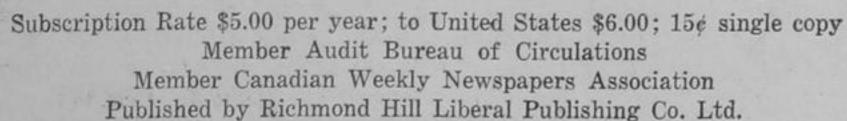
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Day Care Still Inadequate

Congratulations to regional welfare and social service staff and committee members on the speed with which they have come up with plans for a comprehensive day care centre to be built under the province's special subsidy plan.

Municipalities will get 100 percent capital grants for building and furnishing such facilities up to the end of May. After that the provincial subsidy will drop back to 80 percent.

As visualized by Committee Chairman Georgina Mayor Dr. George Burrows and by Welfare and Social Services Commissioner Dr. Owen Slingerland, the centre will not only have facilities for children two to six. It will also have special quarters for infants and for retarded children.

The committee did not stop with its plans for the new centre to be built on land owned by the region at Newmarket, however. It advocated entire region. Richmond Hill council has already come forward with a proposal for a centre to be built on municipally owned land in the Bayview Avenue and Elgin Mills Road area. Markham is undertaking its own needs study, and Vaughan has decided it does not need a day care

centre. There were the usual grumblings from a few regional councillors about the centre corridor getting all the services, and about mothers dumping their childen at the expense of the taxpayers. However the need has been establishd, as is evident by the province's program to aid municipalities in providing them. Those who have to account to the taxpayers have come to recognize the fact that it is cheaper and better for all concerned to provide care for these children whose parents cannot afford to pay so that their mothers can get a job and get off the public assistance rolls. If the odd person seems to abuse the service it would be that the mother concerned is not emotionally able to cope with the care of her child. If she asks for the day care service and still stays on welfare it could be that she is on the verge of an emotional breakdown. And if this did occur the taxpayers would be faced with far bigger bills for hospitalization plus care of the child or

It may seem like looking a gift horse in the mouth to say, "This is

ions carried out by individuals ville Secondary School.

a workbook for teachers of Marg Dummitt and Olga Days. ers.

for the four-year mathematics core science course being tested the projects.

children.

in schools of York Region.

and groups of teachers was pres-

ledge for the summer and fall Area 2.

fine, but let's have more."

More is needed, though. When are the politicos going to realize that we also need day care for school age children The youngsters from six to 11 or 12 years who are left in an empty house to get themselves off to school, who return to an empty house at noon and after school? One Richmond Hill principal recently said he could find at least 60 such children in his own school. How many more of them are there?

In some rural schools where many children have to take their lunch to school, mothers are going in as volunteers to help supervise and to give the teacher a break at noon. And in Richmond Hill a home and school delegation attended a recent meeting of the social planning council asking for support of a plan for before school, noon hour and after school care for children whose parents may an immediate needs study of the be away from home each day from

8 am to 6 pm. They suggested that school facilities would be most suitable for such a service, and that the parents pay the cost of providing it. This would entail hiring of a fully qualified person to supervise volunteer mothers or students at the centre. There would also be a need for play equipment, books, games, craft equipment and the cost of keeping the school

At a meeting of York Board of Education last month, Markham Trustee Louise Aimone observed that, with schools being used to a greater extent by the community, the time may be at hand when schools will have to be planned with a view to public use, and with storage space for recreation equipment for community use.

Perhaps when the regional committee completes its present study, it could co-operate with principals and school attendance personnel in a study of the need for day care for older children. It is not just working mothers who would welcome such a service. There are a lot of fathers filling the role of two parents, too, and they are concerned about what is happening to their children from the time they leave for work in the morning until they get home at night. Competent housekeepers and baby sitters are hard to find, and they usually cost more than the average person can afford.

Don Hamilton, Charles Roach lea Secondary School developed

Lloyd White, Olive Komar, seminar now being held for

Canadian Indians.

LANGUAGE ARTS

available for inspection at the



Bradford OPP Corporal Served 20 Years Sponsored at the local arena by Richmond Hill Lions December

Corporal Francis Parke of No. 7 District Headquarters of the Ontario Provincial Police at Barrie was one of six officers in that district receiving recognition for 20 years of service with the force recently. A member of the force since 1951, Corporal Parke has been stationed at Barrie, Bradford and Wasaga Beach. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1964 and posted to the Bradford detachment.

Corporal Parke was born in Gravenhurst and attended public and high schools in that community and in Toronto. He is married and lives in Barrie. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parke reside at Oak Ridges. In the above picture Corporal Parke is receiving the congratulations

of Assistant Commissioner John Needham, who had just pinned on the medal which recognizes 20 years of service.

By MONA A. ROBERTSON

"Take A Gob Of Clay And A

Rolling Pin!"

one of Joyce's two weekly pottery classes. But from

the moment I entered the door of the Jay's home on

Elmwood Avenue in Richmond Hill I was surrounded

by evidence of this artistic woman's own creative-

workshop was a lamp - old English coach style -

in what appeared to be hammered pewter - it was

made of pottery-clay then glazed before firing, with

pewter finish. At the foot of the stairs was a mural

of "Trounce Alley" and Burt's Restaurant. The

storefronts lining the short street carried me back

in remembrance to Victoria, B.C., where London

Town lamp standards line the streets and every store

and lamp has boxes or hanging pots of colorful

had been wafted to the site of "preparation Christ-

mas" — for around the work table — where Eleanor

Marker, Pauline Bickerstaff, Essie McMullen, Muriel

in history. For example, in the Victoria and Albert

Museum in England they have a hand-modelled

Egyptian vase which is dated at about 4,000 B.C.)

modelling recently in a display shown in Richmond

Hill Public Library. But here in the workshop

were: Christmas angels and papier mache dolls;

Indian dolls their faces made, of all things, from

apple, mark carefully the eyes, nose and mouth and

set it aside to dry. When the apple gets leather in

texture but is still moldable, form the features and

the arms and legs. Dress the doll in bits of leather,

add hair and headdresses and you have an Indian

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In the cosy rec-room-come-workshop I felt I

Joyce Jay, one of our local artists.

summer flowers.

works of art.

apples.

This week I had a most enjoyable visit with

Actually my visit was planned to see in action

Facing me over the stairwell leading down to her

Majorettes Set First Appearances In Public

The newly reorganized Richmond Hill Majorettes now number 85 and hold regular rehearsals at Crosby Senior Public School. The juniors and intermediates meet Monday and the seniors Wednesdays.

Leaders are Valerie Hawkins and Angela Wilson. Both were formerly associated with majorette activities in the town. Resplendent in new uniforms of purple and gold, the senior majorettes will be putting on three displays at Richmond Heights Centre December 18.

The whole corps of 85 juniors. intermediates and seniors will be presenting seven dispays during the three-day Rosetown Peewee Hockey Tournament, 27, 28 and 29. The girls will be appearing on the ice surface between hockey games.

It is hoped that a drum corps and color party will be organized in the near future, to round out the majorette organization. If you are interested in participating call 884-5738.

BOYS AND GIRLS Make regular pocket money on a Liberal paper route. Established routes may be available in your area. Phone Carrier Circulation, 884-1105.

A Dog For Christmas

Something to hold, to cuddle, something just

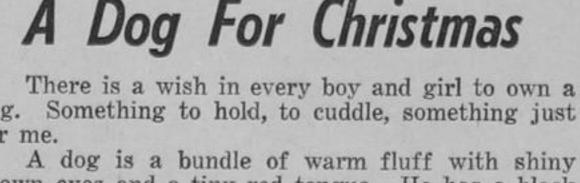
brown eyes and a tiny red tongue. He has a black wet button nose and a wagely tail. This is a picture of a happy and healthy dog.

At first the little puppy is just like a baby. He depends on you. You are his master and his happiness consists of being treated as something alive.

feed him what is good for him and at his right time. He must be combed and brushed to make him feel clean. Never must you forget to take him for a walk; it is very important to him. When you plan on going to a hockey or baseball game, then perhaps you will have to take him along sometimes. Play with him when he decides to play and let him rest when he chooses to rest.

Now you will have a good, affectionate and con-

LYDIA HACHMER, 95 Cartier Crescent, Richmond Hill.



A dog is a bundle of warm fluff with shiny

To help him to grow up you must remember to

tent pet, because you treated him so. His love is faithful and will never change. He is yours for a long time and all he wants is love.



RAIL COMMUTER SERVICE ities into taking the obvious

The success of the CN service to Stouffville demonstrates the need for proper commuter ser-

Lanaway, Stella Mott and Jean Rasmussen were On November 1, the CN adworking on various pieces of pottery - the walls ded a second coach to its run. This service was started June 28 Dear Mr. Editor: and shelves were crowded with an assortment of by order of the federal transport commission after private citizens had requested it and the Recently Joyce demonstrated clay modelling CNR had failed to provide it. to Richmond Hill Brownies and I hope her talk may encourage these young girls to work in this ancient service has been crowded to capacity within four months of art. (Clay modelling dates back at least 6,000 years

its start without even any provision for feeder buses demonstrates the demand for services. Incidentally we saw a little of the Girl Guides' clay- ments, both provincial and federal, have neglected to take effederal study is just a study, with China? Nonsense! and there has been no commit-

This is an interesting trick in itself. Take an as a result of these studies. have some MP's in its pocket, "universally." let dry completely. The body may then be made has been able to resist public In regard to our American have to take some direct action his usual aplomb. to galvanize the federal author-

TRUDEAU AND

ficial says it's too early to tell whether the S. E. Woods Industrial factory will be rebuilt. It was razed in a \$1,118-000 fire November 29 which threw 63 employees out of work. The factory manufactured camping, snowmobile, boat and utility trailers and mini-bikes.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

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steps they have so far neglected. JOHN MEDCOF, Mount Albert.

COMMUNISM

In reply to your editorial of November 18, "Where Are We Going?" Barney Danson's (MP York North) report on the same The fact that the Stouffville page covers the subject thoroughly. To suggest Prime Minister Trudeau is "aligning" our country with Communist Russia or Yugoslavia is nothing short of vicious pro-It is even puzzling that govern-ments both provincial and fed-planning a trip to Peking and Robert Stanfield recently visited fective action to provide the China. Would this mean that necessary services. The latest they wish to "align" themselves

I believe that the federal govment by Ottawa to do anything ernment under Prime Minister Trudeau is unwrapping the mys-Commuter service has been teries and superstitions which studied to death for some years, impede progress. Let us say that but the CN which appears to Canada is beginning to think

pressure and deny service on neighbor and friend, Ottawa many other lines which also has acted with admirable resneed it. Citizens groups may traint, and Mitchell Sharp with

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Most finished products were not

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Town's Planning Department Has Threefold Responsibility

in elementary and secondary "We congratulate all those in- from wire. Pipe cleaners are excellent to use for

program in grades 9 to 12.

By MARY DAWSON Because he believes it a bit premature to disclose details about new shopping plazas and retail outlets at this time, Town Planning Director Hessie Rimon in a talk last week attempted instead to enlighten members of Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce on the planning process as carried on in the town and in the Region of York. He was guest speaker at a meeting at the Summit Golf Country Club November

provisions of the Toronto-Centred Plan and told the group of 50 interested citizens a little bit about BAIF. This is to be the biggest residential and commercial project the town has ever seen and is in its last stages of

ground in the spring. change in land use.

he is invited to make a pre- land for industrial develop-

sentation to council's planning committee. The committee discusses the proposal and then will recommend a course of action to council. If the proposal is approved by council in principle, the planning department will enter into the design of the project and determine that it is within the confines of the

Summer Projects To Benefit Education York Schools

Mathematics, arts and science King City Secondary School, Woodbridge High School organ-

projects undertaken by teach- Stewart Cole, Ron Crawford and ized a science unit for the teach-

ers through the summer are im- Greg Scott of Dr. G. W. Wil- ing of metrication in gardes 9

proving education standards liams Secondary in Aurora, and and 10 and Don Bogle of Thorn-

ART HANDBOOK

ented to trustees at a meeting A handbook for teachers of Miss Jean Swanson compiled

of York County Board of Edu- art in Area 2 was the work of material for the language arts

Included in the projects was Blanche Gordon, Lois Flett, kindergarten to grade 6 teach-

mathematics prepared by Mas- It is now being tested by teach- Samples of the books and cur-

ter Teacher Mrs. Joan Rout- ers in other areas as well as in riculum material produced were

mathematics workshops, and a The science curriculum com- board meeting. Trustees were

core program and workbook mittee of Area 1 developed a very favorably impressed with

The latter was compiled by a schools in the area. Committee volved in doing so much to

committee of Area 2 teachers: members were Roy Wood, June improve the standards of educa-

John Campbell, Walter Mac- Hackman and Jim Fitzgerald. tion," commented Markham

Donald and Bob Sanderson of Teacher Brian Michez of Trustee John MacKay,

A summary of seven project- and Don Sutherland of Stouff- a curriculum aid to study of

Council may then grant its approval and the building permit will be issued. The process is somewhat longer when land division is involv-He dealt briefly with the ed. This is because the application must also go to the region council and to the

province. The planning department's second responsibility is preparation of a long range land use policy in an Official Plan, Rimon said. The adprocessing. It is expected vent of regional government that it will be getting off the has left Richmond Hill with five Official Plans — those The town's planning de- of the former town and the

partment is responsible to five annexed areas, he said. "Our major project for explained. First it must ad- next year is to look into previse council on all motions paration of a comprehensive cil to formulate its day to in the present and future tail an economic study, popuand indicate the long and lation forecast, transportation short term effects of any and traffic study, survey of recreation facilities, suitabi-When an applicant comes lity of land for residential to the planning department, estates and suitability of

ment," said Planner Rimon, "This will not be just a document. Once approved by the local government and the Department of Municipal Affairs, it becomes the formal

expression of town council's

policy relative to future land

uses within the town — an indication of what will happen," he said. The planner pointed out Official Plans have a builtin flexibility, which may be brought about through Official Plan amendments.

The next step after the Official Plan is a comprehensive zoning bylaw to implement the Official Plan. It will set up standards of development. "At present we have to operate in the confusion resulting from the creation of the region - we are working with five Official Plans and umpteen dozen by-

laws," Rimon said. The third function of the town's planning department is to carry out special projects which will assist coun-He cited as examples the Lake Wilcox study, and a brief evaluating the Toronto-Centred Plan as it affects

Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill is a vital more apparent in the area of York. Reform in this area part of the Region of York, technological innovations that was long overdue and I be-

he maintained. The regional government setup increased the town's area from 1,700 acres to 24,000 acres, its population from 19,500 to about 34,000, its taxable assessment from \$125 million to \$220 million. This growth has brought with it grave problems of servicing, he

A meaningful relationship is shaping up with the 21man regional planning department, which is composed of three branches, he reported. The first branch is charged with coming up with a regional Official Plan by the end of 1974. The development branch comments and recommends on each and every plan of subdivision and through regional council makes recommendations to the Department of Municipal Affairs. The region's third planning section, area services, provides planning consultant services to those six municipalities which do not have their own planning deern municipalities of Vaug- ficient. But I'm not too sure, affecting land development Official Plan. This will en- day policy, Rimon continued. han, Richmond Hill and as far as the people are con-Markham are the only ones cerned that this is a better in the region with their own

Rimon.

we are subject to a great lieve regional government is deal of change and the pace of change is so great it has a great impact on society at large in some cases. In other cases men can't move quickly enough to keep pace."

"For instance a 45-storey apartment building creates problems, for those who live in it, for those living nearby, for the community at large. Some of the changes are coming too fast and are too great for the simple man in the street to cope with them."

Rimon did not agree with the premise that a 25% to 30% turnout at the polls in municipal elections indicates an almost complete apathy on behalf of the electors. "If something was wrong, not only would people vote, but they would revolt and take it to the streets."

"I think centralizing the powers of government can be done too quickly and too much. It is apparent it may be more economical, easier form of government," Rimon

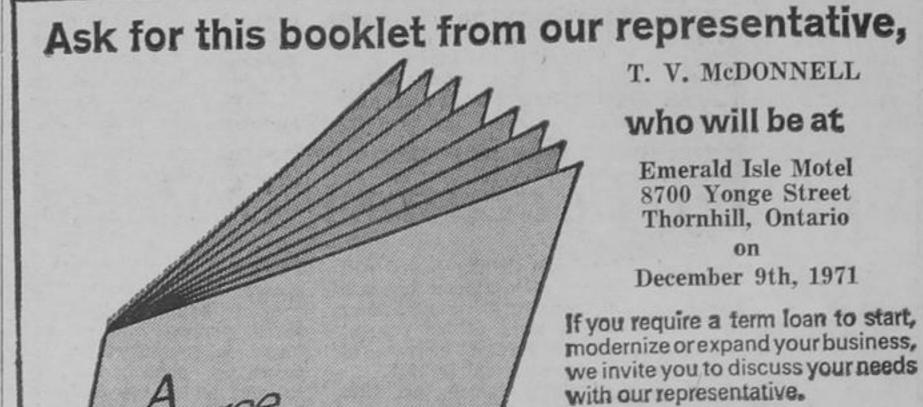
planning departments, said said. "I don't intend this as a "It is becoming more and reflection on the Region of

a great step in the right direction. I am certain all municipalities will try to make it work."

"When a municipality reaches a population of 25-30,000 it becomes more important that major control and a great deal of power be vested with the local government. Elected government is the most responsible and responsive to the people and to the local needs. An elected government can institute projects and be accountable to the people living in the municipality."

"Centralized power is very good and very important and may bring a great deal of progress to an area. I am inclined to go along as long as the local identity can be maintained. This community has those elements inherent in it which give me a great deal of satisfaction to work in it," said Richmond Hill Planner Rimon.

"The Toronto-Centred Plan partments. The three south- to administer, and more ef- may affect each and every way. It was made public in May 1970 and forecast a population with a 90-mile radius of Toronto of eight million by the year 2000 only 30 years away. It provides for an urbanized strip, (Continued on Page 14)



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