



# The Liberal

An Independent Weekly: Established 1878

Subscription Rate \$4.50 per year; to United States \$6.00; 10c single copy  
Member Audit Bureau of Circulations  
Member Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association  
Published by Richmond Hill Liberal Publishing Co. Ltd.  
W. S. COOK, Publisher  
"Authorized as second class mail, Post Office Department, Ottawa"



## It's Not That Simple

As a step towards solving the current housing shortage a recent editorial in a Toronto daily calls for the immediate development of 1,300 acres of land in Vaughan for residential purposes. The editorial contends there is enough empty land in the township to provide 50,000 homes. It goes on to criticize the Ontario Water Resources Commission for not making available to Vaughan the findings contained in a water and sewage study it made of the Southern Six.

Everyone agrees with the need for more housing at a price the average wage earner can afford to pay. But the development of large tracts of land throughout the Southern Six for residential purposes is not as simple a matter as the editorial would suggest.

Two problems must first be solved. The installation of the basic services will cost several million dollars. Who is to bear the total cost? Will the province agree to pay the major share through its agency, the OWRC? Or will it want to devise some cost sharing formula with the municipalities concerned? If this is the case, how much additional debt can the municipalities safely carry? Whatever course of action is finally agreed upon it will be the subject of extended negotiations between the OWRC and the Southern Six.

The other major question needing a solution is the whole matter of

providing elementary and secondary educational facilities. The present school systems couldn't hope to cope with the tidal wave of pupils that would result from the construction of 50,000 new homes. It would simply and clearly bankrupt our taxpayers. The question then arises, is the province prepared to shoulder a far greater share of the education bill? Already close to 60 cents of every local tax dollar collected goes toward the cost of education. And this is to say nothing of the increased demand for such services as fire, police, recreation, parks, hydro and roads that would result from the construction of 50,000 homes.

The high cost of education down through the years is the reason why the municipalities have restricted residential development. With the school systems already making great demands on the taxpayer, there was no way the municipalities could allow any further development of low cost housing. Nor did they have any funds available for the servicing of raw land. If the province had played its proper role during the past two decades, and relieved the municipalities of the crushing burden of education, we wouldn't have the serious housing crisis we have today.

There is no simple, pat answer to providing 50,000 new homes. Any such program will need not only leadership by the Roberts Government, but massive doses of financial support.



## Honor Hill Safety Record

Richmond Hill Councillor Mrs. Lois Hancey is seen above receiving a Canadian Highway Safety Council Award on behalf of the town from Minister of Transport Hon. Irwin Hasket. Similar awards were presented to 39 Ontario communities for notable traffic safety records in 1967 at a luncheon held in Toronto recently and arranged by the Ontario Safety League.

## Letters to the Editors

### REEVE BAILEY'S \$15,000 SALARY

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Your editorials referring to the increase in the salary of the reeve of Vaughan Township, and the several letters addressed to you, have interested me to the point where I should like to make some comments.

1. Because Garnet Williams, the deputy-reeve, was opposed to such a substantial increase, he is not obligated to run for the office of reeve as stated by Reeve Brian Bailey in one of his letters to you, any more than he would be obliged to so act, following a contrary vote of his on any other matter.
2. Mrs. Ann Brooks of Richvale is to be congratulated on her letter to you in which she so clearly set out what many people feel in this regard.
3. Nowhere in your editorials do I see Mr. Bailey having been drafted as a candidate for the reeve-ship as implied in his letter to you appearing in your June 13 edition.
4. I see no inaccuracies or misrepresentation in your statement that the reeve's salary is now set at \$15,000 per year — plus other allowances. No reference was made to Mr. Bailey's remuneration for 1968, nor would any thinking person imagine that it would be other than \$10,000 for the remainder of this year plus \$2,000 additional allowances. However, it is still at the rate of \$15,000 per year basic salary, regardless of how one tries to explain it.
5. A township council can, by Section 212 of the Municipal Act, vote its reeve "such annual or other remuneration as council may determine", but why the rush in our case to pass the measure by three readings at one session of council! One cannot help wondering what was behind such haste. Three readings at one session can deprive the electors of the means of obtaining information about a proposed measure, or of opposing it before it becomes effective.

Yours truly,  
A. J. EVERETT,  
116 Westwood Lane,  
Richvale.

### EXPRESSES THANKS

Dear Mr. Editor:  
We request that this letter of thanks be published in "The Liberal" at your earliest convenience. The Canadian Mental Health Association in York County wishes to extend warm thanks to "The Liberal" for the excellent coverage in the way of publicity during their recent campaign for funds.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of the Richmond Hill Jaycees, under the leadership of Bill Young in organizing the Richmond Hill area. We would be remiss if at this time we did not pay tribute to the captains and canvassers for the part they played on our behalf. To the Richmond Hill residents who contributed to our appeal, indeed our appreciation. To each and all concerned our sincere thanks for your efforts

in furthering the work of York County branch, CMHA.  
Sincerely,  
(Mrs.)  
FAYE C. O'CALLAGHAN,  
Executive Sec'y. - Treas.

WE GET LETTERS — and we want more. If you have a comment on a current event, an anecdote to relate, a grouse to get off your chest, drop us a line. All letters must bear the writer's name and address, although a pen-name will be used in the paper if requested and at the editor's discretion. The editor reserves the right to cut or publish portions of letters if necessary. We can't return your letters. Sharpen your pencils — and let's hear from you.

### Col. Robert Moodie

## 1837 Rebellion Almost Causes War In Council

The Rebellion of 1837 almost had a sequel in Richmond Hill Town Council last week.

Only the names were changed and, ahem, the genders.

In 1837 it was Robert Moodie. In 1968 it was Robert Moodie.

The rebellion in 1837 involved William Lyon Mackenzie and a cast of thousands plus Mr. Moodie whose home used to be located in the area of the North Yonge Bus Loop.

The 1968 rebellion belonged to Councillor Hancey who displayed feminine pique when it was moved by Councillor Ivan Mansbridge that the budget for celebrating Mr. Moodie's accomplishments be cut from \$500 to \$300.

"If council passes this motion," Mrs. Hancey stated, "I will be happy to turn this project over to someone else."

The project? To arrange for the ceremony in order to dedicate an historical plaque to commemorate the site of Robert Moodie's house.

Mrs. Hancey reported an on site inspection was held with the works commissioner and necessary re-

quirements were noted for installation of the plaque (to be paid for by the province) platform and guests.

Cost to publish a program, send out invitations and provide refreshments, \$500.

Mr. Mansbridge felt \$300 would be sufficient and that the guest list could be amended accordingly.

This didn't go over at all with Mrs. Hancey.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst indicated he thought the placing of the plaque in itself would be sufficient but agreed "if you're going to do a thing it should be done right." He didn't appear too strenuously opposed to the \$500.

Council then — on the heels of Mrs. Hancey's grim warning that she would withdraw — passed the \$500 proposal.

Who was Mr. Moodie? Well, his proper name was Col. Robert Moodie and history had it that he caught wind that Rebel William Lyon Mackenzie was proposing to raid government house in Toronto.

He rode to warn the loyalists of the attack but was killed at Montgomery's Tavern enroute. The first casualty of the rebellion.



## Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

### Out With The Old, In With The New

In the world of nature there is constant growth and decay. In the world of people and things there is this kind of change also.

There was plenty of this kind of change at the junction of Highway 7B and Yonge at Thornhill for a period of three months or more.

The historical BA Station was singing its swan song during this time. I watched the demolition crew at work. To make room for the new station, two houses, a block of stores and a shop had to come down. The new premises have been open to the public more than a week.

It was a neat job. Demolition crews are like good housekeepers. It's board by board, brick by brick, piled neatly and carried away in big trucks. The demolition took no longer than a week.

While the new garage was rising in splendor, the old one lingered in the death throes of last service. It's gone now.

Its monument is a grassy plot manned by ornamental shrubs, red geraniums in huge platter like bowls and three tall flag poles. The red maple leaf of our Canadian flag dominates the scene here.

Even Frank Engel, the dealer looks different. He has changed his serviceable green uniform to a business-like, white smock.

### AN HISTORICAL CORNER

The story of this corner goes back to the early twenties when a man named John Francis owned a house on it.

According to information given by his niece Lillian Francis, John Francis owned the block of land stretching from the corner down to the site of the Bell Telephone Building on Yonge and Jane. He moved the house to Elizabeth Street when he sold the corner to the British American Oil Company. The house is now the home of Boynton Weldrick, a former reeve of Vaughan Township. Miss Francis lives right next door to it.

After the garage was built, it was occupied by two tenants who emigrated from Jamaica by the names of Howell and Fulford. Eventually Howell left and Fulford operated the station by himself for a time.

Willard Simpson of John Street, said that his father Richard Simpson was a dealer for a short period also. After that Jack Henderson and Clarence Walker (a nephew of Richard Simpson) took over in 1937.

Mrs. Jack Secord who lives at 143 Brooke Street, and a sister of Jack Henderson, said her father Alex Henderson took it over in the early forties and remained there until 1950.

I moved to Thornhill in 1943 and the late Alex Henderson was the man who wore the familiar green uniform of the BA dealer.

Frank Engel of Willowdale took over the garage in 1953 and has been here ever since. Before coming to Thornhill, Frank worked eight years in the tool department of Massey Harris and one year at garage work. He is a family man with two sons and two daughters. A son Bob was helping him at the station the day I came along.

### FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

At first Frank's brother, John, assisted him (Continued on Page 15)

## In the Spotlight



By JOAN HAROLD

An interesting paradox comes to light when one is writing a column, and in contact with people. One finds that people like to read about people, but nobody wants to be written about. Another thing that amazes me is that in a small town like Richmond Hill there are so many diversified talents, and every single person has a different story to tell.

For example, Ruth Garson, founder of the Recreational Guild of Culture would like me to write about the group rather than about her, but I can't resist passing on a few interesting tid-bits about her background before going into detail about the guild — it is her background of music that brought out in her a great feeling for the arts and a desire to pass this appreciation on to others.

She inherited her musical talents from her British mother who was an opera singer from Leeds, and Ruth, who grew up in Montreal (her father was a French-Canadian) at one time studied singing under Madame Pauline Donalda, but as she grew up she realized that her real love was the piano, even though she had won the reputation of being "The Little Opera-singer" at the age of ten when she won many talent shows.

After some years of studying the piano, and at the tender age of sixteen she was encouraged by her god-mother to audition for the position of ballet accompanist with Sylvia Garbier's ballet school. She got the job, and this led to a great knowledge of the ballet and many fascinating experiences — she has played for Georges Balanchine of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, and the great Leonide Massine.

Ruth moved to Toronto about eleven years ago and since then has been playing for the National Ballet Company and studying for her doctorate in music at Trinity College, Oxford. With all this activity she has still found the time to be interested in young people, their great natural curiosity and love of music. This led to the formation of the Music Theory History Guild.

It all started when she was living in Toronto and many neighborhood children would come into her living room to sit in a circle and discuss the history of music. Delving back to the caveman, Ruth was fascinated by the intelligent questions asked by the youngsters. Sometimes they would play records and sometimes Ruth would play for them — her own favourite is Chopin although she makes a great effort not to influence her young students.

When Ruth moved to Richmond Hill she once again built up a following of children, and their interests soon included recorder playing, dancing, and many of the arts. It then seemed time to change their name to the Recreational Guild of Culture, and the group has now grown to the point where some sort of meeting place is desperately needed.

(Continued on Page 15)

## Can It Be Enforced?

In a move designed to save the wear and tear on their gravel roads Markham Township Council has decided to reduce the speed limit on such roads from the usual 50 mph to 35 mph. It is the commendable idea from the safety angle. Gravel roads present a far greater hazard than do hard-surfaced roads. Flying gravel from a passing car or truck and loose gravel when a driver has to brake suddenly are two of the safety drawbacks associated with this type of road. Over fifty percent of Markham's roads is still gravel surfaced.

However now that the council, with the sanction of the province, has decided to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph, the question is, can it be enforced. Reeve Stewart Rumble has his doubts when he remarked that the township would need a much

larger police force in order to enforce a 35 mile limit.

Before making such a change council should have first made certain there is a reasonable chance it is enforceable. It is useless to pass a law that will only remain on the statute books but will seldom be enforced. We already have too many unenforceable laws at every level of government.

In today's fast moving world most speed limits are being raised rather than lowered. Before making the new figure official council should give motorists ample warning. All the gravel roads throughout the township have new signs posted and the police should issue verbal warnings to motorists before there is a complete crackdown and tickets issued.

## Teachers Urged Not To Censure Behaviour Of Young

A more intensive co-operative effort between the school and the home was suggested by Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner of Cornell University, addressing 25 York Central District High School teachers at a special staff seminar May 29.

Dr. Bronfenbrenner had been brought to Toronto to deliver the annual Blatz Lecture at York University May 27 and the high school board had arranged for between 50 and 60 of their teachers to attend the lecture.

Dr. Bronfenbrenner is a leader in the "child centred" approach to education which was strongly supported by the Hall Committee on Education and he made some analysis of problems existing in York Central schools.

From June 24 to 28 between 75 and 80 York Central teachers were freed from their usual duties to attend a series of seminars conducted by Dr. Stanley Harries of Cambridge University.

Dr. Harries visited the York Central system for a full day two years ago. He is a geographer turned philosopher who is able to examine the values in society and their implications for schools in a practical manner.

Theme of the York Central seminar, held at Bayview Secondary School, was "The Teachers and the Changing World."

"We are faced with new and puzzling patterns of behaviour among the young," Dr. Harries told the teachers. "Their disapproval of our society is manifest in many ways."

He warned his audience however that the first reaction to strange behaviour is censure and urged the teachers to take a more careful, considered approach to the unfamiliar, whether in human behaviour or in modern art. Our new era is seeing the development of a new type of young person, Dr. Harries said, and urged teachers to study representatives of the new wave.

"Today's current rejection of accepted values by young people is a social force that is not easily going to be dammed," he said. He related the current

student unrest to its roots in the past century, the estrangement of the work from religion and the lost sense of identity among the European bourgeois.

"They aren't simply crazy young people — they're part of a powerful force, one of the most potent movements of our time," he said.

Later sessions attempted to study the sources of student dissatisfaction and revolt and to seek ways in which teachers may guide the revolt.

Tentative arrangements have been made for an administrative seminar for York Central personnel to be held October 17 to 19 at Geneva Park.

This seminar is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500. A somewhat similar seminar was held last fall, directed by Hickling Johnston Management Consultants, which was considered well worth the time and money invested.

## Star Gazing July 5

Interested in the events of the space age? If you are, then the summer star night sponsored by the members of the Toronto Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, on July 5, at the Etobicoke Municipal Gardens is for you. This is west from Highway 27 on Burnhamthorpe Road in Etobicoke.

Admission is free, and telescopes will be set up (weather permitting) before dusk for inspection. This year, the star-gazing parties are bigger and better than ever.

For further information, call Norman Folkers, at 920-2291, or Gregory Bailey, at 889-5933 in Thornhill.

## The Date

A phone rings  
A heart sings,  
Could this be my date  
Does it mean he'll be late?  
Or not at all  
Will he ever again call.  
He's coming at six  
Boy, am I in a fix,  
Into the shower  
Less than an hour,  
Hair to be wet  
I'll buy a wig yet  
A new dress of blue  
Seems I've lost a shoe.  
Find my hat  
Feed the cat.  
The time is near  
My date is here  
I sit looking serene  
As he surveys the scene,  
Then I hear him say  
In a quiet way,  
His first greeting,  
"Sorry I kept you waiting".  
Daphne M. Holland,  
232 Demaine Crescent,  
Richmond Hill.

## Richmond Hill Grad To Teach Home Economics In Africa For Two Years

By JANICE MAWHINNEY  
Marylyn and Bob McRoberts are finding that it's a long way from Richmond Hill to Tanzania, Africa.

Marylyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deane Clarke of 227 Rosemar Gardens in Richmond Hill. She and her husband Bob have signed up with the Canadian University Services Overseas program in Africa.

Marylyn lived in Richvale from the time she was one year old until she was in grade 13, when her parents moved to Richmond Hill. She attended Thornhill Secondary School, then went to study household science in Guelph.

While she was in Guelph she met Bob, who was studying microbiology, the study

of bacteria, at Ontario Agricultural College. They both graduated in June, 1967 and they were married in the Richvale Gospel Chapel last September.

"I first got interested in Africa through talking to a couple of my roommates who were involved in Crossroads Africa," Bob said. Crossroads Africa is a program sending students to work there for the summer.

This year, while Marylyn was teaching at the Adult Education Centre and a high school in London, Ontario and Bob was attending Althouse College of Education at the University of Western Ontario, the couple went to meetings sponsored by CUSO for anyone interested in learning about the

work they are doing in Africa. They were impressed by what they heard from volunteers who had returned from African assignments and they decided they could make a contribution there.

They left Richmond Hill June 21 to say goodbye to Bob's family in Ottawa and to go on to Montreal for a three week orientation program. Before they were accepted into the plan, they did a lot of reading about Africa, and went to many CUSO-sponsored meetings about conditions there.

"We really know what we're getting into," Marylyn affirmed.

They have been assigned to teach in a town of about 30,000 on Lake Victoria, Mwanza. Marylyn will teach

home economics and Bob will teach biology.

At Loyola College in Montreal their training started in earnest with a course in Swahili. "We'll be teaching in English, but living in Swahili," Marylyn explained.

"When we go to the marketplace, we'll have to buy our food in Swahili," Bob added. Their first exposure to the language came June 19 when they got a book of Swahili grammar.

The schedule in Montreal includes four hours a day, six days a week working on language. The rest of the day will be spent in attending seminars and seeing movies on the country, culture and people they are going to, and classes in such practical areas as medical training.

Medical attention has been necessary for them as well. "We've had 14 immunization shots so far," Bob said. "The fifth comes in Montreal."

"We'll have to take malaria pills the whole time we're in Africa," Marylyn stated.

After their three weeks in Montreal they will fly to Nairobi for another two weeks of orientation, then after spending two or three days in the capital of Tanzania, Dar-es-Salaam, they will move on to Mwanza where a home is being provided for them with their jobs.

They have signed a contract to stay in Mwanza for two years. Marylyn will be teaching grades nine and

ten, and Bob will be teaching at an agricultural training institute at a post-secondary level.

"A lot of the home economics over there will involve needlework and nutrition," Marylyn said. "Their courses aren't as advanced as our child psychology and family planning courses."

Bob's biology classes will involve different animals than do Canadian courses. "Basically, though, it's the same," he claimed.

Bob's biology classes will involve different animals than do Canadian courses. "Basically, though, it's the same," he claimed.

"We'll be working on a person to person basis with the individual Africans," Marylyn said. "We won't have a car, and we'll be paid at the same rates they are, and in the same currency."

"We'll work with our neighbors," Bob added. "We're expected to participate in community development."

Marylyn explained that they are likely to get more out of the experience than they give. "We will travel on our holidays to broaden our knowledge of the country, and when we can come back to Canada afterwards and tell people about all that has happened to us, we hope it will help to cut down on prejudice," she said.

Are they frightened at this new life becomes part of their immediate future? "I'm getting more eager day by day," Bob declared enthusiastically. "I'm not at all scared of it. Marylyn . . . I don't know . . ."

"I'm too busy trying to pack all we'll need in the 66-pound limit to worry," Marylyn assured him.