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STOUFFVILLE: At the recent sale of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Baker, Rose Avenue, antique articles brought high prices. A pickle cruet sold for \$92, a cranberry bell \$72, two milk glass candlesticks \$36, a single brass English candlestick \$16; a priscilla open compote \$40 and a grandfather's clock \$450.

Liberals Promise Fight Regional Gov't.

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do, not even mentioning it until the election was out of the way. The bill itself imposed county school boards on a rigid basis with no consultation and no change or reform of the school grant system, which has proved disastrous. In the first year of operation, \$48 million extra had to be paid by the Province of Ontario in order to keep the system afloat in the face of tax increases which simply could not be borne by the ratepayers across the province. The adherence to the rigid county boundaries, rather than the boundaries of the school community, the transference of staff formerly paid by the Department of Education to the county boards, (many of whom received raises in one year of more than \$10,000.) gave a tremendous boost to local cost responsibilities which have been reflected in exploding mill rates for education costs. In the second year of operation, there are still many substantial increases although it is plain that some county boards have brought cost increases under control and have held the line this year.

"I for one, am impressed that in Western Ontario particularly, the counties should have more and more responsibility for local government, education and otherwise. But the imposition of the county school boards was an administrative monstrosity carried out without any of the care that was obviously necessary. It should have been attempted on a one-year experiment in two counties in the province to see what the effect would be before it was imposed on all counties; and once again the financing mechanism was left unchanged and has proved to be seriously dislocating as far as the whole of municipal government and financing is concerned. This whole matter of public finance is one of grave concern in the province, and at all levels of government."

Many of you have responsibilities in local councils, school boards, library boards, hospital boards, and you have all received an ad-

Rambling Around

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Area 3 has Bayview Glen Park (adjacent to the school, Glencrest (a passive neighborhood park), Stone Farm Parkette, Railside Parkette, Duncan Park, Farm Mills Community Centre, and unnamed neighborhood park.
Area 4 has Crosby Park and Community Centre, Toogood Park, Victoria Square Community Centre and Cedar Grove Community Centre and there are several undeveloped areas.
The parks are selected and designed to offer something of recreational value for all ages of people. It is felt by Markham Township Council that every effort should be made by the municipality to find a large area of at least 50 to 75 acres in the northern section to provide space for activities not compatible with those of the neighborhood parks, for such recreational pursuits as skiing, snowmobiling, group picnics and nature groups.

A WORD ABOUT VANDALISM
Parks Manager Sumner said there has always been considerable vandalism in the parks. It is pretty well understood that 10% of a parks budget will be written off to the costs of vandalism.
"Too many people think a park is a place to dump stuff," he said. "Too many people think it all right to yank blossoms off flowering shrubs or destroy equipment that has been placed there for the benefit of the people."
The parks have been invaded by other dangers. Recently Markham Council passed a bylaw governing the use of mini-bikes. In the winter snowmobiles cause great damage to parks. This is why it is imperative to create areas for these rougher sports entirely away from the passive and playground areas.

FROM COUNCILLOR TO PARKS MANAGER
Allan Sumner, before he was appointed parks manager served on Markham Township Council for eight years. During this time he noted the great changes in the township with more than a passing interest. He feels council has shown much foresight in stepping up services to meet needs of a rapidly increasing urban population. A big improvement was a better lighting system and a more efficient system of fire protection and garbage disposal.
The council has tried to keep a fair ratio between industrial and residential assessments. Ex-Councillor Sumner said that at present there is a rapidly developing industrial area in the Don Mills region and there is a concentrated effort to preserve park and recreational prospects. He's also satisfied that the financial affairs of the township are in order.

FROM VILLAGE TRUSTEE TO COUNCILLOR
To become a councillor in his own township seemed a natural step for Allan Sumner. About 18 years ago he became involved in the politics of Thornhill Police Village. When the village was formed in 1930 there were few local improvements and Mr. Sumner thinks that since then the village trustees have served a very useful purpose. It was apparent at that time that the community was developing and the maintenance of sidewalks and roads became a regular part of trustee work. To these tasks were added maintenance of Thornhill Park and the Thornhill Pond.
With the advent of regional government Thornhill Police Village will disappear on January 1, 1971.
Mr. Sumner was trustee for nine years. During his three to four year stint as chairman the village started to expand and he was one of the first to see that the open spaces were endangered. In those days he was a familiar figure, seemingly to be everywhere — in Thornhill Park, at Thornhill Pond or elsewhere — ever busy on village business.
He was largely instrumental in getting the Metro Conservation Authority to take the pond under its wing. It was Dr. A. D. Mason, retired dean of the Ontario Dental College and resident of Thornbank Road, who raised the money from neighbors and Allan Sumner did the leg work. It is now known as Oakbank Community Pond and is preserved as a wild life sanctuary in spring and summer and a skating area in the winter.
It's paid off in the long run. Certainly enough people use it," observed Mr. Sumner.

DEEP ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY
The original Sumner family moved from Toronto to Thornhill in 1920. Allan lives on Sumner Lane with his wife Betty and daughters Jenny and Cathy. Betty is a well known librarian, at one time active in the North York Library and formerly in Thornhill Public Library. At present she stays home and enjoys her family. Cathy graduated from the Guelph School of Nursing and works at York-Finch Hospital. Jenny graduated this year from the University of Toronto and is working with her dad at the North York Community Centre.
Usually if you have a street or a lane called after your family, it's an indication that they have been around for a long while. Allan shares the lane with his brother John Sumner.
Thornhill was just a quiet little country village," remembers Allan. "In the winter it was nothing for the village to be tied up in a snow storm for several days at a time. No one ever worried about it."
The main source of transportation in those early days was the Toronto and York Electric Railway that ran along Yonge Street through the village.
There were public weigh scales on the side of the road that neighbors the Thornhill BA station. The local postmaster was also the weighmaster and no one cared if he locked up the post office for 10 or 15 minutes to attend to his duties at the scales.
"If the postmaster took time off today," he said, "no doubt the Postmaster General in Ottawa would be flooded with letters of protest from an outraged community."
Among the newsworthy changes that have taken place is the advent of apartment buildings.
"They were more or less inevitable," said Mr. Sumner. "The population is transient and ever-changing these days. Many people do not want the upkeep of a home. They want to be able to jump into the car and go to the cottage or take their trailer to some park for the weekend. They no longer want to stay home and be tied up with gardening and other household duties."
"It's a natural condition. Young people and older people find apartment living convenient. They don't have to worry about cutting the grass or putting out the garbage," he said.
As to which is best in the long run, Mr. Sumner thinks it's pretty much up to the individual. If you want a home, you will try to get it. If you don't, you'll settle for an apartment. People try to get what they want.

Channel 5's Suburban Dilemma Reached Wide Viewing Audience

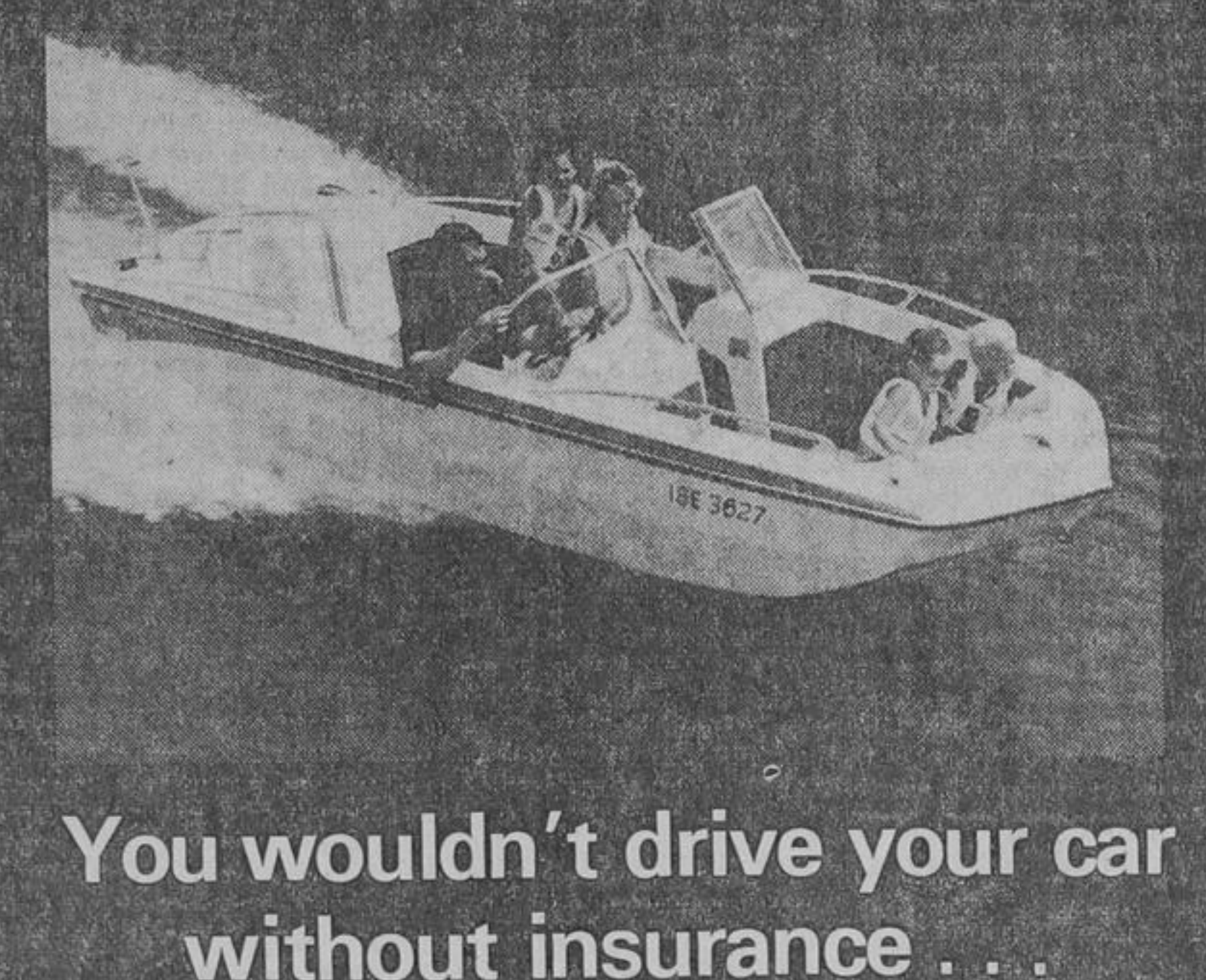
"The Suburban Dilemma", a thought-provoking and constructive series of more than 30 programs concerning contemporary problems in Markham and Vaughan Townships, was broadcast the weekend of May 29 on Richmond Hill Cable TV's Channel 5. It was repeated in segments of four topics each evening the following week.
The program covered a wide range of subjects dealing with such matters as "The Effectiveness Of The County Board of Education"; "Why Does Metro Toronto Want Markham and Vaughan"; "Religion in Suburbia"; "The Case For Local Suburban Talent"; and "Suburban Police and Fire Protection".
This was the most ambitious programming yet undertaken by Richmond Hill Cable TV, and from the favorable comments received from the subscribers and participants alike, it appears to have been a success.
Mona Robertson, who took part in the discussion on "Suburban Job Opportunities", said in a letter to the company, "it was most interesting to be a member of your excellent series. The coverage you gave this area was not only interest-
ing, but constructive and thought-provoking throughout the three evenings."
Richmond Hill Councillor Lois Hancey, who moderated the program on "The Plight of the Suburban Housewife", watched the complete series. "I enjoyed taking part in it, and thought it was great," commented Mrs. Hancey.
Many subscribers have either called or written to say they had found "The Suburban Dilemma" interesting and informative. Many looked forward to watching some of the repeats.
"In producing 'The Suburban Dilemma', said Stewart Coxford, president of Richmond Hill Cable TV, "we not only obtained a lot of valuable information, but learned useful production techniques concerning such matters as lighting and sound. Well over 100 people outside our own staff participated in this project, and I feel it was a beneficial experience for everyone involved."
Mr. Coxford also mentioned that the cable company will be providing programming on a daily basis starting sometime in September.

In The Spotlight

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This might be a suitable spot to explain the background to this show. Those taking part were, in fact, working for a term credit by participating. Under the direction of Charles La Pointe, head of the music department, and with the assistance of Jay Handel of the English department the students, between 60 and 70 in number, wrote, produced, staged and choreographed the show. All technical effects such as lighting, projection and sound were handled by students under their head technician, Brian Cosford.
Mr. LaPointe offers considerable entertainment value in himself. Wearing immaculate denims with a huge butterfly emblazoned on the back of his jacket, his shaggy hair and beard giving him the appearance of a mod prophet, he conducted with deceptive economy of movement. His various groups of musicians produced sounds far removed from the traditional school band, and the solo instrumentalists were all competent, and in some cases excellent.
The first half was by far the better part of the show when I saw it on the second night. I understand that even in performance changes were being made as the effect on the audience was observed, and that it was planned to tighten the format of the second half for the final performance.
The theme, from which the title was taken, was a butterfly world. Homo sapiens was translated into lepidoptera and diptera, (butterflies, moths and flies to the non-naturalists). Every character appeared wearing fantastic wings, and those responsible for their design and construction should be congratulated for imagination and wit. In the case of Prime Minister Truglow, the arch butterfly, his wings seen from behind formed a huge maple leaf. He was accompanied by the glamorous Barbra Skysand, complete with long black gloves and turban. In this role, Sari Seigel gave a close impersonation of the real Barbra. She has a fine, robust voice, but is a lot prettier than the star! Koop Heilbron as Truglow had all the famous mannerisms and facial expressions, but a head of hair which the real PM might well enjoy.
The scene was the annual mothball game between the Bluebottles and Tiger-moths, and the game played out between teams of be-winged players. One hefty mothballer with a fine sense of comedy was Dave Olds.
Play-by-play commentary was by Brian Beveridge, who gave an amusing display of vocal gymnastics, and the teeny-bopper who loved a parade was played by Dorothy Whittick. The very confident commentator was Jennifer Leonard, and the sophisticated fashion commentator was Maureen McLelland.
The humor of the second half was spread a little thin, and the students will doubtless have learned that it is true that brevity is the soul of wit. It is always better to leave 'em wanting more.

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