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## Proceeds From "Snow White" Aid Sick Children

The youngsters pictured above are from Richmond Hill United Church Junior Choir. Earlier this spring they presented a very successful version of "Snow White" at the church, and with the proceeds they bought a playpen and Jolly Jumper for the pediatric department at York Central

Hospital. One of their leaders, Mrs. Jean Thompson of Trayborn Drive, at right, accompanied the children to the hospital. Nurse Marian Anderson received the gift on behalf of the hospital.

## King Township Fatality

### Father, 45 Drowns Daughter, 8 Is Saved

A boating accident in King Township Sunday took the life of a King resident, but his eight-year-old daughter, who was with him at the time, was saved.

Drowned was Walter John Hook, 45, Concession 5, King, York Regional Police said that Mr. Hook was in the boat in a small pond at the rear of his house with his daughter. The boat capsized and the two were thrown into the water.

Mr. Hook was drowned, but a friend managed to rescue the little girl.

A post mortem was to be performed by Dr. A. W. Diamond of Aurora this week.

There were two fatal motor vehicle accidents in the area during the past week.

Killed in the separate accidents were Thomas Wolfe, 26, of Huntsville, May 29, and Thomas Latham, 17, of 31 Blevin Place, Toronto, May 30.

The Wolfe accident occurred about 3:15 pm on Highway 404 at Highway 7, and involved three vehicles.

According to Ontario Provincial Police, Mr. Wolfe was driving a mail van north on

400 and went off the road, striking a parked tractor trailer, driven by Leonard Drury, 27, of Mississauga. The latter was sleeping in the cab at the time.

The Wolfe vehicle then rolled over into the middle lane of the highway into a car driven by Mitchell Hudson, 38, of Toronto.

Both he and Mr. Drury escaped injury.

Vaughan Fire Department was called in to assist in getting the deceased, who was pinned beneath the tractor trailer, from out of the wreckage.

The second accident occurred about 4:25 pm on Bloomington Sideroad, east of Concession 7 in Aurora.

York Regional Police said that Latham (the deceased) was proceeding east on Bloomington and was in collision with a tractor trailer, which was attempting to overtake him just as he made a left turn with his vehicle.

Driver of the tractor trailer was Roger McClure, 28, of Manilla, Ontario, who has been charged with criminal negligence.

Three passengers in the Latham car, Donald Dawson, 20, Robert Hamilton, 21, and Terry Gillespie, 18, all of Toronto, received minor injuries in the mishap.

A Toronto man escaped injury when he crash-landed his plane in a field North of Highway 7, just east of Highway 50 in Vaughan.

Police said that Albert Willes, 28, was flying north from Toronto International Airport about 9 am, June 2, when smoke began filling the cockpit of his plane.

The plane lost oil pressure and the pilot brought it down in a field.

A fractured pipe leading to the air cooler is believed to have started the trouble.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000.



RON HALL, acting director

## Succeeds Chapman

Ron Hall, superintendent of Area 2, York County Board of Education, has been appointed acting director of education to succeed Sam Chapman during his leave of absence to work with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Mr. Chapman will be part of a group which is developing a new program leading to the degree of Dr. of Education.

Mr. Hall has been with the York Board since 1969, coming from the Stephen Leacock School complex in Scarborough, where he was principal-designate. He also helped plan the complex, which has both elementary and secondary school accommodation.

Prior to that he was principal of Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate Institute in Scarborough.

In the latter part of 1972 and the early part of 1973, he was a member of the provincial government's task force on the organization of the Ministry of Education Phase II.

Mr. Hall received his Bachelor of Physical Education in 1949, his Bachelor of Education in 1959 and his Master of Education in 1962, all from the University of Toronto.

He also taught at Niagara Falls, Pickering and Campbellford, as a physical education teacher "about 18 years and 25 pounds ago."

Mr. Hall lives in Dan Mills with his wife and two children.

## Ron Whitehead, 17, Drowns Funeral Service Here Today

Two weeks before finishing his school term and joining the navy, a 17-year-old Richmond Hill High student drowned Monday afternoon near Guelph when he and some companions took an unauthorized swim in the Eramosa River during a geography field trip.

Funeral service for Ron Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitehead, 157 Oxford Street, Richmond Hill, is to be held here today (Thursday) at Marshall Funeral Home, 126 Yonge Street North, at 4:30 pm. Interment will be at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery.

RHHS Geography Department Head William Atkinson was with 26 grade 9 and 10 students exploring caves at Rockwood, near Guelph, when the drowning occurred.

Teacher Atkinson entered the caves with a group of students and returned a short time later. He had to abandon rescue efforts in order to save himself.

**DEEP RIVER HOLES**  
The drowning occurred at Lot 5, Concession 4, Eramosa Township at about 2:45 pm, according to Guelph OPP.

Whitehead waded into a shallow part of the river with his clothes on and ventured into deep water where he was caught by the current. It is believed he had an unusually large amount of soft drink just before and he appeared to choke or cramp. There are several quite deep holes there in the river, the OPP said.

Whitehead was seen to sink and a companion couldn't hold him up. He was finally pulled from the water by Rockwood Fire Department, but attempts to revive him failed. He was pronounced dead at 3 pm by Dr. Jane Hosdill of Rockwood. Coroner is Dr. Walter Scott of Guelph. No inquest has been required and the coroner considers none is necessary, police told "The Liberal".

**SELF-TAUGHT SWIMMER**  
Born in Toronto, the boy's mother is a Richmond Hill native and long time resident, the former Elizabeth Taylor. His grandparents had a shop for many years on the site of what is now St. Mary's Church at Dufferin and Yonge Street North.

The Whiteheads resided in Richmond Hill for the past seven years.

Ron Whitehead was interested in, and active in, school sports. A very good self-taught swimmer, he was also a basketball referee in public school.

Besides his parents, the youth is survived by six brothers and sisters, Shirley (Mrs. P. Murray), Diana, Sandra, Steven, Peter and Virginia.

## 63% Assessment In Southern 3

The three southern municipalities in the Region of York — the Towns of Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill — contain more than 63% of the assessment of the entire region, according to the 1973 Equalized Assessment Report from the York Assessment Office, dated May 18, received by Richmond Hill Council May 28.

The Town of Markham's total equalized assessment in 1972 was \$645,818,322 or 29.803% of the region's total of \$2,166,927,702. In second place was the Town of Vaughan with \$380,765,688 or 17.572% and in third place was Richmond Hill with \$339,996,574 or 15.690%.

Next in line is Georgina with \$180,169,105 or 8.314%, Newmarket with \$151,140,363 or 6.975%, King with \$148,382,660 or 6.848%, Whitchurch-Stouffville with \$123,506,096 or 5.700%, Aurora with \$120,613,408 or 5.56% and East Gwillimbury with \$76,535,486 or 3.532%.

The equalized amounts contain the total taxable assessment, equalized: the valuations as equalized by which payments in lieu of taxes are paid by the Crown and the equivalent assessment of payments under Section 4 of the Provincial Parks Municipal Tax Assistance Act.

The gross receipts of telephone and telephone companies are not included. When received they will be equalized and apportioned.

to pass any point.

Included in the top bands appearing in the parade will be the 48th Highlanders Pipe and Brass Bands, the Toronto Scottish Pipe Band, the Richmond Hill Centennial Pipe Band, the Royal Regiment of Canada Band, the 411 Squadron Air Force Band, the Air Transport Command Band, Royal Canadian Signal Band, Ulster Centennial Accordion Bands, Durlingwood Collegiate Band, Georgetown Team Band, Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, Kawartha Cavaliers Band, Newmarket Pipe Band, Sand Hill Pipe Band, Salvation Army

Band, Leamington Band, Midlanders Band and the Newmarket Citizens Band.

Making what will probably be its last appearance, Richmond Hill will be the Thompson Stage Coach, now a part of the transportation museum in Ottawa; a steam engine; the Canadian Colored Color Party and floats from local businesses, clubs, societies and churches.

Local group will have refreshments available along the route which starts at Industrial Road, proceeds south on Yonge Street to Markham Road, east to Pugsley and north on Eggs-

ley to the town park.

James Trainger is the chairman of the parade committee, which is composed of Magistrate James Butler, Staff Inspector Fred Mason of the York Regional Police Department, Fire Chief Robert Kennedy, Police Sergeant William Adams, Lion Grant Marshall and Busy Bee Dave Taylor.

There will be entertainment in the park, a 48th Highlanders tattoo in the evening, a firemen's beer garden in the old arena, a historic display in the chapel of St. Mary's Anglican Church.

## Sunday Salads Lack Chives

Cars, bikes, TVs, hi-fis, money, Centennial flags, have been among articles removed by thieves recently. But a Centre Street East, Richmond Hill woman has added another article this past week. Someone stole her chives clump out of the garden.

She was making potato salad for Sunday's dinner and dashed out into the garden for a handful of chives to give it that extra special flavor. But there were no chives — only a big hole where there had been a large and healthy clump a day or two before.

Seems at least one light-fingered person likes gourmet food. The whole neighborhood is suffering, for that chives clump supplied many tables.

## Prince Philip Coming To King

King Township will have a visit from the Duke of Edinburgh in August. As president of the International Equestrian Federation Prince Philip has accepted an invitation to officially open the Jokers Hill Horse Trials August 3. At that time the Queen will be in Ottawa in connection with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference and will be accompanied to Canada by Prince Philip. He will fly to Toronto on the morning of the opening of the Jokers Hill Trials to declare them open.

He will watch the dressage event and inspect the cross-country course and then discuss preparations for the equestrian events at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

Riders from the British and U.S. three day event teams which stood first and second in the 1972 Olympic Games at Munich will be competing at Jokers Hill against the best Canadian horses and riders. In the fall of 1972 Lietz Mark Phillips (whose engagement to Princess Anne has just been announced) visited Jokers Hill and inspected the course. As a result the British team officials accepted the invitation.

The upgrading of the Jokers Hill Horse Trials is an integral part of the preparation for raising the standard of Canadian equestrianism in preparation for the next Olympic Games.

**APPROVE EXCHANGE VISIT WITH GERMANS**  
York County Board of Education at its meeting of May 28 approved in principle an exchange visit between German and York students in 1974.

The 30 students, who will be selected by a committee of teachers, will attend school in Germany during October, November and December. Grade 12 students will be given preference.

Credits will be granted to honor graduation diplomas, if permission is given by the Ministry of Education for such credits.

Students will be responsible for all expenses, but aid will be sought by the teachers involved for students for whom the cost is a problem.

Students involved will undertake to host German students on a return visit. The latter will attend York schools for three months without payment of tuition.

The board will also provide up to \$300 from the field trip budget for special trips through the county for the visiting students.

Markham Trustee Doreen Quirk termed the proposed venture "exciting", and added the ironic note that the York students would have "a heavier English course in Germany than they would in Canada."

**ACCEPT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**  
Two Richmond Hill 14-year-old girls, Maureen Caldwell of North Taylor Mills Drive and Darlene Burrows of Brownlade Crescent, were among 12 people from the Metro area to receive Good Citizenship Medals at a dinner in the York Room at the Labatt's Breweries May 25 in Weston.

The girls had been nominated for the award by Mrs. David Schiller of Markham Road for their many contributions to society. Mrs. Schiller is a local representative of the Canadian Save The Children Fund.

The presentations were made by Minister of State Dr. Stanley Haidasz, MP for the Metro riding of Parkdale, and Mrs. Douglas Jennings, chairman of the citizenship committee.

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# Thornhill Centre Site Is First Choice Of Planners

By HAL BLAINE

The 15 acres of land purchased on the northeast corner of Bayview Avenue and John Street was the most preferred choice of site in a comprehensive study of cultural-recreational complex locations completed in Thornhill by the Markham Town Planning Department, says Markham Mayor Anthony Roman.

"The negotiations were long and difficult, but the end result will make the endeavor worthwhile," said Mayor Roman in a statement released to the press following council purchase of the land site at a price of \$900,000.

The new community centre will help to form a focus for the Thornhill area, he said. Architects Jessop and Berlette will be conducting meetings, examining needs of the area in detail both with town staff and other interested groups.

**STUDIED AREA NEEDS**  
"There has been considerable input from the library board, the hockey leagues, Thornhill Lions and town staff concerning the needs of the area. These facilities have been long overdue for the Thornhill community and I now ask the people for their enthusiastic and whole-hearted support to achieve completion of the project," said Mayor Roman.

The mayor thanked the chairman of the council's Thornhill Project Committee, Regional Councillor Robert Adams of Ida Street, North Thornhill, and the other project committee members for what he called their diligent effort in pursuing the council's concept for the centre.

The committee includes South Thornhill Ward 1 Councillor Gary Kay of 16 Royal Birkdale Lane, Bayview Fairways; North Thornhill Ward 2 Councillor Roy Muldrew of 53 Romfield Circuit; Unionville Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of 12 Tussey Court.

**FILLS REQUIREMENTS**  
The mayor said the idea of the project is to fill the cultural and recreational needs for the community of Thornhill within Markham Township. This is the portion of the Thornhill postal area between Yonge Street and the proposed Highway 404 right-of-way along the west side of Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road).

First to support the land purchase when it came up in council, North Thornhill's Councillor Muldrew said he realized an awful lot of money is involved. "But it is at the crossroads of Thornhill. It is the beginning of a community core that will pull Thornhill together as a community. It is something that has been very greatly needed for a long time," he said.

Regional Councillor Adams said he hoped for the enthusiastic and whole-hearted support of all the new regional town of Markham for the project.

**18 MONTHS' WORK**  
Mayor Roman said possible sites have been investigated for well over 18 months and the town has always encountered various barriers in its land purchase attempts up until now. He noted the land purchased is the "number one" site suggested by the planning department and other experts the council consulted.

The mayor extended his thanks to the members of the previous town council who he said also worked diligently on the project during the last council term. "The project committee's work has been very gratifying to me, and I'm sure to all members of council," he said.

Councillor Kay said in his opinion the deal for the John Street and Bayview Avenue land was an offer the council couldn't refuse. Muldrew said special thanks must go to Councillor Adams "for the negotiations he's done behind the scenes for many months."

The town council, with all members present, was almost unanimously in favor of the land purchase resolution. Only Ward 5 Councillor Mrs.

Alma Walker of 25 Princess Street, the former mayor of Old Markham Town, was against the deal.

"At that price per acre it's an awful lot of money for culture and recreation. It's too much money for a small piece of land. Heaven knows what the whole cultural product is going to cost. I don't think we can afford it. The committee probably did a good job, but to me it's a lot of dough," she said.

Walker said the site should be more in the centre of town, further to the east, where land might be cheaper.

**MODES OF POPULATION**  
Mayor Roman said the old council reviewed the town's "recreation needs two years ago and agreed there were two nodes of population, one in the east and one in the west (Thornhill) which would have to be served with community centre facilities. He agreed there was a cost differential between one area and the other, but this was something the council could do nothing about and had to live with.

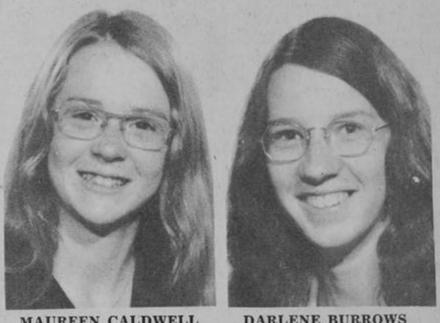
Dickson's Hill - Victoria Square Ward 6 Councillor Ron Moran said he was supporting the Thornhill plan. "But I hope council will keep in mind that culture doesn't stop here. We (the museum committee) will soon be asking to buy five acres for a museum," he said.

He predicted the \$2,500,000 figure mentioned in the winter works loan application would be reasonably close to the final figure for construction of a library, two arenas, community and day care centre facilities.

Town Treasurer Alex Barton of Henderson Avenue, South Thornhill, said the project should get an \$800,000 winter works grant from the federal and provincial government if it falls completely within the policy guidelines.

It is hoped other grants will be available for the day care centre, library and community activity facilities. The Thornhill Lions are expected to contribute \$250,000 toward funding of the project, according to a pledge they made some time ago.

**ARCHITECT'S OUTLINE**  
The architects' outline concept for the Thornhill centre was released with the mayor's statement, but it was emphasized this is the preliminary proposal only and that it was prepared as the basis for opening discussions only. It also had to be put in (Continued on Page 3)



MAUREEN CALDWELL DARLENE BURROWS

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## Big Brothers Need Forty Men For Fatherless Boys

The Big Brothers of York held a very important meeting of their newly elected board of directors Saturday to elect officers for the coming year and to outline the future growth.

The slate of officers is: President Joseph Gaspar, Aurora; 1st Vice-President Ernest Batson, Aurora; 2nd Vice-President James Davis, Maple; Secretary Peter Leyland, Newmarket and Treasurer Peter Nye, Richmond Hill.

The board has decided to launch an extensive recruitment campaign because there are now 40 boys on the waiting lists. Some of them have been waiting as long as two years for a man to come forward to volunteer.

"We are sure there are men in the region who are 21 or over who have three or four hours a week time to spend with a boy in activities attractive to both of them, married or single and from all walks of life," says Executive Director George Karpati.

The need is particularly great in the Richmond Hill-Thornhill area and in Georgina.

For more information about Big Brothering contact George Karpati, Executive Director, P.O. Box 34, Aurora, or phone 727-1251.

## A Year Of Celebration

### CENTENNIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

June 8—Miss Richmond Hill Centennial will be chosen at the Arena. The program features Catherine McKinnon, Billy Meek, Vic Franklin, Peter Appleyard and his orchestra.

June 9-10—Final rounds of 100 team Minor Ball Tournament.

June 9—Legion Centennial Day (Elgin Mills and Newkirk) featuring parade, Highland festival, pipeband competitions, sky divers, tug-of-war with a beef barbecue and dance following at the Legion Hall.

June 9—16th Avenue Home & School tree planting.

June 9—Heirloom Tea - Presbyterian Church 2 to 4 pm.