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Santa Greets Hundreds Of Children On Arrival

Fresh from his workshop at the North Pole, Santa Claus arrived at Richmond Heights Centre Saturday to the delight of hundreds of area children. Jolly Old Saint Nick has completed his supply of toys and games for this Christmas and will be at the Centre weekdays from 1 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm to hear the wishes of youngsters.

Santa's arrival was followed by a parade, led by the Wilkie Ranger, and then stories of "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" next to Santa's (Photo by Stuart's Studio)

19 Candidates, Only 9 Seats

Mansbridge, MacDiarmid, Deputy-Reeveship

Perkins, Lazenby Vie For Mayoralty

The two candidates for the felt Richmond Hill can hold its our youth problems. I would mayor's seat and the two for own in regional government by be far more interested in seethe deputy-reeveship presented negotiating and compromising ing a solution to the drug problem," he stated. their platforms at Monday where necessary.

night's Richmond Hill nomina- Questions each ratepayer should answer for himself, he thought are, "What do we have in common with the northern municipalities? The minister says they need our leader-

> of giving it to them? I think this expense should be undertaken by the province." He advocated an extended program for the town's youth, to give them release for their energy and for their enthusi-

ship. Do we need the expense

Mr. Lazenby has served as councillor for Ward 2 from 1964 to 1969, and has served on a long list of committees during that time, as well as being vice-chairman of the finance committee for six years



FLOYD PERKINS

A candidate for the seat of Mills Drive. deputy-reeve, left vacant by Walter Gustar, 280 Axminster Mr. Perkins' decision to run for Drive. the mayoralty, John MacDiar-Gerald Gaffney, 438 Alper mid also paid tribute to Mayor Street.

JOHN MacDIARMID

"The council elected on De- Crescent. cember 6 will have to make COUNCILLOR WARD 2 many important decisions. The David Schiller, 51 Markham next two years will see deci- Road. sions which will shape our town James Lemoine, 372 Balkan and county," he claimed.

tem best for our town and Avenue. speak up. We must determine the size, shape and powers of Lois Hancey, 173 Sussex this municipality in the future by common sense and spell them out to the Minister (of Municipal Affairs)," he con-

"Four years ago I took over "I have taken my time in an- as chairman of council's indus- Phyllis Hawkes, 95 Roseview nouncing my candidacy for the trial committee. Since that Avenue. mayor's chair, in the hope that time we have completed suc-I might have been able to per-cessful annexation of industrial Support Liberals & NDP suade Tom Broadhurst to run acreage which is under firm again. If I am elected to that control by planning and subdi-

office I assure you the town will vision agreement. Services are be run in pretty much the same there, a road is in, and a major Catholic Trustees Urge Pressure way," stated Deputy-reeve industrial building is well on Floyd Perkins.
"I don't want to turn every- its way to completion." he re- Politicians High School Grants thing topsy-turvy. I don't want acreage will be developed in to make enemies at the provin- the same manner," he promiscial and county levels. I have ed.

found those with severe criti- He expressed concern over cism of York County as the bas- losing the character of the is for regional government have town, "Every time we lose a no alternative to offer that fits house to build an apartment, in with provincial policy," he every time we lose a tree to build a bus bay, Richmond Hill "I know most department loses some of its character," he

heads at Queen's Park and I charged. "I believe we should feel that someone who knows fight to retain this character. them will get more for Rich- There is room for both old and mond Hill," Mr. Perkins claim- new without destroying the old. Let us look ahead."

Mr. Perkins also favored acquiring water and sewage disposal facilities from the OWRC, according to their recently announced plan for trunk lines to serve this area. "We have to have them, but we must get the price down to a level we can

afford," he said. He advocated helping young people to help themselves. Citing his long experience in Mr. Perkins promised to put

DONALD PLAXTON

was returned to the reeveship rear plate was bent upwards. Broadhurst who has given us scene their car crashed into a body would be with a gun point- tion of any municipality of the ing in their face," Lea told same size and some much

feet away and were not mask- expense of necessary work. tentions and plans for the fu-

He dealt with regional gov- ture of Richmond Hill.

whole robbery only took "about needs a drop-in youth centre government as nothing definite

and a roof on the swimming has come from the Minister or Court Tuesday the threesome Markham Township Police pool. "I have yet to be con- his staff," he said emphatically. First to receive the cufflinks were remanded in custody with- were notified of an accident vinced that putting money into "I spent some time comparwas Douglas Hitchins of Hard- out bail until December 2. about 10 minutes later in bricks and mortar will solve (Continued on Page 3)

Eleven Contest Three Open Seats

concept of the desired appear- At about 1.30 am Friday a on the pavement at the time. 71 Richmond Hill Town Counopen ditches in his ward.

"The town should have a pro-

gram to eliminate these ditches ERIC GEORGE Three hours later, about 4.15 A gun believed to be used in A perennial candidate for the and install storm sewers and The second award went to am, the same man and two the robbery was found at the Ward 1 council seat, Eric gutters. The cost of mainten-George is making another try, ance could have been going

George said, "I want to have (Continued on Page 7)

More than 200 ratepayers evidenced an interest in municipal government and its problems by turning out to the annual Richmond Hill nomination meeting Monday evening and by staying until the last of 19 nominees for the nine seats had had his

Four acclamations were given to: Reeve Donald Plaxton, Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey, and to the two hydro commissioners, William Wagner and Sam Cook.

Elections will be held Dec-Robert Saunders, 22 Benson ember 6 for the offices of may. Avenue.

or, deputy-reeve and councillors HYDRO COMMISSIONER in Wards 1, 2 and 4, with 15 William Wagner, 118 Richmond candidates vying for the five Street.

will hold office for two years. THOMAS BROADHURST An advance poll will be held Introduced by Chairman Har-December 1, from 2-10 pm in ry Sayers as a man who "has the council chamber. done his best to make Rich-Candidates are: mond Hill a better place for you and me" Mayor Thomas MAYOR

William Lazenby, 24 Knollside Broadhurst in his "swan song" reviewed council's achievements Floyd Perkins, 110 Church during the past two years. Street South Reconstruction of Yonge REEVE (Continued on Page 8)

Donald Plaxton, 381 Sugar Maple Lane. Acclamation DEPUTY-REEVE

John MacDiarmid, 80 Trayborn Ivan Mansbridge, 390 Allgood Street .-

Drive.

COUNCILLOR WARD 1 Eric George, 413 North Taylor

Andy Chateauvert, 244 Zelda

"We must determine the sys- Thomas Murphy, 46 Palmer COUNCILLOR WARD 3

Avenue. Acclamation.

COUNCILLOR, WARD 4 Shaun Beggs, 58 Leisure Lane Joseph McKim Langton, 49

equality in education.

government."

seats. Successful candidates Sam Cook, 261 Gretel Drive.

Warden Rumble Recuperating

Warden Stewart Rumble of York County, reeve of Markham Township, has been recuperating at his home in Thornhill since his discharge from York County Hospital November 13.

Mr. Rumble collapsed during a county council session November 6 and was admitted to hospital suffering from what doctors later diagnosed as an ulcer. This Tuesday, Mr. Rumble told "The Liberal" he is "feeling pretty good" and ready to get back to work. However, he will be confined to his home for a few more days on doctor's

orders. Mr. Rumble has set December 1 as his target date for once again taking up the burden of his public and private responsibilities.

Members of York County Roman Catholic Sep-

arate School Board were urged November 18 to

"keep writing letters" to members of the Ontario

Legislature urging support of education grants to

Roman Catholic High Schools. Ontario Liberal

Leader Robert Nixon recently announced his party

favored full public tax support for parochial schools.

for their recent stand on support of Catholic high

schools," said East Gwillimbury Trustee Robert

Simpson, chairman of the board's committee for

members at a meeting of the Legislature's Education

Committee November 18, Education Minister Will-

iam Davis said the matter of extending grants to

Roman Catholic school boards to grade 13 is "a

matter of continuing discussion by the provincial

"Please write all the letters ture in granting this tax relief

Separate schools now receive support of extending the grants

Ontario Liberal Leader Rob- bers of the Legislature serving

ert Nixon recently announced on the education committee.

that his party favors full public At a regular meeting of the

mittee of the Roman Catholic

"The Liberals and the NDP are being hit hard

Adroitly fielding questions from opposition

Police Settle On 1969 Salary At Approximate OPP Level

Richmond Hill Police will be a commission offer of a 9 per-only slightly removed from the OPP scale and Vaughan Townpaid on approximately the same cent wage increase. scale as the Ontario Provincial The 1967-68 wage scale for ship settled for substantially Police according to an agree- the Richmond Hill Police Of- the OPP rate. Then Markham ment reached between the ficers with first year experience Township revised its agreement to the same level.

town's police commission and in various categories was: the police association about First Year Cadet, \$3,900, sec- With this in mind talks betwo weeks ago, Mayor Thomas ond year, \$4,300, Probationary tween the town's commission Broadhurst a member of the Constable, \$6,000, Third Class and police association were rethree-man commission reported Constable, \$6,400, Second Class sumed and an amicable settleto council last week. The Constable, \$6,800, First Class ment reached. "It will be costother members of the commis- Consatble \$7,300, Sergeant, lier, but we were aware at

active to the first of the year, police association at a level plicated agreement." but fringe benefits in which

Details of the agreement Get Town Cufflinks For Service were not immediately available but will be presented to

tions between the commission ors the citizens who serve and the association were dead- without pay on its appointed locked, the association decided committees. In the words of to go to arbitration in June. Reeve Donald Plaxton, "Rich-Both sides named a representa- mond Hill is in an unusual tive to the arbitration board position. It is too small to but the third member and pay you all but too big to do chairman was not named. The without you."

Shop At Canadian Tire Lazenby served as emcee and

ous breakdown? Believe it or member of the board of direcnot, they are for sale. The tors of the new Day Care Cen-Canadian Tire Store, at the tre, asked the blessing. corner of Wright and Yonge Each year a few individuals Streets has one listed among who have made unique contrithe dozens of Christmas gift butions to the municipality are items displayed in an eight recognized by presentation of page special insert in this cufflinks (a pin for women) week's issue of "The Liberal". which bear the town's crest.

For the outdoor types, there surfers and hockey equipment senior sizes, as well as snowmobile boots for men and wo-

With holiday entertaining al-

peratures for serving. The winter driver will be interested in a defroster gun, battery warmer, windshield cover and "Infra Ray" or "Heat Flo" seat designed to take some of the headaches out of De-

On a one stop Christmas shopping spree, you can also pick up festive candles, colored lights for indoors and outdoors, easi-spray decorator paint, rotary color wheel, tree stand, and even a life-like vinyl

Christmas tree. The sale is on now and continues to December 8. Shop early and avoid the kind of nervous breakdown you don't have

White Cross Collects Gifts For Mentally III are always many beautiful The York County Branch gifts for women. She sug-

mental health association is already thinking about Christmas, and White Cross Volunteers are collecting gifts to be distributed to the mentally ill

in the county. The aim of the volunteers is to be sure that each patient gets a gift. For many of them, family ties are weak or non-existent and if it were not for the generosity of the public there would be nothing under the tree for them on Christmas morning.

The branch's Executive Secretary Mrs. Faye O'-Callaghan reports there are over 1,000 patients in homes for special care and in two Ontario Hospitals in York County.

Last year 1,400 donations were received, wrapped and distributed by volunteer workers.

Men seem to be the most forgotten people says Mrs. O'Callaghan. There

gests socks, playing cards and toiletries as appropriate and the men love Gifts should not be wrapped before they are donat-

WILLIAM LAZENBY

who announced his candidacy

for the mayoralty in September,

urged his audience to know its

local representatives, support

them and "they will create a

municipality of which you will

Stressing the need for bet-

ter liaison between the rate-

payer and the local representa-

tives. Mr. Lazenby stated he

William Lazenby, pharmacist,

ed however, as the beautiful wrappings have to be removed and the contents examined before they are passed on to the recipients.

There will be a gift wrapping bee at the public health building in Newmarket from 10 am to 4 pm on December 9 when the public is invited to come out and lend a hand. There will also be

December 11 complete with Christmas tree and entertainment. For more information contact Mrs. Edith Jones, Richmond Hill 884-7686;

party for 150 patients on

Mrs. Billye Maver, Thornhill 889-2571; Dr. Ramsay Armitage, Maple 832-1195; or House of Wayne, Oak Ridges 773-4071.

Three Charged In Armed Holdup Of Service Station In Gormley Mr. Perkins promised to put that experience to work for the

The three men who robbed a ceiver from the telephone and Gormley service station attent the pair raced to the waiting Reeve Donald Plaxton, who dant at gunpoint Friday and car which then sped off. fled with about \$200 in cash Lea was unable to get the by acclamation, paid tribute to

Unionville utility pole.

ance of Yonge Street. Mr. man entered McQuay's Texaco The car then hit a utility pole cil.

(Continued on Page 3) One man then ripped the re- years.

soon learned that crime doesn't license number because the the leadership of Mayor Tom While racing from the holdup "I guess I was scared. Any- "the most capable administra-

rested by Markham Township He said the men told him He pointed out that council Ward I Councillor Ivan Mans- he were elected premier he this stand is on the increase, Police and taken to York Coun- they had two bullets in the gun. for the past two years has ex- bridge, who is also seeking the ty Hospital with an array of They were standing about five ercised economy but not at the deputy-reeveship, stated his in-

One man received a broken ed. nose and facial cuts, the second The Markham youth, who has erament, Yonge Street recon- "I would emphasize that no efforts of all who 'make the a cut eye and sprained ankle worked at the service station, the arena and park member of council can give a and the third contusions to his for the past six months, said the program and cited as future positive statement on regional

the coveted award at this year's In Richmond Hill Provincial two minutes." ing Boulevard, who has served Charged with armed robbery Unionville. Upon investigating

on the Civic Improvement were: Ernest Moreau, 21 and the crash, the three were ar-Committee since its inception. David Vent, 20, both of 2453 rested. In introducing Mr. Hitchins, Queen Street East, Toronto and Police said a car driven by Reeve Plaxton compliment- Timothy Thayer, 21, of 90 Vent apparently was northbound ed him and his committee on Scarboro Road, Scarboro.

Vent apparently was northbound on Main Street, Unionville, and At Richmond Hill Council Table the well-presented and imagin- Piecing together details of failed to straighten out after sented earlier this year as a detectives give this account: A slight covering of snow was ing the four seats on the 1970- lars are spent.

Hitchins' movies of the street Service Station, RR 2, Gormley, splitting it in two and wrecking Ward 1 were a feature of this presen- and bought cigarettes, then left. the vehicle. chairmanship the parks board their car on the station lot. The men were arrested by A resident of the town for into ditch elimination," he

its contribution to the local He ordered attendant Brian ferred to the Don Jail. cessful winter carnival was the Markham, to turn over, "all the was the third armed holdup in home have gone up from \$186 isting street lighting, use of

(to members of the Legisla- to Roman Catholics. ture) you can, and get others to The New Democratic Party write," urged Mr. Simpson. caucus came out last month in grants equal to those of public to Roman Catholic Separate schools up to grade 8 level, and Schools to the grade 13 level. grants at the same elementary At the time, Ontario NDP school level for grades 9 and Leader Donald MacDonald 10 although public school pointed out that this stand is boards receive higher grants for not yet party policy, but that it tax support for Roman Catholic county board Tuesday, Mr.

IVAN MANSBRIDGE

High Schools, adding that if Simpson said active support for the 27 Liberals in the Legisla-sentation will be made at a

ative "Operation Facelift" pre- the robbery Markham Township negotiating a bend in the road. Eleven candidates are seek- some say in how my tax dol-

He will be working un- in the past few years and now Two jumped out and entered Markham Township Constable the past 12 years, he has been averred. newly organized parks and the station. One brandished a Robert Burbridge and taken to active in ratepayers' groups, He also advocated sidewalks hospital. They were later trans- home and school, the Legion, on main streets near schools for the Lions and the reserve army, the protection of children, imscene. Last year's most suc- Lea 17, of 47 Main Street, Police say the Friday robbery Stating that taxes on his provement and additions to ex-

Christmas Gifts sociation to be held shortly. Commenting on the letter At The Centre writing campaign, Chairman Eugene Jacobs added, "Each letter is important, bury them Santa Claus was welcom-(the members of the Legislaed to Richmond Heights ture) under an avalanche of Centre last Saturday by

their parents. He brought with him gifts for every person on your shopping list, as you will see when you read the Centre merchants' ads in the fourth section of this issue of "The Liberal".

thousands of children and

Shop in comfort at Richmond Heights Centre, while the children have a visit with Santa and drop their letters to the genial Spirit of Christmas in the mailbox provided. Each letter will be answered.

The wide choice of merchandise available at the Centre means that you can complete your Christmas shopping locally at your leisure and without the expense and trouble of travelling to the city.

NDP Leader Favors R.C. Tax Grants New Democratic Party Lead-

has the support of NDP mem-

meeting of the steering com-

Separate School Trustees As-

er Donald MacDonald said last Friday in Welland his party will support equality of grants to Roman Catholic separate schools to grade 13 if both the public and separate school systems share costly facilities. He said during a tour of the Niagara Peninsula with 10

members of the party's provincial caucus: "I think the separate school system should have equal

grants, but to avoid an excessive burden in duplication there should be a greater share in common training

sion are Judge Garth Moore of \$8,000. Toronto and Judge James But- In the meantime, Mayor account would doubtless have Broadhurst reported Markham an overage," Mr. Broadhurst The basic pay will be retro- Township had settled with its stated. "It's a long and com-

there are many alterations, will come into effect on the signing of the agreement, the mayor

Each year, at this time, Richtown council at a later date. In the spring when negotia- mond Hill Town Council hon-

police had earlier turned down The sixth annual awards For A Merry Christmas was held at the Summit Golf and Country Club on Novem-

Do you want to buy a nerv- Mary's Anglican Church, a

are skis and toboggans and snoof all sorts — all in junior and Assistant Engineer the contributions of the others,

ready getting underway, the store has some dandy specials for the hostess - fondue sets complete with forks, electric can openers, kettles, mixers, blenders, old-world type ceramic beer steins, and thermostatically controlled hot trays to keep food at the right tem-

cember driving.

to buy.

banquet and social evening ber 20. Councillor William Rev. David McGuire of St.

Markham Twp.

Dalo Keliar, 35, of To-

ronto has been appointed

as assistant engineer of

Markham Township. The

promotion of Mr. Keliar

was confirmed at the No-

vember 17 council meeting.

The Czechoslovakian-born

civil engineer arrived in

Canada just a little over a

year ago and has been em-

ployed in the township

engineering department a

Mr. Keliar said he and

his wife left their home-

land 10 days after Soviet

bloc troops occupied their

country. They fled to Aus-

tria, where, with the help

of Canadian immigration

officials, he obtained a visa

der the direction of Town-

ship Engineer Dipen Muk-

herjee. Mr. Keliar has had

more than 13 years experi-

ence in civil engineering in

to come to Canada.

Czechoslovakia.

little over six months.

SHAUN BEGGS

budget time that the police

Receives Town Honor "This does not detract from the reeve explained, "but is a

town tick'." Only two persons received knee.

recreation committee has made 32 calibre revolver.

Shaun Beggs, under whose others returned and parked scene.

brain child of Mr. Beggs, who money."

the township in the past three to \$650 in the 12 years, Mr. school recreational facilities