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NEWMARKET—Fire gutted the former home of the late Rudy Renzius, artist, on Prospect Street, recently, leaving three families homeless. No one was in the building when the fire broke out. Flames were noticed on the lower floor by a neighbor who called firemen and police. A quantity of antique furniture was destroyed.

NEWMARKET — A CNR freight train bound from Capreol to Toronto ground to a halt near here when it ran out of fuel recently. Some two hours after the train's halt, David Priestly of Priestly Bros., Aurora was awakened. He managed to pour 700 gallons of fuel into the dry tank.

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**Vacant School Sites 425 To Attend Public Secondary May Become Parks**

York County Roman Catholic School Board is considering allowing vacant school sites it owns to be used as parks by municipalities, until they are required for school buildings. At the July 4 board meeting Trustee Alan Quesnelle of Aurora reported that he had inspected the site in the Wimpey Subdivision which had recently received criticism from neighbors because of its unkempt condition. Their concern was caused by the condition of the old apple orchard, piles of rubbish and humpy condition because of fill deposited there, he explained. "Of course no one has any money, but the ratters will clean up and burn the brush, supervised by the fire chief and I have suggested to Wimpey Construction Co., since they are responsible for a large part of the present condition that they level the land by bulldozer at a very reduced cost to this board, and they are agreeable. I also hope to set up a meeting with representatives of Aurora Town Council."

**525 Grade 8 Students Roman Catholic Grads**

Five hundred and twenty-five grade 8 graduates from Roman Catholic Schools in York Region will be entering secondary schools in September. Superintendent Joseph Hodge reported to a meeting of the York County Roman Catholic School Board July 4. Of these 425 will be attending public secondary schools and 100 will be attending Catholic secondary schools. Forty of the 100 will be accommodated at St. Joseph's, Morrow Park, 19 at Brebeuf College, 15 at Loretto Abbey, 13 at De La Salle College, three in each of Chaminade College and St. Michael's College, two at Madonna High School and one each in Neil McNeil, St. Basil's College, St. Joseph's College, St. Joseph's Commercial and Senator O'Connor College.

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Richmond Hill, has 59 graduates this year. Twenty-nine of these will be going to Bayview Secondary, eight to Don Head Secondary, four to Richmond Hill High, one to King City Secondary and the others to Catholic schools in Metro.

St. Joseph's School, Richmond Hill has 27 graduates with 17 registering at Bayview, six at Thornhill and four in Metro Catholic schools.

St. Mary Immaculate School's graduates number 34 this year, with 13 registering at Bayview, six at Richmond Hill, 11 at Langstaff, three in Metro Catholic schools and one in Banting Memorial, Alliston.

Holy Name School in King City has 27 graduates, 10 of whom will be attending Aurora High School, King City Secondary and the other eight in Metro.

**In The Spotlight**

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terested in seeing the guns, swords and other antiques the Cropleys has amassed; some of which go back to the time of Sir Francis Drake.)

And what a wealth of brass and pewter, paintings, engravings and antiques were displayed before my eyes at the Cropley home.

We saw martingales and brass "trappings" for horse and rider . . . with visions of stage coaches and riders of the past dimly seen in the background as Sid told us the history of each piece.

We also saw the famous chair which commemorates the reign of Victoria R. (1837-1897). Carved out of oak which is said to have come from Sherwood Forest. We saw "cobra" candlesticks from India. A horseshoe once worn by the famous racing stallion, "Man of War". There were sinister walking sticks (which were cane-sheathed daggers or swords.) A coaching horn 170 years old and which was used on the stage coach run from London to Brighton, England.

Sid Cropley's highly polished brass trappings probably comprise one of the best collections in Canada. And this despite the fact Sid said, "You should have seen it (the collection) before we sold off most of it or gave it to Camp Borden, Fort York, and the museum in Calgary."

As a matter of history, Sid's collection was displayed (in the 30's and 40's) in the front windows of Eatons, Simpsons and Woolworths during Armistice Week. And that's how large his collection was, once upon a time!

We asked about this interest in equine equipment . . . of the man and his wife who had once owned and managed the John Peel Inn at Churchill, Ontario, prior to their retirement.

Sid explained that he was practically "born in the saddle". His father, John Cropley was a huntsman and as a youngster of 12 years, Sid became a member of the Surrey Union Foxhounds.

He has a mounted foxhead which was presented to him following his first "hunt" and after the "bleeding" ceremony.

When his father died, young Sid, one of nine children, left England to make his fortune in Canada, arriving here in 1912, sixty years ago. He joined the Canadian Cavalry Regiment in 1914; went overseas where he saw action. Returned safely to Canada and met Dorothy — a lovely girl from Kent, England — in Toronto in 1920. They were married in 1924 and have, as they put it, "Lived a happy 48 years together since."

Now, Sid, who was an original member of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles (and about the last soldier left of that troop), hopes he can help Richmond Hill commemorate the past glory of 100 years ago.

We think a coachman (clothing and gear supplied courtesy of Sid Cropley) complete with that 170 year old horn, could lead any parade with fitting dignity and pageantry to suit everyone who will line the 1973 Centennial Parade route in the Town of Richmond Hill.

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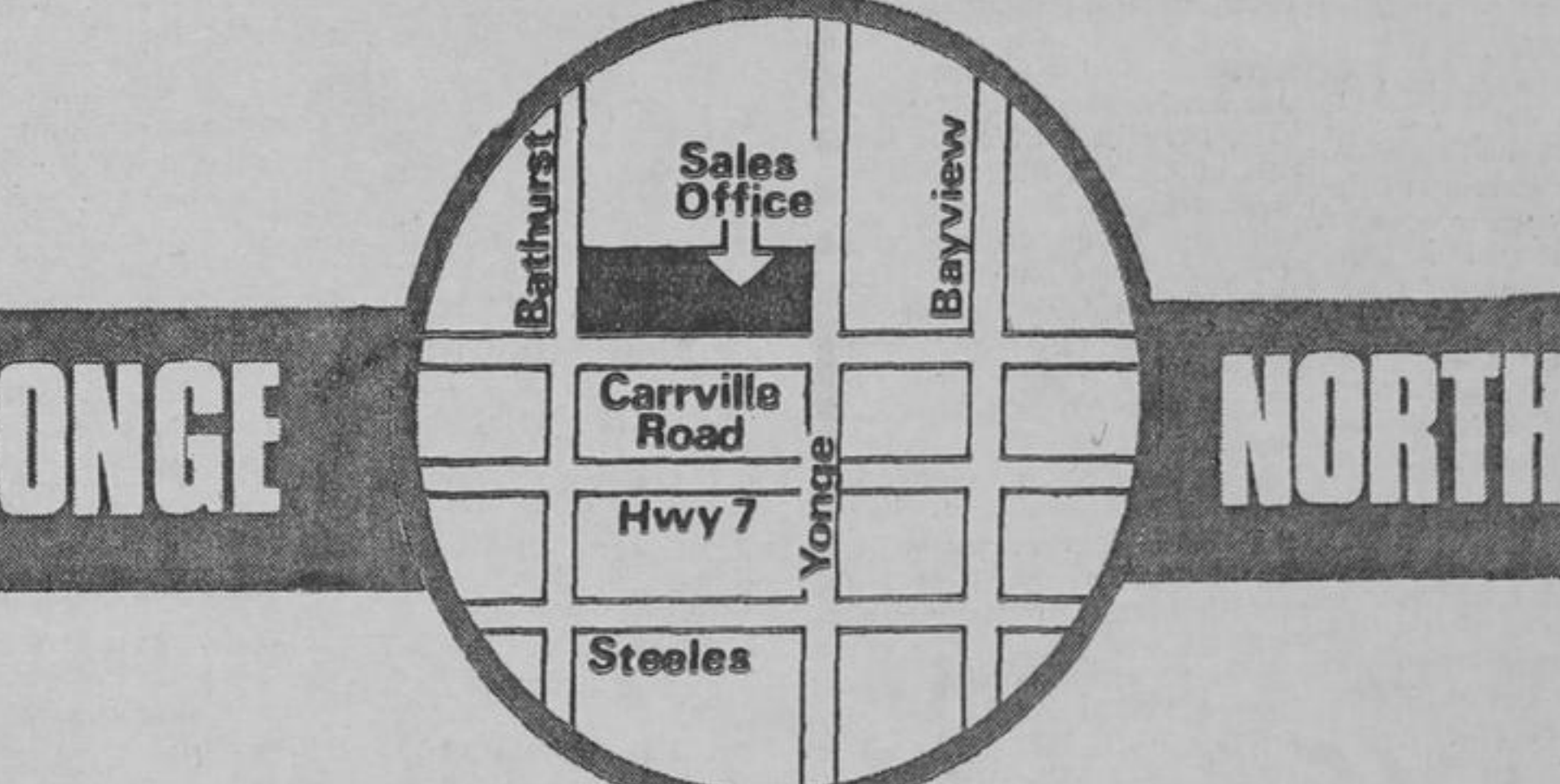
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