

**Richmond Hill Council**

**Will Study Legality  
Local Bus Extension**

Extension of the Richmond-Hill local bus service south on Trench Street to serve York Central Hospital and Don Head Secondary School will be considered as a budget item on budget day by Richmond Hill Town Council, it was decided at Monday night's meeting.

Steps necessary before the service can be put into effect were outlined in a motion by Councillor Lois Hancey and Reeve Donald Plaxton as: to secure a license from the Ontario Transport Board, to comply with all requirements of the Ontario Public Vehicles Act, to negotiate with Vaughan Township for an agreement, and to attempt to receive financial assistance towards the cost of such an extension from the Townships of Vaughan and Markham, the hospital board and the York County Board of Education.

Cost of the extension was quoted as \$7 per unit per day in minutes of a transportation committee meeting with representatives of Trailways which operates the local bus service for the town on a subsidy-basis. It was reported the hospital estimates at least 75 paying passengers for that location each day.

It's illegal to extend our local service outside our boundaries", Mrs. Hancey pointed out, "and I have been assured we would be charged if we extend without the approval of the Department of Transport and of Vaughan Township."

"As chairman of the transportation committee", Councillor Shaun Beggs commented, "I accept this constructive criticism and assure you it will be taken into consideration."



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

**Vaniers At Opening Of Daybreak Home**

Madame Georges Vanier and her son, Dr. Jean Vanier, were among the many illustrious guests at the official opening February 12 of Daybreak, the first residence for mentally retarded adults to be opened by the Friends of L'Arche.

The large house on Yonge Street, Jefferson, was donated to the group by Our Lady's Missionaries, a Roman Catholic order of missionary sisters who formerly used it as a training headquarters for novices.

Daybreak will eventually house about 12 retarded adults and administrative offices, and plans are underway for construction of a cluster of smaller houses on the 20 acre property.

There are now four young men in residence with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Newroth in charge.

Daybreak is patterned after the L'Arche village program for retardates which was established in France by Dr. Vanier about six years ago. The Newroths spent a year working with him before returning to Canada to aid in forming the Friends of L'Arche, a non-profit corporation which aims to develop family-sized homes where residents can develop their capabilities to the maximum of their potential, however limited it may be.

In declaring the house officially open, Dr. Vanier spoke of the place of the retarded in society, and Minister of Social and Family Services John Yaremko spoke of society's responsibility in helping them to find a place in the community.

Former Lieutenant Governor Keller MacKay and Mrs. MacKay were among guests, also Dr. Arnold Arai, president of the York County Association for the Mentally Retarded and Mrs. Arai. Several other representatives of government and members of the YCAMR were also among the guests.

In addition to voluntary donations, Daybreak receives operating grants from the Department of Social and Family Services.

**Now York County Branch**

**Founding Pres. Again Heads VON**

Mrs. Jean Thomson, founding president, has been returned to the presidency of the Victorian Order of Nurses York County Branch after sitting nine years as a board member.

Mrs. Thomson moved from Richmond Hill two years ago, and now resides at 768 Sutherland Avenue, Newmarket. She succeeds Mrs. Betty Pedersen of 10 Knowles Crescent, Aurora, who served as president for the past two years.

The York VON started 13 years ago as the Richmond Hill Branch. Service spread throughout the county and the name is in the process of being officially changed to reflect the area served between Steeles Avenue and Lake Simcoe.



JEAN THOMSON  
Now in Newmarket

Under the Homemakers and Nurses Service Act there were 888-visits to 22 patients. There were 22 visits made under Department of Veterans Affairs provisions, 79 visits to TB patients, 22 visits to cancer patients, and nine visits under Workmen's Compensation Board regulations.

Retiring President Betty Pedersen said in her annual report that the VON's service was successfully maintained in all municipalities of York County during 1969, in spite of a complete change in staff.

"The nursing staff is the backbone of the Order and we know we can rely on them to continue to provide excellent nursing care to York County residents," said Mrs. Pedersen.

The branch nursing staff includes Nurse-in-Charge Bowman; Miss Janis Williams, RN, staff nurse in the Newmarket office; Miss Carol Coupland, RN, staff nurse in the Richmond Hill office; and Mrs. Doris Mabson, RN, part time branch relief nurse.

**4,719 VISITS**

The 1969 Victorian Order Nurses made 4,719 visits to 322 people in York County, Nurse-in-Charge Miss Jane Bowman reported to the branch's 12th annual meeting February 4 at the Richmond Hill Council Chambers. This was an increase of almost 100 home visits from 1968.

The number of visits to elderly persons is on the increase, Miss Bowman reported, with 60% of visits being to patients aged 65 years and over.

Visits made in 1969 were geographically distributed as follows: 1,129 in Richmond Hill; 2,356 in the northern part of the county including Newmarket; 652 in Markham Township; and 582 in Vaughan Township. There were 4,612 visits to adults, 57 visits to maternity

nearly \$1,000 to only \$682. The 167 letters sent out to special names was just about the same number as in 1968, but only 25 cheques were returned. This campaign was confined largely to Richmond Hill.

Secretary Mrs. Ruth Campbell reported to the annual meeting on the year's correspondence and presented previous meeting minutes for adoption.

Russell Semple, 1969 chairman of the nominating and coordinating committee, presented the new list of board members and officers for 1970.

The VON York Branch Board for 1970 includes the following: Robert Little of Richmond Hill, John Knott of Richmond Hill, Grant Marshall of Richmond Hill, Mrs. Betty Pedersen of Aurora, Dr. Edward Pamer of Thornhill, Mrs. Jean Thomson of Newmarket, Earl Thurston of Maple, and Russell Semple of Oak Ridges.

The executive officers are: President Mrs. Thomson, Past President Mrs. Pedersen, Treasurer Lufdow, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Campbell, Recording Secretary Semple, Medical Advisor Dr. Ian Kerr of Richmond Hill and Dr. James Knowles of Aurora.

**COUNTY ACTION**

"During January last year we presented, for the first time, a brief outlining the history of the Order and of this branch to York County Council, in an attempt to secure co-operation in correcting the inequitable and inadequate system of financing at the township and municipal levels," said Mrs. Pedersen.

"Our request was met and the county implemented the Homemakers and Nurses Services By-law in order to take advantage of provincial subsidies available on a welfare basis. However, the \$20,000 request was cut by \$5,000, resulting at the moment in a deficit."

Mrs. Pedersen went on to say that the branch board of management was hopeful county council this year would better meet the VON's financial needs so future deficits could be avoided.

Treasurer Herb Ludlow of Richmond Hill also a founding member of the board, reported on finances. The year's total revenue was \$26,502, including \$9,255 in fees.

The year's \$30,535 in expenditures included \$22,845 for salaries, \$523 for pensions, \$2,997 for automobile expenses, \$347 for medical supplies, \$641 for national office charges, \$229 for uniforms, and \$933 for telephones.

**DONATIONS DROP**

Outgoing Second Vice-President Ralph Butler of Richmond Hill reported on the sharp drop in returns from the annual industrial campaign for funds. This showed a decrease of

**Blue Hills Asks For \$209,400**

(Continued from Page 1) provincial hospitals and training schools provided little more than custodial care and minimum training."

For those who were able to function marginally and did not get into court, there was always the welfare lists to fall back on in adult life.

Cost of custodial care for life or an assured prison population when the so-called delinquent became an adult criminal is the price of society in general has paid for the neglect.

"Following the 1963 summer camp for emotionally disturbed children, organized and operated annually by the York County Branch of the mental health association, it became evident that there was a need for some kind of service and treatment... other than summer camp," Mr. Johnson continued.

Blue Hills Academy will be built on the "cottage" plan with three home-like units staffed 24 hours a day by social and child care workers, with services of psychologists, psychiatrists and physicians available as required, and the initial program will be geared to serving both boys and girls of the primary schools.

Youngsters will go home for weekends, and parents as well as children will be involved in the rehabilitation program.

"The purpose of the treatment is to enable the child to return to society, not to put him in and lock the door," Mr. Johnson declared.

Richmond Hill Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge asked how the project, which will ultimately have 36 children in residence could meet the needs of the county.

He was told that many children will be staying for only about six to 12 weeks in residence, that turnover could conceivably make it possible to serve 100 children in a year. Also many children do not need in-patient services, but they do need professional help on an out-patient basis.

Sutton Reeve Sam Nasello said he did not question the need for the service, but the county has only one source of revenue — property tax, whereas the province has many sources of taxation.

"Will this serve real estate?" he asked.

"An investment in people will make them more effective owners of property," Mr. Johnson pointed out, adding that the request for the \$209,400 would be only about half a mill and that it would be spread over three years.

Warden Gordon Cook corrected him, "One mill came to \$230,000 in 1969."

"We realize that \$209,400 is not a pittance," Mr. Johnson continued. "If it was a pittance we would not be here."

Russell MacDonald, chairman of the Blue Hills Board of Directors, said that \$43,100 will be needed this year to complete the first phase of building.

King City Dr. James McPhee, a member of the board, told the council, "As a family doctor I have seen children in the community that are now having problems I could have predicted ten years ago, but you cannot treat them in an office. There is no place to treat them."

Mr. Mansbridge commented, "The mental health of our children, the future citizens of our country, is away beyond political boundaries. It should not be a political question."

The Blue Hills Academy request was referred to the finance committee of council for study. (Reeve Nasello of Sutton is finance chairman).

Requests for funds from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and from the York Pioneer Historical Society, custodians of Sharon Temple, were also referred to the finance committee.

The society president, Miss Alice Davidson, said \$6,500 is needed to put a new roof on the Temple. Cedar shingles have been donated, but the society must pay for labor and for metal flashings.

It must also meet higher wage cost for custodial services and drill a new well if it is to continue to operate the building as a museum, as it has done for the past 100 years.

In 1969 the society received grant of \$300 from the county.

**Snowmobile Races March 1**

"Snowmobile 70" races will be held in Richmond Hill March 1 at the corner of Bayview Avenue and Markham Road.

Sponsor will be the Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club.

There will be 15 races for men and women and all classes of stock and modified machines.

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**FEBRUARY 20, Friday, 8 p.m.**  
Richmond Hill naturalists meeting, Public Library Auditorium. Speaker: Professor D. A. Chant, University of Toronto. Subject: "What you can do to protect your environment." Everyone welcome. clw34

**FEBRUARY 23, Monday, at 8 p.m.**  
Annual meeting of the Markham Township Federation of Agriculture, at Victoria Square Community Hall. Business. Color slides of European Agricultural tour by Fred Wicks. Social hour and refreshments. c2w33

**FEBRUARY 24, 8 p.m.**  
Richmond Hill Horticultural Society meets in Lion's Hall. See "Life in the Hill." clw34

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