

Estimates Up For Region

Less Than 2 Percent On Welfare

York Regional Councillors were warned last week that it would be a mistake to assume that employment will be up and welfare costs down in 1972. The council sitting as a finance committee objected to a \$364,400 increase in welfare estimates over the estimate approved for 1971. Georgina Mayor Dr. George Burrows, chairman of the health and social services committee, told the meeting, "We are kidding ourselves if we cut it. It might make the budget look good this year, but it would look awful next year."

He pointed out that actual expenditures on welfare for the year were \$2 million, more than \$300,000 over the estimate of \$1.6 million. The region cannot refuse to pay welfare if the applicant qualifies, said Burrows, and payments are 80 percent subsidized. If estimates are too low, as they were last year, he said, the news media will again be reporting, "Welfare budget overspent". The 1.6 percent of population on welfare in the region is well below the provincial average, he said.

2 Recovering Hit In Richvale

A 16-year-old Richvale apprentice hairdresser suffered a fractured right arm and left wrist when she was struck by a car on Yonge Street March 11.

Margo Dewan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dewan, 183 Duncan Road, also had lacerations to her scalp when William Barber, 18, of 247 Beechey Drive, Richmond Hill, swung his car to avoid another vehicle and hit her. She was treated at York Central Hospital and is recuperating at home.

Investigating officer was Constable Alf Anschuetz of the Oak Ridges Detachment O.P.P. The accident occurred at about 9:10 pm.

Robert Callaghan, 13, also of Richvale, is reported to be improving in Hospital For Sick Children where he has been since he was struck by a car early in the morning of February 25 as he walked up the west side of Yonge Street on his way to church in Richmond Hill.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Callaghan, 26 Edgar Avenue, Robert suffered head injuries and was in a coma for several days.

16-Year Old Youth On Probation Pleads Guilty To Theft Of 4 Cars

The story of how a youth aged about 16 went on a sad rampage of thefts after getting probation December 28 in Newmarket Provincial Court—was unfolded Thursday last week in Richmond Hill Provincial Court.

Donald Dowell, of Dufferin Street, Vaughan, Town, was convicted for willful damage and several minor thefts late last year. He got a suspended sentence at that time, the court was told.

Provincial Judge Russell Pearce said he knew about the case all right, because he was the judge that convicted the boy that first time.

Dowell admitted possession of three stolen cars in January and February, plus theft of a fourth car from the Richmond Heights Centre in Richmond Hill and a break, entry and theft from a Langstaff area family that befriended him and gave him a snow shovelling job. One stolen car he completely wrecked in a collision. Three other charges of car theft were withdrawn by the Crown.

The boy's crime involved unlocked doors, keys left in cars or cars left running. His illicit activities centred mainly around the Towne and Country Plaza at Steeles Avenue and Yonge Street, according to police information related in court by Crown Attorney Frank Moscoff.

Dowell admitted having a car stolen from Toronto when he came upon January 22 by York Regional Police Constable William Powell. Dowell's stolen car was stuck on the Aurora Sideroad west of Concession 8 and he talked to the constable before taking flight and escaping into a field on the run. This first car had been stolen from a parking lot in Don Mills.

Next he admitted possession of a car stolen January 28 at 9:40 pm while with another teenager at the Towne and Country Square, Willowdale. The car was left running at the Supertest Service Station beside the plaza at 6355 Yonge Street, Crown Attorney Mos-



(Photo by David Barbour)

Thornhill Eyes On Leaf's Jacques Plante

Toronto Maple Leaf Goalie Jacques Plante is the subject of some young eyes above as he presents his autographed book, "The Jacques Plante Story" to Brent Scobie of Hillcrest Village, Willowdale. Left to right are Plante, new Thornhill store proprietor Doug Franks, Scobie, and Linda Franks. Occasion was the official grand opening of the new showroom of North York Trophies at 7047 Yonge Street, Thornhill. Plante was one of the featured guests.

Food Forum Features Meals For A Dollar

A food forum, explains Home Economist Louise Gatenby of the Department and of Agriculture and Food for York Region and Ontario County, is an evening of discussion and demonstrations. On this occasion it will be focussed on meat.

The forum Tuesday will discuss 20 menus built around main dishes made with meat, each costing a dollar or less to serve four people. Many recipes will be demonstrated, and a menu and recipe booklet will be distributed at the forum.

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Three New Schools For Woodbridge

York County Board of Education has authorized purchase of three school sites to serve new subdivisions in the Woodbridge area.

At a meeting March 13 the board considered the three development projects which are expected to produce 2,372 elementary school pupils. At a cost of \$1,900 per pupil, this will mean \$4,506,800 in school construction.

The developments will also produce about 1,073 secondary school students. Cost for school accommodation for these at \$3,200 per pupil will be in the neighbourhood of \$3,433,600.

In addition to the new elementary schools in each subdivision, it is anticipated that the present Pine Grove School will be enlarged.

The secondary school students, trustees were told, would probably be accommodated in the Woodbridge High School which takes arts and science

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Doncaster Ladies' Club 25th Anniversary

Twenty-five years of service to the community was celebrated this month by the Doncaster Ladies' Club. It was formed in 1947 to meet a need in the area south of the then Village of Thornhill. Its members have worked diligently through the years and have contributed to many groups and projects in their own area and in distant places.

In the above picture, taken during the celebration dinner are (left to right): Mrs. Dulcie Law, former member, now of Richmond Hill; President Mrs. Susan Merk of Morgan Avenue; Secretary Mrs. May Barbour of Henderson Avenue; Mrs. Elva Angel, former member now of Willowdale; and Mrs. Harry Mizen, charter member of Sprucewood Avenue.

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club March 9 marked the anniversary of 25 years of dedicated service to this community in the southeast section of the Thornhill area.

When the club was instituted, way back in 1947, it was the first and only organization in the community, with the exception of some church organizations. It was organized by a group of neighborhood ladies, and 25 years later, still enjoy the satisfaction of being a simple, but successful, neighborhood institution.

expense of maintenance would be too great and facilities had become available with the building of Henderson Avenue School, so the need for a permanent meeting place for the community groups no longer existed.

Engineering Is For People Meeting Told

The Willowdale - Thornhill Chapter of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario met Tuesday evening at Bayview Golf and Country Club in Thornhill to see a special screening of the APEO's new color film, "Engineering Is For People."

The film describes the expanding role of the engineering profession in society. The association, with a membership of 32,000, had chapters throughout the province. Chairman of the local chapter is Richard Braddock of Willowdale.

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