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Proud Owner Of A New Datsun

Diane Barrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Barrow, Centre Street East, Richmond Hill, purchased the first new car from Neill Datsun's new facility at 169 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill.

In the picture above, Diane is seen receiving a bouquet of flowers from Ian Neill, president of Neill Datsun Limited, as she took possession of her shiny new vehicle.

Resigns From Separate School Board

Dr. William LaCroix of Thornhill submitted his resignation as a trustee to the York County Roman Catholic School Board during its Tuesday night meeting and immediately left the room. The doctor has been one of the representatives from the township (now the town) of Markham since the board's inception three years ago.

Senior Housing Study Will Start July 15

A study to determine the need and demand for more senior citizen housing in Richmond Hill will be conducted by the Ontario Housing Corporation beginning July 15. The study has been requested by town council.

Under this study a research team from the government's housing agency will estimate the number of senior citizens living in Richmond Hill whose housing is inadequate or beyond their financial capabilities. An assessment of economic trends, growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality will be included in the study. Interviews will be held with municipal officials, businessmen, social and welfare workers and other community representatives.

Senior citizens in Richmond Hill who are interested in this type of accommodation should obtain an application form from Richmond Hill Municipal Offices or from Ontario Housing Corporation, 110 Dunlop Street East, PO Box 100, Barrie, Ontario, as soon as possible.

The first senior citizen apartment building in Richmond Hill, located on the north side of Dufferin Street, was opened three and a half years ago and the second building on the south side of Dufferin Street welcomed its first tenants just over a year ago, providing a total of 122 apartments. There is room on the second site for another building of the same size and Mayor William Lazenby reported to a recent council meeting that from the number of enquiries he has had there is a definite need for a start on the third building.

used by all parents. "Not by all," argued Trustee Malcolm Peake of Richmond Hill. "Discipline as severe as that should be left to the parents," was the contention of Trustee Paul Tremblay of Georgina. "But what happens if they don't?" asked Mr. Peake. "That's their prerogative," Mr. Tremblay said. "We are a Christian school system and there is nothing Christian about the strap. It's premeditated violence. If the parent fails to take action and improve the conduct of the child then he can be let out of the system."

"How would you justify abandoning him, rather than straightening him up?" asked Trustee John Taylor of Richmond Hill. Dr. LaCroix wanted to know, "Where in our Family Life Program will you find justification for this type of kangaroo justice?"

"I object to adults using a weapon on children," stated Mrs. Lee. "The fact that this type of punishment is almost entirely restricted to elementary pupils and not used on secondary school students makes me suspicious that we use it

only when we can get away with it. I don't agree that it is a deterrent. Children imitate what they see adults do, that's why it is recommended that they do not watch violence on television. I don't think we need such a weapon in our schools. I don't think our principals need it, other methods can be found to discipline children."

Mrs. Lee and Mr. Tremblay disagreed with a statement by the superintendent that the strap is rarely used. "I suggest that it is used far more than you know," said Mrs. Lee. Dr. LaCroix commented that "Physical violence responds to physical violence."

"The trouble is that under the safeguards provided (the strap is administered by the principal in front of a witness) the punishment is remote from the crime," noted Dr. LaCroix.

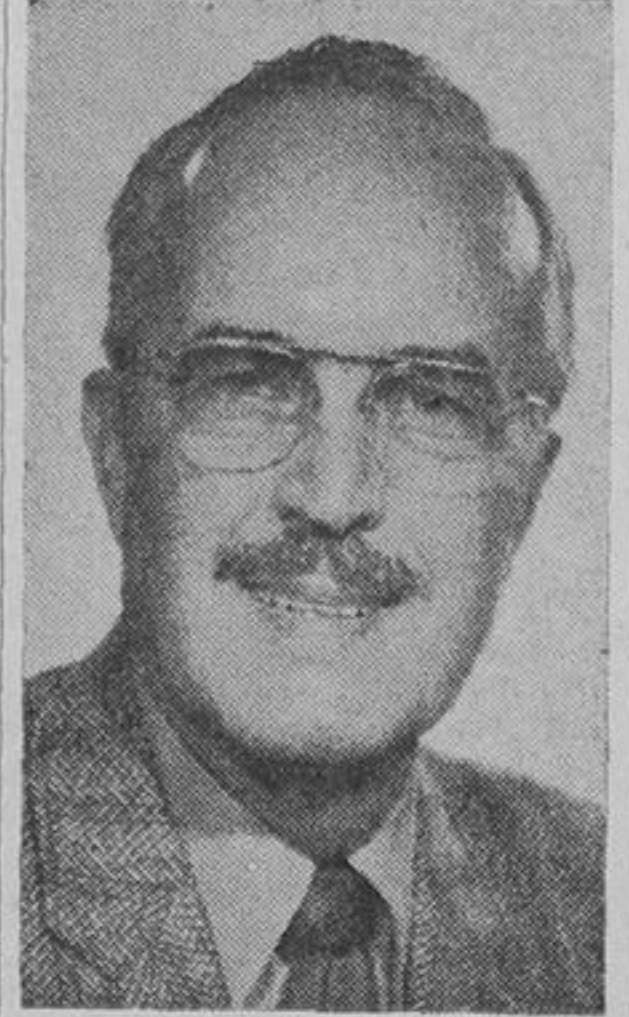
Mrs. Lee then suggested that before implementation of her committee's recommendation it would be good to get the opinion of all the principals. Trustee Taylor then moved an amendment that the opinion of the minority of the committee (that the strap be maintained as punishment) be substituted for the majority recommendation. The amendment carried.

It was then that Dr. LaCroix left the meeting after stating, "as chairman of the Family Life Program, I must resign from this board. I can no longer sit with people with this attitude. In no way can I justify this attitude."

"I did not expect a decision on the strap tonight," said Mrs. Lee. "I believe all trustees should read the information available and be aware that some boards have abolished its use and find that discipline can be maintained without it."

"Is it the opinion of this board that we have dealt with the subject too summarily?" asked Chairman Eugene Jacobs of the Town of Vaughan. The majority of trustees agreed that such was the case.

The amendment was rescinded on motion of Trustees Tremblay and Peake with the requirement that the recommendations of the committee (including minority recommendations) in this area be submitted to the principals for comment, and that this decision be conveyed to Dr. LaCroix. "The chair will ignore the resignation of Dr. LaCroix, since it was not made in the proper form," stated Chairman Jacobs, "and communicate to him the subsequent action of the board."



DR. WM. LACROIX OPPOSES THE STRAP

tee felt that this was not consistent with the attitudes expressed throughout the disciplinary practices report.

However a footnote recorded the fact that the minority of the committee believed that proper school discipline may require the use of corporal punishment and that such corporal punishment should be administered by use of the strap, with proper safeguards against its abuse. "You're taking away a deterrent," said Superintendent Joseph Hodge. "The strap is a proper way of punishment

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Yonge St. Reconstruction Planned For Richvale In Five Years

By MARY DAWSON

Reconstruction of Yonge Street between Markham Road in Richmond Hill and Thornhill will take place within the next five years, Roy Burnfield of the Ministry of Transportation and Communication told a group of ratepayers from the Richvale area at a meeting with members of Richmond Hill Town Council in the Spruce Street Lions Hall, June 29.

Mr. Burnfield said the project is, are they going to continue to push it up for us to cart away."

WANTS BYLAW
James Callaghan, father of a young boy seriously injured on Yonge Street last winter, pursued the subject by asking, "Could we not have a bylaw to prevent store owners from pushing the snow from their parking areas on to the 14 foot strip which should normally contain a sidewalk?"

Later Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey told the group that there is a bylaw in old Richmond Hill which prohibits anyone from blocking the sidewalks. "If it hasn't already been extended to cover the whole town, we will have to do so. Then it will be a question of laying charges to enforce it."

SNOW REMOVAL
Rev. George Young of Emmanuel Anglican Church, located on MacKay Drive, thought that "snowplowing of a sidewalk is most needed between Carrville Road and Scott Drive, the problem south of that area is more to get the corners clear of snow." A ratepayer added that snow clearing is essential any place there is a bus stop and another wondered how the fire department would find the hydrants buried under six foot banks of snow.

Mr. Wainwright felt that high priority for removing snow at intersections to give motorists better visibility and so that they will not need to risk their lives by nosing out into the traffic lanes, should be given to Carrville Road, Spruce Street and Garden Avenue.

MAIN CONCERN
"Yonge Street is their main concern," he said. "They have asked for reduction of the speed limit to 35 mph, traffic lights and crosswalks to give safe access to bus stops, snow removal from the path, where there is one, and from street intersections and removal of high snowbanks."

Councillor David Schiller, chairman of council's works committee pointed out that there is a division of responsibility between the municipality and the province on the ratepayers' requests. "The town's and works department would be responsible for clearing of snow on the sidewalks along Yonge Street, removal of snow at intersections and extension of Pearson Avenue. We have discovered that the municipality owns two lots to give access from Carrville to Spruce Street, that we would like to know tonight what you think are the critical areas for clearing snow from intersections. We have investigated the cost of removing all snow from Markham Road to Highway 7 and the figure is very high."

"I believe that the problem is that highway crews push the snow one way and merchants push it the other way," commented Councillor Lou Wainwright, who represents Ward 6 (the Richvale area) on Richmond Hill Council. "The ques-

tion is, are they going to continue to push it up for us to cart away."

TRAFFIC HAS DECREASED
Rather startling figures were given by Mr. Burnfield of the average annual daily traffic on Yonge Street. In 1960, it was 20,000 vehicles. In 1965 this had dropped to 18,500, in 1970, to 16,350 and in 1972 it rose slightly to 17,150, in spite of higher population density. The explanation, he believed, was that in the meantime Bayview Avenue and Bathurst Street had been improved and were used by more motorists.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS
The consensus of those present was that a set of traffic lights is needed between Markham Road and Carrville Road and another set between Carrville Road and Highway 7.

"When you people see fit to get an answer back to us, we'll meet with you again," stated Mr. Callaghan after Mr. Wainwright had suggested that representatives of the group meet with council committees and "get down to the nitty-gritty."

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe assured those present that the widening of Yonge Street would indeed make it safer for motorists and pedestrians. "We have had the same problem in my area (Oak Ridges) and I didn't believe that road widening would work. I want to assure you that it will

and does work." He also reported that when his children were young he had sought a traffic light at the corner of his street. "It is now 20 years later and we still don't have it."

Mrs. Hancey assured the ratepayers that snow removal and sidewalk clearance will be much better next winter since more money has been provided in the budget. Money has also been provided for street lights. She cautioned that 10% of the cost of reconstruction "is an astronomical figure which you and other taxpayers in Richmond Hill can't afford to pay."

Ward 5 Councillor Stewart Bell told the ratepayers that they would have an opportunity for input in the transportation study, "so we can make the best possible decisions for you."

One of the ratepayers, who had circulated the petition, reported she had been told by older residents that in past years it wasn't as difficult to walk on the side of the road as it has been this year. "I've made frequent complaints about the bus stops. Children and old folks had no alternative but to walk and stand on the snowbanks."

"This is the first year Richmond Hill has been in charge. The town now has more equipment to handle the job, let's give them a chance," said another ratepayer. "Vaughan didn't do that much and it was a bad winter."

"We are concerned about now," stated another ratepayer. "Let's not wait for five years, let's not wait until another dozen kids are killed."

WHAT ABOUT ADULTS?
"What are adults supposed to do?" asked another. "I was hit and thrown 20 feet and was told we couldn't afford sidewalks."

"In my 22 years here," stated Mr. Wainwright, "it is my recollection that more adults have been hurt than children. How many children cross Yonge Street except on Saturday?"

"There would be more children, if it were safe, but parents won't let them cross with present conditions," a woman stated.

"We want to come up with priorities and want suggestions to take to council," Mr. Wainwright continued. "The fact that seven of the nine members of council are here tonight demonstrates that we are all sympathetic to your requests."

"Council has launched a transportation study which includes the whole town and every facet of public transportation," Mr. Wainwright stated.

"We hope to have the report in September with recommendations. These could change a few or many things."

"As far as priorities are concerned, what we can do is determine how much money we can get and how much we can add to that," stated Mayor William Lazenby. "If we can work with the Ministry of Transportation and Communication, give a little and get a little, we may be able to give you a satisfactory solution. You can all put pressure on the provincial government to speed up the reconstruction of Yonge. It took eight years in old Richmond Hill and we had to fight to get those two extra traffic lights."

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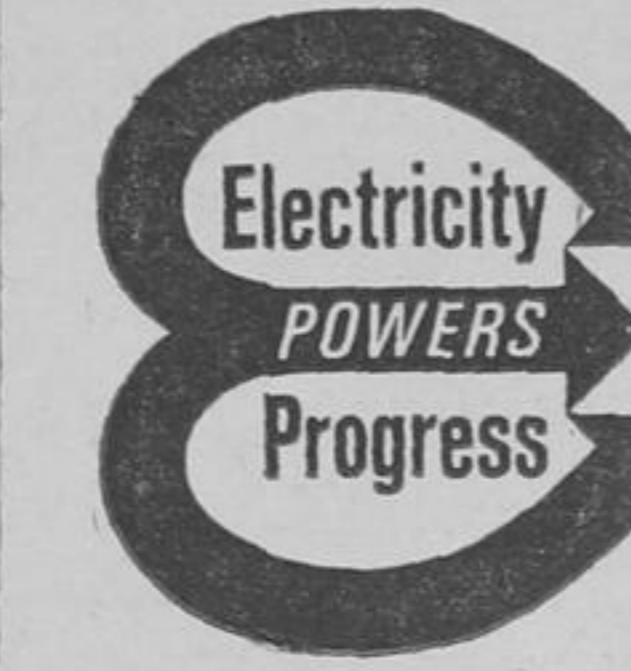
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