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First New Year Baby At YCH

Mothers of York Region were beaten out by a Downsview resident for the first New Year baby born at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Born 50 minutes after midnight and weighing 3,100 grams (six pounds 14 ounces) was Carrie Leigh Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morton, 15 Dellbank Road.

Hill Council Remains Adamant

Fight 138% Apartment Water Hike

BY MARY DAWSON
A December decision of Richmond Hill Council to revise water rates upward, with a minimum charge of \$9 per quarter for each residential unit, came under attack at Monday night's council meeting.

Most of the protests came from residents of Blythwood Apartments at 67 Richmond Street, although individual councillors received one or two complaints about the increase.

Thomas McQueen, owner of Blythwood Apartments, 67 Richmond Street, took exception to the increase, pointing out that the water bill for the 53 suites in his building has been approximately \$800 per annum. Under the new rate the bill will amount to \$1,908 (an increase of 138%). He said passing this increase on to the tenants will mean a rise in rents of \$2 per apartment per month.

McQueen said an apartment building is a bulk user for services and that it is more efficient to have one meter and to bill one person who is responsible for the payment, regardless of whether the rent is paid or not. He said the administrative load on the town lessened to a large extent.

Several tenants in the building signed a petition in the same vein and others wrote supporting letters.

"Under the present rate structure the water utility would lose money," explained Regional Councillor Don Plaxton. "We had to increase the rates so we could operate on a paying basis and establish the lowest possible price, considering what we have to pay the region for the water supply and what we have to spend on the distribution system. It is regrettable a number of older people will have to pay higher rates, but the new rate structure which sharply increased the cost to industrial and commercial consumers, was designed to ease the burden on the householder. The fact is we have not been operating on a paying basis for the last two years. If we reduced the rates we would have a large annual deficit which would have to be picked up under the general tax levy."

SEES INEQUITIES
"I can see some inequities building up," said Councillor David Schiller. "Some people will not use the average amount of water and they feel chagrined at having to pay a large minimum charge."

Although Schiller continued to fight to have an adjustment made in the rates, he said "I hope that the owner of this particular building saw fit to lower his rent because of the tax reduction last year. If he is considering increasing it because of this increase, he should be fair enough to pass on the decrease."

"Am I correct that the water rates have not gone up in 15 years?" asked Councillor Andy Chateaubert. "It's over 10 years," replied Treasurer Mack Clement. An increase was recommended two years ago, but with the imminence of regional government, it was decided to maintain the rates as they were and use up surpluses from previous years.

UTILITY MUST PAY
"By law utilities must be self-supporting," Chateaubert said. "We may not run them at a deficit."

Regional Councillor Plaxton said, "Either we get it from the residential user or from the industrial user and it seems to me we are already hitting the industrial user with a pretty big increase."

Council reaffirmed its December decision on motion of Regional Councillor Plaxton and Councillor Chateaubert.

Councillor Lois Hancey said the report on which council based its decision is available to any resident who wishes to read it at the municipal offices. "Perhaps it will help them understand why this was the only decision we could make," she said.

Staff Increase Authorized

Region Needs Two More Lawyers

After a year of operation as a region, various departments of York Regional Administration are finding that they need more staff.

At a meeting of regional council December 29 the legal department and the department of family services both recommended the hiring of additional employees.

Regional Solicitor Edward Oakes told council, "It became apparent several months ago that the services of a second solicitor and secretary were required. But I have delayed making a report to council in order to be in a better position to assess the volume of legal work likely to arise in 1972."

NEED 2 LAWYERS
"Based on information at hand, it seems entirely likely that the services of a third solicitor and secretary will be required during the coming year," Oakes said, recommending the legal department staff be increased by two legal secretaries at salaries of \$125 per week and two solicitors at salaries not exceeding \$22,000 and \$18,000 per year respectively. Since it could take a few months to find the right people, he asked for authorization to advertise immediately for the first solicitor.

Reluctant to build up staff too quickly, council favored making progress slowly. Markham Councillor Jim Jongeneel suggested it might be better to engage outside firms to handle some of the work. This is already being done, Oakes said, but the volume of work generated by the operations of other departments and the need for keeping abreast of new legislation make it imperative that adequate staff be at hand.

DISASTROUS RESULTS

After enumerating the duties of the legal department, he said, "The result of falling behind in any of these areas is disastrous."

Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton, himself a lawyer, suggested keeping costs down by hiring a recent law graduate and paying him a salary commensurate with his knowledge and experience. "Several hundred of these are foisted on an unsuspecting public each year," said Plaxton. "This person could handle a lot of the routine work, however, and learn as he goes."

At this point, said Oakes, such a person would not fill the bill. Clerical staff can handle much of the routine work, such as title searching. The region needs someone well versed in municipal law, he said.

MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE

The only way to get someone like this would be to hire a lawyer away from some other municipality, as it would take about 10 years to gain the knowledge and experience required for the job. If he advertised now, Oakes said, it would probably be March or April before he got somebody.

He was asking for two lawyers and two secretaries, he said, so that money would be available if it became apparent later in the year that they would be needed.

Council agreed with Aurora Mayor Richard Illingworth that Oakes should be authorized to hire one solicitor and that the situation be reviewed later in the year. Meanwhile the legal department will continue to engage outside firms to handle any additional workload.

There was less discussion of a request from the health and family services committee for authorization to hire an administrator of day care services to assist with bookkeeping, typing, purchasing and interviewing parents. The salary range approved was from \$4,320 to \$5,115 per year.

GORMLEY NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Mrs. Fred Doust had surgery in York Central Hospital on Friday.

Mrs. Peter Stickley had the misfortune to slip on the ice and fracture her wrist. She is now wearing a cast.

Mrs. Russell Heise has received word that her mother, Mrs. Emma Winger, has broken her hip and is in Port Colborne General Hospital.

Congratulations to Mrs. Marion Kelly on the birth of her first grandson born to Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Kelly of Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Paxton and family of Ajax had supper on Saturday with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner.

Mrs. Fred Lewis spent four days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sugden of Bethesda over the holiday season. It was a double celebration as her granddaughter Bonne Forfar celebrated her birthday on December 26.

Mrs. Fred Lewis received a Christmas telephone call from her son George in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeLorey of Toronto visited Mrs. Fred Lewis on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew McNeven and Marlene left on Monday morning for Florida. Rev. McNeven will be engaged in special services there.

Mrs. Alice Wilcox, for many years a Gormley resident, visited her son-in-law and daughter Dr. and Mrs. David Tinker.

There is some confusion over the raise in postage rates as of January 1. Air mail rates and printed matter did not increase. So an unsealed greeting card with only a signature may still be sent for 6 cents.

The Heise Hill Senior Women's Sewing Circle met all day on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Edgar Stickley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mackey and Donna of Vancor had supper on Sunday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mackey.

Dr. Myron Augesburger, President of the Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary at Harrisburg, Virginia, was the guest speaker at Heise Hill Church on Sunday evening.

The Mennonite Churches of this area and the Bridlewood Brethren in Christ Churches participated in this service.

Thornhill - Richmond Hill

Post Offices Report Christmas Increase

In spite of higher postage rates and reported declines in other areas of Canada, Richmond Hill Post Office reports a 10% increase in the volume of mail handled at Christmas 1971.

Outgoing letters and cards totaled 480,000 during the Christmas season and incoming letters and cards more than doubled that number at 1,200,000.

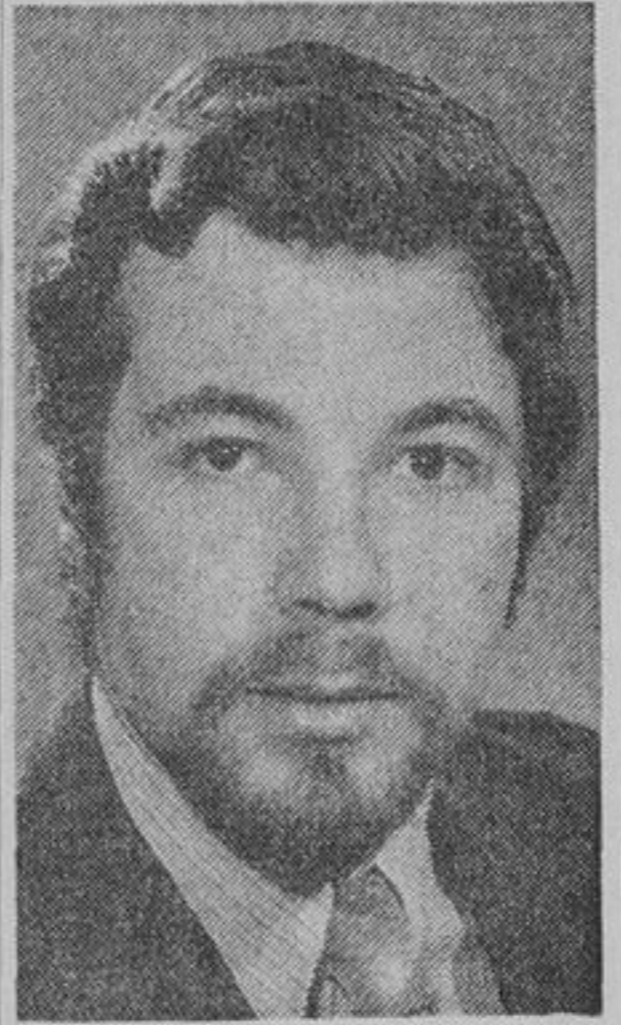
Incoming parcels numbered 11,700, up to 1,400 from last year. The increase in the number of outgoing parcels is not known since no count is made of these. But it is believed to be in proportion.

Sixty-four extra people were employed by Richmond Hill Post Office to handle with seasonal increase in mail. These were employed in outgoing sorting, sorting of carriers' daily loads and assisting carriers on their walks.

There was no build-up of mail, the volume peaking early and being fairly constant. The post office staff gives credit for this happy situation to the co-operation of the public which heeded the warnings to mail early.

At Thornhill an even greater increase was noted. The load was handled by the same number of staff as last year — an addition of 57 seasonal helpers to the regular staff. An increase of 75,000 pieces of mail was noted in both the incoming and outgoing letters and cards, 6,000 increase in incoming parcels and between 34,000 in outgoing parcels.

Again, the outgoing mail is only about half the volume of the incoming mail. By December 24 all mail in the post offices had been delivered, emphasizing the fact that early mailing is an essential part of efficient mail delivery.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT GRADUATE

Mr. James E. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Bradley of Rockport Crescent, Richmond Hill, has been awarded the degree of Chartered Accountant. Jim is presently employed with the firm of Joselyn, Laughlin, Harper, Tory & Associates, Chartered Accountants, 121 Yonge St. N., Richmond Hill. Brought up in Richmond Hill, Jim is a graduate of Bayview Secondary School. He and his wife, Janet, have recently taken up residence at 62 Forest Crescent in Aurora.

We all wish him the very best for the future in his chosen profession.

4-Day 40-Hour Week For Keele St. Plant

A plan which will save the Keele Street, Maple, Faberge of Canada plant one day less of start-up expense each week, mean less overtime, elimination of double time on Sundays and less absenteeism, has been adopted by the switching of its manufacturing schedule to a four-day, 40-hour week.

The Keele Street factory is now on a Tuesday to Friday, 7 am to 5:30 pm schedule with regular breaks and lunch periods. The shipping department will work a six-day, 60-hour week with each man working 40 hours. The new schedule was developed through consultation between management and employees and was approved in a vote by 95% of the workers.

Richmond Hill Fire Dept.
SKATES - SKATES - SKATES
For Our Friends Of The North
Any usable SKATES would be gratefully received for distribution to the Eskimo children in Northern Canada.
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Mr. J. Choeur	Maple
Mr. C. Dalj	Winnipeg
Mr. F. Cass	Richmond Hill

Regional Municipality of York
TENDERS FOR Day Nursery For York Region
SEALED BULK TENDERS, plainly marked will be received by Robert N. Vernon, Regional Clerk, 62 Bayview Avenue, Newmarket, Ontario, until 2:00 p.m.,
Thursday, January 20, 1972
for the construction of a Day Nursery, Newmarket, Ontario.
Plans and specifications may be obtained by general contractors on deposit of a certified cheque for \$50.00 from the office of the architects.
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Teeth In King Dumping Bylaw
It does not pay to dump garbage in unauthorized places in King Township.
At a meeting January 4, King Council was informed that its Bylaw Enforcement Officer Tommy Tompkins successfully prosecuted Jordan Jolevsky, RR 4, Bradford for dumping on Concession 3. The Provincial Court in Aurora imposed the maximum penalty under the bylaw — \$50 or 10 days in jail.
Although the bylaw has been in effect for some time, the municipality has seldom had occasion to take court action. Most people, Tompkins told "The Liberal", take a reasonable attitude when they are warned that they are breaking the law.
"We give them a reasonable time to correct the situation," said Tompkins, "and most people are very co-operative. We don't take them to court unless we have to, and then our evidence is well documented. We are reasonably sure we can get a conviction."

MEMORIZED PAGE OF WANT ADS
Thomas Hook, who lived in London in the early 1800's, is said to have been able to read a page of Classified Ads in the London Times, then repeat them from memory. Even if you're not a memory expert, it pays to read every ad in "The Liberal" classified section regularly. Many do, which is why a Classified Ad will get quick action for you. Simply phone 884-1105 or 884-1983 for fast, courteous service.

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A grand opening, this Saturday, Jack. I'll invite Bobby Baun.
And we'll give away a weeks holiday for two in sunny Florida.
Sounds great! Hockey Star Bobby Baun will be there to say hello to all the hockey fans. And we'll hand out special door gifts and lucky spot gifts too.
Our sunny Florida holiday is by courtesy of Trans Canada Travel Service Ltd., and we'll add \$200.00 spending money to make it a real ball!
The first 1,000 people to come along on Saturday will each receive a free Kentucky Fried Chicken Snak Pak voucher, good at any Scott's Chicken Villa.
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