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## Mr. Jack - O - Lantern Weighs 45 Lbs.

Eight-year-old Vickie Smillie and her sister, six-year-old Cathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smillie of 73 Westwood Lane, Richvale, will have the biggest jack-o-lantern of them all for this year's Hallowe'en. They will be particularly proud of it since they grew it themselves — all 45 lbs. of it. They planted the seed, weeded, watered and harvested the giant pumpkin, only one of a bumper crop which enabled them to sell the makings of Hallowe'en decorations to neighbors and friends.

Above (left to right) Vickie and Cathy are seen with Mr. Jack-O-Lantern and his smaller friend, as Vickie indicates his smiling face with a felt-tip marker.

## Regional Government

# More Staff And Equipment

**BY MARY DAWSON**  
Members of the Richmond Hill 1970 Council and council members-elect for the new Town of Richmond Hill under Regional Government in York are busy these days preparing for the changeover on January 1.

Bill 102 which established the Regional Municipality of York provides that the members of the council of each area municipality elected in the year 1970 shall comprise a committee in their respective area municipalities to do anything in that year necessary for the purposes of organization, policy and planning of the area municipality.

At a meeting of this committee held October 20 it was decided to include the two members of the 1970 council who will not be returning to the council table in 1971 (if this is legally possible).

That meeting dealt primarily with staff requirements for the new town. Recommended to the 1970 council for approval were requests from the town clerk to increase his staff by four people and from the town treasurer to increase his staff by three persons. An additional two people will be assigned to the waterworks department and will be paid out of that facility's revenue, not out of taxes.

**CLERK - TREASURER**  
It was pointed out that this is believed to be a good time to separate the clerk's and treasurer's departments. Up to now the treasurer has also served as deputy-clerk and the clerk as deputy-treasurer. With the added volume of work and enlarged staffs necessitated by the added acreage and population under regional government, it was also decided to appoint other deputies for these key men. Another new post which will be created is that of purchasing agent.

**WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
An increase in staff for the town's works department from 34 to 55 was approved in principle. Extension of boundaries of the town will bring an additional 61.8 miles of roads to be serviced and maintained. Works Commissioner Otto Whalen reported. The present town has only 42.6 miles of roads in a compact area and the new total will be 104.4 miles.

An increase of staff is long overdue, claimed the works commissioner. He pointed out that the officer staff had been only two until three years ago when an additional employee was added. "Other neighbouring municipalities have 17 people employed in their offices," he stated.

Other staff increase is necessary because of the imminent boundaries, he also pointed out. With relocation of the works department on the second floor of the municipal building and acquisition of the former buildings of the Ontario Hydro on Pugsley Avenue, his department will have sufficient office and garage space, the commissioner stated. Two additional employees who are employed on water and pumping stations which become regional responsibilities, will also be added.

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## Rabid Fox Is Shot, Warn Area Residents

A rabid fox attacked a dog and threatened to attack a resident last week on the edge of Richmond Hill adjacent to North Richvale and the Don Head Secondary School.

It took blasts from the resident's shotgun and four police bullets to finish off the crazed animal.

The incident brought a warning to the public from Jim Ryan, Canine Officer for Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

Three dogs, plus several skunks and foxes, have died of rabies in the three municipalities during the past three months, says Mr. Ryan.

Anyone seeing any animal, especially a fox that is ill, dead, or acting unnaturally is warned to keep away and call Canine Control immediately.

Foxes are not often seen, and are especially suspect when they appear in the daytime.

Mr. Ryan says people should keep an especially close watch in the Richmond Hill-Richvale area in the next few weeks, as this one rabid animal may be one of the several from a den located in the vicinity. There could be a number of other sick foxes wandering around.

The rabid wild fox managed to get into the back yard of Eileen and Roy Burton at 32 Arnold Crescent at about 9 am October 21.

The fox was first sighted in the front yard by a Burton child waiting to go to nursery school. A request to go out and play with the little dog luckily was denied the child.

The next thing the Burton's heard was their dog Caesar screaming in the backyard. The fox had squeezed in under the gate.

The dog, a rather rare Rhodesian Ridgeback that is similar in size and appearance to a Great Dane, appears not to have suffered anything more serious than a few bruises.

Although Caesar was protected against rabies by inoculation, he has been put in isolation for three months as a precautionary measure.

Several hundred people from York County helped swell the crowd that attended Ontario Roman Catholic Student Federation Rally in Maple Leaf Gardens Sunday.

The federation represents the 34,000 young people attending the 74 Roman Catholic High Schools in Ontario, and the rally was organized in an effort to gain public support for grades 11, 12 and 13 and for equality in grants for grades 9 and 10.

York County Roman Catholic School Board made three school buses available, and the large buses were well filled when they set off from Sharon, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

Many other supporters travelled to the gardens in their own cars.

More than 17,000 students, parents, teachers and clergy jammed into the large arena, and another 3,000 heard the speeches and presentation at nearby St. Michael's Cathedral.

Education Minister William Davis gave little encouragement to the assembly, saying the province is still considering information submitted by various Roman Catholic groups concerning extension of support to separate schools, and that it will meet with representatives of the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association in the near future.

The Ontario New Democratic Party under new Provincial Leader Stephen Lewis and the Ontario Liberal Party led by Robert Nixon have already pledged full support for the extension of education grants to all Roman Catholic Schools across the province.

Speakers from the young people, OCSF President Jerome Collins, 18, of St. Catharines assured the meeting that they are not seeking support for

## Shotgun Blast At Nudist Colony

Two of four youths allegedly trespassing at what is locally referred to as King Township's nudist colony, were injured at noon Sunday by pellets from a shotgun.

The owner of the property on Lot 21, Concession 7, Edward Todrowsky of 14 Mullett Road, Willowdale, is charged with assault causing bodily harm, according to King Township Police Chief Leslie Pengeley.

Admitted to York County Hospital after the shooting incident at the Toronto Gymnosopical Society location was Timothy Brethaupt, 16, of Potteryville.

A 15-year-old juvenile also had some pellets removed.

John Jameson, 16, of Don Mills, and another 15-year-old escaped injury, police said.

## Joint Contracts Township, Town

Because the change of municipal boundaries due to the advent of regional government in York comes at mid-winter, the Town of Richmond Hill is seeking agreements with its four neighbouring townships that they will continue to do snow removal and sanding of roads until the end of the season, charging the cost after January 1 to the new Town of Richmond Hill.

The present town does not have sufficient equipment to handle the greatly increased mileage of municipal roads within the extended boundaries.

Since Vaughan Township's snow removal is handled by contractors, at its meeting on the afternoon of October 19, township council accepted a staff recommendation that the tender call for rental of snow removal and sanding equipment be arranged to have both the Township and the Town award this contract.

The contract would require rental equipment to be used only in the areas under the future control of the Town of Richmond Hill (Yonge Street to Bathurst Street and Highway 7 to the townline). The proposal is that all invoices up to and including December 31, 1970, will be sent to and will be paid for by Vaughan Township. Beginning January 1, 1971, the contractor will present all invoices directly to the Town of Richmond Hill.

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## Proposed Courtroom Locale Draws Planning Bd. Criticism

Richmond Hill Planning Board members just don't agree with town council's verdict favoring a proposed locale for a new office building to contain facilities for a provincial court.

The board unanimously agreed in session October 20 to a motion that "we as a planning board do not look on the proposal as presented with favor."

It was at a special council meeting October 9 that town council reversed its earlier decision and approved by a 4-2 vote an application by Builder William McCord to construct courtroom facilities on property north of Elgin Mills Road on the east side of Yonge Street. The courtroom would be leased to the province for 10 years.

Hints of pressure being exercised on the council by the builder were expressed by the board which has been opposed to the locale of the proposal from the beginning.

Council representative Lois Hancey told the board that a "great deal of pressure had been put on council by the developer" in an effort to get it to reverse its previous decision.

It was Mrs. Hancey and council's other board representative, David Schiller, who on two separate occasions voted against the proposal.

Mr. Schiller noted that the developer had mentioned other possible areas available in Newmarket, Aurora and Victoria Square and had commented that "if Richmond Hill doesn't want it he would have to locate in another town."

The basis for planning board's rejection of council's decision involved around a letter from Planning Consultant Max Bacon, who felt that "every effort should be made to encourage new office development in the downtown area of Richmond Hill and that such facilities should be supplied with full services."

Mr. Bacon also cited other reasons unfavorable to the proposed locale including that it would be serviced by septic tanks.

"While not absolutely essential that low density office buildings be on full service," his letter said, "I believe that every effort should be made to encourage all new developments in town to be on full municipal services."

Mr. Bacon was also of the opinion that the site plan as offered by the developer "is unsatisfactory. Parking extends to the boundary of the lot and the building proposed will only have a five foot setback from the lot line. And no landscaping is proposed on the plan."

His letter stressed his strong feelings that "every effort should be made to establish a government core in the centre of town containing the existing municipal office possibly expanding as the need arises, plus the existing library and other facilities that may be needed."

"But can we fly in the face of council?" questioned Member Donald Barnett. Planning boards are a body empowered only to recommend action to town council which has the authority to accept or reject its recommendations.

The board agreed to send its motion to council in company with Mr. Bacon's letter and wait for further developments.

## Spotlight By Bonnie Sheppard

Bonnie Sheppard joins the Liberal staff this week as writer of the column, "In The Spotlight" which is featured weekly on the Editorial page.

As well as being an accomplished commercial artist and illustrator of a children's book to be published shortly, Bonnie was the Ontario ski champion for three years, was runner-up for cross country skiing in the Canadian Championships in 1963, and was named as a member of the Canadian Ski Team in 1964. Look for her first column on Page 2 of this issue of "The Liberal."

## School Heating Costs Up, Blame Political Crisis In Mid-East

The crisis in the Middle East is hitting the ratepayers of York County, who will have to cough up an additional \$40,830 to heat county schools in the current school year.

When York County Board of Education tendered for fuel oil for the 1970-71 heating season, bids were requested from 18 firms, but only 6 submitted bids.

Purchasing Officer Ralph Egerton reported to a meeting of the board on October 13 that a survey of fuel oil suppliers indicated that most firms will be able to continue with existing contracts, but are unable to take on new contracts.

Efforts were made to renew contracts with the board's present suppliers at 1969-70 rates, but neither company — Gulf Canada Limited nor Imperial Oil Limited was able to oblige. Both, however, submitted bids in the tendering and both were low bidders.

Trustees agreed to order 970,000 gallons of fuel oil from Imperial Oil Limited at 13.89¢ a gallon compared with 12.89¢ a gallon last year — an increase of one cent a gallon, or a total of \$9,790.

The board will also be getting 654,000 gallons of bunker fuel from Gulf Oil Canada Limited at 13.83¢ a gallon, compared with 9.07¢ a gallon in 1969-70 — an increase of 4.76¢ a gallon, and a total increase of \$31,130.

Suppliers blame the political situation in the Middle East, main source of supply, for the big jump in the cost of fuel oils.

"We must learn one main thing. It wasn't the outside forces that destroyed the Roman Empire. It was the inner forces."

"If we want to keep our society evolving in the proper way, we must accept freedom with responsibility."

"We always hear about freedom, but seldom about responsibility, proper action and performance of duty," Mr. Roman told the Victoria Square Lions.

"Unless we realize the responsibility divine providence puts on us, we won't go the evolutionary route. Instead we will go to the revolutionary route, which is painful and destructive."

"Divine providence has established evolution as the way. Christ gave as his second most important rule

"Love thy neighbour as thyself."

"Evolution depends on three elementary and structurally basic groups — the masses, the government, and people that create."

"I believe very strongly that revolution is not to anybody's benefit."

"We can't have responsible society unless we have completely responsible individuals. There is nothing worthwhile in life that comes to an individual free," said Mr. Roman.

He said the populace is responsible for what the government does, because the populace elects its leaders.

Mr. Roman said that after looking at the rest of the world today, and studying the ideologies that are running the rest of the world, he

# Stephen Roman Warns Of Dangers If Canada Follows Quebec Socio-Economic Lead

"Government in the future will be strictly a kind of judge setting the framework in which the labor and capital will work together," a leading Canadian industrialist told a meeting on October 21 in Markham Township.

Denison Mines Limited chairman and chief executive officer Stephen Roman was describing what he called "my concept of our future society."

Local resident Roman was guest speaker for the Victoria Square and District Lions Club 11th anniversary charter night dinner meeting in the Victoria Square Community Hall.

The meeting was attended by a capacity crowd.

Ladies of the local Women's Institute provided a delicious roast beef dinner for club members, guests and wives. The dinner featured a supply of assorted homemade pies that couldn't be exhausted by the most valiant efforts of the diners.

"What is the answer for the future? Will labor or capital rule?" asked guest speaker Roman.

"Or will we find the approach that will work for all the people?"

"It will evolve either from our free society or from the ashes of Communism," predicted Mr. Roman.

He sees ahead a society in which capital and labor will always work together, not for the benefit of the individual, but for the good of the group.

"Humanity up to the present time has sectioned itself because there was never a common goal that every individual felt he could work toward," he said.

Mr. Roman referred to recent FLQ violence in Quebec Province and warned that the path of revolution was not the way to achieve a better future.

"I come from a country that once was free and now is enslaved," he said, referring to his native land that is now behind the Iron Curtain of Communism.

Denison Mines Chairman Roman said the key to progress is what he called the evolutionary route.

"Today's society sees decay of responsibility and initiative in many people."

"Change isn't coming from the proper element."

"We come closest in comparison to the Roman Empire.



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Leading Industrialist