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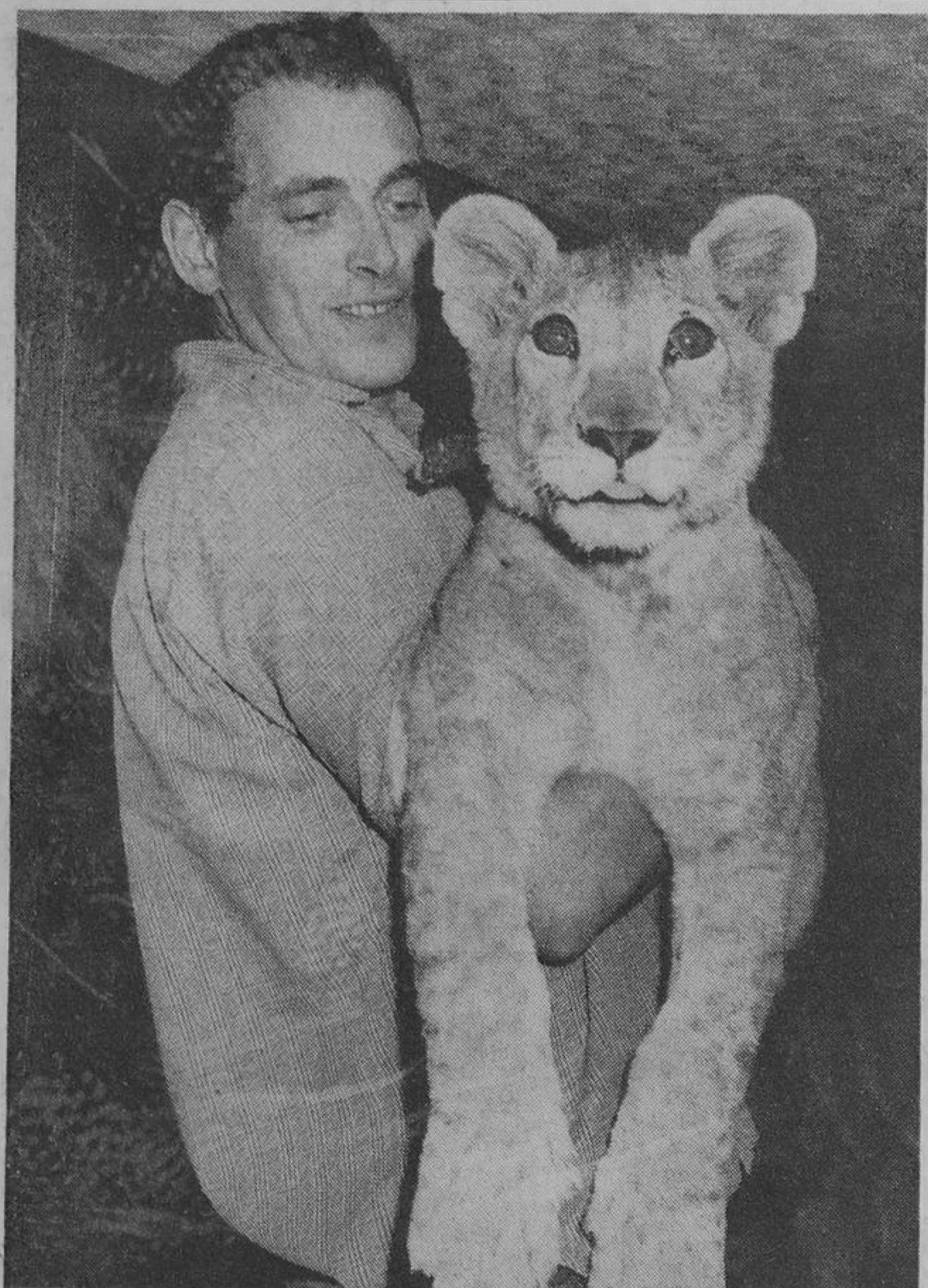
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# TOWN ENDORSES DAY CARE CENTRE



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Big Cat Makes Good House Pet

The armful of purring feline above is the new pet of Jack Bousfield, Franklin Avenue, Thornhill. Sabu, a five-month-old female lion cub joined the Bousfield household which already included a dog, a cat, a monkey and an ocelot, about six weeks ago. She weighs about 50 lbs. now, but will reach 150 to 200 lbs. at full maturity. Her present weekly food consumption is 25 lbs. of beef which will of course increase as she grows.

Mr. Bousfield assures "The Liberal" that Sabu is tame but not domesticated and makes a fine, if a bit unusual, house pet.

## 15,907 Proposed For Stephens Farm Want 63% In High Rise Apartments

A proposed secondary plan for the Vaughan Township Yonge-Bathurst corridor between Carrville Road and the Maple Sideroad was unveiled at the September 12 meeting of Vaughan Township Planning Board.

It projects a population of 44,129 people for the area, which includes 1,102 acres. This is based on a gross average density of 40 persons per acre and a net average density of 72.86 persons per acre.

It is planned to house 3,725 of the people in single family detached dwellings; 14.9% in semi-detached homes; 20.09% in multiple dwellings (town and row houses) with 61.29% of residents housed in high density apartments.

The secondary plan was prepared by Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, a firm of Don Mills consulting engineers and town planners for the BAIF Associates.

BAIF is a syndicate of five Toronto firms, Brightway Investments Limited, Atura Investments Limited, Imperator Projects Limited, Faidie Services Limited and Favorite Construction Company Limited.

The firm has recently received approval for the construction of the \$53 million Yonge-Eglinton Centre and has built some 8,000 apartment units in Metro Toronto. These include the 1,230 suite Wyndford Heights Apartments at 4000 Yonge Street, Royal York Gardens for which they received the "best apartment" design award in 1964 and Old Mill Towers which won a 1966 design award.

BAIF owns the 492 acres between Carrville Road and Weldrick and had originally brought in a plan for this area but was asked to prepare a secondary plan for the entire block, right up to the Maple Sideroad. However, BAIF will only develop the Carrville to Weldrick section, called "Neighborhood 1" in the plan.

Population for this section is projected as 15,907 with 832 persons (4.53%) in single family dwellings,

include swimming pools, outdoor and indoor play areas for children, sauna baths and other adult recreational facilities.

Thus, the report states "a reduction of the park standard is advocated to avoid over-sized park facilities". Parks are allotted at 1.25 acres per 1,000 population.

"Organized outdoor sports activities such as softball, soccer or football games should be permitted to make use of school grounds within the area," the report notes.

Plans show four elementary schools in Neighborhood 1, between Carrville and Weldrick. These would be enlargements of the two existing schools, Roselawn and Ross Doan and two new ones. As well, a high school is shown, grouped with two elementary schools and a library in a campus type arrangement set in parklands.

Four more elementary schools and another secondary school are shown for Neighborhood 2, Weldrick Road to the Maple Sideroad.

It is suggested that recreational facilities should be provided on apartment sites. These would

## Federal Funds Permit Plant At Hwy. 7

Indications that federal funds will be provided to permit the Carrville sewage plant to be erected downstream in the vicinity of Highway 7 have been given by York Centre Liberal MP Barney Danson.

J. R. Devlin, secretary of the Richvale-Langstaff Ratepayers' Association has received a letter from Mr. Danson indicating that officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation look with favor on the proposal.

Following representations made to him by Reeve Brian Bailey, Mr. Danson arranged a meeting with members of Paul Hellyer's department and CMHC officials with a view to securing CMHC financing, which includes an outright grant of almost

17% of the total. "After a comprehensive presentation of the proposal, the officials agreed that this extension was indeed desirable and indication was given that there was no apparent reason that this would not be approved," wrote Mr. Danson.

Additional costs to move the plant downstream are expected to be in the range of \$350,000.

The plant was originally proposed to serve only the BAIF Subdivision between Carrville and Weldrick Roads, as well as the York Central Hospital addition and adjacent Don Head Secondary School. Residents of the Richvale and Langstaff area had objected to being excluded from the services,

pointing to trouble with septic tank operation in not only homes but schools and other institutions in the area. Mr. Danson noted in his letter "The initiative of the township was particularly commended, not only for the unique nature of the plant but because of the foresight indicated that will enable the provision of essential services for a much greater area than initially anticipated."

The plant proposed will provide for so-called "effluent polishing" and represents an advance in sewage disposal treatment which has created widespread interest. "This highlights the bene-

## Mansbridge Protests Again Third Propane Leak In Past Year

Markham Road was cordoned off by Richmond Hill Police Sunday afternoon when a broken pipe on a tank truck parked inside the compound at the Altane Propane Plant spewed out liquid gas, which vaporized and covered a wide area. The first call was received by the police at 3:30 pm and they immediately called in the town's fire department.

While some firemen struggled to stop the flow of gas, others washed down the liquid and vaporized gas, and others knocked on doors in the neighborhood, warning people not to light a match and those closest to the plant to leave the area.

It was almost an hour before the tank truck ran dry. Just before that time, an employee of the plant arrived on the scene, followed closely by two men

from Superior Propane, whose plant is located in Vaughan Township.

At about the same time, an employee of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources also arrived at the plant and made an inspection.

At a brief meeting of town council Monday evening, Councillor Ivan Mansbridge, who has consistently fought to have the plant relocated, asked Mayor Thomas Broadhurst why the town's police and fire brigade have to supervise the plant's safety precautions.

"I, for one, am not satisfied with their safety precautions. We are told the Department of Energy and Resources carries out two inspections each month. What happens between these inspections? Is there laxness or are these leakages pure accidents? After all there have been three

major leakages at the plant in less than a year," charged the irate councillor.

When he was told that the Department of Energy and Resources was carrying out an investigation and would have a report for council later this week, Mr. Mansbridge asked, "How many reports do we need? Do we have to wait for an explosion to happen before we take action? We were lucky this one happened on a Sunday afternoon. It could just as well have been Monday morning with children on their way to the school across the road."

Mr. Mansbridge also questioned the seriousness with which Altane takes these leakages. "When they talk about \$250,000 for relocating"

"It's time we took action on this very serious matter," Mr. Mansbridge told council.

## Angry Debate Over Library Funds

Markham Township Councillor Allan Sumner sparked some lively debate at the September 9 council meeting after proposing that the library board's budget be reinstated by \$4,300 to the original estimate of \$36,300.

Finance Chief Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby thought that the

request was one for the finance committee to consider. "Council had reasons for cutting the budget to \$33,000 in the first place. It should go to the finance committee to find out if we're able to do this," he said.

Speaking in support of the proposal, Councillor Anthony Roman argued, "This is the first

year the library board is in really full swing. We weren't sure of the amount of money that would be needed to operate an AI library system in Markham Township."

Reeve Stewart Rumble disagreed. "Council should have been able to make up its mind at the first of the year."

"The same applies to roads," snapped Councillor Sumner, referring to the fact that council recently approved an increase of \$60,000 in the roads budget.

"Not entirely," retorted the reeve. He said that winter conditions on roads meant that no one could be sure how much money would be needed for roads.

"If we didn't fix the roads, you wouldn't be able to get to the library," Deputy-reeve Gadsby added pointedly.

In a recorded vote, requested by Mr. Sumner, the proposal was defeated three-two. Voting in favor were Mr. Sumner and Mr. Roman.

Mr. Gadsby said he was voting "nay, with reservations". Asked heatedly by Mr. Sumner to say "yea or nay out loud," Mr. Gadsby replied in loud voice "yea or nay."

The deputy-reeve then proposed a motion that the question of an increase in the library budget be referred to the finance committee. The motion was carried.

Evidently still ranking at the defeat of his original proposal, Mr. Sumner at this point moved that Bylaw 2405, providing for the increase of \$60,000 in the roads budget be rescinded. However, none of the other councillors were prepared to second the motion.

## 80% Provincial Grant Aids Working Mothers

A home which for many years heard the tread of only the elderly and infirm will echo instead to the dancing feet and happy voices of 50 pre-schoolers following a decision of Richmond Hill Council Monday night.

Approval in principle was given to the operation of a day nursery in the former White Nursing Home at Elmwood and Yonge Streets. This would provide complete day care for two to five year old children of working mothers.

A brief, outlining the proposal, the end result of 18 months of work and study, was presented to council by four members of Richmond Hill and District Social Planning Council, David Porter, Neil Mann, Rev. Fred Jackson and Mrs. Margaret McLean.

Of the total estimated operating costs of \$40,815, the sum of \$23,750 would be provided by fees paid by parents, leaving the sum of \$17,065 to be made up by grants. The provincial government would pay 80% of this, \$13,652, leaving a subsidy of \$3,413 to be provided by the municipality.

While not intended only for welfare families, it was pointed out that the provision of day care for preschool children could make it possible for a mother on welfare to become self-supporting and the centre could thus produce a reduction in welfare costs to the municipality.

The proposed budget indicates 29 children accommodated at the top fee of \$15 per week, 20 at the rate of \$8 weekly and 10 at a token fee of \$1.50 weekly.

The brief stressed however, that the primary purpose of the day care centre is "to prevent the disintegration of family life and to offer security and attention to children in those situations where there is a clear need or problem."

"Women make up 30% of the working force in Canadian cities," Rev. Jackson pointed out to council, "and the deputy-minister of labor has stated that our economy would slump if women were taken out of it. This is an increasing and irreversible trend."

The day nursery it was stressed, would see that children are competently cared for while their mothers work. Good care is not the only benefit to the child, however. At a day nursery the child learns to deal confidently with other adults and children, the "give and take" of living with others, learns to do things himself and has his abilities and potentialities developed through the use of creative toys and activities.

The nursery would provide assistance not only to welfare families but to sole support parents, families who need re-

## Have You Any Suggestions?

In the interests of improving the local bus service, town employees will be polling users of the service next week.

The transportation committee of Richmond Hill Council is interested in receiving suggestions from people who ride the local buses as to how the service can best serve them. They are appealing to these citizens to give as much information as possible to the men who will be carrying out the survey, which will begin Monday morning and continue through to Saturday.

They will be interested in knowing why you use the bus and how often you use it, as well as your suggestions for improvement.

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## Vaughan Can Get Metro Water So Plant Could Serve Richvale

A large delegation of Richvale-Langstaff residents appeared at the September 10 meeting of Vaughan Township Council concerning the location of the new sewage plant which is to be built to serve the BAIF Subdivision at Carrville Road and Yonge Street.

J. Russell Devlin read to

### Plan Vaughan Industrial Centre

Most recent addition proposed for Vaughan Township's Keele Street industrial area is an industrial centre composed of two buildings to be located on Highway 7, some 600 feet east of Keele Street.

The 10 acre parcel is owned by J.D.S. Investments Limited and they propose to erect two buildings each containing some 50,000 square feet of floor area with a pedestrian mall located between the two buildings. Driveways will give access to parking areas and loading ramps near the easterly and westerly boundaries of the property.

Bylaw 2961 provides that no driveways in the area shall be closer than 650 feet of each other but council accepted a recommendation of its planning and building committee September 10 that an exception be permitted in this case and two driveways be approved within 435' of each other.

The firm has already received approval of the Department of Highways for the two entrances onto Highway 7.

council the resolution passed at the previous week's meeting held at Charles Howitt Public School and attended by close to 400 people resident in the area.

It asked that any sewage plant for the district be built south of Garden Avenue so that the presently built up area of Richvale and Langstaff could eventually be served by the plant and that it be built of sufficient size to accommodate this larger area.

At the ratepayers' meeting September 4, it had been explained that the cabinet order approving the plant had stipulated that it serve only the new 400-acre subdivision, York Central Hospital and Don Head Secondary School. It was also advised that the original request had been for only a 1.4 million gallons per day plant because that was the amount of water available in the area.

However, at the September 10 council meeting, a works committee report noted that the township engineer met with Metro Works Department staff in August and it was indicated that a supply of water from Metro could be available. This would come from the Keele Street Reservoir initially.

Council agreed to have Duncan Hopper & Associates prepare a feasibility study based on present and future requirements of the township.

A study will also be made of the costs to serve the BAIF Subdivision based on future connections to Maple and Dufferin Street and Bayview Avenue reservoirs and their distribution system.

An application for Metro water could be made, depending on the findings of the study.



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## He Swings, He Misses!

Dr. Cameron Cowan made a triumphant return to the pitching mound — albeit for just one pitch — Saturday as he fired the opening ball which launched the second annual Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association wind-up tournament at the town park.

Incidentally, the batter missed the ball. Dr. Cowan and the late Bing Lew were instrumental in getting minor ball rolling in the community. For game results and other statistics see Page 13 and 14 of the Sports Page.