



(Photo by Tony Whitney)

Billy Is A Liar, Or Is He?

Is he or isn't he telling the truth? Only Billy knows, and Billy Liar, played by Gary Peterman, isn't telling his friends — played by Carol and Brian Moore (right). "Billy Liar" is the next play to be pre-

sented by the Richmond Hill Curtain Club at their new theatre at Elgin Mills and Newkirk Road. The play opens February 16, and tickets can be obtained by calling Audrey Randall-Smith at 884-6052.

Centre Street Subdivisions Will Produce 56 New Homes

Richmond Hill Council approval for revised plans of two subdivisions at the west end of Centre Street West, Richmond Hill, was given January 29 on the recommendation of council's planning committee. A total of 56 single family lots will be produced by the subdividing of 11.4 acres.

The land is on the east side of Trench Street immediately north of Don Head Secondary School, is relatively flat, sloping only 15 feet from the northwesterly corner to the southeasterly corner. Most of the surface water is drained by a swale running parallel to the east boundary.

The land is vacant except for one single family dwelling located in the extreme southwesterly corner. Neighboring properties to the north, east and west consist of single family dwellings.

At the advice of the town's works department three conditions must be met before final approval is granted: that the Langstaff sewer treatment plant and the BAIF sanitary trunk are completed and in operation; that phase one of the Trench Street reconstruction is completed (from Vaughan Road to the northern limit of the hospital property) to provide sewer outlets; and that well six is developed and in operation to permit a refined assessment of the town's water supply and demand situation.

Owner of the western end

of this development is John Gelleny and his section will contain 31 lots. Owner of the other part is Thomas Felley and that section will contain 25 lots. The proposed plans comply with both Bylaw 1000 and Bylaw 66-71 which call for a minimum of 50 feet frontage and 5,000 square feet in area.

It is forecast there will be approximately 63 elementary school pupils and 15 secondary school pupils in the 56 new homes. A 10 foot walkway will be provided from the proposed crescent to Don Head School site.

The plans submitted several months ago have been revised by the town staff to change the street pattern, the number of lots and their orientation. The interior crescent will be 66 feet wide and the alignment of Centre Street West has been made as straight as possible.

Recommendations of the planning committee to which council agreed included:

That the owners enter into a subdivision agreement regarding construction and installation of services, payment of taxes and all other requirements of the municipality. That such easements as may be required shall be secured at the expense of the owners. That hydro, gas, phone and TV cable services be underground. That the owners agree to pay a lot contribution fee of \$655 per lot and other levies for utilities and central services as may be determined. That the owners pay to the town cash in lieu of 5% dedication of land for public purposes. That the owners agree to plant one tree on each lot.

Re-Elect Lyon, Cook Police Heads

Judge William Lyon of Toronto was re-elected chairman of York Regional Board of Police Commissioners at a meeting of the board January 23. Judge Lyon is an appointee of the provincial government.

Re-elected vice-chairman was Gordon Cook of King.

It will be the third time in that capacity for both men, who were appointed to the board for three-year terms when the Region was formed in 1971.

Two Constables, Kenneth Robb of the Markham division, and Kenneth MacKay of Vaughan Division, received commendations from the board for "outstanding efforts in police duties".

Chief Bruce Crawford told the board that Constable Robb had apprehended one man and two juveniles, July 24, 1972, after they had broken into Nick's Restaurant on the Stouffville Road, and made off with \$500.

The three subsequently received two-year probation terms and were ordered to make restitution.

Constable MacKay questioned a youth driving around Doublinck Arenas parking lot in Vaughan, November 29, 1972, and found he was driving a stolen car, Chief Crawford said.

The youth had stolen keys from a North York garage to get the car, and when turned over to Metro Police, he was charged with breaking and entering and theft, possession of stolen goods under \$200, theft over \$50 and possession of burglar tools.

He was later jailed for three months' consecutive on each charge.

The board accepted the resignations of two Markham Division constables, William Sheridan and Brian Kindy.

Chief Crawford said that Constable Sheridan, a first class constable, was resigning to join the Markham Fire Department.

Constable Kindy, a fourth class probationary constable, resided in the Barrie area and found the distance too far to go to work, the chief said.

The board approved the promotion of Second Class Constable Constantine Tsionis of the Richmond Hill Division, to first class constable.

Centennial Beards - "Member Brothers Of The Bush" Meet Tonight

Men of all ages and from all walks of life will assemble tonight (Thursday) in Richmond Hill Lions Hall on Centre Street East to get acquainted, to commiserate or to congratulate one another on a common achievement.

What do they have in common? Beards! The evening has been planned by Lions Clubs of Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill and Richvale for the "Member Brothers of the Bush", the 73 men who last month committed themselves to sprout as much foliage as possible on their respective faces for Richmond Hill's Centennial Home Coming Week in June. That is when the beards will be judged, with prizes for trimmed as well as full-grown beards. All entrants started out clean shaven, and tonight they will be able to see just what each has accomplished over the past month.

Representing the municipal council are Mayor William Lazenby and Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe of Oak Ridges. From the town hall staff those enrolled include Burnie Toporowski, Bill Munroe, Bary Casper, Bud Cable, Barry McKinnon and Jack Vandermaas.

Two father and son teams are entered: Bernie Lalonde and sons Larry and Tom, and Elgin Barrow and son Dave.

Two clergymen have accepted the challenge — Rev. Robert Smith of Richmond Hill United Church, and Rev. Earl Gerber of St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson. Rev. Gerber is taking part in two celebrations, the town's 100th birthday and the 125th anniversary of the founding of his parish.

York Central Administrator James Hep-

burn and Dr. Bernard Granton have many opportunities to compare beards in their frequent encounters at the hospital.

Don Head Farms on Major Mackenzie Drive has four entrants: Elmer Pembleton, Doug Hallman, Bill Lek and Bernard DuRose.

Oak Ridges entrants include Don Cook, Fred Russell, John Green, Stewart Bell and Charles Tupper. And from the southern portion of the town contestants are John Bennett, Maynard Whitley and Len Edwards.

Entrants from Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion are Don Parnell, Neil Jarvie, Gary Moss, Bill McPherson and Vic Palmer. Sandy Neal and Alex Paterson are representing the old Richmond Hill Volunteer Firefighters' Gang.

There are also some who work in Richmond Hill, but live elsewhere like Ron Searle of Thornhill, Barry Matthews of Toronto and John Martins of Willowdale.

Lions on the list include Don Cowden, Earl Cooke, Neil Crowe, George Chassie, Ev Baker, Harold Waldon, Gary Waklin, Grant Marshall, Danny Boyle, Larry Taverner, George Shore, Mike Peters, Joe Doucette, Merrill McPhail and Bruce Smith.

Others representing the old town are Norm Stephenson, Howard Bennett, Gil Mercer, Bob Ross Jr., Pete Lecuyer, Bert Louie, Harold O'Rourke, Maurice Wilson, Gary Richardson, Hugh Currie, Harvey Head, Bob Whitmarsh, Carl French, Glenn Doak, John Dixon, Alex Anderson, Mike Bruce, Dale Kenzie and Richard Fairbridge.

"Penthouse" Controversy

Police Chief Defends Actions

Chief Bruce Crawford of York Regional Police this week defended his actions in banning the sale of Penthouse Magazine from area bookshelves, and said that he had received only one comment against his stand and many in favor.

The one against was that contained in a letter from Aurora Newsman Bob Roth, who said he was concerned "over the pattern of thought control that seems to be developing as police policy in this region."

Mr. Roth's letter was read to a meeting of the board of police commissioners, February 5.

The Penthouse edict was handed down by Chief Crawford earlier this month when he informed region booksellers that they would be in danger of prosecution if they sold the February issue of the magazine.

The chief had declared pictures on pages 46, 47 and 48 as being obscene. In his letter, Mr. Roth questioned the chief's right "to set himself up as censor" and said he resented the implication that he was "more moral, more righteous than the rest of us."

make a case for Penthouse, but one for free choice and "a case against the forced imposition — by use of police power — of antiquated moral values" on the community.

He said the news stands were full of material showing people being knifed, napped and otherwise brutally treated, but it wasn't banned, such "perversion" being apparently acceptable to the chief.

Not that Penthouse "is such a bastion of cultural expression that it's contents should go without question; it's just that it is no more perverted or 'obscene' than scores of other magazines on the shelves," Mr. Roth said.

He said he understood that the chief had acted on the complaints of "three zealots." If the chief wished, he (Roth) could get four to complain because the magazine had been banned.

He said he had seen the "obscene" pages in question, and felt that anyone who was driven to the point of hysteria in demanding that they be banned, should "seek immediate professional help."

Mr. Roth said he also objected to the "curious

means" employed by the police in having the magazine removed from the stands. Although the chief had denied banning it or ordering that it be removed, people were being told they could be charged, which was intimidation.

"I most strenuously object to veiled threats being used by the police as a means of imposing their personal moral code on the citizenry of this Region," Mr. Roth said.

Chief Crawford said that he was "simply enforcing the law." When it was changed, that would take the responsibility away from the police.

He said that the Criminal Code stated that a person must "knowingly" sell obscene pictures. To remove this alibi from the booksellers, the police were warning them in advance.

He said the police were sympathetic with the sellers, who didn't have time to check all the magazines in advance. "I have received many calls at home and at the office," Chief Crawford said. "They are behind me 100 percent. They tell me to forge ahead."

acting as censors and were prepared to take the matter to court and let the court decide. "We are quite prepared to accept the finding of the court," he said.

The chief said he hadn't received any objections from the storekeepers, or editors and publishers of the magazine.

On a motion by Commissioner Ray Twinnay, seconded by Commissioner Stewart Rumble, the meeting agreed to write a letter to Mr. Roth thanking him for his "point of view," and ordered the letter filed.

May Cost \$1,000 To Err In Vaughan

Infractions of bylaws in Vaughan are going to be more costly in the future. Town council February 5 approved increasing the top limit of fines from \$300 to \$1,000 for each breach of provisions of any of the town's bylaws.

This decision will be implemented by a bylaw passed later in the meeting, which provides for the imposing of fines of not more than \$1,000 exclusive of costs, on every person who contravenes a bylaw of the town.

AURORA: Members of the NDP have formed an Aurora Caucus to bring themselves closer to grass roots activity and act as a "watchdog" over town politics.

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