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New Year Greetings '72

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"Away In A Manger, No Crib For His Bed"

A real live baby, Glen Farrell, represented the infant Jesus in the manger for a nativity tableau presented at the 11 am service December 19 in Richmond Hill United Church. He was watched over by the Mother Mary (Tracey Clement) and Joseph (Glen Dimpfel).

All told there were 52 children between the ages of three and five from the nursery and kindergarten happily taking part, portraying enchanting diminutive angels, engaging miniature shepherds and regal tiny three Wise Men as they recounted the Christmas Story in song.

The congregation was moved by the innocence and wonder of the little folk.

Markham Report Rips Toronto-Centred Plan

By HAL BLAINE

The province's proposed blueprint for the future of the Toronto-Centred Region is ripped to shreds in a draft report prepared this month for the Markham Town Planning Committee. The draft report suggests a royal commission be established.

The draft report is proposed as the basis of a town council's submission to Premier William Davis. It was prepared under the direction of the town's resigning head of planning Kunio Hidaka.

It says the province's proposed parkway belt to run along a proposed super-highway between Richmond Hill and Thornhill is misconceived and mislocated.

The draft report also says the Toronto Region Plan by the year 2,000 should provide for an additional 600,000 people in Markham instead of the 69,000 proposed in the province's recent Status Report on the Toronto-Centred Region Plan.

TO SQUASH METRO

The Markham report says the Toronto-Centred Region Plan means a deteriorating Toronto region environment caught in the vise of urban sprawl on the outskirts and unbearable congestion within Metro.

It says the proposed parkway should be located further north, possibly through Oak Ridges. It also says Metro mustn't be allowed to grab off the south end of Markham and Vaughan, a move which would fragment a developing area. A new sewer system up the Rouge River Valley to serve 600,000 people is advocated.

Centred Region Plan, Markham will be part of the 3.1 million population expected in Metropolitan Toronto and its immediate northern fringe in Year 2000. The projected population of Metro is 2.9 million. The projected population of the entire immediate northern fringe is not 200,000, which is seriously inadequate and unrealistic. "The portion of the future population increase for Markham is approximately 38,000 in the next 30 years. However, the current expected population growth of the southwest corner of Markham—meaning Thornhill—alone for the next 10 years, based on current (development) applications and approved plans and zoning provisions, is 48,500. (This is) 8,500 in excess of the Toronto-Centred Region Plan (provision)."

The draft copy says the planning report was prepared to show the effects Metro and provincial proposals would have on the health and well-being of Markham Town, its residents and property owners.

Commenting on the May 5, 1970 Toronto-Centred Region Plan the draft report reads as follows:

DEFECTIVE DOCUMENT

"For a document purporting to be the basis for development (and to serve as guide and plan for a prime impact area of 8,600 square miles and an inter-arc area of 15,000 square miles in the heartland of Ontario) for a population of eight million—it is defective in concept and lacking in scholarship and depth."

"Our first request is that the Toronto-Centred Region Plan not be officially adopted or implemented until it is subject to a critical review by a panel of scholars and practitioners, who shall also conduct public hearings (preferably in the form of a royal commission)," says the draft report.

INADEQUATE AND UNREALISTIC

"According to the Toronto-

Caused Fatal Crash Gets 4 Years Jail

Jailed four years on Tuesday of last week for causing a fatal accident last summer in Richmond Hill was Douglas Roberts, 28, of Roosevelt Drive, Richvale.

Roberts was also prohibited from driving for five years after he gets out of jail.

He was convicted by a Supreme Court jury for causing the death of Robert Allan, 39, of Davisville Avenue, Metro, by criminal negligence.

The head-on three-car collision was August 14 on Yonge Street North about a mile north of Elgin Mills Road. Several other people were injured.

Roberts was sentenced by Mr. Justice Eric Moorhouse after a three-day trial.

Evidence brought forward

by Crown Attorney Michael Lynch showed the Roberts car sped off after bumping the rear of one of the other cars that was subsequently in the head-on collision. Roberts' car was found by York Regional Police the next day. It was abandoned in a grain field off Dufferin Street, north of Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan.

The evidence was that Roberts had been drinking before and after the accident. He made up a story that his car was stolen and this story was an effort to avoid prosecution for his crime, the court was told.

The accident was investigated by the Oak Ridges Detachment of the Provincial Police, aided by a special officer assigned to the incident.

Christmas Week Car-Truck Crash Kills Hill Couple, Injures Son

A Richmond Hill man and his wife were killed early Sunday morning when their car was in collision with a dump truck on the Maple Sideroad just east of Jane Street in Vaughan.

Dead are Hugh Ferguson, 48, driver of the car, and his wife Katherine, 43, both of 85 Garden Avenue, in the Langstaff area of Richmond Hill.

Their 14-year-old son, Andrew Grant Ferguson, also a passenger in the car, was taken to York Central Hospital with undetermined injuries.

He is reported in "fairly satisfactory condition" by hospital officials.

Driver of the truck, William Rolling of 20 Keele Street, Maple, escaped injury. Vaughan Division of York Regional Police said the accident occurred at 6:55 a.m.

MET HEAD-ON

The Ferguson car was proceeding west on the Maple Sideroad when it was in collision with the Rolling truck proceeding east. It was reported that the road was icy in the area of the accident.

Damage to the Ferguson car was estimated at \$2,000. The Rolling truck received \$300 damage.

The deceased are survived by three children, Brenda, Hugh and Grant Ferguson.

Services were held at 3 pm Tuesday afternoon at the Trull Funeral Home, 2704 Yonge Street. Interment was at Westminster Memorial Park.

TWO \$3,000 CRASHES

A three-car accident Monday afternoon at Keele Street and Rivermeade Road in Vaughan Town caused \$3,000 damage.

Drivers of the cars involved were Joan Ashenhurst, 30, of Uxbridge, Mrs. Giovanna Pella, of 74 Norman Drive, King City, and Benito Distefano, of RR 1, Maple.

Damages also totalled \$3,000 in a two-car accident Friday at 12:30 pm at Langstaff Sideroad and Dufferin Street in Vaughan.

Drivers of the cars were Thomas Bettles, 21, of 35 Church Street, Richmond Hill, and Guido DeFilippis, 30, of Downsview.

Both vehicles received \$1,500 damage.

To Be Completed In 1974

New Secondary School For BAIF

By MARGARET LADE

If a secondary school is not built in the BAIF Subdivision in south Richmond Hill within the next two years, students from Richmond Hill will be travelling by bus to schools in Aurora. So plans are being prepared for a new Richvale area high school.

This was the prediction of York County Board of Education staff when plans for a new school to accommodate about 1,000 secondary school students were presented to trustees at a meeting December 13.

Staff was recommending the

board plan to provide a secondary school for BAIF south of Maple Sideroad, between Yonge and Bathurst Streets, with completion date set for June, 1974.

LANGSTAFF-BAYVIEW AREA

The subdivision, said the staff report, is situated within the present attendance area of Langstaff Secondary School for students in arts and science and business and commerce courses, and in the Bayview Secondary attendance area for students in science, technology and trades.

Population projections indicate that BAIF will produce

about 1,275 secondary school students. Plans are for 300 single family homes, 472 semi-detached homes, 775 townhouses and 2,892 apartment units with a projected population of 14,880 people.

The project will be developed in two phases. Indications are that phase one will be completely serviced by the spring of 1972, with model homes on display by June.

The developers are projecting completion of approximately 28 single family and 109 semi-detached homes plus 68 townhouse units by the end of 1972. Completion of phase one and commencement of phase two will come by the fall of 1974.

LANGSTAFF TO OVERFLOW

At present about 225 pupils who live north of Carville Road are attending Langstaff Secondary School which has an enrolment of 730 and a capacity of 80 more students. Exclusive of BAIF, enrolment at Langstaff is expected to increase to 758 by the beginning of the school year in 1975.

Bayview Secondary has an enrolment of 1,538 but a capacity of 1,337. The overflow is housed in two portables, as well as in classrooms and two portables at Richmond Hill High School.

Richmond Hill High School has a capacity of 747 and an enrolment of 596. Richmond Hill High has no room for expansion. The site is slightly over five acres. Bayview has 19 acres and Langstaff 16 acres.

FEAR OF OVER BUILDING

Vaughan Trustee Ross Joffe objected to the 1974 date for the BAIF school. "It could be premature. We may find ourselves overbuilt again," (Sutton and Stouffville High Schools were enlarged before the county board was formed in 1969 and have more space than is needed for secondary school students in the area. Grades 7 and 8 from the area are housed in the Stouffville School, grade 8 in Sutton).

The Vaughan Trustee asked about alternatives, predicting that pupils may not be available as soon as the developers indicate.

Richmond Hill Trustee Warren Baillie asked about possibilities. (Continued on Page 3)



Seven residents of Richmond Hill each received an additional Christmas present of an electric appliance for their imaginative use of lights in decorating the exterior of their homes for the holiday season. The prizes were awarded by Richmond Hill Hydro.

First prize went to Gordon Armstrong of 86 Crosby Avenue, who received a blender. Second prize, a party percolator, was awarded to Ronald Jones, 172 Neal Drive and third prize, a hair dryer, to Roy Simpson, 134 Rumble Avenue.

STARLIGHT BEST

For the most unique display the first prize, a buffet fry pan, went to Harold Vosburgh, 83 Starlight Crescent. Second prize, a can opener - electric clock, was awarded to Ron Kostuk, 368 Becker Road.

Judges for these prizes within the old town, the area over which Richmond Hill Hydro has jurisdiction, were Lloyd Sanderson of 9 Church Street North, Frank Forrest of 14 Carleton Crescent and Sid Moreland of 49 Rockport Crescent.

Although the town's hydro commission does not have jurisdiction over the amalgamated areas to the south and north, it was decided to offer a prize to the best display in each of the two areas this year.

DENHAM DRIVE WINNER

Winner of this prize in the southern area was Reginald Porter of 10 Denham Drive, who received an electric carving knife. Judges in that area were Ward 6 Councillor Louis Wainwright and Arthur Everett.

Winner of the prize for the best display in the northern area was Jack Blyth of the King Sideroad, who received a portable heater. Judges in that area were Ward 5 Councillor Stewart Bell and Mrs. Marjorie Lyon.

Stolen Cheque Owner Local Court Reporter

The owner of a stolen cheque last week apparently just happened to be in a local toy store when the cheque was used. And that owner just happened to be an officer of the Richmond Hill Provincial Court.

Provincial Court Reporter Mrs. Margaret Cross was flabbergasted Christmas Eve in a Richmond Hill toy store to see one of her Justice Department transcript fee \$60 pay cheques apparently being used by a strange young woman to pay for some toys.

As a result, Mrs. Catherine Nelson, 18, of 160 Essex Avenue, Apartment 312, Richmond Hill, appeared Tuesday in the local court to face charges as Reporter Cross recorded the proceedings.

Mrs. Nelson is charged with theft over \$50 and possession of a stolen item worth over \$50. She appeared briefly before the court and was remanded to January 18 to set a trial date. She is free on bail.

Court Reporter Cross said the incident was an amazing coincidence. She doesn't have occasion to go very often to The Playpen Toy Store at 12 Levedale Road. But she happened to be there about 10 am the day before Christmas.

Proprietor Arnold Haworth of 61 Lawnwood Court, Richmond Hill, was acquainted with Mrs. Cross and happened to notice she was next in line as he handed out cash change. His customer handed him the cheque allegedly belonging to Mrs. Cross and apparently endorsed by her.

As he said hello and they chatted, it became apparent Mrs. Cross didn't know the other customer at all and hadn't any knowledge of the cheque just issued by the Justice Department three days earlier.

Police were called even though the young customer said she got Mrs. Cross' cheque from a friend a week earlier.

Propose Forty-Six 2-Acre Estate Lots 113-Acre Summit Area Development

An estate type development on 132.7 acres located on the west side of Yonge Street in North Richmond Hill is being proposed by San Jaucinto Developments Limited of Toronto, Richmond Hill Planning Committee learned December 20.

The proposal is to subdivide these holdings into 46 estate type single family lots each having an average area of 2.2 acres with the smallest lot area being two acres. Also proposed is a block of land for parks purposes and two highway commercial blocks on the Yonge Street frontage.

The property is located opposite the Summit Golf and Country Club.

The proposed plan of subdivision conforms with provisions of the Official Plan of Vaughan Township, which is still in force in this amalgamated area, however the land is zoned agricultural and a zoning bylaw amendment will be required.

It is proposed to serve the lots with individual private wells, and individual septic tank installations. Hydro, telephone and natural gas are available and the estimated 46 elementary and 11 secondary school pupils can be accommodated in existing schools, it was reported.

A park of some 2.2 acres has been shown on the draft plan. Because this is not equal to 5% of the land and is not suitable for the town's park

needs, the parks and recreation department has requested that 5% of the finished land value be accepted by the town in lieu of parkland. Planning Director Hesse Rimon pointed out that on lots of this size, parkland for recreation purposes is not essential.

Mr. Rimon also noted that the proposed plan is of a scale and at a location acceptable by land-use policies established in the Toronto-Centred Region Plan. The land is not suitable for agricultural use, yet has the necessary physical attributes which are compatible with the proposed development.

The usual lot contribution fee of \$655 will be a part of the subdivision agreement, and planting of three trees on each lot will be required.

"In other words," interjected Chairman Councillor Lois Hancey, "it conforms to our general idea of lowering the density of population as we go out from the core."

The planning committee decided to recommend to council that the development be approved, with the suggestion that the road pattern be altered so that Maple Avenue may be used as the access route from Yonge Street, rather than establishing another entrance onto Highway 11 only 1,300 feet to the south.

For further news on Richmond Hill subdivisions, see story on Page 5 this issue.