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Isn't There A Doctor In The House?

The Candystrippers (junior auxiliary) of York Central Hospital were the guests of honor at the open general meeting of the auxiliary held Tuesday evening, November 9, in the auditorium of Don Head Secondary School.

Following the business agenda, entertainment was provided by this lively group of girls, who presented a short skit — a satire on the daily routine of a Candystriper. Written by Susan Hall, it was a humorous dramatization of the many mistakes that can occur in a hospital, often with disastrous results, but in this instance it provoked much laughter from the auxiliary members, guests and parents of the junior volunteers.

In the picture above (left to right) depicting the general turmoil, Candystrippers Britt Kvaran, Shelagh Campbell, Barbara Neale and Susan Hall are endeavoring to keep calm under stress — a difficult feat on this occasion, but one for which they are noted at York Central Hospital.

New Road To Save Gormley Region Plans To Bypass Hamlet

The heart of the hamlet of Gormley will not be disturbed by the proposed CNR grade separation that will link Highway 11 and the planned Highway 404. The right-of-way for Highway 404 is the new boundary between Markham and Richmond Hill.

At a meeting November 11, York Regional Council approved a recommendation of the engineering committee that the Stouffville Road (Regional Road 14) be re-routed slightly north of the hamlet.

Mindful of the public outcry that resulted when Keele Street was widened through the Townships of Vaughan and King, resulting in what was called the "rape of King City," the region last summer engaged Consulting Engineers McCormick, Rankin and Associates Limited to consult with the Department of Transportation and Communications on the section of Highway 404 in the area of Gormley.

The engineering committee report pointed out that centering of the grade separation on the existing road allowance would virtually wipe out every property on the north and south sides of the road.

Construction of a bypass about 570 feet north of the present road would affect only a few properties and just one farm house.

Cost estimates for several schemes were developed by the consultants. The scheme recommended by the committee and approved by council is the least costly.

SPLITS GORMLEY

Although it would separate the east and west sections of Gormley and mean a rerouting of traffic, it would eliminate the existing railway crossing.

Access to the residential and industrial area east of the tracks will be via a 500-foot connecting road. Access to the residential area west of the tracks will be via Leslie Street (South Concession 3).

The consultants' report says there would be good control of road traffic noise. The bypass would be in a cut throughout most of its length and some distance from the residential area.

The recommended scheme, said the report, will provide earth needed in the Highway 404 interchange, cutting costs of the two projects. The Highway 404 right-of-way runs between Leslie Street and Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road). Since the location of the proposed subway and the Highway 404 interchange depend upon one another, said the report, it is necessary to establish a plan for the CNR crossing as soon as possible. Cost would be borne jointly by the CNR, the Railway Grade Crossing Fund, The Department of Transportation and Communications and the Region of York.

Although council was agreed that the railway and Highway 404 projects should be coordinated in the interests of economy and safety, several councillors were concerned about level crossings in their own municipalities.

SOME RESERVATIONS

Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill observed that although he is glad to see the environment of Gormley will be protected, he is more concerned about level crossings in his own municipality.

The overpass at Gormley will facilitate commuter traffic, said Plaxton, but what about the people who use internal roads.

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York Trustees Agree To Continue To Oppose Annexation By Metro

York County Board of Education is continuing its fight to hold the line on Metro.

At a meeting of the board Monday, Markham Trustee John MacKay drew the attention of trustees to recent reports that Metro Council is still pressing for expansion of Metro into Vaughan and Markham. If the people of the Region of York do not continue to protest, said MacKay, the province will think they are indifferent and York will lose by default.

"We must let them know that we are not interested in a Metro takeover. We are not interested in letting Campbell (Metro Chairman At Campbell) make our decisions for us," said MacKay.

He recalled that, following an announcement in May, 1970, Darcy McKeough, then Minister of Municipal Affairs, that the area south of the proposed 407 would be transferred to Metro, the board prepared a brief strongly opposing such transfer. The municipalities of Vaughan and Markham and the County of York submitted similar briefs and their stand had been endorsed by the regional council.

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Although copies of these briefs had been sent to the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Education, said MacKay, it would not be wise to ignore the continuing pressure from Metro.

He reminded the trustees that, prior to the formation of the county board in January, 1969, trustees of the "Southern Six" municipalities (Townships of Markham and Vaughan, Vil-



JOHN MacKAY Letter To Davis

Council Honors Canadian Champs At Annual Citizen Awards Dinner

It was Canadian Champions night for Richmond Hill last Thursday at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

Town council honored the Dynes Jewellers Football team which won the Canadian Senior "A" Men's Softball Championship in Halifax in early September. The council also honored 13-year-old George Leary of RR 1, Gormley, who won the Canadian Sub-Junior Trap Shooting Championship July 4 at Vancouver.

This was the eighth annual evening of entertainment held by council to thank those who serve without remuneration on town committees and to honor outstanding citizens.

Young Champion George Leary, son of Jack and Laura Leary later in the summer was the runner-up in the American Sub-Junior Championship, which is recognized as a world title. In the regular competition, he and the eventual winner each had 195 out of 200 birds. In the shoot-off the winner got all 25 birds and George got 24.

Because all these Canadian Champions were also Ontario Champions, Mayor William Lazenby was assisted by Barney Danson MP, York North and Donald Deacon M.L.A., York Centre in the presentations of cufflinks and tie tacks bearing the town's coat of arms and a leather wallet and key case which also bore the insignia.

YOUNGEST WINNER

The youngest-ever recipient (Continued on Page 3)

Salvation Army Announces Expansion To Richmond Hill

A service unit of the Salvation Army will be established in this community in the near future, with the blessing of the local Social Planning Council. This unit will be manned by a group of local citizens who will have at their disposal all resources of the Salvation Army, Brigadier Herbert Honeychurch told the local group on November 17. "We want to be a part of Richmond Hill," he said.

The brigadier also recalled that for many years the Richmond Hill Lions sponsored a campaign for the Salvation Army.

"We are most anxious to change the nature of the fundraising and make it a personal appeal. We would enlist foot soldiers, people who know the community, who are known by the community and who also know what is happening under the Salvation Army banner. If we do not serve the whole of the community we will not have the satisfactory experience of seeing the task done in the best way," he said.

Brigadier Honeychurch was accompanied by Brigadier Sidney Joyce and Philip Wass.

HELPING PEOPLE

Honeychurch also said the function of the Salvation Army is to provide services to mankind in the name of Our Lord, to make every effort to better the state of mankind. "It's a very wonderful way to spend one's life," he said, adding that the Army covers most aspects of human need.

He referred to the House of Concord, which provides a home for boys in difficulty with the law, as the nearest army service to Richmond Hill. "We are opening another House of Concord in the London area, and increasing our coverage and have received a request for a similar service in the easterly part of the province," he said.

Social Planning Council's Chairman Rev. George Young said some of the services are already available in Richmond Hill, such as Help-Mate and the Family Counselling Service. "And yet we are still getting calls from this area. The name of the Salvation Army gives an open channel to people who need assistance. We wouldn't want it to conflict with that which is already established," said the brigadier.

He said Judge James Butler and David Porter have volunteered to serve the Army in the new unit. "There's really no problem of overlapping," he said. "We can supplement what is already available or can serve to bring these facilities more readily into use."

Committee-Of-Whole Stays Closed King Council Opens Some Meetings

Councillor Jack Van Luik termed it a "step in the right direction" this week after a much-maligned King Township Council decided to open the bulk of its committee meetings to the general public.

The only exception will be committee-of-the-whole meetings which will continue to be closed.

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Councillor Van Luik told "The Liberal" Tuesday he has always favored open committee meetings except where "business is of a personal or private nature."

He said that even in "such cases as these, a report of any decision should be made as a result of the meeting."

The decision to throw committee meetings open — including that of planning committee which has been closed — came November 15.

SEVERE CRITICISM

"We have nothing to hide," was the comment of King Township councillors as they decided to open the "closed meeting" policy almost all the way. The council has been the subject of severe criticism from the public and press since the beginning of the year, when the public found itself excluded from all committee meetings unless by appointment.

The most important meeting — the committee of the whole — will continue to meet behind closed doors, however.

The motion to open the committee meetings was proposed by Councillors Roy Wilson and Murray Sheardown, both of whom formerly have been the closed door policy's staunchest supporters. They were warned by Councillor Donald Findlay that they might regret their action later.

2 COUNCILLORS FOUGHT

Councillor Sheardown said he was "fed up to here with hearsay and damned nonsense which may well be libelous." He later criticized Councillor Ben Rough's enthusiastic endorsement of the resolution, charging that he had held the opposite view in January.

A move by Councillor Rough and Councillor Jack Van Luik in June to have every meeting open to the press and the public failed. However, at that time delegations were given a choice of appearing before either an open or a closed meeting.

Mayor Ken MacTaggart contended that many committee meeting reports were not being printed, "so maybe people may feel there were closed meetings."

It is not expected that council's reversal of policy will bring any great influx of people to the committee meetings.

GO Increases TTC Deficit

The Richmond Hill-Toronto bus service operated by the Toronto Transit Commission for the Towns of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill, lost \$2,461,441 in July, August and September. This is according to a report received by Richmond Hill Town Council November 15. The deficit includes provision for seat tax of \$539.35.

Richmond Hill owns 61.28% of the franchise for this bus service and so has been billed \$1,508.37 as its share. Markham owns 27.95% and will pay \$687.97 and Vaughan owns 10.77% for a payment of \$265.10.

Total deficit on the service for the first nine months of this year was \$7,657. The deficit was \$2,928,41 for the first nine months of 1970. The Ontario Government's GO bus service was initiated at the beginning of September 1970 and the above figures indicate it has had a substantial impact on the revenue of the TTC-operated service.

In a year, operating revenue has dropped from 80.75¢ per mile to 77.44¢ per mile. Operating expenses have risen from 82.68¢ per mile to 86.05¢ per mile.

Garrick Returned For A Second Term On Seneca College Board

At a meeting November 11, York Regional Council re-appointed Norn Garrick of Woodbridge as one of the region's two representatives on the board of governors of Seneca College.

A former mayor of the Village of Woodbridge and former chairman of Vaughan Township Planning Board, Garrick is a program executive with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and chairman of the Seneca board.

He was first appointed to the board in 1966 by the old York County Council with approval of the Council of Regents for Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario. He was elected chairman following the death of Seneca's first Chairman Dr. Frederick Minkler in the summer of 1970.

Garrick's term of office expires at the end of December. He was nominated for a second term by Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton, also a member of the Seneca Board since it was formed in 1966 and now vice-chairman of the board.

Plaxton credited Garrick with being largely instrumental in bringing the college's new campus to the Region of York. There was considerable pressure in North York to locate in the Downsview area, but in August the college acquired the 700-acre Eaton Hall property in King Township and classes there will commence early in the new year.

Seneca serves the Borough of North York and the Region of York. Eight of the 12-man



NORN GARRICK York Region Representative

Semi-Detached Lots In Essex-Palmer Area

Nine semi-detached building lots, with a protective berm and trees, proposed by Jillian Estates for the Essex-Palmer Avenue area, have been approved by Richmond Hill Town Council.

The approval is subject to a minimum frontage of 60 feet and lot area of 7,200 square feet; extension of Palmer Avenue to the railway tracks; provision by the applicant of water-mains, hydro-electric sanitary sewer services and telephone storm sewer, catch basins and a 23-foot pavement with curbs, street lights and street signs.

The developers will pay five percent of finished land value in lieu of park land and plant one tree of suitable size on each lot.

The earth berm will be adequate to shield the area from noise emanating from the adjacent railway operations, and a security fence, satisfactory to the CNR will be constructed along the easterly boundary of the property. A line of trees having a minimum diameter of two inches will be planted on top of the berm, it was reported.

Cedar Avenue from Markham Road to its southern end is approximately 2,700 feet long. From a functional design point of view, it is inadvisable to create a dead end residential street of such length, the planning committee pointed out to council. In addition, a future grade separation on Markham Road at the CNR Track may adversely affect the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Markham Road. Council accepted the committee's recommendation that its works committee examine ways and means by which Palmer Avenue may be extended to connect Cedar and Lennox Avenues.

209 Majority For Deacon

With a majority of 209, Donald Deacon, Liberal, retains the seat of York Centre in the Ontario Legislature as the result of a judicial recount held Monday of this week. The results on completion of voting October 21 showed Mr. Deacon with a majority of 215.

MLA Deacon lost three votes in the recount to the Progressive Conservative Candidate Anthony Roman, Mayor of Markham.

New Jail Study Given Green Light, Police Commission To Make Report

Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton got more support than he asked for when he presented a resolution to York Regional Council November 11.

At an earlier meeting Lawyer Plaxton had notified council that he would be bringing in a resolution asking council to consider the need for a regional jail.

He pointed out that money is made available from provincial and federal sources for capital works. A jail might be less desirable than some projects, Plaxton admitted, adding that it is nevertheless just as essential.

The Region of York is one of the few regions or counties with no jail or lockup, said Plaxton. Yet an increasing number of crimes are being committed, often aggravated by social problems such as drug abuse. There are also an increasing number of convictions, but the only correctional institution in the region is the Salvation Army's House of Concord which is not a jail, but rather a halfway house for young men.

Persons awaiting trial or transportation to some place like Guelph Reformatory or Millbrook have to be kept in the Don Jail in Toronto. Conditions there, said Plaxton "would shock most of us." He described it as a deplorable place, a 19th century lockup, smelly and dreary, with tiers of cells reaching up to the high ceiling.

There is considerable cost involved in taking prisoners back and forth. It also costs more in the long run to put people in such old type jails, Plaxton said. Many come out and repeat their anti-social behavior, "but we can't turn our backs on them."

Modern methods of penology designed to rehabilitate the offender call for a new type of correctional institution, and probably a detoxification centre, he said. Plaxton told council that in spite of mandatory breathalyzer tests, statistics show that more people are drinking to excess and coming into the courts. "You can't legislate anti-social behavior out of existence."

He also urged council to ask the regional police commission to look at the situation from a police point of view and report to council.

Markham Mayor Anthony Roman suggested a full and comprehensive study. "Shouldn't we ask the Attorney-General's Department to set up an investigation of the needs and implications?" asked Roman. "They will eventually be brought into the picture. Why not do it all in one package?"

Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby mentioned a need for more adequate family and juvenile court facilities in the region and a legal aid centre.

Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan urged council to "go to the top", to ask the Department of Justice to determine what legal and correctional facilities are needed in York.

Councillor Plaxton protested that all he wants is a police study to determine whether there is a need or not. When such a report is brought in, he said, council can evaluate it and determine which department of government it should be referred to. It might be the Department of Reform Institutions, or it could be some other department of the provincial or federal government.

When put to a vote, his resolution carried.