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Condominium Apts. Need A Tougher Code

Condominium owners in York, Halton and Peel Counties are forming a group known as the Ontario Condominium Association to provide a forum for information on condominium projects. It is expected the group will try to help establish standards for design, construction, maintenance and management for this type of housing.

Condominiums are apartment buildings or townhouses, with units being owned by individuals who contribute a monthly amount toward maintenance, taxes, etc.

There are 125 condominium buildings registered in the three counties and 55 have joined the new association, representing about 4,500 units.

At present there is one condominium building in Richmond Hill, a small apartment building on Elizabeth Street, but others have been proposed — both in townhouse and apartment development.

Metro Planning Commissioner Wojciech Wronski has suggested that more stringent building standards should be considered for condominium apartments, which at present are subject to the same building code as rental apartments. He believes the federal or provincial government should study such additional standards as soundproofing, larger rooms, different arrangement of units and architectural appearance.

He also proposes that the province consider consumer legislation affording condominium buyers greater protection in contracts with the builders.

NEWMARKET: Rev. Albert Dreise was installed as the new pastor of the local Christian Reformed Church recently. He comes to his new charge from Cornwall. Mr. and Mrs. Dreise have one three-year-old son, Jonathan Francis.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of James Henry Leonard Embury
 All persons having claims against the Estate of James Henry Leonard Embury, late of 82 Oxford Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario, who died on or about the 27th day of July, 1971 are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of February, 1972 after which date the Estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

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In The Spotlight

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 "This And That" for all its "lightness" is a thinking book. And if its pathos strikes the reader as sad; it contains comedy too. "The Nickle", a lively piece which bemoans inflation, brings a smile to the reader; as does, "A Patient's Lament". The latter bit of verse describes what happens between patient and dentist. We saw this poem hanging on the wall of Dr. Bill Mason's office on Yonge Street, a gift of Aline Bayley some years ago.

Poverty on our own doorstep was the inspiration for "The New Dress". The background for this poem supplied by a teacher of the little seven year old girl, Aline Bayley told us that despite all the aid available for the needy, there are still some who are overlooked and forgotten.

Plans for the sale of "This And That", locally, are being arranged by Joe Horne. Joe hopes Cole's will stock the book, which is a limited issue. Joe has also been in contact with Betty Kennedy who may use the book on one of her CFRE afternoon shows.

We wish Aline Elizabeth Bayley happiness now her dream of publishing some of her verse is accomplished. And as one reader from Delaware has written to Mrs. Bayley, "your deep thoughts in 'Parted' soothed a yearning heart."



Nature Notes

Naturalists Count 8,941 Birds In 16th Annual Audubon Census

Forty observers of the Richmond Hill Naturalists Club counted a total of 49 species and 8,941 birds in all during the 16th annual bird census for the American Audubon Society held this year January 2. Also during Christmas week 12 Canada Geese were sighted near Maple.

Included in the count were single specimens of the Great Blue Heron, Ring Billed Gull, Snowy Owl, Common Grackle, Chipping Sparrow, Rufous Sided Towhee, Swamp Sparrow, Pileated Woodpecker and Cooper's Hawk. There were two each of Black Ducks, Robins, Golden Crowned Kinglets, and three each of the Great Horned Owl, the Brown Creeper and the Kingfisher.

Four Cedar Waxwings six Northern Shrikes, eight Eastern Meadowlarks and nine each of White Breasted Nuthatches and Song Sparrows were included. Also counted were 13 Mallards, 15 each of Herring Gulls and Ruffed Grouse, 19 each Rough Legged Hawks and White Throated Sparrows, 20 Brown Headed Cowbirds, 33 Sparrow Hawks, 52 each Red Tailed Hawks and Common Crows, 73 Cardinals and 75 each of Ring Necked Pheasants and Downy Woodpeckers.

Mourning Doves count numbered 121, Blue Jays 142, American Goldfinch 167, Evening Grosbeaks 193, Red Polls 240, Slate Colored Juncoes 241 and Pine Siskin 295.

The count for Tree Sparrows was 418, Pine Grosbeaks 426, White Winged Crossbills 435, Rock Doves 468, Snow Buntings 559 and Black Capped Chickadees 594.

The largest number of birds of any one species was registered by the Starlings with 2,579 and House Sparrows were in second place with 1,537.

Statistically this was a good census, although the weather might have been a lot better — it brought fog in the morning and scattered light snow and drizzle throughout the day. The 40 members of the club spent 31 hours on foot and 40 hours in cars, covering 40 miles in the first instance and 388 in the latter.

Observers who shared the census task in nine areas, included Ron Standfield, Ike Temple, Jack Stainer, David Stanfield, Ian Barbour, Bob Campbell, Pat Campbell, Dave Mackenzie, John and Georgina Pyatt, Mac Langton, George Fischer-Jensen, Hubert, Jennifer and Paul South, Stu and Beth Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. John Laird, Hope Homstead, Bob and Betty Cubitt, Daphne Straumann, Onelyn and Pete Addison, Ken Chambers, Anne

2 Cabinet Ministers, 8 MP's Push GO North

John Medcof of Mount Albert and Robert Silcox of King Township have won the support of two federal Cabinet Ministers and eight Liberal MPs so far for a trial commuter rail service between Toronto and Barrie through York Region.

The proposal is for a three-month trial run with stops at King City, Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Lefroy, one train each way per day for five days a week, to be run under the local initiatives program of the federal government. Cost of the service is estimated at \$97,000.

2 MINISTERS' SUPPORT
 Defence Minister Donald Macdonald and Communications Minister Robert Stanbury have given their support to the project and have said they will do everything possible to see the system become a reality.

John Robert MP York Simcoe will introduce a private member's bill on commuter transportation in the House of Commons when it reconvenes. He will ask the government to provide some assistance and action for a commuter rail service north of Metro.

He has also asked Messrs. Silcox and Medcof to act as co-chairmen of a non-partisan committee to advise him on commuter transportation. The committee will assist in preparing legislation and will provide background information and research for debate in the House of Commons.



Vaughan May Repeal Keele Service Station

If Imperial Oil Limited wants to build a service station on its property at Langstaff Sideroad and Keele Street it will have to move quickly.

In November, 1970, Vaughan Township Council signed an agreement with Imperial which provided for rezoning of the property at the northeast corner of the intersection from agricultural to highway commercial.

The agreement also provided that if Imperial failed to substantially complete a building with floor area of at least 2,400 square feet within a year of getting approval from the municipal board, the land would be rezoned back to its original designation.

Approval of the application was granted by the OMB on December 23, 1970, but to date no action has been taken by Imperial to construct the building.

At a meeting January 17, Vaughan Town Council gave first and second reading to a bylaw repealing the zoning change.

Council agreed to defer third reading until Imperial Oil had been contacted and given an opportunity to state its intentions regarding the property.

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