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Six Foot Sunflower Has 150 Blooms

Area gardeners must be getting great pleasure from their flower beds at this season. In spite of a late spring, an early drought and a cool, wet summer, the flowers appear to be doing their best to outgrow and outbloom all previous records.

Proud owners of the bloomingest plant of them all, are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bone, 22 Uplands Avenue, Thornhill, in whose garden stands a majestic sunflower with more than 150 blooms. It is seen above as nine-year-old Susan Bone measures one of the magnificent flowers. The self-seeded plant is almost six feet tall.

Pepin Defends Trudeau Record

Liberals Nominate Barney Danson

"We have come through a worldwide economic recession. We have overcome an international monetary crisis and contained inflation more effectively than all other western nations, but one. We have squarely faced and decisively resolved an internal threat to our national security. We have responded to the immense changes in our society and the land is strong."

These statements were emphasized by Barney Danson as he accepted the nomination to seek re-election in York North Riding for the Liberal Party in the federal election called for October 30. Mr. Danson's name was the only one placed before the meeting attended by about 350 supporters. His nominator was Mrs. William Champion of Unionville and his secondner was Betty Ann Hawke of Thornhill.

The candidate, who was elected to the House of Commons in 1968 for the first time, attributed Canada's strength to its bountiful resources, to the strength of its people and to the strength of its government and its Prime Minister. "They have had the strength and courage to recognize the issues, to face the problems and challenge and deal with them boldly," he said.

"The land is strong because the people have been given more opportunity than ever before to participate in decisions. The Liberal Government's policy of submitting white papers and draft legislation for public input results in policies and legislation more closely attuned to the mood of the country," he claimed.

He added that Parliament has been more broadly democratic by changes which give the opposition parties more opportunity to challenge government policies and by extending the committee system to permit more detailed and intelligent study of legislation.

"Real efforts have been made to provide opportunity in the economically less favored parts of the country and the disparate segments of the population are being brought into the mainstream of our national life without being made to feel like strangers in their own country," he continued. "The government has strengthened the economy by keeping money in circulation which allows our free commerce and industry to function at its best," according to the candidate.

Catholic Board Adds 3, 72-Passenger Buses

Three 72-passenger International buses, heavy duty models, have been added to the bus fleet by York County Roman Catholic Board at a cost of \$12,500 per unit, bringing the number of board-owned buses to 10. These new buses were in use for the first time on September 5 to transport children to and from Roman Catholic Schools in the region. The board also uses 40 privately operated buses on a contract basis.

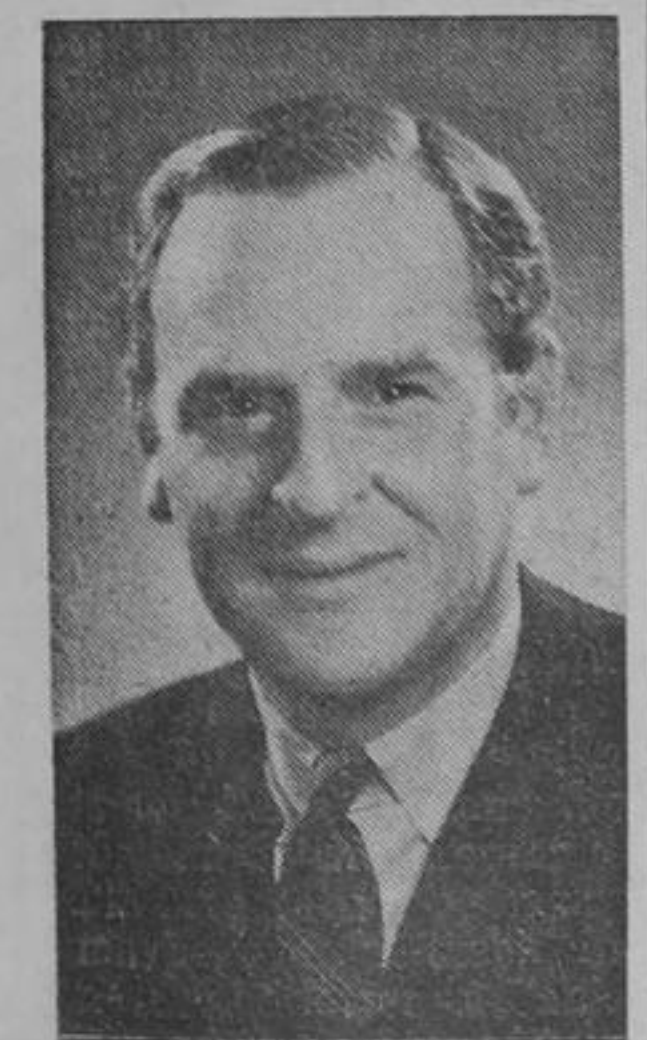
In the evening one of the new buses was brought to the parking lot of the board's administration building on Dufferin Street, Richmond Hill, for inspection by board members and the press.

STRESSES RECORD

Mr. Danson's own record of service to his constituents had brought him considerable satisfaction, he said, and he was willing to stand on his record and on the record of the government of which he was a part.

In Parliament he has served as Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Trudeau since October 1970 and on the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs. He accompanied the Prime Minister to Russia and to the Commonwealth Conference in Singapore.

"It was feared that the Commonwealth would break up on color lines over the sale of arms to South Africa by Great Britain. It was the respect Canada and her Prime Minister have gained that made his interventions particularly effective."



BARNEY DANSON MP
Seeks Second Term

Vaughan Works Dept.

Not Everyone Agrees On Building Addition

Vaughan Town Council last week approved final plans for a \$60,000 extension to its works building at Maple but not everyone was in agreement. The expansion, which will allow transfer of the works department and storage from another building, has been the subject of some debate in council for the past two weeks.

Most vocal have been Councillors John Gilbert and Dalton McArthur, who have felt the expenditure was too great at this time.

Mr. Gilbert said he had supported the project initially, but at that time costs were being based on \$20,000 and not \$60,000.

"The taxpayers would be better served if we rented one (building). I can't support it," Gilbert said.

Councillor McArthur said he concurred with his fellow councillor's thoughts in the matter. "I'm not so sure we're doing the right thing here," he said. He added, however, that he didn't dispute the fact that new quarters were needed.

Said Councillor David Fraser: "How come we jumped from \$20,000 to \$60,000?"

"I've never heard the \$20,000 figure before," said Mayor Garnet Williams.

Councillor Gilbert said the addition of lunchrooms, extra washrooms and a separate room for women employees shot up the costs.

The proposed building consists of a 20-foot, two-storey extension to the west of the present building, for its full width. The office would be located on the first floor with lunchroom and lockers on the second. There is also a proposed one-storey extension on the north side for the full length of the building to be used by the water and roads departments.

Tenders for the extension are expected to be submitted to committee September 18.

Voting against it in a recorded vote asked for by Councillor McArthur, were McArthur and Gilbert. Voting in favor were Mayor Williams and Councillors Fraser, Risk, Armstrong and Kirk.

Canvass Will Combat Arthritis Sept. 18-29

To combat the crippling disabilities of arthritis through education, research and treatment in Richmond Hill and area the York Central Committee Branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Society will hold a local citizen canvass September 18 to 29 to mark Arthritis Month.

Much work in research and patient care must be done to combat this disease and the local committee is asking residents to dig deep when the canvasser calls. The committee chairman is Miss Elizabeth Flood of 48 Laverock Drive, head therapist at York Central Hospital.

No New B. S. Voters In October 30 Election

Returning officer for the local York North constituency in the October 30 federal election is Brian Bailey of Thornhill Green, former reeve of Vaughan Township. York North is one of the largest ridings in Canada. It includes southern Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham, plus much of Willowdale.

He reports that 676 enumerators, two for each polling division, started work Monday morning throughout the riding, one of the largest in area and number of electors in Canada. These enumerators should not be confused with the municipal enumerators who are also calling at all residences at this time.

LAST BRITISH VOTE

Mr. Bailey points out that new legislation will allow British subjects, who have already voted in federal elections to continue to do so. In fact, the legislation states that only Canadian citizens will have the franchise after June 15, 1975. So that this is probably the last election in which British subjects will be eligible to vote.

Up to now British subjects, who have resided in this country for one year, have been privileged to vote. The returning officer said the reasons advanced for the change in legislation is that other countries, including Great Britain and Australia, are no longer honoring this traditional right. The legislation passed unanimously in committee and in the House of Commons.

RICHMOND HILL OFFICE

Following the enumeration and return of complete lists to the returning officer, any eligible voters who may have been missed can contact the returning officer's office or any political party and have their names included in the revised lists.

Mr. Bailey's office is located at 70 Newkirk Road and the telephone number is 884-1034.

Another change in voting legislation permits students (who will be enumerated at their home address), prospectors, fishermen or people with a medical certificate to vote by proxy. If they desire to do so they will obtain a proxy form from the returning officer and designate someone in the polling division to vote for them.

For others who expect to be away from home on polling day advance polls will be held on the Saturday and Monday preceding the election—October 21 and 23.

Local Crash Victim Dies

Paul Mikucki, 19, of Ambercroft Farms, Richmond Hill, who was injured in a motorcycle-car accident September 2, died Saturday in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto from injuries received in the accident.

Paul, who was the son of Mrs. Betty Mikucki, received late Lou Mikucki, received head injuries when the machine he was riding was in collision with a car driven by Mrs. Mary Leck, RR 2, Gormley, at 16th and Bayview Avenues.

According to York Regional Police, the accident occurred when the youth attempted to pass the car just as it was about to make a left turn.

The Saturday afternoon prior to the collision, Paul had been announcing the events at the Junior International Horse Show which was being held at his mother's farm.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his sister, Christina, 20, and two brothers, Richard, 17, and John 16. His father died last year.

Double Size Black Hawk Inn Sign Has Two Years To Live

The oversized sign on the Black Hawk Motor Inn, subject of much debate in Richmond Hill Council recently, gained a two-year lease on life by a 5-4 council decision Monday night.

On motion of Councillor Stewart Bell and Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe the Black Hawk Motor Inn was granted relief from size provisions contained in the town's sign bylaw until the date when all signs will have to conform to the bylaw, which is July 1974. The reason given for this exemption was that the legal nonconforming signs surrounding the Black Hawk property constitute sufficient interference to make a conforming sign a hardship of unfair degree.

In presenting the motion

Mr. Bell said that he had been under no pressure to change things. "It's a matter of principle. The extenuating circumstances were sufficient to grant this relief. I ask you to consider this fairly in that light. This motion is the result of three or four consultations with Solicitor Tom Fraser."

"I have indicated my position very clearly," stated Councillor Andy Chateauvert. "This sign was erected illegally, with no permit, and is in contravention of the bylaw. I don't believe in two sets of laws. There must be only one. Others have been made to conform to our bylaw and this sign is 100% oversized."

"We are charged with the responsibility of upholding

Vaughan Looks For New Business Boom

Vaughan Councillor Dalton McArthur said last week that council is hopeful that purchase of 94½ acres of land at Jane Street and Highway 7 will start off another industrial boom in the town.

At a special meeting September 5, council approved purchase of the land from the estate of Albertha McLeary at a cost of \$1,228,500.

Councillor McArthur said council hoped to rezone the land, which is adjacent to the CNR yards, from agricultural to spur industrial growth.

He said he felt the million dollars paid for the land was "money well spent", and that, with the proper sewage, the area would create another industrial boom, such as sprang up about 10 years ago.

At that time, the CNR built its marshalling yards and the town provided sewers and water, offering the surrounding land to industry at cost.

The Keele Street industrial section west of Langstaff Road is now considered the prestige area and contains every type of industry from Parker Brothers Games to Pasquale Brothers Foods to various manufacturing concerns.

"If we split the land into zoning, the profit will be nice to look at, although we're not really looking at profit," said Councillor McArthur.

Mayor Garnet Williams said the town needed to "get started again in this area."

By having the land, council could also be choosy about the kind of industry it wanted to bring in, said Councillor John Gilbert.

Said Councillor David Fraser: "I feel the position of the municipality is to lead rather than compete in industrial expansion. I feel this is the key piece and that this is one of the better things council has done."

The town will pay \$400,000 down and take out a mortgage for the rest.

No Relief From Speeding Traffic In Sight For Richvale Residents

Residents of the Richvale area of Richmond Hill will have to put up with high speed traffic and difficulty in crossing Yonge Street to and from the bus stops for some time, Richmond Hill Council learned at its Monday night meeting.

As the result of a petition and two meetings with residents of that area, council had asked the Department of Transportation and Communications to investigate lowering the speed limit and installation of traffic lights and crosswalks.

The department's senior traffic analyst, stated that the speed limit on Yonge Street Highway 11, through the Richvale area is 45 mph at present, and because of the type of road and the adjacent property, "This is, in our opinion, quite reasonable. This fact is borne out by the fact that 85% of the vehicles travel at a speed of between 43 and 49 mph, according to our most recent study. It would be extremely difficult to enforce a lower speed limit."

In respect to traffic signals, the letter states: "Apart from the intersection with Carville Road, where they are already in existence, traffic signals are not warranted at any of the intersections between Highway 7 and the Markham - Vaughan Road, at the present time."

"For your information, the intersection of Highway 11 and Roosevelt Drive was recently considered for the installation of traffic signals, and it was found that the warrants were not even close to being met."

The letter also states that, "As far as crosswalks are concerned, this possibility is ruled out because of the speed limit."

A ray of hope is contained in the final paragraph which reads, "should further development adjacent to the highway alter the circumstances, we shall, of course, look into the matter again."

A letter from Edward Barrie, maintenance engineer of the same department referred to the request of Richvale residents for removal of the high banks of snow, particularly at intersections of Highway 11 and roads in the area. Mr. Barrie said, "As far as the removal of snow is concerned, we can only advise that the prime function of this Ministry is to keep the highways open. We do not have the capability of removing the

Former Resident Appeal Board

Peter Tobias, a former Thornhill boy and a graduate of Richmond Hill High School has been named to the five-member Ontario Hospital Appeal Board. This tribunal will hear appeals from physicians who have been denied hospital privileges or whose privileges are now restricted.

Mr. Tobias is now a Huntsville lawyer and is on the board of governors of Huntsville and District Memorial Hospital and chairman of its management committee.

Other board members are Dr. Gerald Blanchet of Etobicoke, Dr. Campbell McArthur of Hornby, Glenn Phelps of Orillia and Murray Cole of Willowdale.

Establishment of such a board was recommended by the Minister's Inquiry into Hospital Privileges, which reported last January. It was established by an amendment to the Public Hospitals Act passed early this summer. The inquiry was held after Dr. Claude MacDonald, a surgeon, and Dr. J. E. Sheridan, an obstetrician, complained they were unfairly denied hospital privileges by North York General Hospital.

Seek \$30,650

Bus Deficit Rises Again

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Partial Exemption Income Tax

York County School Trustees may find April 30 a less ominous day on their calendars now.

Last week York County Board of Education approved a recommendation allowing trustees to declare one-third of their annual honorarium as a general expense allowance.

The recommendation, which makes this portion exempt from income tax, resulted from a change in the Federal Income Tax Act, effective January 1, of this year.

Municipal councillors have this exemption, but this is the first time for the school trustees.

This will allow the public school trustees, who are paid \$250 a month, or \$3,000 a year, a deduction of \$1,000.

The board chairman receives \$4,000 per annum.

The trustees' honorarium is based on the number of schools under the board's jurisdiction.

The board also has the authority to dock trustees "a reasonable amount" for meetings missed.

Roman Catholic School Trustees, who are paid the number of systems in the elementary jurisdiction under the board's jurisdiction, receive \$1,800 annually.

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Senior Citizens

Another recommendation that the extension of the local bus line to serve the senior citizens buildings be discontinued because of lack of patronage, was challenged by Councillor David Schiller, who pointed out that the seniors were particularly concerned about the winter months. The committee agreed to continue to run the bus on Dufferin Street to the two apartment buildings until the end of the year and evaluate the patronage at that time.

FARE SCHEDULE

Council approved a recommendation that an agreement be signed with Trailways of Canada to operate the local bus service during 1972 at a cost of \$9 an hour.

The new fare schedule was included in the agreement: adults 25¢, children under 12 15¢ and senior citizens 15¢.

According to the agreement the buses will operate 10 hours a day, six days a week (except Sundays) including holidays.

The provincial government now pays a subsidy on transportation deficits, according to a formula, which in the case of Richmond Hill amounts to 50%. Council approved application for a subsidy of \$30,650, which means that the projected deficit for this year in this municipality—including the local bus service and the Yonge Street service—will be double that amount.

Praise For York Teachers' Work

York County school principals were praised by Sam Chapman, director of education, for their "reliable and responsible approach to staffing" at a meeting of York County Board of Education September 11.

Mr. Chapman made his remarks following presentation of a report on school openings and enrolment, which showed that diligent research and study by the principals had resulted in student enrolment estimates and subsequent teacher needs being kept well within bounds.

This meant that four less teachers were hired, even though under the teacher-pupil ratio, the board would be within its rights to hire them. They will, however, keep the teachers in reserve if needed.

Mr. Chapman said it only took the hiring of a few teachers who shouldn't be hired to "run away with thousands of dollars."

He said it was just such careful planning that made it possible for the board to stay within its ceilings when other boards were having trouble.

Mr. Chapman said that enrolment in the elementary schools was down about 400 from last year, with a total of 29,676 pupils enrolled, 136 fewer than projected.

Secondary school enrolment was up by 250.

Kindergarten figures showed an enrolment of 2,583, compared with 2,712 last year and a predicted enrolment of 2,514 this year.

Secondary school enrolment this year is 14,320.

Board Chairman Ross Jolliffe said the teachers had done an "outstanding job of projection. It speaks very highly of our people and their dedication."

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