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## Beautiful Eggs For Easter

The Easter Bunny will have some extra special wares to put in children's baskets this year, as he has had for several years past. Ambitious and artistic members of Holy Trinity ACW Thornhill, have made 600 quarter pound eggs and added attractive decorations. In the above picture Sue Robson (left) fills an order and Myrtle Lang puts the finishing touches on the eggs at a recent work meeting.

The UCW of St. Paul's United, Lake Wilcox, also annually make and decorate more than a thousand Easter eggs, which are real works of art, as well as delicious confections. The demand for these very special eggs is great and orders must be placed early in order to be filled.

## Councillors Query Higher Pay For Region's Top Brass

Just about everyone on the payroll of the Region of York gets a raise in pay this year — all but the head man, Chief Administrator Jack Rettie.

The increases, which average about eight percent, were approved by York Regional Council at a meeting in Newmarket Thursday.

Noting that Rettie's salary will remain at \$32,500, Markham Councillor James Jongeneel declared, "It should be publicly stated that the lack of an increase for the chief administrator is not an indication of lack of appreciation for his services," adding that in the face of a tight budget situation, Rettie had said he did not want an increase.

Increases for other department heads came in for criticism from Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan. The personnel and grants committee headed by Regional Chairman Garfield Wright had recommended an increase from \$21,000 to \$24,000 for Engineering Commissioner Denne Bosworth and from \$18,000 to \$21,000 for Regional Treasurer John Hlynski.

Increases of \$3,000 were too much, said Forhan, for men who had been with the region for only a year.

He asked, too, why Regional Solicitor Edward Oakes got a raise from \$25,000 to \$26,000 when he had not asked for it. He moved that each department head be dealt with individually, but the motion was defeated seven to three.

Salary for Commissioner of Health and Social Services Dr. Owen Slingerland goes from \$29,500 to \$30,500; Planning Commissioner Murray Pound from \$22,000 to \$24,000, and Regional Clerk Robert Vernon from \$19,000 to \$20,000.

Controversy waged hot and heavy over car allowances for the respective department heads. The committee put forward three options for private automobiles using their private automobiles on regional business. They could submit detailed reports indicating date, origin, destination, purpose, distance, travelled and odometer reading; submit monthly mileage accounts not to exceed 800 miles per month without indicating details aforementioned, or accept charges in excess of \$115 per month toward cost of leasing and operating a private automobile.

Mileage allowance for regional employees using private cars on regional business is 14 cents per mile.

Newmarket Mayor Forhan objected that there was no justification for a \$115 per month allowance for Clerk Robert Vernon and Treasurer John Hlynski. A motion from Georgina Councillor Robert Pollock that the question be sent back to committee for specific recommendations for each department head found no seconder.

Chairman Wright broke a tie vote to defeat a motion from Forhan calling for straight mileage compensation for these two officials.

In defence of the clerk and treasurer, Rettie told the council that numerous trips are made to the post office, bank, police office, engineering department which clock less than a mile on the odometer. "It costs more to start the car than the allowance for the mileage for the distance travelled." The recommendations were drawn up by a special committee of council, said Rettie, not by staff.

Newmarket Councillor Ray

## School Grants Up But No Tax Cut Expected

A drop of \$33 million in assessment in the region will probably offset a \$4.2 million increase in education grants, cancelling out anticipated reductions in municipal levies for education in the Region of York. In a report received at the March 13 meeting, York County Board of Education learned that grants will go up this year by something like \$4.2 million. With a budget increase of between \$3 and \$4 this should result in a slight drop in education taxes.

The picture is clouded, however, by a drop in assessment of \$33 million from farm assessment appeals, a reduction of about 2.3 percent of the total assessment. This means that although increased grants will reduce municipal levies, there will be fewer taxpayers to pay them, and individuals, particularly home owners in urban areas, may see little or no reduction on their tax bill.

As grants are structured to provide greater assistance where assessment is lower, reducing assessment rolls by the \$33 millions when calculating 1972 grants would have produced an additional \$335,000 in grants. This was not the case, however, as grants for 1972 were based on last year's assessment rolls.

Trustees were unanimous in their decision to seek an appointment with Minister of Education Thomas Wells to seek some compensation for the loss of assessment. Peel, Muskoka, Welland and Lincoln Counties have also been affected by substantial farm assessment reductions.

York County Board will receive in provincial grants this year 57.6 percent of elementary and 61.6 of secondary school costs. Province-wide, grants are 63.5 of ordinary expenses this year. The eight percent over grants received last year is the largest increase yet for the regional board.

## York County Bd.

## No Increase In Honorarium For Education Advisory Committees

Members of York County Board of Education agreed March 13 that they would not support a move by the Niagara South Board of Education to have an adjustment in honoraria paid to non-board members of advisory committee.

The resolution from Niagara pointed to "great discrepancy" in the amounts paid to non-board committee members serving on advisory vocational, advisory French Language and advisory trainable retarded committees. It asked that the Minister of Education be requested to review the honoraria authorized for such committees and that copies of the motion be sent to all other boards concerned.

Vaughan Trustee Morley Kinnee, a member of the board's advisory vocational committee and a former chairman of that committee, advised that non-board members of the York County Advisory Vocational Committee are paid \$50 per month and there has been no pressure for an increase.

Markham Trustee Louise Aimee felt that members of advisory committees serve on them out of a sense of commitment and generally do not seek other than a token of financial recognition.

Trustees also rejected a suggestion from the Ontario Public School Trustee Association that a zone conference be held this spring.

In a letter to Board Chairman Ross Joffe, trustee for Vaughan, the association's Assistant Executive Director Freeman Farrington said there has been no zone conference for the past two years and asked for a consensus of opinion from trustees of the York County Board.

Locations suggested were a school in Oshawa or a lodge in Haliburton. Format would include a "cracker barrel session" with all directors of education from boards in the zone being on the receiving end of trustees' questions.

## Catholic Board Lacks Quorum

For the first time in its history York County Roman Catholic School Board was unable to hold its regular meeting scheduled for March 21 because of lack of a quorum of trustees.

There are 14 members of the board and a quorum consists of eight.

At 8 pm, the scheduled time, only five members were present—Vice-Chairman Gaspar Parent of Newmarket, Allan Quesselle of King Township, John McDermott of Stouffville and Father Francis Robinson and Malcolm Peake of Richmond Hill. Peter Van Dyk of King Township arrived a few minutes later.

Mr. Parent chaired a discussion of the transportation report by the trustees present.

Other topics the association thought would be of interest were problems and legalities involved in transportation, rules of order and parliamentary procedure, and proposed changes in the certification of vocational and occupational teachers.

Plans for the conference will go ahead if a minimum of 15 member boards see a need for it.

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## Family, Youth Centres Fear Withdrawal Of Tax Support

More than 50 people from all parts of the region turned out to York Regional Council Chambers in Newmarket, March 17 to protest proposals to cut Family Service Centres completely from the regional budget for 1972, and drastically reduce assistance to Youth Aid Centres.

They did not hear the subject discussed, however, Council, meeting as a finance committee, agreed, after two hours of debate, that it was futile to talk budget when assessment figures and grant structures are not known.

Two days had been spent the previous week going over estimates of the various departments which totalled over \$24 million, an increase of \$6.8 million over 1971.

It was assumed at the time that the province would have assessments and grants finalized within a week, and the various department heads were told to return to the drawing board, to knock \$100,000 off their respective estimates.

Council hoped that the re-

## Foster Firebirds Win All Midget Hockey Tourney

By FRED SIMPSON

Some 2,000 spectators saw that truth was more exciting than fiction Sunday afternoon as Toronto Foster Firebirds scored in overtime to down Cornwall Knights 4-3.

It gave the Torontonians the 1972 Richmond Hill fifth annual International Midget Hockey Tournament Grand Championship climaxing seven days of drama viewed by 12,000 record-breaking spectators.

The score was tied 3-3 with 30 seconds remaining in the first overtime when Gary Coates hammered in a rebound ending one of the most exciting games of the tournament.

A fan-favorite Cornwall team had sent the arena into convulsions when they tied the game at 3-3 with only four seconds remaining in regulation time.

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FRANK MURPHY  
Best Tourney Yet

But this was the tournament for the Foster Birds who defeated seven clubs enroute to an undefeated seven days of tournament play.

One of their victories was against a determined Richmond Hill Legion Midget Hockey Team which came within one goal of possibly ending up in the finals themselves.

The Legion crew, displaying all kinds of desire and hustle, got by St. Mike's 6-2 in the opener, then Burlington 3-1, and North York Rangers 2-1.

Then they ran head-on into the Firebirds in the "A" semifinals and that was as far as they went.

The Firebirds had upended Hamilton 3-0, Leback 3-2, and Detroit Caesars 1-0 before the Richmond Hill game which drew over 2,000 victory-eager Richmond Hill fans.

Richmond Hill's underdog midget team gave them plenty to cheer about as they opened the scoring at 16:18 of the first period on a penalty shot.

The shot was called when a Firebird fired his stick at Val Steffan as he broke in alone on goal. Steffan then carried in from centre ice, faked as if to pull the goalie out, and then fired a high one into the top corner.

## Arrest Boy 15 Butcher Knife Murder Try

A 15-year-old boy was arrested for attempted murder near midnight Saturday night while at the York County Hospital in Newmarket for treatment of cuts.

Also at the hospital recovering from being stabbed in the back by a 12 1/2-inch butcher knife was Mark Francis, 17, of Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road) RR 3, Newmarket, according to York Region Police.

The wounding took place at a property in Whitchurch-Stouffville Town where the two boys were working.

The arrested juvenile was kept under guard while a patient at the hospital and then returned to the Ontario Hospital at Penetang, police said. Previously a patient at Penetang, the boy was a ward of the St. John's Training School at Uxbridge when the incident occurred, police said.

Francis was seriously wounded. He was sleeping in bed when he was awakened by an attacker and stabbed in the back, YRP said.

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## Hey, We Won!

A jubilant Gary Nicholls hugs the Grand Championship Trophies Incorporated Trophy Sunday afternoon scarce seconds after the Toronto Foster Firebirds had scored an overtime goal to down Cornwall 4-3 and win it all. The final game was viewed by 2,000 fans and was one of the most dramatic of the seven day tournament.

separate staff and in different locations. The storefront image should be maintained, he said. Many young people in need of counselling would be reluctant to go to a centre that also served the larger community.

Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton agreed that a tight lid must be kept on spending, but warned that councillors were kidding themselves if they tried to eliminate the family and youth counselling services.

In two years of operation, he said, the need for such a service has been so firmly established in the Richmond Hill area, that if the region does not support it, the council of Richmond Hill will be forced to take it over.

Bill 102 setting up the regional form of government, said Plaxton, provided for financing of all welfare and social services at regional level.

"I have doubts that we (the region) can afford it," Plaxton said, "but local pressure may force the municipalities back into the field if we do not provide the service."

Mayor Illingworth continued to protest that family life centres and youth centres operating in the same community were a duplication of services. "We can't have both."

Dr. Burrows stood firm. "It is important to keep separate fronts."

However Health and Social Services Commissioner Dr. Owen Slingerland had prepared a proposed budget for integrated family and youth services to operate in Markham, Richmond Hill and Newmarket. Personnel cost would be shared fifty-fifty by the region and the province. The community would foot the bill for rent, office expenses and programs operating from the centres.

The budget estimate was \$20,962.35 cost to the region, an equal sum to the province and \$8,700 to the community for each centre.

By the "community", Slingerland explained, he referred to (Continued on Page 3)