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## Thornhill Peewees... Almost But Not Quite

Members of the Thornhill Peewees get the consolation hand-shake and trophy from Richmond Hill Lions' George Chassie Wednesday night of last week shortly after they dropped a 7-2 game to Ottawa in the "B" championship. Looking on are Thornhill's Alan Ralph and Goalie Randy Paul. Another Thornhill player shown to the extreme left was unidentified.

Occasion was the wind-up of the first annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Invitational Peewee Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Lions Club of Richmond Hill Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of the year. Grand champion was a team from Oshawa. An individual award was made to each boy on the losing Thornhill team as well as to the winners. (Detailed results of the tournament will be found on Page 9 of this issue.)

## Markham Planning Head Kunio Hidaka Resigns From \$19,000-A-Year Town Post

A lawyer representing \$19,000-a-year 53-year-old Markham Town Planning Director Kunio Hidaka handed Mr. Hidaka's resignation to Town Clerk Harry Crisp at the last 1971 meeting of the Markham Town Council held December 21.

The resignation is effective March 1. It was accepted without objection by the council on a motion by Thornhill area Councillors James Jongeneel and Robert Adams. The Thornhill area's third councillor Roy Muldrew was the only council member absent from the meeting.

Under provincial legislation creating York Region last January 1 all town employees held tenure until the end of 1971 during the regional reorganization.

As an employee of the former Markham Township Hidaka was subject to being laid off December 31 at the discretion of the council. His resignation came after he and his lawyer were closeted in a committee room

No explanation for the resignation was given by Hidaka, Markham Mayor Anthony Roman nor several other members of council questioned by "The Liberal."

Hidaka joined the Markham Township staff on August 1, 1968 after completing a period of postgraduate study in Washington, D.C. Before that he was employed by the Community Planning Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Regional Councillor Jongeneel said the private meeting to discuss the resignation was held at Planner Hidaka's request. "The resignation was a combination of a whole lot of things, and I guess Mr. Hidaka saw the writing on the wall," said Jongeneel.

He added that he was referring to the long-term trend in the new York Region toward

centralization of planning functions in the regional administration at Newmarket, leaving the region's towns with less planning to do. He noted that Markham had already surpassed the limits for development set by the provincial government planners for the area.

Jongeneel said the quality of Planner Hidaka's work wasn't in question, but it was unlikely the town would continue to need a man of Hidaka's high calibre. He denied Hidaka was fired, saying, "He could have refused... it was his decision, not ours."



KUNIO HIDAKA, 53  
Markham Town Planner

## Council Approves Big Expansion Regional Road System In York

At a meeting December 29, York Regional Council approved a bill authorizing take over by the region of about 280 miles of Township, town and village roads.

Priorities for improvement of these roads over a 10-year period were tentatively approved earlier. At its December 9 meeting council received a detailed needs study and report prepared by Metro Consulting Engineers Margison and Associates.

The bill assuming the roads is subject to provincial approval. The roads will remain under jurisdiction of the municipalities until transfer to the region. Agreements to assume the roads will be drawn up over a five-year period, said Engineering Commissioner Denne Bosworth.

**BAYVIEW EXTENSION**  
West of Yonge Street, Bayview Avenue is to be assumed from Gormley Sideroad to Newmarket. South of Gormley Sideroad Bayview is already a regional road.

The region plans to take over Kennedy Road from Highway 7 to Lake Simcoe, Warden and McCowan Avenues from Steeles Avenue to Bloomington Sideroad and Leslie Street from

Steeles Avenue to Newmarket. The 9th Line of Markham and Whitchurch - Stouffville is to be assumed by the region from Steeles Avenue to Highway 7 and from Stouffville to Aurora Sideroad.

**REGION TAKING DUFFERIN**  
West of Yonge Street, Dufferin Street will become a regional road from Highway 7 to King Sideroad. At present sections south of Highway 7 and north of King Sideroad are regional roads.

Keele Street north of King City to the Aurora Sideroad is also to be assumed by the region.

Further west, the region will take over Jane Street and Weston Road from Steeles Avenue to Davis Drive. Also to be regional is Pine Valley Road from Steeles Avenue to Maple Sideroad.

**EAST - WEST ROADS**  
The region will also extend its jurisdiction over a number of east-west roads. Markham Road is to be assumed from Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road) east to Highway 48 and Elgin Mills Road from Don Mills Road west to Kleinburg.

Aurora Sideroad will become a regional road from Dufferin

Street to the Peel County boundary west of Hammettown. Langstaff Road will be assumed by the region from Bathurst Street to Keele Street. Carville Road will become a regional road from Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue.

Mulock Drive in Newmarket will be assumed by the region from Leslie Street to Bathurst Street, and Vivian Sideroad will be taken over from Woodbine Avenue to Highway 48.

**NORTHERN ROADS**  
In the northerly part of the region, 11 miles of Queensville Road is to become a regional road, and 10 miles of the old Metro road is to be assumed by the region. The Metro road in Georgia was formerly owned by the City of Toronto and formed part of the right-of-way of the Toronto Transportation system.

Another 13 miles of road in the Lake Simcoe area, Bellhorn Road, is to be assumed by the region. The 8th Line Cemetery Road in Georgia will also be assumed by the region for about 5.5 miles.

In the Schomberg area, Schomberg's Main Street will be assumed by the region. So will the Lloydtown Road (King Street).

## Free Rabies Clinics Scheduled For York

Free rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats are planned for 18 locations in the Region of York beginning January 24 in the Schomberg - Nobleton area and continuing at other locations until February 3. The complete list of dates and places was not available at press time, but it is known that a clinic will be held in Aurora January 25. These clinics will be manned by local veterinarians.

These clinics have been organized by the federal Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Branch in co-operation with Region of York, the Regional Health Unit, the County Board of Education and local municipal authorities.

A total of 51 rabid wild and domestic animal cases have been confirmed in Region of York since July 1. Besides this several humans who have been in contact with rabid animals have had to undergo the Pasteur treatment, which is effective in most cases in warding off the disease. There is no known cure for rabies in humans.

The control of rabies is the responsibility of the Health of Animals Branch and all suspected cases in this region are to be referred to the veterinarian in charge. The phone number is 889-9134.

Although rabies vaccination will not eradicate the disease, good control in domestic animals is obtained providing a high percentage of animals is vaccinated annually. Other effective control measures include avoidance of wild animal handling and elimination of strays.

Dog and cat owners are urged by the department's officials to present their pets for vaccination at the clinic held in their municipality.

## Young Family Homeless Had No Fire Insurance

A young family away visiting and without fire insurance lost all their household possessions, including Christmas presents, in a fire Sunday afternoon that destroyed their rented pre-concorder home at 8066 Dufferin Street in the Concord area of Vaughan Town.

There was evidence of a break-in before the \$16,000 fire and the Fire Marshal's office has been called in to investigate. Vaughan Fire Chief James Davidson told "The Liberal."

Carol and Lawrence Lonero—with their two-year-old daughter, large dog and one surviving cat—are staying with friends Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ginsberg at the old Witty Farm on Dufferin Street north of their burnt-out home, RR 2, Maple, telephone 889-0597.

Mrs. Lonero said at press time the family is looking for another rural home in the area where they can keep their large dog. They want a place close to the Thornhill nursery school their daughter attends. Mr. Lonero is a provincial government employee and Jerry Lonero attends York University.

The Loneros lived at the Witty Farm for about three years. Then they were away for six months and sublet the place to the Ginsbergs. When they returned to the area they rented the nearby home built by the Hiram White family that came to Vaughan from Vermont in 1818.

The Lonero Family likes the Langstaff neighborhood. "We've been on a farm so long now, we're adjusted to that sort of life and wouldn't be so happy in an apartment," says Mrs. Lonero.

**LOST PAINTINGS, CAT**  
Included in the fire loss were some paintings and another, one that overcame by smoke, and one of the family cars left parked in the garage. One cat got out and lived, while the dog was away with the family. The Loneros lived at that address since September.

Fire Chief Davidson said the fire alarm came at 2:04 pm and firefighters were at the scene for about 3 1/2 hours. It was the second major Sunday fire in southeast Vaughan in two weeks. An early morning blaze December 19 did an estimated \$1,000,000 damage to the Thornhill Golf and Country Club at 2994 Yonge Street.

The old 1 1/2-story brick home destroyed in the blaze belonged to Giuseppe D'Angela of 285 Cocksfield Avenue, Downsview and his brother-in-law Emilio Carlesimo of 283 Cocksfield Avenue. They bought the property in 1965 and had complete new wiring installed. The house itself was insured. Plans are to build a new dwelling on the property which is a

## Welfare \$100,000 Over Budget Slow Start On Winter Work

By MARGARET LADE

Less than two percent of the population of the Region of York is receiving public welfare, according to a report submitted to the regional council on December 29. The majority of these — 2,065 — are heads of families and their dependants. The region's welfare budget for 1971 was, however, more than \$100,000 overspent in the first 11 months of the year.

Although statistics available accounted only for welfare recipients up to the end of October, the region's Commissioner of Health and Social Services Dr. Owen Slingerland said figures have remained much the same into December. He said, however, that a decline is anticipated in the year-end report as municipal winter work programs gain momentum.

The report submitted by Welfare Administrator Bilton MacDonald showed 235 employable heads of families on the welfare rolls and 724 employable dependants. Another 323 unemployable heads of families and 783 unemployable dependants were listed. There were also 122 employable single people and 225 unemployable single

people on the list. Another 122 patients in nursing homes and five foster children brought the total for October to 2,539 for the region.

The report showed 245 cases closed and 445 new applicants. Of the region's population of 156,205, just 1.67 percent were receiving general assistance.

Aurora Mayor Richard Ilingworth pointed to recent reports of a decline in welfare applications in Metro.

"They expect to end the year with a surplus," said Ilingworth. "Have we had the same decline? There are still more than 1,000 out of work in York. Can we anticipate a decrease?" he asked.

He was assured that, as local municipalities get their winter works programs under way, the number of employable people on welfare should diminish.

East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling said people on welfare are often discouraged from taking jobs because they get more on welfare than they can earn at unskilled jobs. She asked if it was possible for the region or the municipal councils to subsidize wages so that those who wanted to work could do so without ending up with less money than they would be getting if they continued to sit at home and collect welfare payments.

Georgia Mayor George Burrows assured her that if work is available and people on welfare refuse to take it they are cut off welfare. However, if the job offered would pay less than the person was receiving on welfare, the department does not insist that he take it, particularly if he is the head of a family with several dependants.

Mrs. Rolling cited the case of a man who wants very much to go to work but cannot afford to do so because the only jobs available pay less than he is getting on welfare. "He has a large family," said Mrs. Rolling.

It is not just people on welfare, said Mayor Ilingworth. Many employers are complaining that people are not interested in working. They are better off on welfare.

This applies to many groups, admitted Dr. Burrows. Women on mothers' allowance are often in the same position. Workers complain about taxes, said Dr. Burrows, but these people are taxed up to 100 percent. If they make \$10 over the amount allowed for recipients of public assistance they must pay \$10 back to the government. There is no incentive for them to work.

Council was not willing to support a resolution from the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham calling on the province to amend the Welfare Act as it concerns people aged 16 to 18 and processing these under the Child Welfare Act.

It did, however, approve a recommendation from Dr. Burrows that social workers from the local Children's Aid Society be asked to assist in assessing welfare applications from young people in the region.

Where young people are concerned, said Dr. Burrows, there are often gray areas and social workers are better qualified to assess these than the welfare workers.

The CAS in the region has a decreasing case load and is now in a position to offer its services to the welfare department. Dr. Burrows told council. It could be called upon to investigate specific problems.

Before a person in this age group can qualify for welfare, it is necessary to investigate

## Medcof & Silcox Propose Trial Period GO North Trains If Federal Grant Is Approved

John Medcof of the Railroad Boosters (who in 1969 chartered a train and ran a GO Special from Barrie to Toronto and returned to prove such a service would pay) and Robert Silcox of the GO-North Committee, have made application to the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration under the local initiatives program for a \$97,200 grant towards renting commuter trains from February 28 to May 31.

Mr. Medcof is a Toronto lawyer who lives in Mount Albert and Mr. Silcox is a Toronto broker who lives in King Township.

**PLAN POLICY BOARD**  
If tentative approval of the grant is received, an administrative board to set policy will be set up. It will include representatives from the GO North Committee, York Regional Council, Simcoe County Council and municipal councils in Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill and Metro.

The requested service would provide one train each way per day for five days a week on the Barrie - Toronto line through Maple. It would serve King City, Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Lefroy.

Another service would use the line from Richmond Hill to the Union Station. The line from Markham to Union Station

would serve Unionville. The Barrie run would take an hour and 40 minutes each way, arriving at the Union Station at 8:30 am and leaving at 5:30 pm. The Richmond Hill run would leave here at 7:41 am and reach the Union Station at 8:20 am, an elapsed time of 39 minutes (11 minutes faster than the GO bus). The return trip would leave the Union Station at 5:15 and take 41 minutes.

**MARKHAM SERVICE**  
The morning train would leave Markham at 7:50 am and arrive at the Union Station at 8:25 am. Passengers from that area would be accommodated on the regular CN Train 990 which leaves the Union Station at 5:20 and arrives at Markham at 6 o'clock.

The Barrie train would consist of six coaches, the Richmond Hill one of four coaches and the Markham train of three coaches, with a possibility of a bar car on the evening train on the first two routes.

Developer of Richmond Hill's Harding Park and Glenbrae Subdivisions, John Edgar Teetzel, passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, December 20.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Louise Harding of Richmond Hill. Born in Highgate, Ontario, he was the last surviving member of his family.

A graduate of the College of Pharmacy, he was also a former member of Richmond Hill Planning Board, Rotary Club and Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion. He was also a member of the 137th Battalion Association and a charter and 50-year member of Bedford Lodge AF&AM Toronto.

The funeral was held Wednesday from the Trull Funeral Home in Toronto. The service was conducted by Rev. William Smith of York Mills-Orlote United Church and a Masonic service was held by Bedford Lodge the previous evening. Cremation followed the private family service and interment was in Maple cemetery.

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JOHN MEDCOF  
GO North Application

## Rare Christmas Guest Counted King

An extremely rare visitor to King Township was noted during the annual Christmas Bird Count by Toronto bird watchers recently.

The bird was a varied thrush, generally found only in the mountains of British Columbia. It was spotted by Gerry Bennet and his party.

Covering a radius of 50 miles from The Royal Ontario Museum, the watchers also counted a Harlequin drake at Centre Island. This breed belongs on the Atlantic or Pacific coastal waters, another extreme rarity in this area. They counted a total of 33,610 birds of 91 different species, including 1,102 Canada Geese, double any previous count.

Now there are also some aged people coming to the centres, including women with problems of growing age and older women worrying about wills, housing, etc.

Courses for newlyweds and for those planning marriage have been one of the most evident activities carried out recently by the family life centre staff.

Work has steadily increased. The number of persons counselled at Markham was

## Markham, Richmond Hill Propose Regional Network Of Five Family Life Centres

By HAL BLAINE

Family life service centres are proposed for five locations in York Region, according to a brief submitted to the regional council from local family service organizations in Markham and Richmond Hill.

The proposal is being considered by the York Region Council's social services committee and could go before the region council as early as January 13.

New provincial grants paying half the cost of family service centre staff are now available. Officials of Thornhill - Richmond Hill Area Family Services and the Markham Family Life Centre told a press conference. The conference was held Thursday of last week at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Main Street North in Markham.

The regional council is being asked to pay the other half of the cost of staff for the program. Office costs would continue to be paid by local town and township

councils, or through local donations.

"You don't get born knowing how to live together... you have to learn", Markham Family Life Centre Executive Director Mario Bartoletti told the press conference. "Schools should change from the three R's to the four R's — reading, writing, arithmetic and relationships", he said.

Gathered with Bartoletti for the press conference were President Bill Dodds, 276 Lucas Street, Richmond Hill and Vice-President Dr. Robert Alexander of Wild Cherry Lane, Thornhill, representing Thornhill-Richmond Hill Area Family Services.

Local offices are proposed for Thornhill-Richmond Hill, Markham, Keswick - Sutton, Newmarket, and Nobleton-Bolton. Each office would cost \$25,000 to \$27,000 a year to operate and would be open five days and two evenings a week.

The Markham office has been operating full time

since March 1970 as a provincial pilot project with provincial research funds and local donations. It started on a part time basis in 1968.

The Thornhill - Richmond Hill Family Service Centre has been operating two years on a part time basis out of the Richmond Hill church offices. It has increased its operations from four hours a week to 16 hours a week since it opened.

The proposed new network of locally incorporated family service centres would have staff working under the co-ordination of York Region Commissioner of Social and Family Services Dr. Owen Slingerland, the press conference was told.

The major problem now being handled by the new family service centres involves marriage, said Dr. Alexander. Next comes family budget and debt management.

Third problem in importance are families with prob-

lem children. These are often referrals from schools.

The centres have handled drug problem cases, said Dr. Alexander, but drug cases never exceeded the number of alcohol problem cases, even when the drug situation was at its height a year ago.

The number of drug problem cases at the Thornhill-Richmond Hill Family Service Centre has dropped significantly in recent months, he said. There was at least a transient switch by youth to alcohol from drugs when