

Red Cross Seeks Homemakers For Richmond Hill Area This Friday

The Red Cross Society in York is extending its visiting homemaker service and will hold interviews in Richmond Hill this week for women who would like to become homemakers.

Mrs. Rose Rank, supervisor for Red Cross homemaker service in the region for the past month, reports that a number of women are now undergoing an intensive series of 14 training sessions to prepare them for service in homes from Thornhill to Newmarket.

This type of work, says Mrs. Rank, is ideal for the

mature woman who wants to work on a part time basis, for a few days, a week or a month, assisting people in times of illness or family crisis, taking over the responsibilities of homemaker.

Next week a new dimension will be added to the service. Effective May 15, the Ontario Hospital Services will pay the cost of a homemaker in homes where the doctor in charge has specified that it is essential for recovery of a patient who would otherwise have to be hospitalized.

This move is being taken, Mrs. Rank explained, be-

cause of the serious shortage of bed space in hospitals in the region. It will make it possible to return to their own home sooner, freeing beds for other patients.

In other cases, where the service is requested by the family, the family pays for the service, but in cases of financial hardship, fees are geared to income.

Mrs. Rank emphasizes that the homemaker is not expected to be a nurse. If professional care is needed, the appropriate service is provided, by the Victorian Order of Nurses or other competent, fully qualified people.

To date about 30 women have been recruited through the Red Cross Office at 80 Bayview Avenue in Newmarket and are now engaged in the training program which covers problems that may be anticipated in working with a family.

The prospective homemakers learn about community resources that may be helpful, the mental health association, York Regional Health Unit, family counselling service, etc., and how to contact them.

There are sessions of nutrition, on planning, purchasing and preparation of food

for families in various income groups, care of the home, understanding children, understanding the elderly, working with the sick patient, the new baby.

Professionals from many fields talk about understanding mental illness, occupational therapy, the ethics of homemaking, orientation to new family situations and public relations.

The homemaker is supplied with an attractive uniform and guidebook which give detailed suggestions on baby routine, menu planning, recipes, and how to cope with unforeseen em-

ergencies. Interested women will be interviewed between 2 and 4 pm Friday at 39 Markham Road in Richmond Hill, or telephone Mrs. Rank at 895-1341.

The homemaker training, says Mrs. Rank, is useful not only for the women who want to work in private homes, it is also excellent preparation for anyone who may be considering full time employment as a nurses' aid in a hospital.

The program has been approved and will operate under supervision of Dr. Owen Slingerland, director of

health and welfare for the Region of York.

Mrs. Rank has a background of personnel counselling, psychology and supervision. She studied interview counselling at McMaster University in Hamilton and worked for five years with the Department of Reform Institutions at the Brampton centre for girls and women with drug and alcohol addictions.

The homemaker service, she declares is for families faced with an emergency, not for parents who want to take a holiday and leave the children at home.

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Howarth Show Ends Sunday

Modern landscapes, florals, still life, and pictorial recollections from an era that is passing in the Region of York are all featured in an art show this week at the home of one of Richmond Hill's best known and most popular painters.

Pictured above is a plow team captured for posterity by Harold Howarth, whose show of original oil paintings is open to the public at his studio-residence on Bathurst Street, one-half mile north of Maple Sideroad, from 2 to 9 pm this week. The show ends on Sunday.

Plaxton Loses Fight Against Rezoning

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"If we are not interested in growing, then council should immediately pass a motion rejecting every application which comes to them," Mrs. Hancey continued. Referring to the roads, she noted that at present all kinds of industrial trucks are using the internal roads. "With the road pattern thought out in some detail this will result in neighborhood road patterns. Markham Road will be used to a far greater extent because of development in Markham and Vaughan. It is consistent with good planning and with our official plan to have high density on arterial roads."

In respect to parks, Mrs. Hancey said that "We came up with an amount consistent with what our consultant recommended," as she recalled many happy hours spent in childhood in the ravine parkland of the Oakwood - St. Clair district of Toronto. She also pointed out that increased taxes from the redevelopment will help provide additional recreation facilities at strategic points. "This is a long term proposal. That's what planning is all about. It's taking a responsible point of view and determining how best

to accommodate people, commerce and industry.

"I have a strong feeling it will be years and years before there are any changes," Mrs. Hancey continued. "The school board stated what areas would be needed considering proximity to the parkland. We have been striving toward co-operative use of school parkland."

Supporting Mrs. Hancey, Councillor Stewart Bell urged council to "keep in mind the commitment to the future to enable us to justify our needs. This is going to assist us. We need a little boldness to take the necessary steps."

The proposed walkway system, linking parks and schools, drew criticism from Councillor Shaun Beggs, who recalled the conditions and problems existing in surrounding neighborhoods. Mayor William Lazenby indicated the support for the amendment, noting that a site plan will be required for redevelopment, that parks facilities will evolve as needed. "Our commercial enterprise could use a shot in the arm for increased population," he said.

Blowtorch Accident In Basement Cause Of \$16,000 Richvale Blaze

An accident with a blowtorch was blamed for a \$16,000 fire at the home of Blake Nash, 53 Yongehurst Avenue, Richvale at about 1:20 pm Saturday.

Richmond Hill Firemen kept the property, valued at about \$30,000, from being completely destroyed.

The property was insured. The damage included \$12,000 to the house and \$4,000 to contents, Fire Chief Alfred Stong said.

The fire started in the basement where father and son were working. A naphtha gasoline can exploded and the two people managed to scramble safely out of a basement window.

The house was being aired out at the time, and the windows and doors were open. So the fire had lots of draft and spread fast.

Children were blamed for a chesterfield fire at 4 pm April 29 at the Johnston residence, 47 Markham Road.

Damage was estimated at \$400 to the chesterfield and \$200 from smoke in the house.

There was an estimated \$85 damage when a space heater gave trouble at the Sharp home on North Road in Lake Wilcox area at 4:50 pm April 28.

Children again were blamed for a fire that destroyed some pigeons and a pigeon shed behind Fuller's Dry Goods on Yonge Street, Oak Ridges at 11:25 pm April 26.

The explosion of a burning tire caused some consternation on Kerswell Drive at 1 pm April 30.

Children had a bonfire behind the Widdifield residence. The inflated tire was too close and exploded, causing considerable noise and smoke.

A neighbor called firemen. There was a garbage fire May 1 at a Markham Road apartment building and a grass fire at 10:30 pm April 26 at Lake Wilcox.

To Mother On Mother's Day

It could not be a grander day, If God had made it, just for you; The sun could not be brighter, nor The sky, a fairer, deeper blue! The world could not seem more happy, Nor the flowers' scent, more sweet, If God had wrought a miracle, And gently laid it, at your feet!

MARY HONEY BROWN, 191 Centre Street West Richmond Hill.

York Farm Families Protest Low Prices By Giving Away Food

Fifteen York County farm families last week gave away eggs, pork, potatoes and turnips on the streets of Newmarket as they paraded with placards and sang to protest low prices for produce.

Keswick milk and swine farmer Garnett Myers, president of National Farmers Union Local 325, said farmers are paid only 20 cents a dozen for eggs that retail for as much as 75 cents.

The Friday demonstration on Newmarket's Main Street and at the Newmarket Plaza on Davis Drive, near Yonge Street, followed similar protests in Winnipeg, Brockville, Chatham, Goderich and Hanover.

"By giving our produce away, we hope the public will realize our plight," Myers said.

He said farmers get only 25 cents for a 10-pound bag of potatoes that sells in stores for 75 cents.

For pork, farmers get 20 cents for a pound that sells in stores for 85 cents, he said.

Shoppers, mostly housewives, lined up for a chance at the free bounty from the farmers. Distributed were 435 bags of potatoes, 14 bushels of turnips, 200 pounds of pork, and 435 half-dozen lots of eggs.

The produce was collected from farms in the Region of York by members of the National Farmers Union.

During the demonstration the farm children sang a song written especially for the occasion. The farmers hope to shame federal and provincial governments into maintaining produce prices.

Tentative Approval For Nursing Home Sewage

Approval in principal was given to connecting the proposed Fedyna nursing home to the town sanitary sewer system by Richmond Hill Council in session Monday.

The proposed nursing home will be built on the former Dr. Clarke Noble property on 18th Avenue, 1,800 feet east of Bayview Avenue, now in the new Town of Richmond Hill.

The proposal was first approved by the Township two years ago to be serviced by a septic tank and a tile bed. However, on a second test by York County Health Unit, objection was raised to the septic tank.

Mr. Fedyna then won reluctant approval of the OWRC to proceed on a lagoon system with a limit of 100 beds and the provision that if and when sanitary sewers became available the nursing home would be attached to them and the lagoon abandoned. Mr. Fedyna told "The Liberal" cost of the lagoon had escalated to more than \$58,000 and his nursing home would have been limited to the initial 100 beds. "If I can win final approval to be attached to the town sewage system I will be able to expand when necessary."

Mr. Fedyna explained that his connection will be by a four-inch plastic foremain which will be installed along limits of the road allowance at his expense for installation and maintenance.

At the council meeting, Mayor William Lazenby questioned the wisdom of using up capacity in the local sewage system which has been reserved for high assessment.

Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton pointed out that a real problem will be "the creation of 1,800 feet of sewage main

in an area we never planned to service. We will be faced with pressure for development because the main is there. It is up to council and its planning committee to determine what areas you want to develop. I can see a couple of thousand feet going out in all directions."

Councillor Andre Chateauvert agreed. "Once it's there you've got a problem preventing people from going in to it."

However, Councillor David Schiller explained that because it is a foremain it may not be tapped into.

Councillor Lois Hancey suggested that a provision of the agreement with Mr. Fedyna should be that the latter make a contribution toward the cost of the sewage treatment facilities.



HAROLD GROUND Hydro Appointment

A member of the Richmond Hill Hydro Staff since 1959, Harold Ground has recently been appointed to the newly created position of salesman. In making the announcement Chairman Sam Cook said the decision to organize a local sales staff emphasizes the commission's desire to further advance the scope of hydro services available to the residents of Richmond Hill.

Mr. Ground is looking forward to assisting domestic and commercial users of electrical energy to find new and better ways of making maximum use of this vital public utility. He is located in the hydro Yonge Street offices. Mr. and Mrs. Ground and their three children reside on Harding Boulevard.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 6, 7, 8, Thursday, Friday, Saturday — "David and Lisa" presented by the Aurora Drama Workshop at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora, 8:15 pm. For tickets, call 727-9313. c2w44

MAY 7, FRIDAY 7-9 pm — Rummage Sale, St. Paul's United Church, South Road, Oak Ridges. Surprise specials. c1w45

MAY 7, FRIDAY — From 7-9 pm. The Women's Circle of St. John's Baptist Church, 75 Oxford St., Richmond Hill is holding a "This and That" Sale. c1w45

MAY 7, FRIDAY, 8 pm — Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Daffodil Show and Green Thumb Night, Lions Hall. c1w45

MAY 8, SATURDAY — May Tea 2-4 pm, home baking, candy and gifts at Emmanuel Church, McKay Drive, Richvale. c2w44

MAY 15, SATURDAY — "Good as New Sale" 10 am till 12 noon, with a "Preview" sale Friday evening, May 14 from 7:30 till 9 pm. Admission, 25c. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple Antiques, small electrical appliances, good clothing etc. Furlong's, gemstones call 832-1101 of 832-2545. c1w45

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