planning Council, supported by Police Chief Robbins, proposed that more use be made of school buildings in the community. The very successful dance demonstrates one good use for the schools.

STOUFFVILLE: The Bell Telephone Company will undertake a three month study of the need for extending the local calling area to Toronto and nearby exchanges. A Bell spokesman explained that an increased toll free area would mean higher business and residential rates. Therefore, a majority of customers would have to indicate they wanted extended service before any changes could be made.

Following a similar survey in Markham in 1961, plans are now underway to provide service to Toronto, Willowdale, Don Mills and Scarborough by next fall.

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remainder will be served from Markham Village. This is part of a move which will merge four areas in York and Peel Counties into two larger ones. The new area office in Newmarket will administer also the area now served from Sutton and parts of the areas now served from Woodbridge and Markham. The remainder of the area now served from Woodbridge will be served from Brampton where a new larger area office will open April 1. Ontario Hydro's Woodbridge Area office will be closed approximately May 1. Richmond Hill and Sutton will be closed when office space is available at Newmarket.

Father & Son Reunited

Walter French of 109 Spruce Avenue, Richvale, and his son, Wayne, a leading seaman in the Royal Navy, caught up on 17 years of news in two nights last weekend. They had not seen each other since Wayne was five in England when his parents separated.

Mr. French Sr., bulletin editor for the Richvale Lions and a resident of the area for 16 years, found that his son had developed into a young man of whom he could be very proud and is looking forward to his next visit, which Wayne has promised will be for two or three weeks.

The reunion came about when Mr. French appealed to "Action Line" of the Toronto Telegram after he discovered that his son's ship, the frigate HMS Juno, was docking in Jacksonville, Florida. He asked that a leave be obtained and transportation to Toronto arranged for the son he had not seen in 17 years. The seemingly impossible task was accomplished by the Telegram's Miss Morgan and Wayne arrived at Toronto International Airport Friday evening.

His father took him directly to the Richvale Lions' Monte Carlo Night at the Richmond Hill Lions Hall, where he received a warm reception from

everyone attending — and then the two men sat up until 6 am catching up on the years they had been apart.

Saturday night, an aunt in Toronto held a party at which Wayne met many of his relatives and enjoyed getting to know them. Other relatives were contacted by long distance telephone and a cousin, whom the young visitor remembered well, came to Richvale to renew the childhood friendship. Father and son again talked until sunrise Sunday morning.

Thirty relatives gathered at Malton Sunday afternoon to bid "au revoir" to Wayne as he boarded an Air Canada flight at 2:45 pm which would get him back aboard his ship before his leave expired. On return of the frigate to England, Wayne will be transferring to an aircraft carrier, but has promised that he will be back again within the next two years. His enlistment has five years to run.

"He's a wonderful boy," said Mr. French with evident pride. "He was born in Canada and travels on a Canadian passport. I wonder that he doesn't have trouble sometimes when asked where he was born, and he replies "Toronto" with a very English accent. Some immigration officer isn't going to believe him."

Police Accident Report

Winter And Driving Hazards Return

Blowing snow made driving conditions treacherous over the weekend and the poor visibility accounted for several accidents.

The most serious collision, which sent three men to York Central Hospital, occurred when a northbound car driven by Lawrence Passer, 24, of Lake Wilcox skidded into the southbound lane of Bathurst Street north of Highway 7, March 2. Passer was involved in a collision with the southbound car driven by Ronald Cook, 36, of Toronto. Damage was estimated at \$1,500 to the Cook car and \$2,000 to the Passer vehicle. The two drivers and a passenger in the Cook car, William MacDonald, 29, of Weston were taken to hospital.

Earlier on March 2, Allen Miloff, 30 of 128 Talmage Avenue, Richmond Hill, lost control of his car in the blowing snow and went off Bathurst Street near the Maple Sidebank. Mr. Miloff hit a snow bank causing an estimated \$300 damage to his car.

Vaughan Police also investigated an accident on Keele Street at the Langstaff Side-road on March 1, when John

Lotosky, 21 of Downsview was involved in a collision with Orville Mitchell, 40, of Toronto. The accident occurred as Mitchell pulled out onto Keele Street and was struck by the Lotosky car which was travelling in the southbound lane. No charges have been laid but damages to Lotosky's car was estimated at \$400 and \$150 to the Mitchell vehicle.

Slippery roads accounted for another accident March 2, when James Bryson, 32, of Downsview struck a parked car on Bathurst Street near the Maple Side-road. Christopher Balmer, 18, of Kleinburg had parked his car while he assisted another driver. No charges have been laid and damage was reported slight.

Markham Township Police investigated an accident March 2, in which the car driven by Henry Jones of Keswick went out of control on an icy patch on Don Mills Road at Victoria Square. The car turned over on the west side of the highway and although damage to the car was estimated at \$200, Mr. Jones was not injured.

Richmond Hill Police investigated an accident on Yonge Street and Trayborn Drive March 2, involving William Hughes, 21, 388 Balkan Road, Richmond Hill and Warren Riley, 25, 453 Lynett Crescent. The Riley car slipped on the icy pavement as he attempted to make a left hand turn onto Trayborn Drive and total damage was estimated at \$225. No charges were laid.

Icy roads were also the cause of an accident at Crosby Avenue and Newkirk Road, March 2, when Ruth Gleason, 32, of 366 Osiris Drive, Richmond Hill, was involved in a collision with Lloyd Dickie, 50, 170 Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill. No charges were laid but damage to the Dickie vehicle was estimated at \$110 and the Gleason car at \$65.

A car driven by Cosmo Kapitaniuk, 45, of 251 Axminster Drive, Richmond Hill, slid on an icy section of Centre Street East, March 2, and struck the car of Robert Rogers, 39, of 211 Maple Avenue, Richmond Hill. No charges have been laid but total damage to the cars was estimated at some \$300.

Still Tuning Pianos

Do you need your piano tuned and repaired? Al Pyle, formerly of Legion Court, is still carrying on his business from his home at Holt (RR 1, Mount Albert).

Mr. Pyle takes the guesswork out of piano tuning by "checking" them electronically. He can be reached by dialing 112-473-6385.

BRAMPTON—A high school student died February 24 after being struck by a CNR freight train while walking along the tracks listening to his transistor radio.

Police said that John Stewart Purcell, 18, of Fairglen Avenue, apparently was holding the radio up to his ear and did not hear the train approaching from behind.

The youth was a Grade 12 student at Centennial High School in Brampton.

AURORA: Council has decided that the jobs of community centre manager and recreation director will be separated. Both jobs are now held by Recreation Director Ernie Batson. Council has authorized the community centre board to take "the required action", although no indication has been given what that might be.

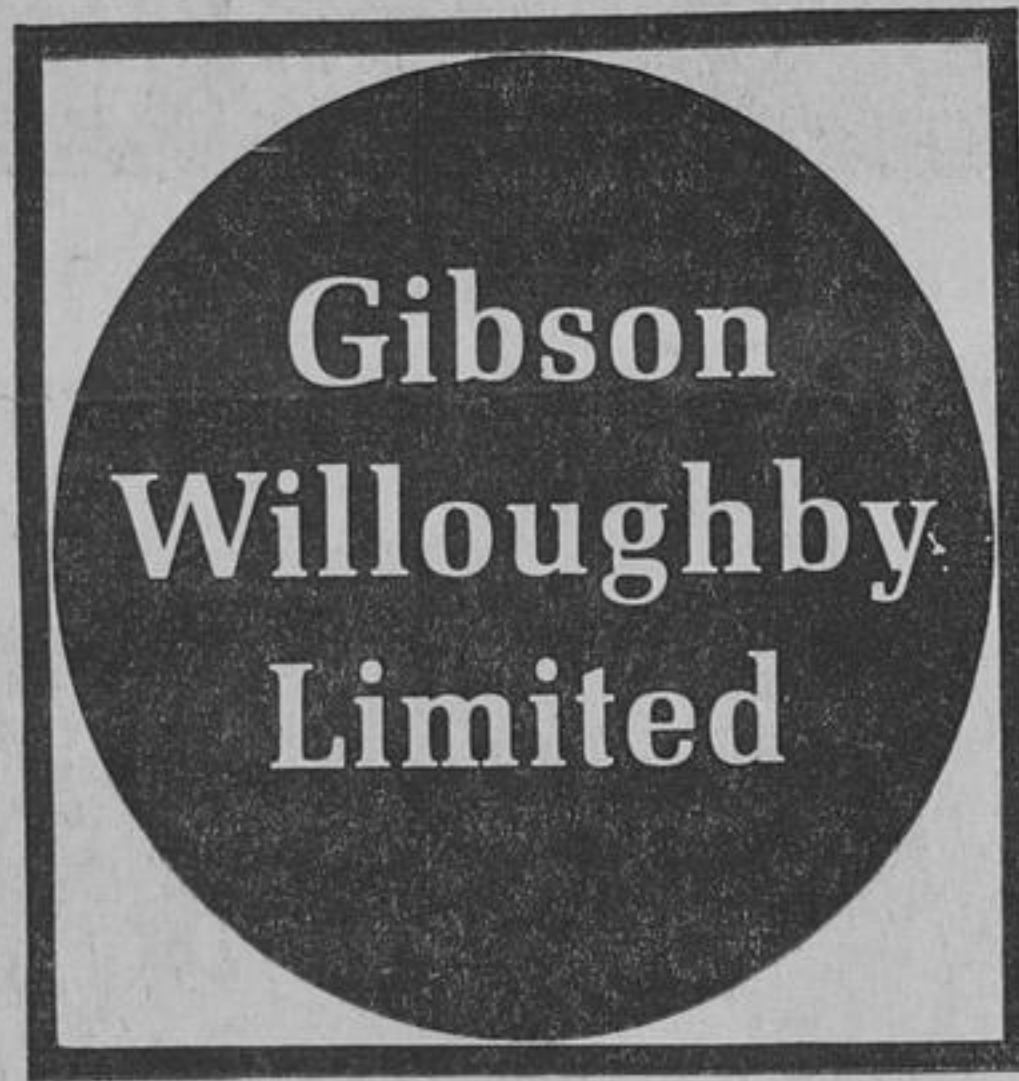
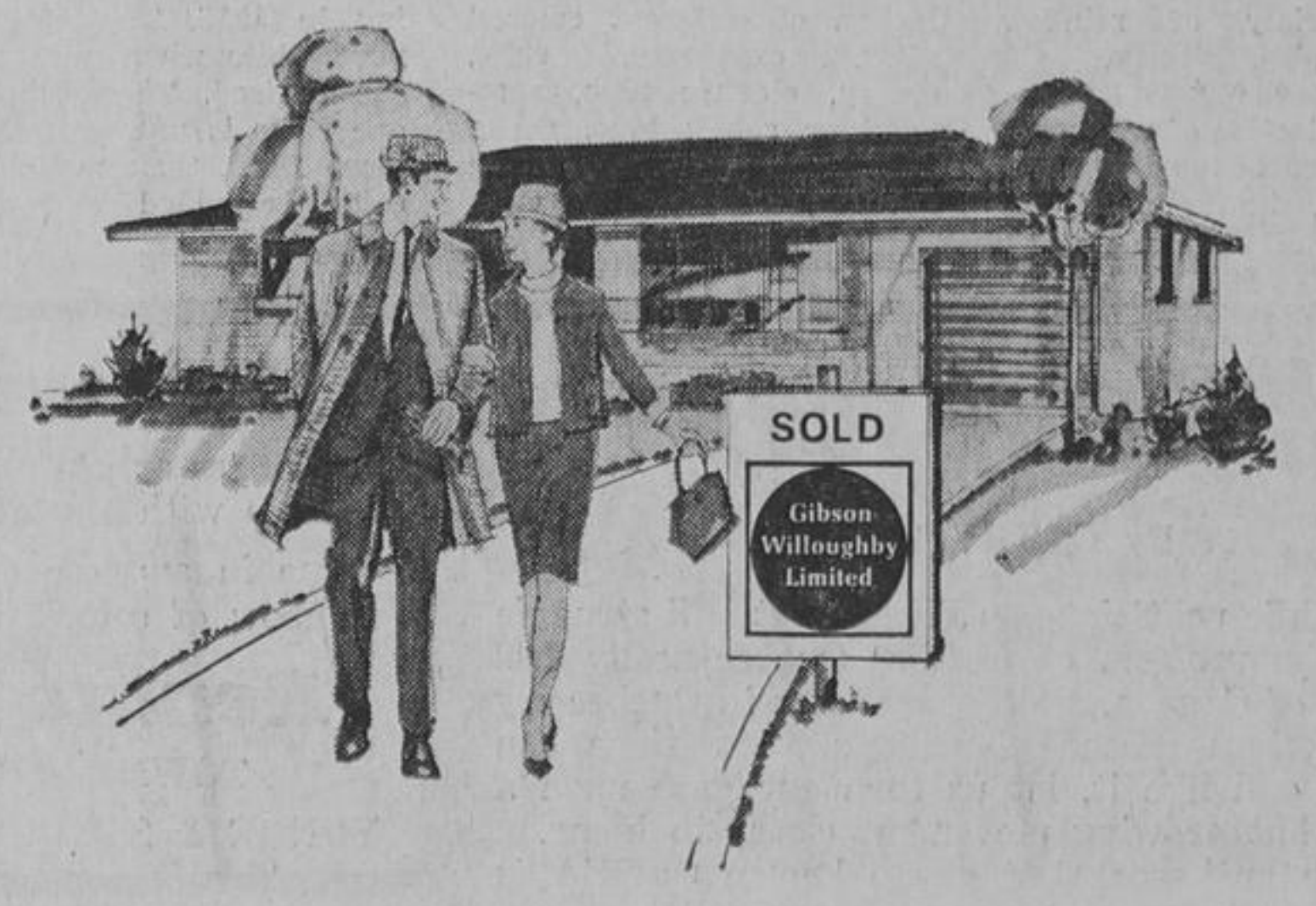
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