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Mystery Citizen Leaves Library-Park Trust

\$200,000 TO THORNHILL

A fund totalling approximately \$200,000 has been left to the Thornhill community for purposes including a library, park, bandstand and picnic grounds, according to a letter received from Florida by York Regional Administrator Jack Rettie.

Administrator Rettie wouldn't say who made the bequest, but Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams told an all-candidates meeting in Langstaff Wednesday night of last week the money was left by a person who died without direct heirs.

Administrator Rettie said

man told "The Liberal" he been discussed with Mayors come up with a suggestion, is aware of the letter, but Williams and Roman. A a joint recommendation that the exact nature of the meeting is to be arranged which is best for the peo- Rettie. situation isn't yet entirely for them with the trustees

"In Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"

sum of money is said to have fully. been left in a will with the provision the trustees may the fund isn't a grant to use it, at their discretion, for the municipalities and that a library or park in the the use of the money is in Thornhill area. He said the the discretion of the trusletter came to the region in the form of an inquiry as to whether or not the new regional municipality was the proper jurisdiction with which the trustees should deal, since the Thornhill Village corporation has gone out of existence.

(For more news of last week's all-candidates' meeting for Vaughan Town see story on Page 30 of this issue).

The administrator said the region does have an authority regarding parks, but has none in relation to libraries. He said it is his opinion the proper jurisdiction is the towns of Markham and Vaughan together, being the municipal heirs of old Thornhill Village.



ADMINISTRATOR RETTIE Need Reference Library

to bring the water directly north of Elgin Mills Road, down the Yonge Street cor- as well as providing better Negotiation Breaks Deadlock ing system at Elgin Mills. town's fire department. It He feels a storage facility would also be reflected in 219 RC Teachers Get 8% Raise

settlement Sunday at ing Tuesday night. But on

ple of Thornhill, which so the conditions of the can be carried out in co-Rettie confirmed that a trust can be determined operation with the trustees," said Rettie.

"I would like to see a good Markham Town Council,

library facilities, this being present municipal election the project most favored in campaign.

"It is a tremendous thing a recent survey carried out some of our citizens take by the Thornhill Lions Club. such an interest in the com- Citizens at last week's meetmunity welfare that such be- ing pressed the Vaughan quests as this are possible," Council candidates for a lisaid the York Region admin- brary more than anything

reference library built in the which has about 80% of Thornhill area. York Region Thornhill's population, has Markham Mayor Tony Ro- Rettie said the letter has tees. "Somebody should doesn't have one and it been under heavy pressure would fill a wider need as to provide a library and one well as a local need," said has been widely promised for inclusion in a library, There has been a tremend- arena, community centre ous demand in Thornhill for complex by candidates in the

Mayoralty, Regional Candidates Would Like Controlled Growth

FOR REGIONAL

COUNCILLOR

you have that right."

a full-time basis.

and regional councillor of

Twenty-nine of the 31 candidates for the nine | velopment. I have tried to seats on Richmond Hill Town Council and the be consistent in my apthree seats on York County Board of Education proach. I have tried to rewere greeted by more than 300 ratepayers at member I am spending your Richmond Hill High School Monday evening. us have the financial re-The all-candidates' meeting was sponsored by the sources to absorb continued town's Civic Improvement Committee, with Sam rises in taxes." Hall presiding and David Fayle as timekeeper. His priorities, he stated,

minutes for candidates for of storm drainage problems; sewage disposal facilities. the mayoralty and the two the need for a landlord-tenwere rigidly enforced.

FOR MAYOR (ONE TO BE ELECTED)

William Lazenby, the incumbent mayor with six years experience as councillor and three as mayor, is seeking re-election. By virtue of his office he also sits on regional council.

His objective, he said, is

the town council has had to can be improved. It's time of his office." 000 apart on a \$2,000,000 can tell that progress has tation."

sure on Yonge Street."

dealt with efficiently. He issued an invitation to all concerned individuals to become involved in 1973 celebration of the 100 years of Richmond Hill's incorporation as a municipality - "and you people here are the concerned citizens. You have not asked 'What can this community do for me, but rather what can I do for the community'?"

The challenging candidate, David Schiller, who has served on council for the past three years, gave a recapitulation of the ideas and policies he has been discussing with groups and individuals during the campaign.

"The largest issue is the growth rate. We are in the position now of determining ton, who has served as counwhat we are going to become cillor, deputy-reeve, reeve over the next 25 years. I favor the Toronto-Centred the town, told the assemba growth to 70,000 people, regional government two which I consider a responsi- years ago in York came ble rate," he stated. "This about because the province will enable us to absorb the recognized the obsolence of newcomers and maintain the the old county council. "It economics of this commun- did not perform a useful

and the imminent diversion ment facilities and water of some sewage into the supplies has also brought BAIF sewage disposal plant, problems, since the large 'which will be of some ben- part of York is not serviced,"

there is a great need to ex- Regional Council a new well pand parks and recreation has been developed and facilities and that funds are mains laid to service Richbeing built up through cash mond Hill and to alleviate withhold the installation of tions on small subdivisions perienced." to allow the town to begin "During the next two ion is available. acquiring land for parks. He | years, your elected reprehas an enrolment of 22 ir lamented the inability to sentatives will determine the section installation of the kindergarten, with only one school board to open up type of community in which our street lights on Yonge

are for decent roads and an Time limits were set at 10 fic; the need for correction adequate supply of water and

regional councillor seats and ant bureau; and the need for Gordon Rowe, who is the five minutes for the ward a single facility to house the other present regional councouncillors and trustees and various social services. An- cillor, has served five years other need he sees is for on King Township Council better communication be- and two years as Richmond tween the local government Hill Regional Councillor. He and the people, "so that they said, "When Darcy Mccan tell us their problems Keough announced the founbefore they become criti- dations and guidelines for regional government I was suddenly transferred from King Township to Richmond Hill. I found the concept of (TWO TO BE ELECTED) regional government offered exciting challenges and de-A town councillor with cided to take my experience to create and preserve a nine years experience, Mrs. to the team." He paid tribplace "where our children Lois Hancey, is seeking a ute to the town's staff and can enjdy life and bring up seat on regional council. "I to Mayor William Lazenby feel that the town's repre- who has "run a first class "During the past two years sentation on regional council ship and upheld the dignity

Teacher Negotiating Com- take five municipalities, for a change - a change to He reported that he servagreement on a wage con- mittee Chairman Larry Tad- meld them into one and make better communication and ed on the region's engineertract here Friday. Then the man of 86 Elise Terrace, it work, by the integration of better government," she ing committee which is contract was ratified this Willowdale, said teachers people, policies and serv- stated. "I can offer both charged with the maintenweek by both teachers and and board were about \$20,- ices," he pointed out. "You through full time represen- ance and construction of 475 miles of regional roads; pro-The teachers ratified the contract before talks were been made in the construct Candidate Hancey went on curing, transmission and a re-opened Friday. The board tion around you - Yonge to say, "I expect to improve storage of water and sewage system. It is anticipated On recommendation of its outside the front foundation. meeting originally called at modified its position about Street, the planned recon- communications by issuing disposal; and maintenance that this water supply com- planning committee Rich- The parks and recreation Our Lady Help of Christians \$15,000 and the teacher negroad and the extension of council and the public on ional buildings. This com-Bathurst Street from Elgin important issues being dealt mittee's 1972 budget totalled Mills to the King Sideroad, with at the regional level. At \$9,845,800 with \$3,000,016 which will relieve the pres- present Richmond Hill Coun- raised by direct taxation, cil only gets the minutes of "I am fully cognizant of the "There have been many regional council and com- problems of Richmond Hill, problems," Mr. Lazenby not- mittee meeting after policy particularly in regards to ed, "But they have been decisions have been made, water, and will continue to There is little - or no - press for corrective meas-

consultation with the town. ures," he promised. And decisions are being Mr. Rowe pointed out that made about the future of he had led the fight for a our town. I believe that \$60,000 grant for Blue Hills you (through your represent- Academy and \$30,000 for ative) want to be a part of YCAMR at the regional council. He favors citizen partic-"One-third of your mun- ipation and involvement and icipal tax dollar is spent at has always listened with in-Newmarket. It must be terest and respect to the spent wisely. I want you to views of all taxpayers, but know where it is going - warned, "If any individual or group has it in mind to har-Mrs. Hancey pointed out ass or coerce me into a dethat during her nine years cision in their favor, I reon council she has served on mind them that that decisevery committee of council, ion is mine and mine alone many outside boards and to make. I will make it in committees and will continue the best interests of all citito serve the whole town on zens."

Incumbent Donald Plax- Street Lights

A program of street lighting in the outlying areas of Richmond Hill received the green light November 20 when town council awarded a contract to Bedard & Gray Construction Limited, 1251 Britannia Road East, Toronto. for installation of poles, almost 100 street lights. The successful tender was in the amount of \$8,950 and was

tion of Yonge Street from "Due to the pressure of 'farkham Road to Highway Mr. Schiller also noted your representatives on York 7B council accepted the commendation of Council-'or David Schiller, chairman of the works committee, to

However in the northern

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Mayoralty Candidates Make A Gift

Rival mayoralty candidates in Richmond Hill found that they agree on at least one thing

— the importance of blood donations. Both Challenger David Schiller (left) and Incumbent Mayor William Lazenby (right) were among the 189 donors at Friday's Red Cross Clinic in the Lions Hall. They are seen above on adjacent cots as they took time off

from busy campaign schedules to make their contributions.

Although the number of donors was somewhat lower than in the previous clinic, young people from Bayview Secondary School who usually make their donations at the regular clinic were not included since the school's own clinic is scheduled for early in December.

Water From Well Number 6 Will Reduce Richmond Hill's Present Shortage Problem

Of deep concern to residents of Richmond eering and feasibility study developing industrial area Hill for some years has been a lack of sufficient water, particularly during hot weather, which has necessitated lawn watering restrictions and has each year brought a period of drought to He feels a storage facility would also be reflected in residents in high areas of the town.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe who is a member of the regional engineering committee and Mayor William Lazenby, also a member of dents and businesses and mond Hill's water supply man Catholic Separate schools, with \$1,000 to \$2,000 their children." York Regional Council, announce this week that | could provide water to the problems. remedial action will be in operation, hopefully, by the end of this year.

main along Vaughan Road is the mechanical equipment now complete and will con- and the pumphouse. It is town system. The well on of a million gallons a day

Fire Marshal To Investigate Fires

the Whitchurch-Stouffville area in the past two weeks, has prompted an investigation by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Department.

According to York Regional Police, the fire de-Dennis Trudel, RR 2, Stouffville, and then spread to two tractor trailers and a station wagon parked nearby.

Uxbridge Fire Depart- tion figures.

eight since November 12.

Chief Walter Smith of Stouffville said that a car

happy man.

Metro.

ing December 8.

Dufferin Street has been will augment the present

at peak periods of use.

committee has engaged the ment will also be forwarded an in-filling in a built up

of John Aschwanben, Whit- ed out of operation and the as residential.

ridor to connect to the exist- fire-fighting ability for the should be provided on the lower fire insurance rates. height of land at Bond Lake. Both men give assurance Such installation, he feels, of a continuing search for would serve present resi- permanent solution for Rich-

The laying of a 12" water- drilled and is now ready for Plan Seven Lot Subdivision nect Well 6 to the present estimated that three-quarters town system. The well on of a million gallons a day Scott Drive - Pearson Avenue

ing at a fixed pressure will mond Hill Council November committee requests the app- School to accept resignation feed part of the west section 20 approved completion of a licant to provide cash equiv- letters from members. These of town and alleviate some questionnaire for the Min- alent to 5% of the finished were to be handed to the of the load on the Newkirk istry of Treasury, Economics land value in lieu of park- board in the event no settleand Intergovernmental Af- land. The town's engineering fairs on a proposed seven lot The planning committee's letters were received anyway staff feels that the town is subdivision on 1.8 acres on report stated that the pro- Sunday from an unspecified still in dire need of addi- the north side of Scott Drive posed subdivision is compat- number of members, to be latest big fire to occur in tional storage facilities to and the east side of Pearson lible with the existing land- opened in the event the maintain adequate pressure Avenue in the Richvale area. use and will probably serve board failed to ratify the Recommendations of the to upgrate the aesthetic ap- settlement at a special meet-The two members of reg- parks and recreation com- pearance of the whole area. ional council point out that mittee, health unit and the The health unit, in a letter, the region's engineering town's engineering depart- considered the proposal as

firm of J. F. McLaren to to that department. Owner of area, serviced by municipal prepare a comprehensive re. the lands is Elsie Laventure. water and septic tanks. It port on the water systems of The land is being used as set out six conditions to be Richmond Hill, Vaughan and the site of a single dwelling met: lot one to be retained Markham and make recom- with the remains of a barn as a reserve area for any mendations regarding quant- and silo occupying a large other lot that may develop a ity, distribution and storage portion of the remainder. sewage disposal system mal-The blaze was finally put requirements for the future The surrounding properties function (this lot must not be based on projected popula- are residential, with the ex- built on); a drainage pattern ception of a library and must be provided; soil from It is pointed out that the public school lying to the basement excavations and Another fire the same Gore & Storrie Report ad- southwest. Its development is tile bed trenches must be revises that in a few years all controlled by the Official moved from each lot; private

church-Stouffville, bring- supply of water in this area Under these regulations ceptable to the health unit ing the number of major will have to come from the houses to be erected must be used; and easements fires in the district to Metro after proper negotia- must be supplied with muni- along the backs of Lots 2, 3, stration in front of the tion with Metro and the pro- cipal water (this is available 4, 5, 6 and 7 must be obon both Scott Drive and the tained. Mr. Rowe also suggests east side of Pearson Avenue) Richmond Hill engineering The teachers protested the had been seen near the there is more than enough and although sewage disposal department's requirements more than six months of in-

age to a barn and construc- ground water supplies in Plan of the former Township swimming pools will not be with granular backfill ac-

deadlocked York County Ro- than that of the public School Board and Unit 21 less for principals. Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association reached

ratified the settlement. 8% INCREASE The contract provides an 8% general increase for teachers and a 3% increase for principals, but falls slightly over one percent short of the parity with public school teachers that the separate school teachers

willing to accept a pay scale

Tuesday night the board also

In a secret ballot November 14 with 95% of the teach- Separate Schools ers responding, 63% of the teachers favored resignation if a settlement wasn't reached, according to Unit 21 Richmond Hill will be phas- of Vaughan and is designated allowed; 5' deep trenches President Jerry Sorochan of 1018 Wildwood Drive, Newmarket. The teachers previously held a large demonschool board offices in Richmond Hill.

Negotiators for the long average one percent less

\$20,000 APART

Record Column By New Writer

A newcomer to "The Liberal" is Patricia Fagan, a graduate of Bayview Secondary School and third year student at Humber

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College. Miss Fagan, who lives on Sussex Avenue, Richmond Hill will be submitting a weekly column on contemporary music under the head. "Jam Session". Through this column she plans to keep her readers up to date on what is happening on the music scene.

Attendance in York County Roman Catholic Schools reached a total of 5,048 pupils at the end of October. This was 31 more pupils than recorded at the end of September, with the increase Region Plan which calls for lage that the institution of being spread over 12 schools, it was reported at the Novem-

Kindergarten enrolment at the end of September was 430, including 66 children who will not be five until after January 1. The board has a kindergarten in each of the 16 schools in the system ENROLMENT DOWN

This year's enrolment down 19 from 1971, 51 from 1970 and 49 from 1969. In Richmond Hill, there

are 33 kindergartners (including 15 younger children) in Our Lady Help of Christians 18 in St. Joseph's and 41 (in cluding 10 younger children in St. Mary Immaculate. 42 IN THORNHILL St. Luke's Thornhill, has

42 kindergarten pupils in cluding four younger chil dren and St. Anthony's has 21 including seven younger children. John XXIII, Unionvilla

younger child included.

only one being in the young- come about. er age bracket and there are He also pointed out the growth. Are we going to re- re at intersections. 14 registered in kindergarten need for the town to estab- levelop the core in high-

He pointed out the prob- cise the power it had." sewage treatment facilities through the formative stages and that two corrections are and many problems have being undertaken. The first come to light. The amalgampast but not much more" over of existing sewage treat-

efit but will not open the he said. door to great expansion".

ners at Holy Name in King, school board to make this rate, but nobody has said local streets will proceed.

anything about the type of ractically all of these lights

function and did not exerlems of water supply and "We have been going brackets and luminaires for is Well 6 "which will take ation of 14 police forces has he lowest of three submitted care of the problems of the not been easy; the taking The highest was \$19,599. Because of the recent announcement by the Ministry of Transportation and Comnunications of the start of the design for the reconstruc-

in lieu of 5% land dedica- the shortages we have all ex- 37 lights planned for that ection until more informaschools for public use and you will live", he continued. Street, the eight for King suggested that the town "Most candidates are in fa- Sideroad, the eight for other There are 15 kindergart- would have to subsidize the vor of a reasonable growth regional roads and the 22 for

Approval of the Ministry in Our Lady of the Annuncia- lish a firm policy for instal- rises? Are we going to allow f Transportation and Comtion, Oak Ridges, with none lation of sidewalks with pri- BAIF to go ahead?" he ask- nunication. the Regional from the younger than five ority given to those areas ed. "It is important where Municipality of York and the with greatest amount of traf- ach candidate stands on de- Municipal Board are needed.

water in the Oak Ridges area will be by means of septic are that the roadside ditches conclusive negotiation and County Roman Catholic observed in the vicinity of to supply all that area in- tanks and tile fields, each be regraded to prevent pond- broke off talks Monday of School Board. another barn fire Novem- cluding Lake Wilcox. He house must be pre-sewered ing or back up of water on last week. They had been would like a complete engin- to approximately three feet the lots. Local Rider Says Commuter Train Must Stay

By MARGARET LADE has spent 500 hours a year on the Don Valley Parkway, and Since the commuter train traffic conditions have become service from Barrie to Toronto progressively worse. Union Station started Novem-He admits that he spends as ber 1, Albert Naylor, 62 Denham much time travelling on a nor-Drive, Richvale, has been a very

He is concerned, however, at

period, with stops at New-

market, Aurora and Maple on

the morning southbound trip

and at the same stations on the

return run which leaves Union

Naylor, who has been travel-

ling from Richvale to Bay and

Adelaide Streets in Toronto for

eight years, estimates that he

Station at 5:15 pm.

the prospect of the service endthe evening refreshed. "I can sit back and read the Citizens committees in York paper and not worry about a have been trying for years to thing. It's the only way to fly,' persuade federal and provincial he told "The Liberal". And authorities to run commuter when the weather is bad, says trains on already existing rail Naylor, he and his fellow passlines from York Region to engers, relaxed and comfortable. meditate on the plight of thou-Finally the service was introsands of commuters who are duced for a six-week trial forced to drive through ice and

mal day as he did when he was

driving, but he arrives at the

office relaxed and returns in

snow. When the snow was blowing on November 14, Naylor was five minutes late getting home. The train had arrived at Maple on schedule, but it took him an extra five minutes to drive to

his house. When the GO bus runs were started Naylor tried it for

awhile, but in traffic jams people are as badly off in a hus as in their own car, he said, so he took to driving again. Everyone he has talked to on

the trains shares his enthus-

iasm, says Naylor, and he is sure

a lot more people would use the train if they knew about the service. "It will be a crying shame if they ever stop it." The service should not only be continued, but improved in Naylor's opinions. The trains should stop at King and at Concord, and there should be feeder

station, and from Oak Ridges to King station. Many people from Metro would like to move north, he said, but choose Pickering or Clarkson instead because they know the GO train will get them into the city and out again.

buses to take people from the

Richmond Hill area to Maple

People who think that the northward extension of the subway to Finch Avenue will help

commuters from Richmond Hill are kidding themselves, says Naylor. By the time the subway is completed, there will be thousands of new commuters from BAIF and other subdivisions to swell the ranks of bus and subway riders, and thousands of cars to congest roads leading from York Region to Naylor's office hours are from

9 am to 5 pm, so he has time to spare in the mornings, and can make it back on foot to the station comfortably in time for the 5:15 trip home. "I do less walking now," he said, "than I did when I drove

into the city and had to park my car". He does not mind getting to the office early. He has been doing that for years, leaving home at 7 am to avoid the Now a confirmed railway booster, Naylor will be very

much annoyed if the train stops

running December 8.