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In Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

The Right Kind Of "Litterbugs"

Upset by reports of vandalism at the Mill Pond Park the pupils of Room 6, McConaghy School, spent the afternoon of May 22 demonstrating that they appreciate the town's effort to preserve and develop a beauty spot. Our photographer caught a few of the 34 youngsters as they diligently sought out, picked up and placed every small scrap of paper in garbage bags.

The grade 3 and 4 pupils of Mrs. Elaine Whitworth cleaned up all the litter — waste paper and pop bottles, etc., that had accumulated over the months and left behind them a much more beautiful area.

On behalf of the residents of Richmond Hill, "The Liberal" thanks these young people for their sense of civic responsibility. We trust their example will be an inspiration to others, children and adults.

We also thank 10-year-old Carol Anne Riddell and nine-year-old Diana Mullis, members of the class, for letting us know about this praiseworthy project.

Richmond Hill Council To Seek Meeting Here With McKeough On Reassessment

19 meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council. Mrs. Hancey introduced five motions dealing with reassessment and regional government and had two and der-assessed last year and in Ivan Mansbridge. "Would you a half of them approved.

The first motion, which was passed by council, asked Mayor William Lazenby to convene a public meeting to discuss residential tax bills and reassessment and ask Donald Deacon MLA York Centre to arrange to have Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough present to answer questions from the

Mrs. Hancey reported that When Reeve Donald Plaxton check her own and her neigh- you had 14 days in which to this motion was prompted by cautioned that it might be a bit bors' assessment at the town register complaints." public request at a meeting she presumptuous to say "we want office, now. held at her own expense May the Minister and no one else", Mrs. Kirby went on to state ment, the assessors should in-11 to try to explain how reass- wirs. Hancey replied that Mr. that they have their home, spect every home in the town, essment was carried out and its McKeough would be at liberty located opposite Walter Scott stated Mrs. Hancey. "They to, and indeed should, bring Public School up for sale and have never been inside my impact on 1970 taxes.

answer all problems.

swer for that policy. It was a

policy matter that precipitated

the problem. We would like

some advice from the Minister

on what the provincial govern-

ment is going to do, and when

the imbalance of assessment."

Bonanza Days R. Hts. Centre

Cowboys and Indians, a clown band will all be pres- cey's attempt to have such a than back in the subdivision." Centre this weekend to help the merchants and their customers celebrate the Centre's 10th birthday. There will also be a western merry-go-round, nickle chips, soft drinks and ice

Highlight of the threeday celebration will be the Bonanza Days Sale with every store in the Centre featuring many bargains.

cream for the kiddies.

Get ready for a fun-filled summer by shopping at the Centre. A host of moneysavers are yours for the roping. See full details in the third section of this issue of "The Liberal".

Road reported her taxes had in- ers. creased 16% this year. "We "I deplore the poor public

that the asking price will have year.

to be \$1,500 to \$2,000 less than Speaking for the ratepayers if the house was located back present, who were among those in the subdivision away from Donald Stephenson of Harding Road. "Because of the traffic, Boulevard told council that the we can't open our windows, to show support of Mrs. Han- our assessment should be lower the burden of the increase in

meeting arranged. "We feel "That would be a good argthat the policy-making official ument to use with the assessor should be responsible and ap- or in a court of revision," ad- tion, which was lost, asked for pear before the public to an- vised Councillor Schiller.

maintained that assessment on market value "is not really a sensible thing. It's an unrealized capital gains tax. We were better off

it is going to do it, to correct Councillor Shaun Beggs McKeough to limit the tax in-Councillor David Schiller pointed out that the shift in crease on residential property pointed out that not only had the tax burden was not con- owners. "We have already there been a shift of assessment trollable by council but has had struck a budget and to re-open from industrial to residential the effect of "taking away from the courts of revision would taxpayers, there had also been the town its power to make create absolute chaos in the a shift within the residential money. If done properly re- administration of this municiassessment. "There was also a assessment should not be out of pality. I don't know how our shift from the people paying line."

more than their fair share in "If reassessment had been It would be impossible."

in Peel County has been check-

Councillor Lois Hancey batted .500 at the May |ing less. Evidently you people would not have been so hard. were paying less. I'm with you, In many cases some residential my taxes went up, but I realize properties have been subsidizthat my property had been un- ing others," stated Deputy-reeve the years before." sell your house at its reassessed Mrs. June Kirby of Markham value?" he asked the ratepay-

> didn't realize what reassess- relations by the county assment meant. What can we do essor," the mayor said. "The now? Can we look at the ass- explanation which accompanied your assessment notices She was assured by Mayor could have been more explicit William Lazenby that she could It could also have stressed that

with him a team of experts to have been advised by a realtor home, but I expect them this

Council also approved a motion by Mrs. Hancey, seconded who had made this request, the heavy traffic on Markham by Mr. Beggs, "that the Town of Richmond Hill request the purpose of the delegation was she claimed. "So we feel that vide sufficient funds to reduce

> the court of revision to be re-Councillor Eric George opened at the expense of the provincial government.

> > Opposition to this half of the proposal was summed up by Reeve Plaxton, who commented that indications are that legislation will be introduced by Mr. staff could sort out the mess,

the past to those who were pay- done 10 years ago, its impact (Continued on Page 15)

County Board Summer Schedule

At its regular meeting on May 25, York County Board of Education set its schedule for summer meetings.

In June it will meet as usual on the second and fourth Mondays, June 8 and June 22.

There will be a meeting on July 6 and another on August 17, and if the volume of business warrants it, a meeting on August 24.

The regular schedule will be resumed in September with meetings on September 14 and September 28.

The board convenes in committee at 7.30 pm on meeting nights, and the meeting is opened to the

All meetings take place in the board administration building in the old Church Street School in Aurora.

Private citizens or deputations wishing to speak or make a presentation to the board must contact the secretary, Box 40. Aurora, in advance to ensure that their business will be included in the agenda for the meeting.

Add Two Trustees

10% Limit On

Tax Increase

told, unofficially, that rep-

resentatives of York Coun-

ty have agreed to Minister

of Municipal Affairs Darcy

McKeough's proposed legis-

lation to relieve undue in-

creases in taxation from re-

The reported formula is

that industrial and commer-

cial taxes will not be de-

creased by more than 5%

and that residential taxes

will not be increased by

more than 10% from the

1969 level, due to reassess-

It is reported that the

legislation is permissive,

each municipality, where

reassessment on 1967 prop-

erty values has been done,

having the authority to put

it into practice if desired.

bear in mind that the lim-

ited increase is applicable

only to reassessment. In-

creased taxes because of in-

creased costs of education,

county and municipal gov-

ernment will not be affect-

The proposed legislation

will be effective for five

years, giving the province

time to do a complete re-

ed by the ceiling.

Ratepayers should also

assessment.

"The Liberal" has been

Hill Lawn Watering Bylaw Has \$300 Fine

Richmond Hill up-dated its bylaw which controls lawn watering at its meeting May 18. The new bylaw restricts lawn water-

From 7 to 10 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays in the area north of Crosby Avenue and east of Yonge Street; between the same hours Tuesday and Friday in the area south of Crosby Avenue and east of Yonge; and between the same hours Monday and Thursday in the area west of Yonge Street.

At its meeting in the afternoon of the same date. Vaughan Township passed a similar bylaw for the area in Elgin Mills which is provided with water by the town. Lawn watering in those areas will be rehours of 7 and 10 pm Mondays and Thursdays. Markham Township Council has also been asked to pass a similar bylaw for its residents who receive town

At Richmond Hill Council meeting it was explained the restrictions were necessary to ensure that people living in apartments

School Board Elections In October

meeting May 25 to hold an election for trustees in

October in conjunction with the municipal elections

rather than waiting until December, the time when

in York County earlier this month, Municipal Affairs

Minister Darcy McKeough set October 5 as a tenta-

tive date for municipal elections, but left it to the

board of education to decide whether or not it

the election is held at a time other than the munic-

ipal elections, the board would have to pay the cost.

When the York County Board preceding December. In some

1969, elections were held the in conjunction with municipal

came into being in January, municipalities they were held

In announcing plans for regional government

In a staff report, it was pointed out that, if

school board elections are traditionally held.

would hold its elections on the same day.

York County Board of Education agreed at a farm assessment in each muni-

mond Hill that year, the board

costs for these four municipali-

ties, which together represent

equalized assessment.

about 22 percent of the total

It was found, too, that in

are held in October, the board July 26.

Municipal Affairs will pay maj- South, the court was told.

ed by local municipalities and 203; and Glenn Davis.

will be required to share a few

or costs such as enumeration,

are at present 17 trustees elect-

one elected to represent Roman

Catholic Separate School sup-

to two more trustees, 19 to be theft.

porters in the county.

and in the northwest section of the town would be ensured of a sufficient supply of water. In other years restrictions were imposed only after an excessively hot dry spell when

taps in that area ran dry. Also behind the provisions of the new bylaw, which provides for fines not exceeding \$300 for those who do not observe its provisions, is the necessity of protecting a reserve supply of water for fire-fighting, it was stated.

At the Vaughan meeting, Reeve Garnet Williams was critical of Richmond Hill's water system when it was reported pressure in Elgin Mills dropped to 15 lbs. Monday. "I can't see why Richmond Hill did so much pressing to take in so much land when they can't service what they've got. We supply the town with water to compensate for this water supply to the Elgin Mills area.'

"We should let them know we are disappointed,' commented Deputy-reeve Albert Rutherford, "but can't see what we can do but pass this bylaw."

cipality to the total for the

county, but the board will not

be until assessment of the new

municipalities of the Region of

Sitting trustees are not pre-

Drank Under Age

York is known.

Mayor Lazenby

Objects To Upper Tier Changes

Drastic changes in the regional government plan for York County presented May 6 were agreed on May 25 at Queen's Park when municipal representatives met with Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough and officials of his department. The agreement provides for increasing the number of members of the upper tier of government, the regional council, from 16 plus the chairman to 27 plus the chairman. It was also agreed that election to the regional council should be directly by the

In Mr. McKeough's presenta- in the summer.

tion made in Bayview Second- The chairman will be appointary School less than a month ed by the provincial governago, the policy of representa- ment for a term of four years. tion by population, with one After that his appointment will representative for each 10,000 be the responsibility of the repopulation or major portion gional council.

thereof was stated and the bal- Disputed boundary lines were ance of power was equally also discussed at some length, divided between the north and it is reported. Whitchurch and south of the county, each hav- Markham Township boundary ing 13 members. Under the will remain at 19th Avenue and new plan the three municipali- the Markham Township - Richties in the south, the new mond Hill boundary at the pro-Towns of Vaughan, Markham posed Highway 404.

and Richmond Hill, will have The boundary between Richonly 13 representatives, al-mond Hill and Aurora was set though they will have much in the original plan as 40 rods more than 50 percent of the north of the CFRB Sideroad. population and of the assess-Since this strip of land includ-

ment, and the northern six new ed both the Ontario Hospital nunicipalities will have 14 rep- and the Blue Hills Academy, Aurora wanted the boundary The change was prompted by line adjusted to 40 rods below know what the distribution will the Town of Aurora which will the sideroad. However, accordhave 13,000 population within ing to Mayor William Lazenby its new boundaries, which come of Richmond Hill, when it was into effect January 1, 1971, learned that the sideroad will Under the original plan this become a regional road, it was

pared yet to say whether they municipality would have had agreed on as the boundary line. will be seeking re-election or only one representative. Under Mayor Lazenby is taking exnot, since many factors are still the new plan it will have two, ception to the decision to innot known. The bill to create In both plans the mayor of each crease the number of members the new region provides for a municipality will automatically of the regional council. In a ward structure, but it is option- be a member of the regional letter to Mr. McKeough, he points out that the size of the

cipalities have indicated that The new make-up of the re-regional council is too large to they intend to adopt (or con- gional council with the original work effectively. "I can undertinue) a ward system, but these in brackets will be: Vaughan, stand your reasoning and aphave not been finalized. Coun- 18,000 population, 3 (2); Mark- preciate your support of the orcils may also divide a munici- ham, 31,000, 5 (3); Richmond iginal proposal, because it is pality into two or more areas Hill, 27,000, 5 (3); King, 12,000, representation by population," elections, but since there were for election of trustees, but 2 (1); Aurora, 13,000, 2 (1); the mayor wrote. He proposes no municipal elections in Sut- this, too, has yet to be decided. Whitchurch, 11,000, 2 (1); New- that this original proposal be market, 16,000, 3 (2); East Gwil- accepted with the addition of mond Hill that year, the board had to pay \$3,900 in election costs for these four municipalis.

Teenagers Fined market, 16,000, 3 (2); East Gwill accepted with the addition of limbury, 10,000, 2 (1); Georgina, one representative for the Town 13,000, 3 (2), Although the latter of Aurora. 13,000, 3 (2). Although the latter of Aurora.

municipality which will be com- "I believe it would be easier posed of the present Georgina, to add representatives to the Sutton and North Gwillimbury, regional council on a rep. by has only 13,000 permanent resi- pop. basis as the area grows dents, the same number as Au-than it would be to decrease sentation because of the greatly proves too unwieldy," Mayor

these muncipalities only about Five teenagers in Richmond 14 percent of the electorate Hill court June 1 pleaded guilty rora, it was given extra repre- the size of the council if it voted, where as in municipali- to drinking under age. increased number of residents Lazenby told the Minister. ties where councils were also One of them, Glenn Davis, 18, being elected the turnout was of 136 Elgin Mills Road West, Whitchurch Supports 17 Members in the neighborhood of 30 per- was also charged with impaired

driving. He pleaded not guilty If the school board elections to this charge and is to be tried In a special meeting May 27, a population of 13,000 had been Whitchurch Township Council given two members because of The five were arrested May agreed to ask Minister of Muni- the large influx of summer recosts, such as printing of bal- 7 at 10:20 pm at the Steer Inn cipal Affairs Darcy McKeough sidents. Aurora, also with 13,000 lots, but the Department of Drive-In, 255 Yonge Street to adhere to his original propos- population, had asked for two al of a 16 man plus chairman representatives also.

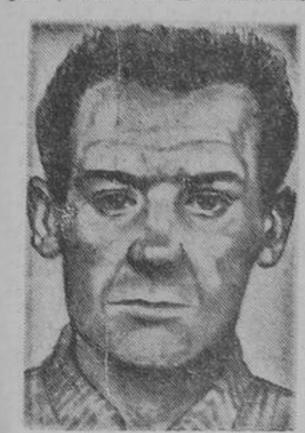
Given fines of \$15, with the regional council for York. The final figures agreed on voters' lists, polling stations, alternative of three days jail, At a day-long session on the were two representatives for were Brian Neal, 18, of 52 Hunt previous Monday between Mr. every municipality with Mark-Avenue; John Reddin, 18, of McKeough, members of his staff ham and Richmond Hill having 48 Laverock Avenue, Apartment and the inter-municipal advis- five instead of three each and ory committee, composed of the Vaughan, Newmarket and Geor-Sydney Moon, 19, of 43 Elgin heads of municipal government gina having three each instead Mills Road West was fined \$15 in the present county, it had of two.

as well. But he was also put on been agreed that the numbers In consultation with Stouff-An increase in population in a year's probation because of a on the regional council be in- ville representatives Whitchurch the county will entitle the board previous conviction for auto creased to 27 plus a chairman, Council has also reached a demaking a total of 28. The pre-cision on a municipal council of elected by public school sup- Richard Newton, 19, of 330 sent York County Council has six councillors plus a mayor porters and one by separate South Taylor Mills Drive, was 28 members. under regional government, in-

school supporters. Population in fined \$20, with the alternative In the original proposal each stead of the mayor and eight York County, according to pro- of four days in jail. He had a municipality has been allotted councillors suggested in Mr. vincial assessment figures now previous conviction on a drunk one member for each 10,000 McKeough's presentation May 6. population or major portion This decision has been reported Trustees will be elected on Those who couldn't pay their thereof. The new Georgina to the Minister, also, according the basis of the ratio of public fines immediately were given 15 Township (Georgina, North to Whitchurch Reeve Stewart school equalized residential and days to produce the money. Gwillimbury and Sutton) with Burnett,

Gormley-Palgrave Murder Reward Now \$15,500 As 27-Man OPP Squad Follows All Leads By HAROLD BLAINE York County's rapist-murderer. But the OPP at Downsview Moorby, 34, of Gormley and the es at Humber College.

wards totalling \$14,000 and all leads so far have led investi- at the Palgrave murder scene checking of innumerable leads gators to dead ends. by a 27-man squad of police ex-



POLICE SKETCH shows sus- car radiator. The man was said ment. supplied description.

Extension of the Gormley- Ontario Provincial Police di- now say this report proved to Palgrave double murder investi- visional headquarters at Downs- be groundless. gation to Quebec Province, re- view reported at press time that A fingerprint fragment found

perts, has still not unearthed head of the OPP, and Chief Palgrave print didn't match any Superintendent Jim Erskine, in the RCMP's 3,000,000 fingersecond in command of the OPP print file. Special Services Division, Mon- So it appears the apparently

day visited Downsview person- mad killer is not any known ally to keep abreast of progress criminal in the investigation. At the Centre of Forensic Last week a car answering Science in Toronto three of the description of a 1964-65 Canada's top scientist-sleuths

Rambler believed driven by the have been assigned full time to killer, was found in a Richmond the search for the killer. They Hill used car lot. But this car are Elgin Brown, head of the didn't turn out to be the right centre's biology section; Robert Nichol, head of the ballistics There was a flurry of activity and firearms department, and

in the Orangeville area May 29. Frank Pinto, a senior examiner OPP headquarters received a and associate of Brown. report that the killer may have | Anyone with information that tried to strike again. It was re- may possibly relate to the ported that someone asked a double killing should contact boy if his mother was home and their local police department if he could get water for his or the Downsview OPP Detach-

pected killer. Palgrave boy to have fled when the boy's Police say the method of kilfather appeared. ling and other evidence point

The reward for the Gormley-Palgrave rape murderer was increased another \$1,-500 to \$15,500 Monday afternoon when King Township Council voted to add

a \$1,500 contribution. Councillor Gordon Rowe noted that King Township lies between the locations where the murders took

"There is a terrible ammount of concern in King because we are between the two municipalities where the two acts were committed. People are worried and are bolting their doors. There should be no letup in police determination to bring in this so-called de-

cillor Rowe. "It is a drastic problem, no doubt about that", agreed Reeve Gordon Cook, as council voted in favor of Mr. Rowe's motion.

mented person", said Coun-

Ferguson was shot twice in the Gormley area residents who work on the two murders. With Ferguson, 37, of Palgrave, Peel their homes while a child was back and once in the head. At were shown the sketch have them full time are two police County. Gormley, Mrs. Moorby was shot confirmed seeing such a man in sergeants from Whitchurch, Mrs. Moorby was the wife of was at work. The weapon used

Police say residents should ling him a knock at the door OPP Criminal Investigation not be unduly alarmed by re. was just a man seeking help for Branch are heading up a special ports of investigations nearby. a sick child. She was raped in command post based at Downs-Hundreds of tips are being fol- her bedroom, then shot in her view OPP District Five Headlowed up daily. While the sus- living room. pect remains at large, extra The last amount added to the spector Robert MacGarva and police patrols have been assign- reward money offered for the Chief Inspector Archie Fergu-

from Gormley to Palgrave. The man being sought is believed to be between 35 and 40 Whitchurch Township Coun- gation squad. He was originalvears of age. He weighs about cil has added its own \$2,500 re- ly assigned to work with Whit-160 pounds. He has black hair ward to the \$10,000 offered May church Township Police when and a swarthy complexion. The 25 by the province for informa-investigation of the first mur-1964 or 1965 Rambler American tion leading to capture of the der was underway. automobile he is driving ap- man who murdered two school The Downsview bureau is getpears to be beige, but was prob- teachers' wives in recent weeks. ting numerous calls about the ably gold in color originally. Whitchurch Township Police two murders and all calls are Red primer paint is believed to Chief Fred Mason says work on being screened.

man which police have released able personnel to work on the They are investigating the is based on a sketch by Mrs. murder.

twice in the back and five times the district.

ed her son's life by calmly tel- Two chief inspectors of the

ed to the 25-mile rural area killer came from Albion Town-son

be showing on the right fender the Whitchurch municipal of- The OPP special squad infice arson case has been sus-cludes men from the CIB and The drawing of the wanted pended in order to put all avail- uniform personnel

ice have a squad of 27 men at May 19 murder of Mrs. Helen Both women were shot in Staff Sergeant Dave Fellows a Richmond Hill school teacher, was of .22 calibre.

charge, the court was told.

quarters. They are Chief In-

OPP Inspector Roy Williams is also a member of the investi-

May 6 murder of Mrs. Doreen

in the head. A .22 calibre gun Mrs. Ferguson may have sav- and Sergeant Donald Hillock. Mrs. Ferguson's husband teach- (Continued on Page 15) Moorby killing PALGRAVE GORMLEY Ferguson killing May 19 retropolitan PERONTO

WHERE TEACHERS' WIVES WERE SLAIN Police get flurry of tips from telephone callers