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## Centennial Is Yours

Only eight days remain before the start of Richmond Hill's Homecoming Week - June 15 to 24 inclusive. The hard-working members of the town's Centennial Committee have put in countless hours to see that this highlight of Centennial year is a grand success - a credit to the municipality and a source of pleasure to all residents, present and past. They have enlisted the help of many, many more citizens.

The plans are completed and with the co-operation of the weatherman that week will be like no other week in the history of the town.

It will get underway in the afternoon of June 15 when open house will be held at the L. M. McConaghy Public School on Yonge Street South to which all former pupils of that school under its present and past name of Richmond Hill Public School are invited. The celebrations will continue in the evening with a dance in the arena for graduates of Richmond Hill High School.

The biggest parade ever in Richmond Hill will start at Industrial Road and Yonge at 1:30 pm and proceed south to Markham Road, east to Pugsley to the central park. Led by the 48th Highlanders bands, it will contain more than 50 floats as well as marching groups, and is expected to last three hours. There will be a program in the central park in the afternoon, an antique display in the chapel of St. Mary's Anglican Church (for the whole week) and a tattoo by the 48th in the evening.

The next day brings the 156th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church with a cemetery decoration service and dedication of a plaque in memory of a first minister, Rev. William Jenkinson, who came to the settlement in 1817. Concerts will be held in the park, starting at 2 pm.

Monday evening will see the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the Centennial at the town hall with a special council meeting, and Saturday evening will bring Count Basie and his orchestra to Arena 67.

From June 20 to June 22 the three Lions Clubs in the town will co-operate in providing four hours of varied entertainment and all week long the Richmond Hill Firefighters will have a beer garden in the old arena.

Thursday there will be a rock band dance and Saturday bantam girls' softball and lawn bowling tournaments. The Legion will officially open its new headquarters that same night and a drum-head service will close out the week on Sunday.

To the above list should be added the events of this weekend, which are also noteworthy. The minor ball association's Centennial 100 Tournament will continue both Saturday and Sunday. Friday evening Miss Richmond Hill Centennial will be chosen from the six ward princesses already selected at a dance in the Arena which features Catherine McKinnon, Billy Meek, Vic Franklin and Peter Appleyard and his orchestra. Saturday an heirloom tea will be held at the Presbyterian Church. The same day will bring the first pipe band competitions to this town. Sponsored by the Legion the Highland festival will feature, besides the pipe bands, sky divers, a Legion tug-of-war, beef barbecue and a dance in the evening.

There is something for everybody in the town and their friends and relatives who are not fortunate enough to live here but who will be made most welcome as they join us in our celebrations.

This is your town! These are your celebrations! Participate and enjoy them to the full!

## Finer Yonge St. Up To Citizens Of Thornhill

Markham Town Council's Planning Committee and planning staff are wrestling with one of the most monumental, complicated, long-term and important local community planning problems. They are trying to bring order out of chaos along their side of Yonge Street through Thornhill.

Their's is an heroic effort. A huge amount of study material has been prepared and guidelines for improvement have been formulated.

The most important ingredient needed now is grass roots Thornhill participation and support. Perhaps it is unfortunate that for so long the businessmen and property owners along this section of Yonge Street have failed to form an improvement organization. Perhaps what is needed is a board of trade. It may be this lack which is to blame for the neglect this streetscape has suffered until now.

Studies and plans will go largely for naught if the elected representatives don't get citizen support. This is not to say, at this point at least, that the technical planners and council committee chaired by Regional Councillor Robert Adams of Thornhill have found all the right answers. Public hearings and many meetings will be needed even to sort out those matters which are now ripe for decision. And we can safely say those decisions won't please all of the people all of the time.

Further, the nature of the problem is such that it won't be settled, or even nearly worked out this year by these planners and by this Markham Town Council. The problem is one involving many properties and many owners over many years ahead. It will involve a long series of elected councils and committees.

Improvement of the Yonge streetscape through our area will also depend on the hard work of planners and councils in other adjoining local towns, as well as those at the regional and provincial levels. Improvement will

come with each new building permit, each sale of property, each new building design and each zoning decision.

Probably even more important will be the level of loving care and attention each owner lavishes on his Yonge Street property. Just as important, and something which the town authorities can most easily do something about quickly, is the care and attention given each foot of publicly owned right-of-way—the street itself.

We agree most heartily with the Markham planners that Yonge Street has developed in a fragmented manner and that it contains a set of mixed uses. We might almost have said a chaotic mixture of uses. Still, the street through Thornhill retains a large amount of natural charm and has a fair degree of human attractiveness. The planners can build on these good attributes. Every improvement can be a stride forward.

It is alarming to be told by the planners that the existing Official Plan and zoning controls tend to perpetuate an undesirable land use pattern and the trend toward chaos. The unhappy results of such a state of affairs and such neglect can be seen by us all along stretches of Yonge Street below Steeles Avenue whenever we journey south through Metro.

The attractiveness and charm along Yonge Street, the human environment there, is critically important for the many thousands of people living nearby. It is the face we turn toward the many thousands of passers by. In addition, the economic health of Yonge Street has a heavy and direct financial impact on municipal corporations and their taxpayers as well.

Planning the economics, utility and aesthetics of this key local street is an extremely high priority item. We commend the local planners for at last taking the job in hand. We urge taxpayers and residents to give the planners co-operation and support.

## Artist-Illustrator Gibson House Show

A collection of acrylic paintings, watercolors and ink sketches by North York Artist William Parlone will be on view in the lower gallery at Willowdale's Gibson House Museum, beginning Saturday and continuing to July 1.

A graduate of Ontario College of Art, Parlone has worked extensively as an illustrator of books and

magazines. His maps were featured in Pierre Berton's "Mysterious North", and he shared with A. Y. Jackson in illustrating Farley Mowat's "Canada North". His design for Canada's TB seals were chosen from designs from all ten provinces. It featured Eskimo carvings, and ten million were used by Canadians everywhere to brighten their Christmas mail.



THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA, CWO J. ROSS STEWART, P.D. PIPE MAJOR

## 48th Highlanders Will Lead Big Centennial Parade

THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA MILITARY BAND, CAPT. D. KEELING, CD, LIAISON A.R.C.M., DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



The swing of the kilt, the skirl of the pipes, the beat of the drums and the stirring music of one of Canada's top military bands, is coming to Richmond Hill June 16, as the famous 48th Highlanders Regimental Band, Pipes and Drums will be participating in the monster parade marking the start of the town's Centennial Homecoming Week. These fine bands are being sponsored by the town's banks, Toronto-Dominion, Nova Scotia, Royal, Bank of Montreal, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Victoria & Grey Trust Co. And that's not all — the evening of the same day in Arena 67, Town Park, will bring a rare treat to all Scots and

those who enjoy the color and good music of marching bands. The pipe and brass band will be joined by the regiment's Highland dancers and a soloist to present a similar program to those which on past occasions have packed Maple Leaf Gardens to the limit, at regular Garden prices. Their appearance in Richmond Hill is at a real bargain price of \$1, because they are sponsored. Total ticket sales will go to York Central Hospital. Tickets are available from the banks and trust company which are sponsoring the bands or from members of York Central Hospital Auxiliary.

## Centennial Year

No longer forward nor behind we look in hope and fear,  
But grateful take the good we find,  
The best of now and here.  
Our town was just a country village in horse and buggy days,  
But now it's grown by leaps and bounds in so many ways.  
We have a fine new hospital and doctors by the score,  
More dentists, schools and churches than we had before.  
We have a shopping plaza,  
No need to go to town,  
We now have many industries located in the town,  
Our "Roses" cultivation has won us much renown.  
So now in this Centennial Year,  
We'll raise our glasses high and salute our senior citizens  
Who helped to shape our destiny in the days that have gone by.

ALINE BAYLEY,  
formerly 75 Dufferin Street,  
Richmond Hill.

## Blue Hills Parents Panel At Open House

Blue Hills Academy for Emotionally Disturbed Children is having its open house and annual meeting June 13 at 8 pm.

The informal program will consist of brief remarks by Dr. Douglas Murdoch, president of the academy's board of directors Executive Director Fred Boden, and George McIntyre, assistant director for York County Board of Education.

There will also be a panel discussion with parents of Blue Hills children as panelists and Mrs. Mary Sue McCarthy of Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services as moderator.

Blue Hills Academy is located on the Bloomington Sideroad, formerly the CFRB Sideroad, three-quarters of a mile west of Yonge Street north of Oak Ridges.

This event is open to the public.

## In the Spotlight



By MONA A. ROBERTSON  
**Bravos and Brick Bats**

Copied from Sandy Hunter's accolade to the ladies of North Vancouver (Pacific 118) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, "In this modern age of disturbance by some women who demand, through the Women's Liberation Movement, to be treated as men, our own ladies set an example of feminine service that places them far above men and thus eliminates any organized effort to demote them to the mere level of manpower. When I gaze upon the smiling faces of our

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## Lawyers, Judges Condemn Region Courtroom Facilities

The lack of proper court facilities in the Region of York was roundly condemned by judges and lawyers alike in a panel discussion Wednesday of last week.

Most outspoken critic was Provincial Court Judge of the Judicial District of York Clare Morrison of Sutton.

"There is nothing resembling proper courtroom facilities in the region and particularly in the criminal division," he said. "They simply do not exist."

He referred to that "monstrosity" of a courtroom in Newmarket where you "freeze to death in the winter and sweat to death in the summer."

"It is impossible to maintain any semblance of a dignified hearing due to the absolute inadequacy of the facilities there. Every court day at 11 am proceedings are interrupted as the garbage truck hits the building and rattles around with a deafening roar."

being too cramped for space. "It is much spacier than it should be," he said.

He also referred to the cells which have "been a constant problem. Just a few weeks ago a prisoner literally kicked his way out of the cells and was gone for 14 hours. And this chap was being held under an attempted murder charge at the time."

He added that to his knowledge "the cells have not been fixed yet and they just can't keep prisoners in them until they are. Consequently, there is constant traffic in and out of the courtroom making it almost impossible at times to listen to witnesses testifying."

Judge Morrison also criticized the lack of "sufficient staff in the Richmond Hill Court which is the responsibility of the regional police. It's not my responsibility to see that prisoners get to the court on time. My responsibility is to see they get a fair trial."

He said he was "sick and tired" of prisoners being delivered at 11 am when they should be there at 10 am. Even the lawyers, he said, were often not there in time.

"No one is ready to proceed." There was a general agreement that the region required a more centralized Provincial Courthouse which would serve

the region alone.

The region is presently included in the Judicial District of York which includes Metro Toronto where all the Provincial Courts and other legal facilities are located requiring long treks on the part of lawyers and accused.

Judge Morrison agreed that there should be one central courtroom facility in the region with libraries and registry offices located under one roof.

"No person in the region," he said, "should be required to drive any unreasonable distance. The administration of justice should be available to him within the area he resides."

He concluded that the establishment of a Provincial Courtroom would require a lot of work and a lot of patience to convince the Attorney-General who is responsible for designating such facilities.

"It's a political decision," he said. "All you can do is continue to strive to show there is a need for such a facility here."

Judge William Lyon of Willowdale who is chairman of York Regional Police Commission agreed that facilities were inadequate stating that "it is most essential that the proper

surroundings be available in order to assure that justice is done. It is very difficult to have a fair hearing in poor surroundings."

"It does affect the public's view of the quality of justice being handed out and it goes even deeper than that. It affects the quality of justice itself."

He pointed to a division court facility in one area of the region which was held regularly at a legion hall.

"It's not unusual to be subjected to the smell of beer wafting up through the floor during proceedings and you can also hear the rumbling as new supplies are moved in downstairs. The quarters are also too confined."

"It is very difficult to provide a fair hearing in adequate, over-crowded facilities. Of course, there are division court facilities even in Metro Toronto which are not much better."

It was also pointed out that the control and provision of courtrooms in the region are solely the responsibility of the province and not the region.

The dinner meeting was sponsored by the York North Law Association and held at the Summit View Gardens Restaurant on Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill.

## Stealing Money From Public

(Ottawa Citizen)  
Maxwell Henderson's criticism of the federal government for circumventing Parliament's control of the purse should be studied by the Commons Public Accounts Committee, and action taken. The practice may be expedient. But it undermines a basic principle of parliamentary government.

The Auditor-General cites one case in which the government sold a number of air force planes to a foreign country, then used the money to buy other aircraft. That money belonged to the public, and should not have been spent until the public, through Parliament, approved the new expenditure.

Even more serious is the fact that Ottawa has kept money left over when the departments have done their spending, until by March 31, 1971, a total of almost \$300 million had accumulated. This sum was available to the government for the subsequent year, without reference to Parliament.

Such money, too, belongs to the public, not to the government. It should not accumulate from year to year. Either through the main or the supplementary estimates, Parliament should appropriate the money the government needs from year to year. Nest eggs built from the public's taxes have no place in government.

## St. John Ambulance Honors Hill Mayor

At a joint meeting and social evening of the executive of the York Central Branch of St. John Ambulance and the St. John Brigade, Raymond William Lazenby of Richmond Hill was presented with cuff links and tie bar set bearing the St. John Crest. The presentation made by Executive Chairman Harry Sayers was in appreciation of the mayor's efforts in getting the local organization underway and serving as its chairman during the first years of its existence.

Vice-President Art Plummer presented three-year service bars to Brigade Superintendent George Doherty and Brigade members Mrs. Phyllis Walker and Alfred Evans.

Present as guests were Public Relations Director Mrs. Christine Scanders, who is Divisional Nurse, Ontario Priory of the Order of St. John and Mrs. Jean Colville, also of Toronto.

During the evening it was pointed out that the brigade had been in attendance at the recent Centennial Walkathon, the Richmond Hill Spring Fair and the Unionville Fair and many if not most, particularly during Homecoming Week.

During the recent Legion Midget Hockey Tournament, they were also present and were able to render assistance to a woman spectator who was injured by a flying puck.

Welcomed to the executive was David George of Markham. The event, on May 31, was held at the home of executive member William Hood and Mrs. Hood, Buttonville. In addition to the members of the brigade and the executive, present were their spouses and friends.

NEWMARKET: Cable cast Cable TV, Newmarket, Bradford and Holland Landing's local television channel, has been presented with a programming award by the Canadian Cable Television Association.

NEWMARKET: Town Engineer Michael Perkins has resigned. Mr. Perkins, who has been with the town for three years, said he is joining a firm of engineering consultants in order to broaden his professional experience.