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## Leo Club Raises Money Cleaning Up Richvale

Gathering garbage equals cleaning up Richvale equals \$103.75 from sponsors of these four little Lions, members of the two-year-old Richvale-Richmond Hill Leo Club. Besides the satisfaction of improving the appearance of the community, what would you think the purpose was for all the activity of these youngsters Saturday? What else but to buy a Lion Cub for

the new Toronto zoo. Shown hard at work (left to right) are: Susan Struck, 14, of 110 Edgar Avenue; Secretary Debbie Tontogode, 16, and sister Vickie Tontogode, 14, both of 25 Boyle Drive, Langstaff; and Treasurer Danny Rivait, 16, of 715 Carrville Road.

## Concrete Plant Work Stops For Small Coon

A busy industrial plant on Newkirk Road, Richmond Hill, stopped production for an hour one day last week to save the life of a small raccoon, proving that big business does have a heart. The plant was the McCord & Company Ready Mix Concrete Plant, a feature of which is a huge conveyor belt rising 60 or 75 feet to the top of the mixer. Near the top the belt diverts on to a big roller out of which hangs a cable and a huge slab of concrete to keep the belt taut. Everything was running in high gear when workmen noticed the tiny furred creature hanging on to the vibrating frame and attempting to climb up to the roller. Had it succeeded it would have been flattened paper thin. The entire plant ground to a halt and the trucks were kept waiting for their loads of concrete. As soon as the vibrations stopped the small coon was able to climb up on the roller, out of reach from the catwalk. A call brought Canine Control Officer James Ryan and his assistant, Dick French, to the scene and with their equipment they were able to reach and rescue the young animal. It was taken back to the Gormley site of Canine Control and released in the wooded area on Mr. Ryan's holdings — a happy ending to the story.

## Salary Boosts To Give York Teachers Parity

While York County public school children may view returning to school in the fall with their usual reluctance, their teachers anyway may head there with less measured steps. Last week at the monthly meeting of the York County Board of Education, agreement was announced on a salary schedule for elementary teachers and principals, which will give the teachers an average increase of 5.44 percent, and put them on an even basis with Metro teachers in the minimum category and only \$100 away from parity in the maximum category. Negotiations took place over a four-month period. Salary ranges in the one-year contract, run from a low of \$5,400 for a beginning teacher in the lowest category to \$16,000 for a teacher in the top category with 13 years' experience, compared with \$5,400 and \$16,100 in Metro. The agreement includes a cost-of-living allowance of about 1 percent and will increase the salary bill by close to half a million dollars, bringing the total for elementary teachers to the \$10 million mark for 1972-73. Average salary increase, including cost-of-living allowance, is about 5.50, making the average salary \$8,900. Metro teachers also have a merit-rating plan, which they can apply for after five years and which entitles them to various increases if successful. The York agreement gives principals a 4.16 percent increase. The range is from \$16,300 for a beginning school principal in a 300-pupil school to \$21,350 for a principal in a school with 650 or more pupils and with seven years' experience. The average salary is \$17,700. Metro principals' salaries in type "A" schools range from a low of \$18,500 to a high of \$21,500. Vice-principals in the York system receive allowances ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,025 on top of their teaching salaries. The York agreement also calls for the board to pay 66 2/3 per cent of the basic OHP premium for teachers and principals. At the same meeting, the board approved new salary schedules for attendance officers, psychologists and supervisory officers. Psychologists with an MA will receive \$11,400 up to \$16,500 after nine years, while those with a PhD will move from \$13,900 to \$18,400 in eight years. Salary scales for supervisory officers will range from \$22,500 for area superintendents to \$29,000 for the superintendent of operations. Salary of the director of education and the associate director will be \$35,000 and \$31,000 respectively.

## Regional Councillor Asks Vaughan To Elgin Mills Study By Hill Planner

Disagreeing with the provisions of the RB1 zoning which would allow single family homes on lots of a minimum frontage of 50 and a minimum area of 5,000 square feet on vacant land in the southwest section of the old town, Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton requested June 22 (and council agreed) that the planning director prepare a bylaw to zone those lands in the Town of Richmond Hill lying between Yonge Street, Bathurst Street, the Maple Sideroad and Mill Street, presently undeveloped, to R1. At the July 10 meeting of the Township of Vaughan's Bylaw 2523. Land along the water course is zoned flood plain. In addition to the usual farming uses permitted in an agricultural zone, this bylaw permits single family residential dwellings with a minimum lot area of 25 acres. Two (the Feeley and Gellen proposals) are located on the Centre Street extension and the Matt Smith immediately to the west of his former Pleasantville development and south and west of the Pleasantville School. This application proposes 85 single family lots on 21 acres, with an average 60 foot frontage and 6,000 square foot lot area. This land is zoned agriculture and will require rezoning. Lack of municipal services in the area was also noted by Mr. Rimon, who stated "It is inconceivable that the OWRC would recommend the rezoning under the circumstances." He also cautioned that the two development proposals in the Centre Street area were made on the basis of existing and proposed zoning. "The applicants have committed themselves financially, and changing the zoning regulations at this time may result in serious legal complications." "Furthermore," the planning directors continued, "after circulation of the new Bylaw 66-71 earlier this year to all property owners in the former town, only 52 objections were received. None of these came from residents of Centre Street West regarding lot sizes." Mr. Paxton questioned the accuracy of the statement that council had approved the Smith application in October. "I do not recall giving final approval to the Smith proposal. If it goes ahead on 6,000 square foot lots, you are going to run into a lot of opposition from the people of Pleasantville," he warned.

## Champion Mare Clubbed Here Before Olympics

A Richmond Hill world championship mare was prevented Sunday from winning an expected place on the Canadian Equestrian Team for the August Olympics in Germany because the jumper was viciously attacked in her stall late Friday night of last week, apparently with an iron bar. Clifford Cox, the York Regional Police detective assigned to investigate the incident, said it was probable the attack on the horse was intended to keep the Richmond Hill horse out of the final Olympic trials Sunday. 12-year-old Big Dee is owned by Major Gordon Gayford, whose son Tom Gayford, 44, has been a mainstay of the Canadian Equestrian Team for 25 years. Big Dee was stabled at Gayland Farm on the southern edge of Richmond Hill, on Highway 7 east of Concession 3. The horse has now been moved

to a secret location and is being treated for injuries. CRIMINAL OFFENSE Detective Cox says the person or persons responsible for the attack on Big Dee are subject to a criminal charge involving cruelty to animals. "The injury to Big Dee wasn't a self-inflicted accident. If whoever did it comes back again, he'll be in for a big surprise. Whoever did it has had experience with horses. He knew what he was doing. All he wanted to do was keep the horse and Gayford out for a certain period of time. If he'd wanted to kill the horse, he could have injected it with some drug or found some other way," said the detective. Gayford rode Big Dee to a bronze medal in the 1967 Pan-American Games in Winnipeg. She was also a member of the gold medal winning Olympic team in 1968 at Mexico City, the 1970 world championship team in France and gold medalist in the Pan-American Games last year in Colombia, South America. Big Dee was the only horse in the Pan-American Games to go three rounds without knocking down a fence. HIS BEST HORSE Big Dee was Gayford's best competition horse and the injury forced him to go into Sunday's Grand Prix Olympic trials at Varsity Stadium with a young inexperienced eight-year-old bay gelding named Dreamy Jo that was to have succeeded Big Dee as his lead horse in a few years. Although a member of the Canadian Olympic team since 1948, Gayford on his unprepared horse finished last in the first round Sunday with 20 faults and dropped out of the competition. Big Dee's injuries included a badly bruised and swollen left front leg and three huge swollen welts across her left shoulder. The injury was first noticed Saturday by Gayland Farm Manager Bart Lawrence, who lives some miles away. Big Dee looked sick when the stables were checked in the morning and wouldn't eat. At first Lawrence thought it was a recurrence of the colic stomach trouble that nearly killed the horse in Mexico in 1968. Big Dee finished third in the Lord Dufferin Horse Show in Orangeville, which was the only one of four previous Olympic trials in which she competed.

GAYFORD MAY RETIRE The injury to Big Dee may hurry rider Gayford into retirement from world competition a little sooner than he planned. The membership of the 1972 Olympic team was to be announced today. Gayford has talked about retiring from Olympic competition. Gayford said he will enter local shows where and when he wants to. "But it's time for me to move over and give some of the younger riders a chance in

## Set Public Hearings Hydro Right-Of-Way

Public hearings into the transmission of hydro power from Nanticoke to Pickering will be held July 31, August 21, 22 and 23 in the Ontario Room (South), second floor MacDonnell Block (900 Bay Street), Toronto, commencing at 9:30 am. See advertisement in this issue on Page 2. Dr. Omond Solandt was appointed by Premier William Davis June 21 as a one-man advisory commission on the construction of up to three 500 KV lines from the Nanticoke Generating Station on Lake Erie to the Pickering Generating Station east of Toronto, which has been under attack by concerned citizens along the proposed right-of-way. It would cut a swath up to 610 feet wide upon which towers and lines would be constructed along a 140-mile route, which would cross King and Whitchurch-Stouffville. Commissioner Solandt has requested Ontario Hydro to file a written technical report and to present an oral summary of the report to interested parties July 31. Any other interested persons or groups of persons who wish to present a brief, are asked to file a copy of such with the secretary on or before August 14. These people will be given an opportunity to speak at a subsequent public hearing. Oral presentations will also be heard, but persons intending to make them, should indicate intent in writing by the same date. These persons will be heard August 21, 22 and 23 and on subsequent dates, if necessary. James Shantora is the secretary of the Solandt Commission and his address is the 9th Floor, Ferguson Block, Queen's Park, Toronto.

## High Point Official Opening

The York Central Community Residence for the mentally retarded, located in Markham, will be officially opened in late September and will be named "High Point". The three houses built around a central core, which will eventually serve a total of five houses, will provide accommodation and loving care for 40 residents. Latest donation to the fund-raising campaign came from Richmond Hill's Mayor William Lazenby in the form of 20 crisp, new \$5 bills attached to a blue ribbon. The double-blue ribbon was cut by the mayor or to officially open Macdonald's Restaurant July 8 and was then presented to him to be given to a charity of his choice.

## \$4,000 Hill Fire Due To Lightning

Lightning struck a Richmond Hill farmhouse at about 5:55 pm Saturday last week causing a stubborn fire in sawdust insulation. The fire flared up twice over a period of hours, altogether causing about \$4,000. Fire Chief Alfred Stong said. The RR 2, Gormley property is on Concession 3 near 16th Avenue and is owned by Schickedanz Brothers of RR 1, Unionville. The occupants were unaware of the fact the house was on fire from lightning, and were sitting around the table thinking it was very hot after the rainstorm when somebody working in the barn noticed the fire in the roof of the house and gave the alarm, the fire chief said. When firefighters attempted to blow the smoke out of the attic area there was a burst of flames. It was thought the fire was out in the roof insulation and firefighters left. But they were called back nearly five hours later when the fire flared up again from an area of insulation in the walls of the house. Firefighters were called to a grass fire Wednesday of last week behind the Reynolds Extrusion Company Limited factory at 500 Edward Street. A wrecked car being towed along Markham Road Friday of last week caught fire and burned east of Bayview Avenue. Again Friday firefighters were called to a rubbish fire on Ferguson Avenue in the Lake Wilcox area. A bottle of plastic coating exploded in the back seat of a car at 11:45 am Sunday causing motorist Joseph Cornell to call firefighters to 12 Oxford Street. But there was no fire. Richmond Hill firefighters were called to a factory at 346 Enford Road during a heavy thunderstorm at 6:30 pm Sunday when water seeped through a roof area under construction, causing a short circuit in an electrical panel. The electricity was cut off and there was little or no fire damage. Vaughan Town Firefighters hardly turned a wheel for a change last week. The only alarm was a call to a factory at Steeles Avenue West and West on Road at 9:26 pm Sunday. On arrival they found the fire was over the Metro boundary on Milvan Drive in North York.

## Local Girl Grabbed On Walk Home Late Alone

A Richmond Hill girl walking home to Osiris Drive alone at 11:15 pm Wednesday of last week was attacked and York Regional Police are looking for a youth about 18 years old. They have a description. The girl told police she was suddenly grabbed from behind and her mouth covered by a hand. She was pulled to the ground and buttons ripped from her clothing. She screamed and this apparently disconcerted the attacker enough for her to break loose and run home.

## Regional Plumbing Inspectors Agree To Basic Annual Salary

York Region plumbing inspectors will get a basic annual salary of \$10,000, just \$500 short of their original request. Agreement between the inspectors and York Regional Council was reached July 13 at a closed meeting during council's regular session. During the session, council met with a spokesman from the plumbing inspectors to discuss York Administrator Jack Rettie's report, which recommended the \$10,000 salary, retroactive to January 1, 1972. The salary will also be reviewed in January next year. The salary settlement followed several months of negotiation between council and the inspectors, who at one time had asked that their basic salary be "in the order of" \$10,500 per annum, so that it would be "more in line with those paid to persons performing identical work in neighboring municipalities." However, following subsequent discussions in which salary levels were discussed, the inspectors and their representatives agreed to the \$10,000 figure. The bumpy road to love has nothing on the stretch between Aurora and Newmarket, so far as Councillor Donald Plaxton of York Regional Council is concerned. "I must congratulate the road builders... I think it's now going into its third year... It has to be the worst foul-up in road construction it has ever been my privilege to observe," Mr. Plaxton said. The Richmond Hill lawyer said that if he had been the mayor of Aurora or Newmarket, "I think I would have got a shovel and helped." Mayor Dick Illingworth suggested that the builders, who have been making repairs on the road for five years, "lost the plans." Until they find them, however, the road from Aurora to Newmarket may continue to be paved with good intentions only.

## Rocky Road Men "Congratulated"

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## David Deacon Makes Remarkable Recovery

Remarkable progress is reported in the recovery of David Deacon, who was injured in a dirt track motorcycle accident in Ottawa June 25. David, 23, is the son of York Centre MLA Donald Deacon of RR 1, Unionville. An avid motorcyclist, David suffered a fractured skull, a broken foot, a broken leg, a smashed kneecap, a broken arm and a broken jaw when he was thrown from his machine during a pre-race test. Delicate brain surgery was performed in Ottawa General Hospital and his recovery has been "miraculous" according to his father. David expects to be back to work next week at least on a limited basis.

## Richmond Hill Council Releases Town Employees' Salary Schedule

At its budget session on June 29, Richmond Hill Town Council released "The Liberal" the schedule of salaries to be paid in 1972, as follows—Clerk \$20,150; deputy-clerk \$11,660; assessment clerk \$9,100; bylaw officer \$9,250; clerk typists \$4,150-\$4,800; Treasurer \$19,100; deputy-treasurer \$12,250; tax clerk \$10,600; tax assistants and machine operator \$6,100; payroll and accounting clerk \$7,450; accounting clerks and machine operators \$4,700; Waterworks supervisor \$8,800; senior accounting clerk \$6,700; meter readers \$7,600; stockkeeper \$8,361; Recreation director \$10,300; swimming pool manager \$7,450; assistant pool manager \$6,100; Planning director \$15,900; Building inspector \$11,150; assistant inspector \$8,275; Works commissioner \$18,050; construction engineer \$15,900; maintenance engineer \$14,050; assistant engineer \$12,600; superintendent \$9,650 — \$11,000; works accountant \$9,400; works clerk \$7,750; design draftsman \$9,250; senior instrument man \$6,100; rod man \$5,650; intermediate draftsman \$6,100; secretary and stenographer \$6,350; laborers \$3.60-\$3.68 per hour; operators \$3.68-\$3.75 per hour; sub-foremen \$4.02 per hour; foremen \$4.22 per hour; mechanics \$4.23 per hour; Fire chief \$13,800; captain \$11,865; first class firefighter \$10,500; second class firefighter \$9,450; third class firefighter \$8,925; fourth class firefighter \$8,400; probationary firefighter \$7,875.

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## Markham Building Up Despite Permit Ban

Despite a temporary ban on building permits in the Town of Markham (which has since been lifted) building for the first six months of the year has more than doubled over last year for the same period. A report of the building committee handed down Tuesday afternoon of last week at a meeting of council showed a total of \$30,880,565 worth of building in the town from January to June. The same period in 1971 showed \$13,513,325. The month of June showed \$5,150,300 worth of building, compared with \$2,759,400 in June of last year. The figure could even have been much higher. In his report, Building Inspector Fred Fudge pointed out that, as of the end of May, about \$5,000,000 worth of building construction was being held due to the building permit ban imposed by council in the Thornhill water area. Mr. Fudge also told "The Liberal" that with another \$800,000, Markham would have done more building construction than Toronto in May. The May report showed a total of \$9,233,000, with new dwellings accounting for \$5,150,000. Total figures for the same period in 1971 amounted to \$3,688,640. In the six-month report, new dwellings accounted for \$14,287,500, with \$5,723,000 for industrial buildings. Building permits totalled \$42,191.



## Mrs. Roy Studdy Succeeds Mrs. Robt. Miller Director Of Volunteers

Mrs. Roy Studdy started her duties on July 1 as Director of Volunteers at York Central Hospital succeeding Mrs. Ruth Miller who has retired after nine years of service. A graduate of University College, University of Toronto, in psychology and sociology, Mrs. Studdy has been a resident of Maple for the past four years. She is the vice-president of the ACW of St. Stephen's Anglican Church and secretary of the Maple Ratepayers Association. Mrs. Studdy started at the hospital on June 5 under the capable guidance of Mrs. Miller and on June 12 attended a one week course at the Ontario Hospital Association Building organized by the Directors of Volunteers Association, which covered every aspect of the position with guest speakers in various areas of importance. She is married with three boys aged 18, 16 and 10 years.