

## Stagnation Faces Hill - Plaxton

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vincial plan will be developed chiefly for recreational use.

South of Georgina and designated "urban" in the plan, is the Newmarket-Aurora area with an ultimate population target set for 45,000 to 50,000. Markham-Unionville area will be permitted to grow to 20,000 to 21,000 in population.

For Maple, the population growth will be restricted to a total of 4,000 to 5,000 and the Metro fringe area may expand to 90,000 to 95,000 by the year 2,000. North Metro fringe is described as the area north of Steeles Avenue up to the proposed Highway 407 between Highway 400 and the proposed Highway 404.

In the Woodbridge area, which lies outside both the South Peel and Central York sewage service areas, the population will be limited to 15,000 to 20,000, assuming services can

be provided at reasonable cost. The Central York area as described by McKeough would also take in Southwest Pickering and the Cedarwood area around Stouffville. Maximum population in Southwest Pickering in 2000 should be no more than 115,000, said the status report, and for Cedarwood from 40,000 to 75,000 population.

These restrictive population targets rule out any major development programs such as Century City in the Stouffville-Uxbridge area, and Centennial and Castlemore developments proposed for Vaughan west of Kleinburg.

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In his letter to the regional chairman, McKeough acknowledges that it is very likely some municipalities will have target populations lower than those that could be anticipated if provincial ceilings were removed. He admits this could mean a municipality will find itself without the balance of assessments needed to support services. In such cases, writes McKeough, "some form of special provincial financial assistance may well be in order."

Councillors of the region agreed with Plaxton this is not good enough. They want the whole question of target populations reviewed in the light of existing population, anticipated development and well-balanced municipal planning.

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## 200 Visit New Fire Hall

The Thornhill - Markham Fire Station open house on Saturday and Sunday was attended by 200 visitors interested in seeing the new fire protection facilities for the area east of Yonge Street between Steeles Avenue and Highway 7.

Markham Town Fire Chief Myrl Smith says the department was happy to see so many visitors.

Mayor Anthony Roman was on hand Saturday to cut a ribbon as members of council, other officials and visitors watched. A representative of the Fire Marshal's Office also attended.

Meanwhile the new station had quite a week with only one alarm. This was a call to the Basil Weedon Residence at 7 Milmar Court. The house was full of smoke but there was little fire damage as a furnace motor burned out, said Chief Smith.

## Appeal For Federal Support

# GO North Group Want Trains, Not Surveys

The Railroad Boosters of York have appealed directly to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau for support of commuter train service on the Barrie - Toronto line.

In a letter dated January 14, Mount Albert Lawyer John Medcof enclosed a copy of an application from the Railroad Boosters to the federal authorities for support of a demonstration train commuter service under the government's local initiatives grant program.

"We propose to run a service similar to that proposed by CN for anti-pollution week in 1970," said Medcof. "So far, there have been too many studies and not enough action," he charged.

Medcof referred to the Metro and Region Transportation Study, the GO - North study, the Co - Service Expansion Study, adding, "The present Soberman Study is actually using research material by letter to you of February 4, 1971 and the report of my special charter train on October 16, 1969. Instead of running surveys, federal authorities should be running trains."

He told the Prime Minister that of the \$97,200 the GO train committee is asking for, \$96,000 would go to the CNR, a federal crown corporation.

The local initiatives program, said Medcof, granted \$26,620 to the Toronto Community Puppet and Mime Theatre in January, 1971, to create 11 jobs to perform plays for children during the winter months.

"I am unable to say if this money is well spent. But 200,000 people in the Barrie corridor lack adequate transit," wrote Medcof. "Since the last election (June, 1968) CN has reduced service on this line from 42 to 18 trains per week. Action will demonstrate the federal government's concern and desire to deal with one of the most

urgent urban problems. Surely this is as deserving as the puppets."

To substantiate the application for assistance under the local initiatives grant program, Medcof points out the project can be started almost immediately upon approval - trains and tracks are available.

The project, said Medcof, provides the minimum months of work required under the program, and can be expanded to provide more if approval is granted.

Local Canada Manpower Centres would be used for job hiring, said Medcof. The project contributes to community betterment as the area needs better transit to relieve problems of accidents, pollution, traffic congestion, etc.

The project would also conform to the proviso that it be basically non-profit, said Medcof. "When I ran a previous project the profit of \$305.41 was donated to the provincial government. If this project made a profit, it will be donated to the federal authorities."

The project should create additional employment without having an inflationary effect or imposing additional costs, Medcof wrote.

His letter concludes, "You will note the CN Anti-Pollution Week proposal called for services on the Markham line. Since then CN applied to discontinue Markham service, but after objections were made, the Canadian Transport Commission ordered a new commuter service extended to Stouffville both morning and evening commencing June 28. By November 1 the service was running at capacity and extra cars were ordered. We hope to have a similar result on the Barrie line."

The commuter train as proposed by the railroad Boosters would make stops at Bradford, Newmarket, Aurora, and King City en route to Union Station.



## SCHOOL DAZE

By John MacRae

The Soft School

Our children are going to be given a choice of high schools. One is going to be a "hard school" which, I understand, will be academically oriented. The other, I presume, will be a non-academic. If it's non-academic, what kind of a school is it? A "soft" school?

Let's play a little word game. In response to each word, you say quickly "good" or "bad" - no in-betweens - decide arbitrarily. Ready? Democracy; church; motherhood; virginity. Now try these: communism; sin; viciousness; cruelty. If you said "good" for the first group and "bad" for the second group then advance to stage 2 and try these: discipline, standards, authority, respect; now these: understanding, self-respect, self-determination, freedom, love. Now for the last test: hard, soft - soft as in soft-headed, a soft society, soft with kids, soft pedalling. Obviously, to be soft is bad. To play this game, anything you wish to discredit, call it soft.

I haven't answered your question! The Department of Education Circular HSI 72/73 states that educators "Carry responsibility for facilitating the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth of young people." Is this a soft philosophy or a hard philosophy? Will it result in hard schools or soft schools? Let's look at practice.

It all began in the elementary school - so let's look there first. Some of them don't use textbooks even for reading. They argue that the stories are dull. They are permissive to the point of allowing kids to select their own books from the library to read. Some schools don't have timetables or bells. Kids can come into school anytime after 8:30. These schools set up interest areas and allow kids to choose where they wish to become involved. There is a TV in the corner which you can watch all day if you like. Children are allowed to do endless research on a topic of their own choosing; they might choose the sexual habits of South American head hunters. What's worse, they might find that dull, drop the project in mid-mating and examine instead the effect of rain on the tobacco crops of Elgin County. I saw one primary child who spent an hour with a six-quart basket of rocks. She'd dump them out and arrange them again in different piles. One senior pupil was doing research on the social customs of the East Asians. In one high school I'm familiar with, kids set their own timetable and determine their own course of studies. One student, grade 9 chronically, was solving very complicated problems in science at the grade 12 level. Another student at this same high school spent all morning in a soft chair watching for misleading advertising.

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WHEREAS, it is the hope of every municipality to develop one or more players capable of representing Canada as a member of Canada's National Team, and

WHEREAS, the Minor Hockey Association in this community has earned the commendation and support of every citizen, and

WHEREAS, Minor Hockey is the foundation from which accomplished hockey players develop.

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**"Minor Hockey Week in Canada"**

and request that all parents and others support this observance by attending games during Minor Hockey Week and thereafter until the minor hockey season ends.

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### Lions Club Pledges

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This is being left up to the Markham Town Council, the major municipal authority involved. The Lions hope Markham and Vaughan Councils will agree to work together.

Earlier this month the Markham Town Council approved in principle the idea of getting a project underway that would be able to take advantage of winter work funds expected to be available from federal and provincial governments.

An architect member of the Lions Robert Berlette of the Metro firm of Jessop and Berlette, 1918 Avenue Road, has been helping in the club's planning for the project. He was then retained by the club to prepare plans. The Lions are aiming for an arena able to seat 500 to 1,000 spectators and a library building with 5,000 square feet of floor space.

"Thornhill doesn't have a large community civic centre and needs one very badly," says a Lions spokesman. Markham Council is being asked to immediately set up a committee to study the project plans with Vaughan Council representatives.

### COMING EVENTS

MAPLE Valley School of Horsemanship winter training shows start SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 and every second Sunday the following months at 11:30. For information call 889-6971. c2w29

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JANUARY 20, THURSDAY - 12 noon to 10 pm. Gigantic Antique Market, 30 dealers, Firefighters Club, main building, 44 Esna Park Road, second street north of Steeles off Woodbine. c1w30

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JANUARY 21, FRIDAY 8 pm - Richmond Hill Naturalists meeting, Old St. Mary's Anglican Church, Yonge Street - Just North of Vaughan Road. Speaker Dr. Helen Hogg, Professor of Astronomy, David Dunlop Observatory. Subject - Canadian Craters on the Earth and Moon. Everyone welcome. Sunday, January 23, Annual Duck and Hawk trip. c1w30

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JANUARY 23, SUNDAY 7:30 pm - The Richmond Hill Ecumenical Service to be held at the Presbyterian Church on Yonge St. Guest speaker Rev. Glenn Tenpenny. All welcome. c1w30

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JANUARY 25 TUESDAY 8 pm - Richvale Lionettes monthly euchre, 31 Spruce Street, refreshments, admission \$1.00. c1w30

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JANUARY 25, TUESDAY 8 pm. - Richmond Hill Horticultural Society's Annual Color Slide Photographic Competition. All welcome. c1w30

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DEPARTING MARCH 7 - 21 day conducted tour to Hawaii Islands, Calif., Arizona. For itinerary and details write or phone, Alfred Allin, Creighton and Pearce Travel Service, Yonge and John Streets, Thornhill. Telephone 889-5643. c2w30

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MARCH 10, FRIDAY - Pub Night, Lions Hall. Tickets at \$2.50 each may be obtained by calling Joan Broadhurst 884-3627 or Lois Jempson 889-4279. Sponsored by the Pleasantville Branch of the YCHA. c1w30

### Markham Waxers Down Rams 4-2

Both Teams Now Tied For First

The front running Richmond Hill Rams and Markham Waxers met in a head-on "B" hockey duel Tuesday night before over 1600 fans at Richmond Hill Arena.

Winner of the duel - at least this time out - were the Waxers by 4-2.

It was one of those rugged, penalty-filled games which saw the Rams leading 2-0 at one time. Both Gordie Woolnough in the Richmond Hill twines and Mike Palmateer for Markham came up with brilliant saves.

The big thorn, or rather sword, in the side of Richmond Hill was smooth-skating Greg Neeld who scored three of the Markham goals. Bruce Boudreau got the other one. Dave Lumley and John Barnett scored in the first period for Richmond Hill.

The Rams led off the scoring at 5:56 with Lumley driving the puck home assisted by Wayne Stokes and Neil Patterson.

It looked like the Rams were moving into a commanding lead at 12:27 when John Barnett scored on a breakaway.

Then came the second period and the come-from-behind persistence of Markham as Boudreau scored at 15:51.

Markham's Neeld tied the game at 8:29 of the final period and the same fellow scored the winner at 17:59. The Rams opened up in an effort to tie the winning goal but it was all over at 19:02 as Neeld put the final goal home.

The penalty-filled game saw Richmond Hill receive 18 minors to Markham's 16.

Keven Healy of the Rams was a consistent penitent as the former Markham player picked up seven minors against his old teammates.

Markham outshot Richmond Hill 32-28.

These teams are now tied for first place but the Waxers have two games in hand.

## Don Head Secondary School DON HEADLINES

**SAFETY QUIZ**  
 By Murray Nelson

There will be a "Safety Quiz", TV-style, January 26 at Don Head. There will be two teams consisting of: Murray Nelson, John Smith, Dave Fear, Marie Phillips, Don Hatton and coach Joe Morreau on team one; David Assinck, Frank Strofe, Rocco Decantis, Brenda Leckie, John Craig and coach Roy Allan on team two.

Three safety tests consisting of about 30 questions each on home, water, industrial and electrical safety have been written by the school. The team members are the students who got the highest scores on these three tests.

The winning team will receive \$10. The losing team \$5. The winning team will go on to compete with another school.

A group of firemen recently visited the school to give a lesson on fire safety. Constable Douglas Young was also here to talk and show a film about school bus safety. There have been a number of other safety films throughout this program.

Jim Worley, teacher of electrical appliances, is organizing the safety program.

**FIREMEN VISIT DON HEAD**  
 By Debbie Horan and Jean Perrault

The visiting firemen told us how to put out different kinds of fires and what kind of fire extinguishers to use. When you see or smell smoke or even hear something burning, get up fast. Before you open the door, feel it, and if it is hot, do not open the door because the fire might be in a window in the room you're in, go to it and look for help. If there is no one around lie on the floor and put some-

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