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Richmond Hill

Provincial assessors are in Richmond Hill inspec-

ting properties as part of the Department of Municipal Affairs program for uniform assessment throu-

At their regular meeting

Monday, Richmond Hill Town Council received a

letter from the department

informing them that reas-

sessment in the town got

partment, said the letter, carry a photo identity

card which must be presen-

ted to the homeowner before he asks permission to

Mayor William Lazenby

commented, "If the photos

are like those that the

police carry they could be

copied in ten seconds."

inspect the house.

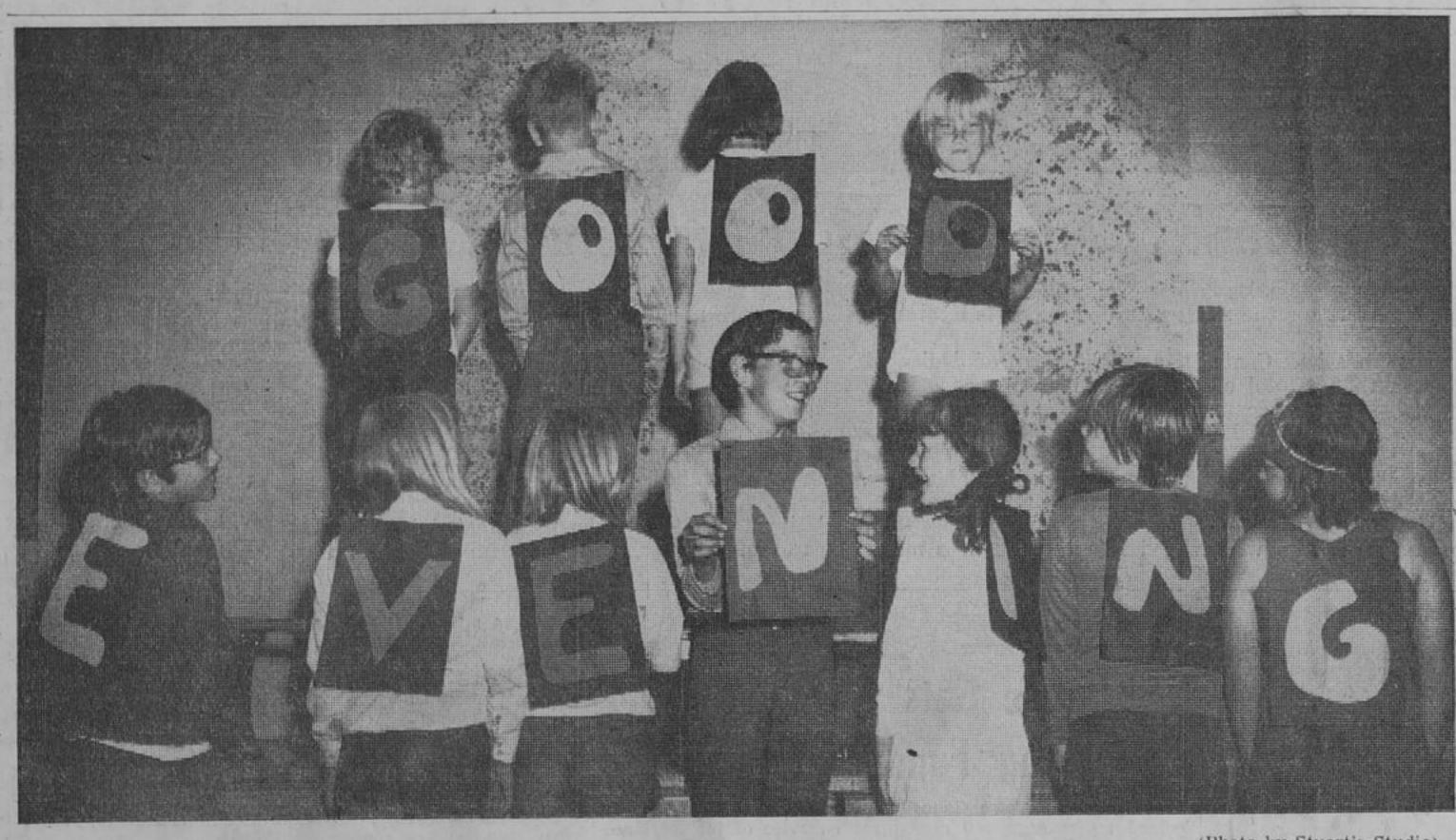
Assessors from the de-

underway on August 3.

ghout the province.

## York Region To Get \$850,000 Provincial Aid Assessors At Work

Must Cut Budget \$300,000 Says Bales, But York Grants Are Up \$7 Million



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Is Everybody Happy? Yes, Indeed!

Alfred Hitchcock couldn't have put it any better than did this group of youngsters who enjoyed every minute of the five-week Richmond Hill playground program at Beverley Acres Public School this summer. The boys and girls greeted their parents and friends at an open house August 12 with this warm welcome, as the program marked the end of another successful and happy year.

Front row (left to right) are Eric Lea 9, Marcy Hubbard 7, Laurie Hubbard 9, Glenn Lea 12, Carol Graham 8, Ruth Armstrong 9 and Monica Helmig 11.

The "good" children in the rear row are (same order) Lora Casement 6, John Struther 8, Dianne McErlain 8 and Karen Taskinen 8.

End Of Summer Sale At

Canadian Tire Make the most of what up, clean up, fix home, cot-

is left of summer to paint tage, boat, pool. In a special insert in this weeks copy of "The

Liberal" Canadian Tire at 70 Yonge Street North is offering bargains to assist the handyman, including chain saws, soldering and caulking guns, and wood care finishes for any pur-

Home appliances, sports equipment and tape recorders are also offered at a substantial saving.

A highlight of the sale, which ends August 30, is the special offering of tires at-factory door prices and other motoring accessories.

Council Agrees To Rezone

# Hotel, Library Part Of BAIF Civic Centre

A civic centre in an integral part of Phase II of the BAIF Development to be located between Carrville Road and Vaughan Road and Yonge and Bathurst Streets. The centre will be located on the southwest corner of Vaughan Road and Yonge Street. At its meeting August 9, Richmond Hill Council agreed to rezone the land for commercial - industrial use and put on a holding category.

gory and this will eliminate business offices, medical centre, at some future date." When ing on the site would "autowhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation Councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation Councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor David Schiller comwhat could otherwise be a great auditorium, library, recreation councillor by the spowers in less developed areas this ever, he told council that, after comwordstion councillor by the spowwordstion councillor by the spowword deal of delay, Town Planner centre with attached separate mented "It is going to be a essional businesses to locate An architect's sketch, pre-nursing home, community col-made," the mayor replied, "I derway to decentralize and pared for BAIF by Allen, lege or other educational build-don't know who it's going to be there is no really large financial Brown, Sherriff, was described ings and two churches with am- expensive for."

A number of specially the first concrete presentation for the centre. "It is tremen- Cadillac Partner BAIF rezoning bylaw in the near fu-could make provision for."

Regional Councillor offered at sale prices while dously exciting, challenging and stimulatir ." commented Councillor Stewart Bell.

When development is ready to begin, all that will be neceshary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education, professional and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sary is to lift the holding cate- of education and sa

quarters for senior citizens, a very expensive move when there. There is a real move unby Mayor William Lazenby as ple parking located in close Councillor Lois Hancey ad-professional centre to the north

any development. The land use Plaxton noted the suggestwill be designated so applica-Phase One In Spring will be designated so applica-

It was reported that ourselves to anything," pointed public expects more. BAIF is already negotiating out Regional Councillor Donald for a hotel to be located at Plaxton. "And we still have to a new system of establishing the intersection of Vaughan negotiate about services," Mrs. fiscal priorities." that interest in such a pro- to name other uses to which the ional adjustments, said ject has been expressed. buildings could be put. "There Bales, is to phase in any tax This is a decision of fair is a real move to decentralize increases that may be anticipmagnitude," cautioned the may- provincial government depart- ated in some areas.

complex and no really large

ed plan has a great deal of gested uses, but the general development we want."

released as it is needed.

# Six Organizations In Markham Get

Township Council allocated for the Markham Clothing Cen-Hill Town Council Monday, \$16,000 for grants to various enterprises and organizations with- Council agreed to the finance wartz announced that a partnerin the municipality, and at a committee recommendation that ship has been formed between meeting August 10 it received a a request for funds for the BAIF Associates and Cadillac A Richmond Hill scuba diver Robertson dressed at home report recommending alloca- Queen's York Rangers be re- Investments.

tions of \$2,350 to six such ferred to region. It was also Work and a sewage disposal while helping search for the body and while Constable Strong was groups. It also recommended suggested that the request from plant for the multi-million of a Metro man drowned at ab- dressing, Robertson decided to additional consideration be given the plowman's association be dollar development will get un- out 5 pm at the Bruce's Mill enter the water alone. to allocation of a further \$9,350. referred to region. The budget amount was arrived at when financial state-

ments for 1970 showed that the commented that he was pleased family homes, 378 semi-det-Robertson, 23, a technician area was being lowered and Township of Markham and the to see more consideration is beached homes, 253 townhouses from the Peterboro area, who that the sluice gate in the dam Town of Markham had spent a ing given to recreation. combined total of \$15,281.35 for "Recreation has been sadly The new partnership, he con-according to York Region Robertson dived in near the

The report submitted by Fin- money, not less," said Mr. plan for the whole development, First to drown was Lenardo sluice gate anyway. He was ance Committee Chairman Adams.

Councillor Roy Muldrew showed Noting that no money was al- feet of commercial develop- Boulevard, Toronto. He had Then he disappeared. that, since amalgamation of the located to the Markham Family ment which will begin at about been swimming at the beach two municipalities under re- Life Centre, which received the same time as the residen- with his wife, children, and two A short while later, at 6:45 gional government, some items \$4,000 from the Town of Mark-tial. in last year's budget now are ham in 1970, Mayor Anthony It was good news, said Mayor Police were called at 5:15 pm coming out of the downstream taken care of by other depart- Roman observed that in his un- William Lazenby, to know of regarding a suspected drown- end of the sluice. He had apments. The Crosby Memorial derstanding it is now recognized Cadillac's involvement, "I am ing at the conservation area. parently been sucked through Community Centre, Cedar for provincial grants, and this impressed by the co-operation." Volunteers from the usual big the small opening that would Grove Community Centre and might explain why municipal "It is marvellous news," ad- Sunday crowd at the popular barely allow a human body to Junior "B" Hockey are now cov- funds were not needed.

ered by the parks and recrea- Councillor Keith Kennedy 'It is good to know that lots place formed a human chain. Robertson was taken from Recommendation included ding that in his understanding small developers." swimming area within buoy tempt to revive him proved payment of \$900 to St. John's the centre is in "dire financial Councillor Shaun Beggs as- lines failed to discover the body unsuccessful

Ambulance, \$400 to Markham straits". Fair Board, \$200 to East York It was pointed out that there posed for the development and Police Constable Douglas covered at 9:52 pm after the

Plowman's Association, \$650 to is still money in the budget and was told it is before the plan- Strong of Richmond Hill, an ac- water in the swimming area Buttonville Women's Institute, that individual requests may be ning committee. \$100 to the Salvation Army, and considered as they come in. In reply to a question from to aid in the search for the It was found through extensive \$100 to the Richmond Hill Agri- Councillor James Jongeneel Councillor Donald Plaxton, Mr. body.

A recommendation for con- doors wide open, declaring that to the development will be full and he asked Robertson, a ment. sideration of a request for agencies and organizations phased down so as not to over- diving acquaintance, for an ex-\$1,800 for the Markham Safety should be aiming towards the burden existing roads. Council was included in the re- day when they can "stand on Prompted by Regional Coun- said he had diving experience but none into the death of port, also requests for \$1,050 their own feet". If money is cillor Gordon Rowe he also re- with Metro and Peterboro Pol- L'Erario, according to YRP. No for repairs to Box Grove Com- given too freely, he added, it iterated that BAIF has ar- ice, volunteered to aid in the date has been set at press time. munity Centre, \$6,000 for pav- will become increasingly diffi- ranged to obtain its own water search rather than lend his Coroner is Dr. Bernard Granton ing the parking lot at Victoria cult to say "no".

between Yonge and Bathurst

In its 1971 budget, Markham | Square Community Centre, \$500 | At a meeting of Richmond

Schwartz, and in the spring church - Stouffville. Councillor Robert Adams work will begin on 88 single The dead diver is Michael the water level in the swimming

neglected, they should get more tinued is preparing a unified Police. including about 180,000 square L'Erario, 42, of 119 Northcliffe kel and adjust his equipment.

ked about the civic centre pro- of L'Erario.

supply for the first phase. | equipment.

### how you get things going. You 'The first phase of the devel-make things happen, you don't opment of BAIF Subdivision just let them happen." outline permits the type of Nod For Grants \$16,000 Budget Streets south of Markham Road Hill Diver Killed In Search

lost his life Sunday evening Upon arrival at Bruce's Mill, derway this fall, said Mr. Conservation Area in Whit- A York Region Police spokes-

and 1,075 apartment units. | was boarding at 139 Mill Street, was open.

ded Councillor Lois Hancey, swimming, camping and picnic pass through, questioned this observation, ad- will not be sold off to a lot of Their extensive search of the the water and a half hour at-

complished diver, was contacted had been substantially lowered.

cautioned against throwing the Schwartz told council access Strong's diving tanks weren't by the Markham Fire Departtra set of tanks. Robertson, who the death of diver Robertson,

pm Robertson's body was seen

The body of L'Erario was disdragging operations conducted

BY MARGARET LADE

York Region will be getting \$850,000 in special provincial assistance to help defer costs of transition from county to regional government.

Municipal and educational grants from the province have also been increased by \$7,212,139 over the total received in 1970.

In announcing the grants on his first official visit to the region, the new Minister of Municipal Affairs Dalton Bales told regional council last Thursday that the grants, however, are conditional. First the region must

pare \$300,000 from its \$18.6 million preliminary budget. Area municipalities will be been able to bill property own-cipal purposes in 1971 comrequired to limit increase in ers for the full amount of tax- pared with \$11,516,564 in 1970. net expenditures in 1971 to 15 es due because budgets have and grants of \$21,645,108 for

percent over the 1970 operat- not yet been approved by the education compared with \$18,ing costs, and the department province, there will be a grant 858,200 last year for a total of is asking municipalities to sub- of \$40,000 to help pay tempor- \$37,586,903, an increase of \$7,mit budget projections for the ary borrowing charges. Muni- 212,139 over 1970. next three years. cipalities must, however, show The special grant of \$850,- that they have made fullest Town Will Get A Real Bargain

000, said Mr. Bales, will help use of interim levies. stabilize municipal levies in \$7 Million each area municipality. There Increase bout \$510,000 in tax reductions to residential property

ance each year.

People Expect More

Since many problems have arisen as a result of the intro-grant, the region will receive pay for the plows. ment in January, taxes will be based on assessment formulas used prior to the province-wide "market value" assessment pro- Transitional Grants Aid To gram which got under way in 1970. This means that municipalities will not have to apconsiderable confusion in the minds of municipal councils

new areas and regional munici- ster Dalton Bales outline pro- 240 for casts accrued in merg-needed. palities are subject to new pres- posals for additional financial ing the old Town of Markham local services. Improvement is to be told that they would be form a new town. at least implied when a new getting \$750,000 in special There will also be a grant of "We still haven't committed organization is created, and the grants to help defray costs of \$156,000 to compensate tax-

have to support other taxpay- When he came to York, how-ment. Compensation to the It will be worth looking at."

Townships

Two municipalities in partic-region. and East Gwillimbury, have forseen throughout the re-Richmond Hill, \$18,927 for correct answer. ment due to boundary changes, municipalities would be harder market. said the Minister. The province hit than others. There will will, therefore, make special therefore be special grants to Compensation For trucks with no plows," comgrants of \$86,000 to East Gwil-these municipalities. limbury and \$44,000 to King. The money will be placed in Aid To Markhama reserve and, subject to de-

partmental approval, will be

Since municipalities have not formula, the Town of Markham (Continued on Page 3) with the trucks.

of the municipality, his de- 000.

## Two Snow Plows At No Cost crease in municipal budgets. Two snow plows for the two ted to know if the works comand in rent rebates to tenants. the province will not include five-ton trucks being purchased mittee had made a study of the

the cost of services which in the for Richmond Hill's Works De- advantages and disadvantages mayors and councillors that, past were not part of the gen- partment can be secured at no of contracting for the winter cost to the town, it was learned maintenance as compared to authorized to provide assist- Some municipalities, said at the August 9 meeting of purchasing equipment. Mrs. ance for five years, they should Mr. Bales, have included such town council. By buying the Hancey warned that more equnot anticipate the same assist- items as street lighting, garb- snow plows with the trucks ipment means more staff, age collection and sanitary there will be no federal sales Councillor David Schiller, sewers in their general levy in tax on trucks or plows. Coun-chairman of council's works 1971, but in 1970 had picked cillor Shaun Beggs, a member committee, admitted that the

up the money for these through of the works committee, ex-committee had not done such a plained that the tax on the trucks study, but that the staff was of In addition to the special would amount to enough to the opionion that doing the govern- grants of \$15,941,795 for muni- Councillor Lois Hancey wan- the more economical of the Councillor Stewart Bell, also a member of the committee. stated he could support this contention, "because I have

seen the figures. It will be to our financial advantage to do ply the complicated equalization factor which has created Markham, Vaughan Towns our own thing. We will be much better off putting our money in our own pockets and equipping our own works department to do When members of York Re- would be paying \$404,000 in tax as much work as possible. There's Flexibility is essential, said gional Council assembled in money into the region for use no need to panic, we will just Mr. Bales, as each newly org- the council chamber in New- in other areas. Markham, there- take staff from areas where anized municipality has unique market last Thursday evening fore, will receive this amount they are not needed and put features, and councils of the to hear Municipal Affairs Mini- in transitional grants plus \$17,- them to work where they are "The trucks have already

sures to extend and improve aid to the region, they expected and Township of Markham to been tendered," commented Mr. Beggs, "and the personnel has already been hired. This implementing the regional payers in Vaughan for moneys of the trucks, complete with Press reports had stated that and \$4,086 for internal use in plow will be located in the the province had set aside \$2 amalgamating the former town-Road and Yonge Street and Hancey noted, as she went on The purpose of the transit-Our staff is already operating koka and York. On August 4 East Gwillimbury will receive wo trucks on summer work." he Minister met with Niagara a grant of \$86,000 to help com-

"I am sure the equipment Regional Council and informed pensate for urban assessments will be well used," said Counthem that they would receive lost due to boundary changes sillor Andy Chateauvert. "But Bales told Muskoka that its has incurred as a result of in- we should look at the feasibility troduction of regional govern- of contracting some work out,

carefully assessing the needs ban assessment comes to \$44,- mendation (to buy the snowplows with the trucks) would partment had decided to trans- All other municipalities will be throwing money away," caufer nearly \$850,000 additional also receive grants for internal floned Councillor Schiller. funds from the province to the costs, ranging from \$3,269 for "Contracting out has been the Whitchurch - Stouffville to \$4 - custom in other municipalities, ded, "We will be preparing a of Metro. This is something we ular, the Townships of King Since development is not unsuffered serious loss of assess- gion, said Mr. Bales, some Georgina and \$45,138 for New- "The snow plows are attach-

ments for the trucks and we would look like idiots if we had mented Councillor Louis Wainwright as discussion on the sub-An additional \$40,000 has ject ended.

been designated to compensate Council agreed to accept its area municipalities which can works committee's recommend-Under a "share the wealth" demonstrate that interest on ation to purchase the plows

## Seneca Purchase Of Eaton Hall Estate Finalized - New Campus For York

governments - Niagara, Mus-lage of Woodbridge

Sale of the Eaton Hall Farm to Seneca College was completed last week, adding a third campus to the Seneca complex.

Situated in King Township between Keele and Dufferin Streets, Eaton Hall Farm was assembled by the Eaton family in portions during the 1920's, the first purchase being made by the late Lady Eaton in 1920. The main building. Eaton Hall, was built in the late thirties, and for many years it was the home of Lady Eaton.

The 696 acre property will become a third major campus for Seneca, which now operates on two locations in Willowdale - Sheppard Avenue at Yonge Street, and on Finch Avenue near Woodbine.

The college, which opened its doors in 1967 with an enrolment of 100 students, expects to enroll 3,200 full time day students and 3,800 part time students this fall.

The college was intended to serve the people of the Borough of North York and the County of York and has been considering a third campus for some time. Pressure in North York has been building up for a Downsview location. Meanwhile York County Council and later

the York Regional Council and various regional municipalities were anxious that the third campus be further north and various sites were suggested, including the old York Manor property in Newmarket and a large acreage at Bond Lake, Commenting on the new campus, Norn Garriock of Woodbridge, chairman of Seneca's Board of Governors, said it is ideally suited to serve expanding educational needs of the growing population in the region. Pilot evening programs presented by Seneca in three county schools last fall and winter demonstrated that there is a keen interest in the type of programs the college has to offer. The new property, said Mr. Garriock, with

Borrowing

minor modifications will be able to acommodate up to 300 students later this year.

At ceremonies marking the closing of the transaction, John Craig Eaton, chairman of the board of Eaton's of Canada, stated that he believes Lady Eaton, his grandmother, would have been pleased that the property is to remain intact and is to be used for educational purposes.

In the three floors of the main building are approximately 70 rooms representing 33,400 square feet of usable space, much of it suitable with minimum adjustment for small classroom use. Library, dining, kitchen and lounge space is virtually ready for use. Portraits of Sir John and Lady Eaton will continue to hang in the

main building. Seneca President William Newnham assured the T. Eaton Company representatives, "The land will be usable not only for the college's current educational programs, but also as a yearround recreational facility for the entire com-

munity."