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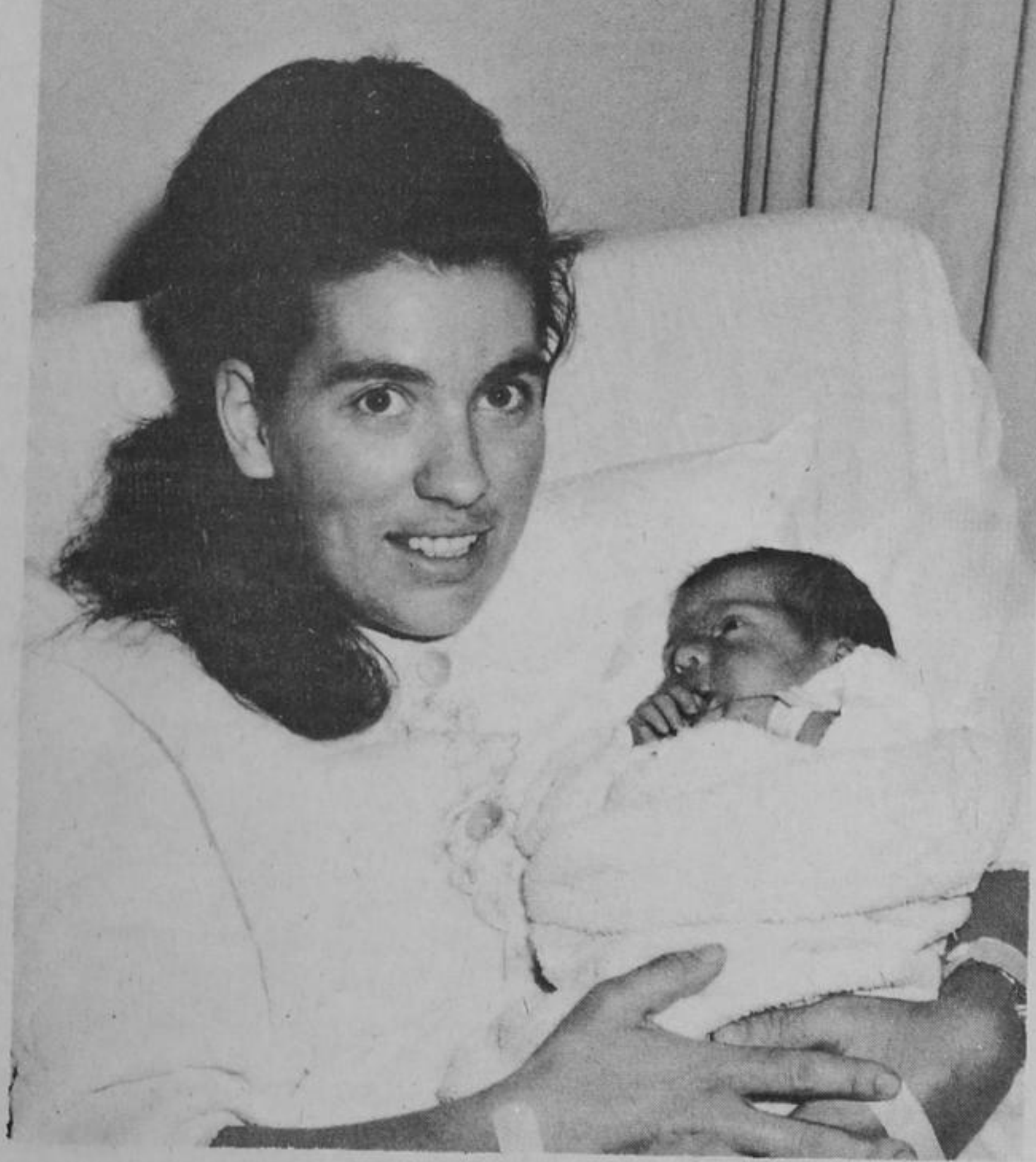
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Hill Centennial Baby Is A Girl

Richmond Hill honored the first baby born to parents living in Richmond Hill in 1973, the town's Centennial Year with a cheque for \$100 and the title, "Richmond Hill Centennial Baby". Winner of the award was a daughter born to Mrs. Sandra Gamble and her husband John, 60 Laverock Avenue, who greeted the New Year at York Central Hospital at 9:45 a.m., weighing 3425 grams. The wee lassie is seen in the picture on the left with her mother.

The first baby born at York Central in 1973 was a boy, Edward James, son of Richard and Karen Whalen of 1274 York Mills Road, Apartment 508, Don Mills. He weighed in at 4400 grams when 1973 was only eight minutes old. Although Edward's parents do not live in Richmond Hill, his mother is the former Karen Ann Boyer who lived on Church Street North. The young man will also receive a gift from the town, we have learned. (Photo by Stuart's Studio)



Hill Joins National YWCA - YMCA Week

"People - Helping Change Happen" will be the theme of Canadian Y Week, to be jointly marked by YMCAs and YWCAs in 99 communities across Canada next week.

"Our continued success in the area of physical fitness over more than 100 years tends to overshadow our increasing involvement in modern day social problems," said Holbrook Davis, Montreal, president of the National Council of YMCAs of Canada.

"Both organizations are

actively establishing of gymnastic groups for children in schools in co-operation with local recreation committees and establishment of craft and discussion groups in various community centres, linking the programs to the people.

The "generation gap", social, ethnic and economic fragmentation, all create discord. Problems of pollution, unemployment and poverty demand the combined resources of many organizations to identify and solve them.

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now involved in concern with computer-age problems brought about by urbanism, technological changes and growing social tension," declared Mrs. P. J. Chadey, president of the YWCA of Canada in a joint statement announcing the observance of Canadian Y Week.

Evidence of this awareness is shown in the Richmond Hill YWCA's overall programming, which includes programs for men and women, boys and girls. Programs and resources range from ski lessons to flower arranging, upholstery, arts and crafts, keep fit and defensive driving.

One of the major undertakings of the local Y in the past year was a focus study undertaken to determine the needs of the community and the relevance of the Y in helping to meet these needs.

Canadian Y Associations, once building-centred, are increasingly coming out into their communities to meet such or mishandled, will seriously strain the country's human and financial resources, both national presidents said.

Examples of such decentralization can be found lo-



In this area, the local Y's focus study delved deeply into the operations and services available through other organizations and agencies, to search out areas of possible duplication that could be eliminated by co-operation.

"These problems are too complex to be solved simply by emotional idealism, genuine concern and a desire to help," no matter how sincere," says the statement of the two national presidents. "We believe that Canada's Ys have the resources and skills to help people find the answers. Hence our theme for Canadian Y Week: 'People ... Helping Change Happen.'"

Jolliffe Says Still Buggy-Whip Systems

Many school boards are still running a buggy-whip operation and are more concerned with power than with the education of the children, former chairman, Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan, told the inaugural meeting of York County Board of Education Monday night.

Mr. Jolliffe, who did not seek re-election as chairman this year, but who will serve as a trustee, made his remarks in his presentation of the gavel of office to new Chairman Marvin Hunter of King.

He said that such boards were forcing the Ministry of Education to take over in fiscal matters because of their irresponsibility.

The York County Board was five years ahead of all boards and 10 years ahead of many of them, Mr. Jolliffe said.

This situation had been brought about because of the hard work done by the staff and trustees.

"Hardly a week goes by when we're not consulted by the Ministry and other boards," Mr. Jolliffe said.

However, relations with the teaching staff were going to get tougher, he said, because of the declining enrolment picture, teacher redundancy and management rights.

He said he detected a "lack of trust" on the part of the teachers, and compassion and fairness must be used in dealing with them.

Another problem for the board was how to obtain the maximum use of school facilities.

That was a "hot potato," for which there was no pat solution, and the board must guard against subsidizing school facilities at the expense of education.

Mr. Jolliffe also paid tribute to Sam Chapman, director of education.

"I don't know if everyone knows the esteem with which he's held in the profession," Mr. Jolliffe said. "York County Board of Education would be just another run-of-the-mill board without him."

He also thanked his fellow trustees for their help during his term and said he hoped they would all go on to make the operation "a more rewarding and constructive experience."

Mr. Hunter, in his brief words of acceptance, said that the primary concern of the board was the education of the students, and the granting of an equal opportunity for students to receive that education.

He said he would also like to see "better communication" with the elected members and the community.

There could be co-operation in the use of such services as libraries, rinks and day care centres, to name a few, Mr. Hunter said.

Newly-elected Regional Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill, also stressed the need for co-operation and communication, as well as "consultation."

She paid tribute to the board for its own efforts in those matters and said that "many of us in the municipal field are trying unceasingly to follow your example."

"... I anticipate that you will experience increased consultation, co-operation and

Longest Period Half-Mast Flag

The flag in front of the municipal building in Richmond Hill recently flew at half-mast for the longest period in history, Mayor William Lazenby pointed out during Monday's inaugural session of Richmond Hill Council.

The flag was first lowered for former U.S. President Harry Truman, it continued at half-mast for former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Bowles "Mike" Pearson, who was born in Newtonbrook (now Willowdale) and spent part of his boyhood in Aurora, where his father served as a Methodist Minister. Mr. Pearson visited Richmond Hill in the summer of 1953 when he was Minister of External Affairs and was the keynote speaker at the York North Liberal federal nomination meeting held in Aurora High School.

The flag remained at half mast for Dene Bosforth, York Region's chief engineer and then for former Premier of Ontario George Drew, who was also leader of the Federal Conservative Party.

New King RC Trustee Following Recount

The Township of King now has two new trustees on the 14-member York County Roman Catholic School Board.

Following the December 4 municipal elections a newcomer, Frank Besco of Nobleton led the polls with 191 votes. Incumbent Allan Quesnelle and another newcomer, Augustus "Gus" Clarke were tied for second place with 159 votes each, and a fourth contender, Marilyn Wagner, trailed with 88 votes. The total number of accepted ballots was 596.

In an official recount Monday presided over by County Court Judge Donald Couture, seven ballots which apparently had been rejected in the former count were

Mayor Looks At Past, Future In Impressive Hill Inaugural

The accomplishments of the first two years under regional government and a look at the future of Richmond Hill, particularly in this its Centennial Year, were the highlights of the speech delivered by Mayor William Lazenby at the inaugural session of council Monday morning.

Members of families, former members of council and other guests filled every seat in the crowded council chamber and overflowed into the halls and the ground floor committee room where a public address system enabled them to hear what was going on.

DEPUTY CLERK PRESIDES

Deputy Clerk Jean Holman presided over the simple but impressive ceremony, administering the oath of office.

His Honor Judge James Butler administered the oath of allegiance and Rev. Earl Gerber of St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson, invoked the blessing.

Mrs. Holman presented the mayor with his chain of office and William Wagner presented the gavel to the mayor. Mr. Wagner, who serves the town as a hydro commissioner, reported that

EXPANDED BOUNDARIES

In his address Mayor Lazenby pointed out that it is now two years since the town was elevated into an area municipality, one of nine in the Region of York, with its boundaries expanded until now it is twice the size of Manhattan Island. Its population leaped from 20,000 to 32,500 and its road mileage from 40 miles to 109 miles.

Problems skyrocketed and the council found itself dealing with problems with which they had no experience.

For instance there were five sets of bylaws, one for each of the municipalities represented in the new town. The town staff was augmented and problems have been solved, the mayor pointed out.

However, he noted that it is human to make errors and that members of the staff are human and have made errors. "I see that members of the staff in our big neighborhood to the south also have made costly mistakes and no heads rolled, either," he said.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Reviewing the accomplishments of the past, the mayor mentioned the reconstruction of Yonge Street, completion of the holding tank to increase capacity at the sewage disposal plant and effect some improvement of the overflow problem, development of Well 6 to alleviate water shortage and pressure problems, construction of the North Don Sewage Treatment Plant, installation of street lights on Oxford Street and Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges, repair of sanitary sewers on Brownedale and Gentry Crescent, building of a sidewalk on Crosby Avenue, reconstruction of King Sideroad and installation of a sidewalk, roofing the Centennial Swimming Pool, construction of the Bond Lake Arena and its community room, new ice surface and other improvements in Arena 23 and construction of a change house for tennis, softball and soccer in Crosby Park.

IN THE FUTURE

He pointed out that plans are well underway for the reconstruction of Bathurst from Elgin Mills to the King Sideroad, and for reconstruction of Vaughan Road from Yonge to Bathurst.

This latter work will involve installation of a sidewalk from Yonge Street as far as York Central Hospital, where the addition under construction at present will increase

the capacity to some 400 beds.

Plans have started for the reconstruction of Yonge Street from Markham Road to Highway 7. "This work was not expected to be done for several years, but on the request of this council, it has been advanced," the mayor said.

He noted that a planning department had been set up and staffed and has dealt with a large number of problems on short notice. The five Official Plans have been consolidated into one.

The fire department has also been enlarged both in manpower and in equipment and serves all the expanded area.

Mayor Lazenby paid tribute to the citizens and teams which have brought honor to the town in the past year, to the Curtin Club on their fine new theatre built on land provided by the town and to the Legion which is constructing a new home on Ohio Road.

He paid tribute to Vincent Marchione, an employee of the town's works department, who lost his life when struck by a motorist, to the late Alfred Stong, who built the fire department up to an efficient firefighting unit of 17 permanent men plus volunteers, to Rev. David McGuire who served on the Civic Improvement Committee and to Mrs. Helen Fountain who served on the Library board.

"The town is now a working entity as is the Regional Municipality of York," said Mr. Lazenby as he called on citizens of all ages and all areas to help disperse the imaginary boundaries within the town.

FUTURE PROJECTS

He outlined the steps which have been taken to upgrade services and future projects which will include a library building and a fire

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declared valid. Mr. Clarke picked up three votes and Mr. Quesnelle one, giving Mr. Clarke a two-vote lead and qualifying him for the post as King's second representative on the Board.

A Metro Fireman, Mr. Clarke lives in Schomberg and has four school age children. Mr. Besco is a technician and also has four children of school age.

The King representatives were not seated at the board's inaugural meeting January 2, although it was announced that Mr. Besco had topped the polls.

Former Trustee Peter Van Dyke, one of King's two representatives on the board for four years, did not seek re-election.

and take their business elsewhere.

Also, "Remember that each person doing his own part can help. Think about what you're doing the next time you go to throw your chocolate bar

wrapper or gum wrapper or potato chip bag away . . . instead of it in your pocket until you find the next garbage can. A lot of litter is caused by human laziness."

Janet is not sure what she will do when she finishes high school. She is interested in sports and the outdoors, and last summer was a councillor at Camp Richaldea near Kettleby. She enjoyed working with the children, and is considering a career in "some sort of environmental science."

Tall, blond, and very pretty, Janet is one of her school's most ardent conservationists. She and her fellow students conduct a monthly drive, collecting newspapers from house to house in Richmond Hill west of Yonge Street from Maple Sideroad to Trayborn Drive as far west as Pleasantville Public School.

So far, collections have averaged seven tons a month, the equivalent of 119 trees. Their main problems is in getting drivers to assist in the pickup,

Richmond Hill Girl Student Is Conservationist, Author

By MARGARET LADE

Waste paper collector, camp counsellor, student, Janet Hutchinson, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hutchinson, 55 Harding Boulevard, is now a writer.

Janet's first published work is an article, "Thoughts About Pollution," which appeared in the December issue of "Action Reporter", a monthly publication dedicated to conservation.

In her contribution, Janet zeros in on the individual's contribution to pollution control. "The sooner people are taught about recycling and how they can make a contribution, the sooner a working method to recycle almost anything (without adding to pollution problems) can be developed," Janet wrote.

She suggests that people write to the manager of the store or the president of the company responsible for packaging methods that add to the pollution problem, and boycott the company until packaging methods are changed.

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"Action Reporter" Editor Elizabeth Lopianowska. Publisher of the paper is Eric Conroy, a former teacher at RHHS. In addition to Janet's contribution, the December issue of the paper includes numerous stories and pictures concerning conservation and pollution in Metro, in Ontario, Gaspé, the Arctic.

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