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AURORA — Council has approved sit plan drawings for 240144 Investment Limited for a subdivision in the south of town. The planned 140-unit condominium has been changed to 55 units because of the demands being placed on Aurora's sewage disposal plant. The change was necessary because of demands being placed on the sewage disposal plant.

**Nature
Notes**
Next Field Trip, October 29
To Toronto Island

Friday, October 20, the Richmond Hill Naturalists Club held its monthly meeting and featured as guest speaker Naturalists Ken Strasser of Metro Conservation Authority. Mr. Strasser, in charge of the authority's interpretative program, presented information on past, present and future programs of the authority.

Although conservation authorities have been in existence for many years before Hurricane Hazel in 1954, it was this event that focused MTRCA was formed through the amalgamation of four previous authorities and was able to more effectively pursue the task of removing all dwellings from area flood plains, by definition, all land under water during Hurricane Hazel; the cleared land was set aside for recreational and educational programs. One of 38 conservation authorities in Ontario, the MTRCA, now includes the entire Toronto waterfront except for the central harbour and encompasses 1,128 square miles.

Programs offered by the MTRCA are based on the philosophy that resources must be managed so that they are used but not used up. Programs open to the public include: fishing at Heart Lake, stocked each year with rainbow trout; boating and fishing in lakes at Glen Haffy, created by damming creeks; supervised family camping accommodating 80 families at Albion Hills; tour of the Clairville dam and Humber watershed; five mile Sunday hikes throughout the year at several areas.

A public service to landowners is the Farm Tree Replacement Program through which the authority, for a nominal charge, will plant trees to replace dead elms. Pioneer crafts and costumes at Black Creek Pioneer Village; the annual maple syrup exhibition at Bruce's Mill and target and skeet shooting at Cold Creek, are three popular programs conducted by the authority.

Educational programs geared to students are designed to cover a wide variety of topics but generally aim at exposing urban children to the natural world and developing skills for enjoyable and comfortable outdoor living. Albion Hills and Claremont offer five day residential programs whereas Cold Creek, although offering overnight camping, is predominantly a day centre. In all cases education is in and for the outdoors.

Mr. Strasser gave his audience a glimpse into the future with his description of the Nature Interpretive Centre planned for 1,200 acres of the 2,100 acre Boyd Conservation Area. The three-storey structure with a prize-winning architecture will have a 120-seat auditorium and 6,000 feet of exhibit space. Approximately six miles of nature trails, designed to serve 400,000 persons a year are being constructed. Programs will be self-supporting financially, will be designed for the public and students, and will cover a broad range of topics.

Mr. Stasser included amusing anecdotes from his personal experience in his presentation and achieved his goal of informing his audience how their money is spent in a most entertaining way. The next meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists Club is November 17 at St. Mary's Anglican Church. Visitors are welcome.

The next field trip of the naturalists will take place October 29. Led by Declan Troy, the group will meet at the library at 8 a.m. and proceed to Toronto Island to see saw-whit owls and water fowl. All are welcome.

Most of the writers in the Richvale group have either sold, or are now in process of publishing... even though they are new writers to the field of writing. One of its members, Louise Robertson, will produce the premier performance of her play, "What If He Came Tonight?" in December of this year.

So... if you have the aspiration to become a beginning, or a continuing writer, get in touch with Bernice Lever. She'll be happy to give you dates and times of future meetings. Wesley staged his play entitled, "What He Learned From His Mother". Florence Joslin as 'mother' and Henry Schwede playing the part of her 'son' handled the one-act play admirably.

At the same time the second issue of "WAVES" was released. WAVES is a tri-annual York University Magazine composed of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art and photography. Sample: Haiku Translation Chase or be chaste? Tired of running for and from. Here comes the bride! And, by Laurie Ayres, "Cave man wrote on walls World! Gods! Listen, I am here!" Tombstones say the same.

Workshops for various groups were held in Atkinson College Saturday morning and during the afternoon. Vivian Graff, Canadian Writers Guild, who lives in Willowdale, ran a program on non-fiction. Two York professors, Matt Ahern of Stouffville and Don Rubin, CBC reviewer and York Professor, and Harvey Markowitz ran the drama workshop.

Professor Bob Castro, professor of English at York conducted the poetry workshop. Non-fiction came under the care of Paddy Robertson and Duncan Pollack (biggest turnout of the lot). Gary Lampert, who is continuing editor of WAVES, ran the fiction workshop in his own inimitable style.

"The International Writers meeting was held to exchange ideas, techniques and marketing sources", Mrs. Lever said. But if you are interested: Every other Wednesday, throughout the year, local writers meet — most frequently at Mrs. Lever's Denham Drive, Richvale, home — for stimulation of their writing ideas and plots. And they gain so much by hearing and discussing each other's work. And we've never yet seen any new "author" go away crying or deflated!

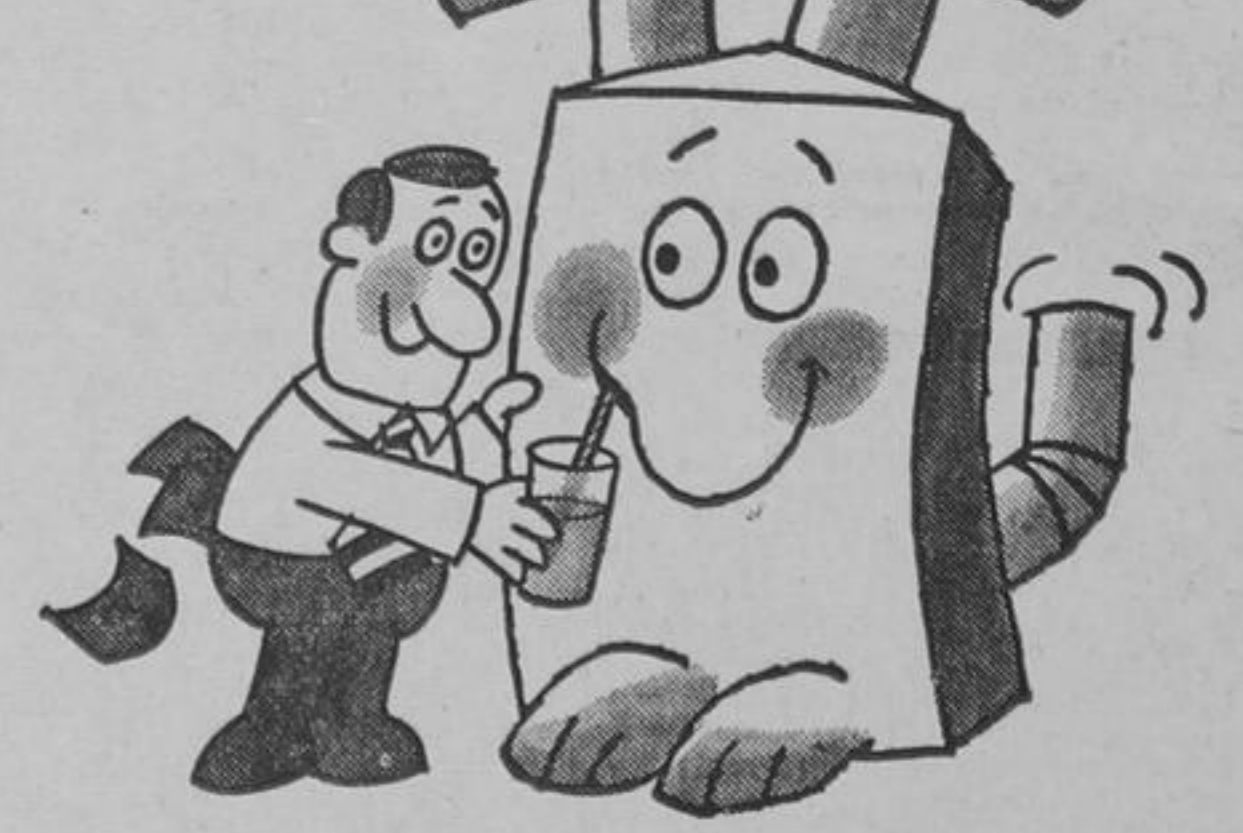
**Name Negotiators
York Manor Staff**

A six-man negotiating committee, consisting of three non-elected members and three elected ones, was appointed by York Regional Council October 12 to bargain with workers at York Manor. The Canadian Union of Public Employees was recently certified as official bargaining agent for all employees at the Manor with the exception of medical staff, dietitians, technical and management personnel, clerical staff and summer help. About 85 employees will be unionized. Members of the negotiating committee are: Chairman Garfield Wright, Chief Administrative Officer Jack Rettie, Solicitor Edward Oakes, Mayor Robert Forhan, Councillors Ray Twinnay, Newmarket and Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill.

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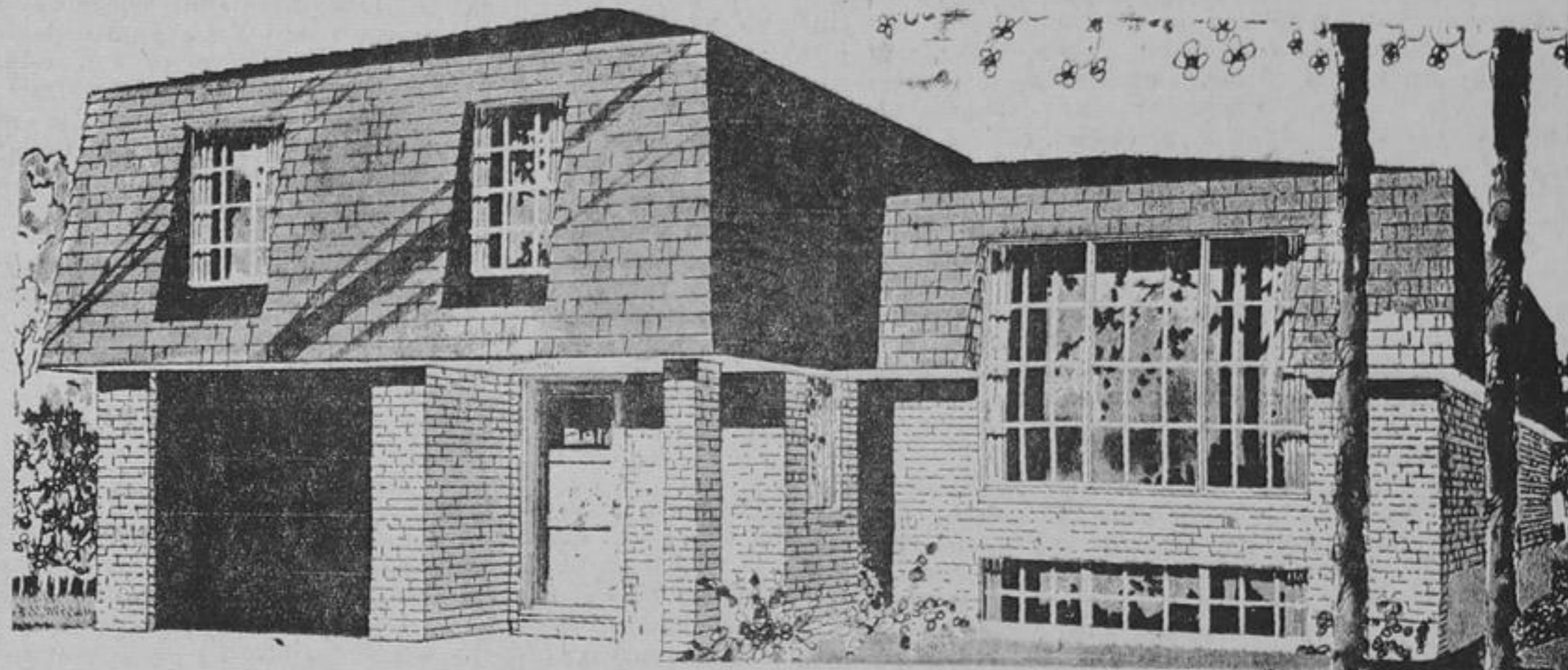
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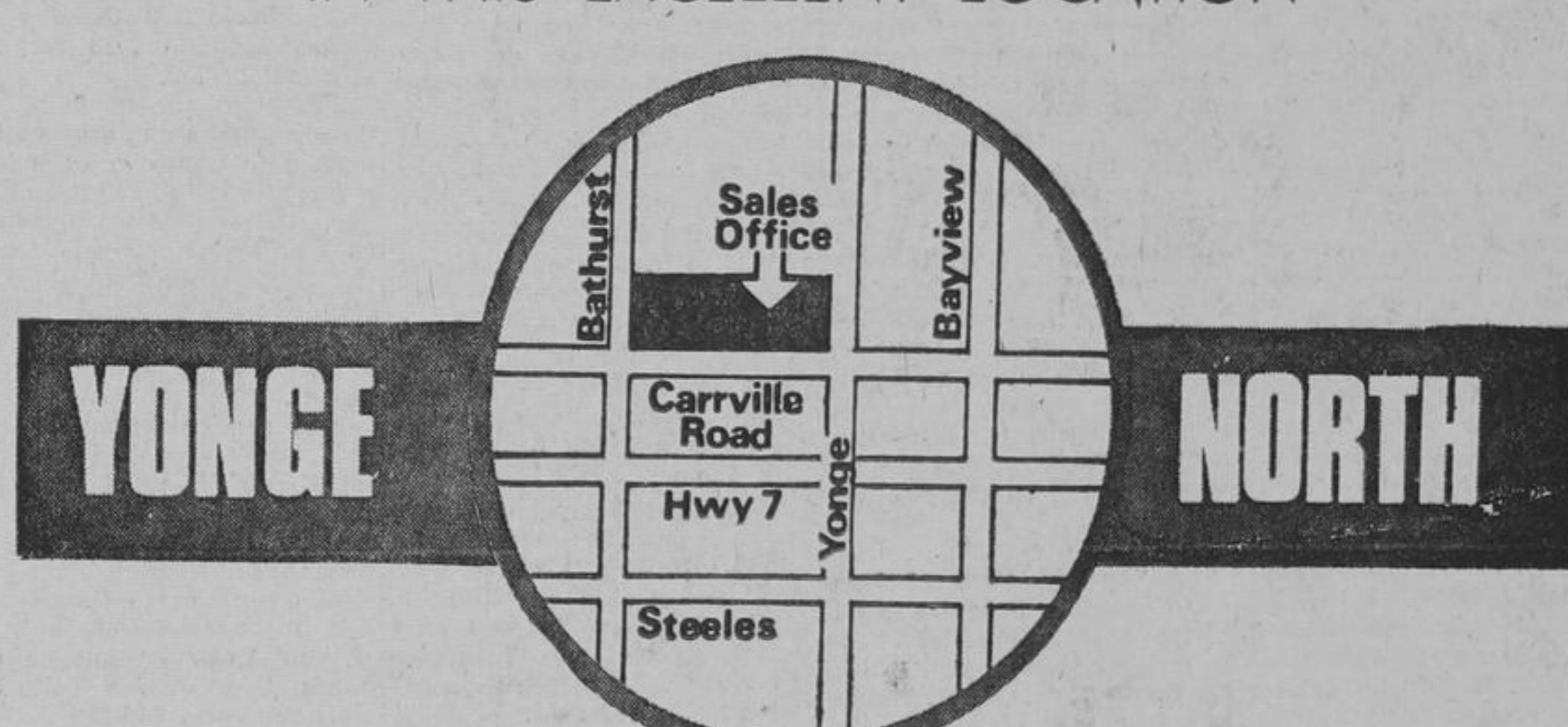
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