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Antique Fire Truck Highlights Fund Drive

This 1930 vintage antique hose and ladder truck and Richmond Hill's 1971 vintage fire-fighters were combined on a recent weekend at the Richmond Heights Centre in a drive for funds. Altogether \$2,003 was collected for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, an organization supported for the past 11 years by the town fire department.

A voluntary toll was tried for the first time at the shopping centre and yielded a record amount this year. Fire Chief Alfred Stong says the department is very thankful to all the good citizens who contributed their very generous help.

The antique fire truck used to highlight the voluntary toll will have been seen quite often around the town and must have aroused the curiosity of many. It was purchased earlier this year by Firefighters Larry Price of 34 Cartier Crescent and Don Kerr of 96 Wright Street, and was originally used by Toronto City firemen. This 1930 Bickle also has a pump but isn't considered to have been mainly for that purpose.

The two firefighters formed an equal partnership to buy the out-of-service truck, planning to use it for parades and conventions. They are also interested in preserving it as an antique item.

Protest 19 - Storey Buildings Thornhill Delegations Jam Markham Council Room

A large and very unhappy Thornhill delegation from the Bayview Avenue - John Street area made an unscheduled appearance before Markham Town Council on Tuesday night of last week.

Council was scheduled to hear a representative of Shouldice Hospital speak in opposition to a proposed 50-acre high density development on the southeast corner of Bayview and John. The hospital is at the northwest corner of Bayview and John.

When more than 20 ratepayers from Bayview Glen and Bayview Golf Club Estates made their presence known, Thornhill Councillors Robert Adams and Roy Muldrew admitted they had made "a few phone calls" when they learned the proposed development was on the agenda.

Hospital Administrator and School Trustee John Mackay quickly deputized the property owners to speak on behalf of the hospital.

Mackay said the development, which would include two 19-storey apartment buildings, is a matter of great concern to the hospital. The hospital has been there for 19 years, he continued, and has recently invested \$2 million in new buildings.

For future development it plans to erect a \$2 million nursing and retirement home for senior citizens. He referred to the large acreage, the trees, valley land and open spaces on the property. "It is a very nice environment," he said.

The large volume of traffic and noise pollution from such a high density development of apartments and townhouses would be a serious detriment to the area, Mackay continued.

There is already a shortage of water in the area, and the proposed development would use a lot of water. "As a hospital we are very concerned about a water shortage and fire danger," he said.

Mayor Anthony Roman said the North Bayview Secondary Plan was debated several years ago and densities and usages determined. "I am sure Shouldice Hospital was very much aware of what was going on," he said.

The municipality went to the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the day (Darcy McKeough) for approval, the mayor continued. "Now we are faced with the same problem as in 1968."

Mackay admitted the hospital was remiss in not fighting the plan more vigorously. He was aware, he said, that there had been public meetings. "There was so much opposition we were sure the plan would have to come back to the people before it was sent to the Minister," he said.

Others in the audience who had opposed the project in 1968, agreed they did not know the plan was official.

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Canadian Film Festival Aids Mentally Retarded

Richmond Hill will be the scene of two simultaneous openings November 8 in what is billed as Canada's first Cable TV Film Festival. One opening will be at the Richmond Hill Odeon Theatre and the other over Channel 10, the local cable television channel.

The Odeon will feature the award-winning "Going Down The Road" starring Paul Bradley and Douglas McGarth. They were judged the 1970 best Canadian film actors. The story is of two young Nova Scotians who come to Toronto seeking fame and fortune.

The theatre audience of 408 invited guests will hear a commentary by Gerald Pratley, one of Canada's best known film critics.

Arrangements were made to stage the theatre opening as a fund-raising project for the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded. The association serves Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Markham and Vaughan.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY It has encountered serious financial difficulty in supporting the program at

the Hope Haven Nursery, ARC Industries and the proposed residential complex in Markham. A limited number of complimentary seats are available by calling Joseph Dwyer at 884-8401.

For subscribers of Cable TV, the film festival will be delivered right to their home screens for four successive Mondays. Two supporting shorts on the opening night will be "Ski de Fond" and "Essai a la Mill". The former won the 1971 Canadian Film Award for sports and recreation. It is a beautiful visual study of four men enjoying cross-country skiing in Quebec.

The second by Jean Claude LaBrieque deals with his unusual vision of the "Apocalypse".

Guests at the Odeon will hear a short talk by former YCAMR President Wentworth Dowell. Afterwards they will attend a sherry reception, courtesy of local businessmen. Invitations to the film festival have gone to Stouffville, Kleinburg, Woodbridge, Markham, Unionville, Maple, Thornhill and Richmond Hill.

King City Resident Charged With Fraud

A 40-year-old King City engineer and geologist, Hugh Sutherland Jr., is one of six men facing Metro police charges of conspiracy involving \$600,000.

The arrests were made by 15 fraud squad detectives and members of the investigation staff of the Ontario Securities Commission who made simultaneous early morning raids on October 29.

Sutherland and the other five are alleged to have defrauded the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Lansing in Lansing, Michigan, and

four brokerage houses in Toronto and Montreal. Police would not name the brokerage firms.

Police said the charges stem from trading in shares of Sack Mines Limited between October 1969 and April 1971.

Price of the stock rose from \$1.20 to \$5.50 before it collapsed.

The mining company promoted property in Glen Township near Schreiber in northern Ontario. Trading on the unlisted market was suspended June 3.

Bail for Sutherland was set at \$10,000. The five others charged are all from the Toronto area.

1971 York Region Welfare Budget Already Overspent By \$227,227

General Welfare assistance expenditures in the Region of York are overspent by \$227,227 for the first nine months with still three months to go.

This was revealed Thursday afternoon of last week at the York Regional Council meeting in Newmarket. This caused Markham Councillor James Jongeneel to term the increase "staggering especially if you project it over the next few months."

Estimated total expenditure for the first nine months had been set at \$1,259,400 with the actual amount hitting \$1,486,627 for the \$227,227 deficit. Total budget for welfare general assistance in York for 1971 was set at \$1,679,200.

A report by Treasurer John Hlynski blamed the increase on payments that are continuing at a higher level than anticipated. The over-expenditure at July 31 was \$155,020.

It was pointed out that one of the reasons for being out on the estimated budget was the anticipation that the economic situation would see an upturn, thereby alleviating the number of persons on the unemployment rolls.

Georgina Mayor Dr. George Burrows said, "There may still be hope for optimism in the final figures if we get a good winter works program underway by way of provincial subsidies. We may be in better shape than is anticipated at the moment."

THEY'RE WILLING He still maintained that if work is available most people are willing to work.

This sparked a general conversation among the councillors on the oft-discussed question of the attitude of welfare recipients and how many really want to work and how restrictive should requirements be.

Aurora Mayor Dick Hlingworth said a number of municipalities are refusing to tolerate young people who show up for possible jobs in bare feet and in some cases, without shirts. "They're cutting such types off welfare," he said.

He wondered if similar rules are being applied in York Region. Hlingworth said he couldn't understand that "in a time of high unemployment there is also a great demand for people. Some industries are crying out for people but can't get them. Yet we have all this unemployment."

THEY NEED IT Dr. Burrows said the York Region has been following a strict line of refusing welfare where it is clearly evident the people have no desire for work or are undeserving.

He said it was still a fact that most of the people on welfare are in need of it. "They have a good reason. It's only a minor portion of the overall picture which finds people taking welfare who have no desire to be employed," he said.

Councillor Jongeneel requested that in future the regional treasurer's office provide a more

Two Wedding Anniversaries

November 1 was a memorable day in the lives of two members of Richmond Hill Town Council. It was the date of a regular council meeting, but that was not all for the pair.

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Woodbridge Manager Is Tied Up In \$1,200 Liquor Store Robbery

Two hooded men made off with \$1,200 in cash early Saturday morning after jumping the manager of the Woodbridge liquor store as he came in to work.

Vaughan Town Division of the manager, Elliott German of Toronto, was bound to a steel ladder in the storeroom of the building.

The two men then fled the scene in German's car.

Vaughan Police recounted events leading up to the robbery.

Sometime during Friday night the two men broke into the rear of the liquor store via a southwest window. They gained entry by removing the screen, broke the window and then replaced the screen to conceal the broken panes.

They then obtained LCBO jackets which were in the building and waited for the arrival of German.

He arrived at 8:20 am, walked in, and was jumped by the men. German was then forced to

open the safe. He told police he was unable to get a good look at the men because both wore hoods over their faces.

He said they appeared to be both around 5'10", slimly built and both shabbily dressed. One was wearing brown corduroy flared pants, the other blue denim flared pants. Both wore cowboy type boots.

The thieves then took some cord and bound German to the ladder by his ankles. They also tied his wrists and stuck a roll of tissue paper under his chin.

They then left the scene in his car with the \$1,200.

FREED HIMSELF German managed to snap the cords around his ankle by rubbing them up and down against the steel rungs of the ladder. He then crawled out of the storeroom, into the office and phoned the police.

German's car was found abandoned 20 minutes later a short distance away on Highway 7 West.

Police are continuing their investigation.

To Survey Hill Market Before Plazas Approved

Richmond Hill will hire a firm of consultants to carry out a retail market survey. It was decided unanimously at Monday night's council meeting.

Terms of reference for the study will be drawn up by Planning Director Hessie Rimon. He will also be making the necessary contacts with several firms to obtain cost estimates. Council yet has no firm estimate of what such a survey will cost. The survey was recommended by council's planning committee.

The council move was prompted by two recent applications for shopping plazas on adjoining properties. Both would require amendments to the Official Plan.

The development proposed by Joseph Patterson is for a 20-acre shopping centre on the northeast corner of Yonge Street and Elgin Mills Road, with frontage on the latter. The other proposed by Frank Bedini of Tankosk Yarman Limited, is for a 23-acre shopping centre on the east side of Yonge Street, north of Elgin Mills Road.

Planning Director Rimon explained to council Monday night that "In general, a market survey would refer to an addition of 100 acres of commercial outlets to the town's shopping facilities in the next two or three years. There are 46 acres in the BAIFF Subdivision slated for a major plaza development and other proposed plazas in the Elgin Mills-Yonge Street area. This is a major addition and for the population indicated for this town in the Toronto-Centred Plan I could not justify a rezoning before the Community Planning Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs."

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Councillor Kirk Vaughan Town

Vaughan Town has appointed a former deputy-reeve of the municipality, Robert Kirk, to fill out the term left vacant by the death September 16 of Regional Councillor Albert Rutherford.

Kirk was appointed at a regular council meeting Monday afternoon of last week. He will fill the vacancy until the end of 1972.

At the same time, council appointed Councillor John Gilbert to Rutherford's former position on the York Regional Council. Council held meetings prior to the appointment of Kirk and considered a number of other possible candidates.

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Remembrance Ceremony Sunday At Cenotaph

Those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom in two world wars will be remembered by the people of Richmond Hill at a service at 3 pm Sunday. The service is scheduled for the traditional site — the cenotaph in front of McConaghy Public School. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Legion Court, 41A Yonge Street North.

Those sons of the town whose names are engraved on the memorial and on the hearts of their loved ones, as well as all those other young and valiant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice, will be remembered by a grateful people at this service. Every citizen is invited to join in recognizing the debt we owe and can never repay.

Guest speaker will be Right Rev. Henry Hunt, MA, DD, Suffragan Bishop Retired of the Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada, a most effective speaker who is well known in this area. Also participating in the service will be Rev. William Wallace of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. He will read the lesson. Rev. John McTavish of St. Matthew's United Church will lead in prayer and Rev. Father Clement Schwalm of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church will pronounce the benediction.

Councillor Shaun Beggs will conduct the depositing of memorial wreaths. Last Post and Reveille will be sounded by Trumpeter Frank Woods. The Richmond Hill High School Band will accompany the singing of hymns with former Councillor Wesley Middleton leading the singing.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375 and other groups will parade to the cenotaph to take part in the ceremonies. Major Robert McMeekin will take the salute during the March Past following the service. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the afternoon is headed by Legion Zone Commander Frank Barrott and includes Legion President Doug Hopson, Mayor William Lazenby, John Brown and Tom Robertson.

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