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Beware The Wrath Of The "Grand Kangaroo"

New grade 9 students at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill were kept on tenter-hooks last week as initiation day, Friday, drew nearer. Rumors were circulated by senior students of the torment that lay ahead, and the dire consequences of incurring the wrath of the "Grand Kangaroo".

During the three lunch periods Friday, the new students were put through their paces

and in the picture above Grand Kangaroo Bob Brinkles deals out punishments to insubordinate grade 9ers. But it was all a "fun day" with more laughter than torment as staff hovered in the background and senior students kept an eye out to make sure that none of their colleagues became overly exuberant in their pursuit of the lowly grade 9ers.

No Water Crisis This Year In Thornhill

The water taps haven't run dry in the Thornhill area of Markham Town this summer, the first time in several years. But the water supply is still holding up construction of new housing.

New wells, treatment and distribution facilities at last are operating as they were designed and planned to do. Last week council moved to start exploring for two new wells.

The recent hot spell and many rainless weeks went by without the town even having to invoke lawn watering restrictions. Town staff officials and councillors are breathing a sigh of satisfaction and relief after being in "hot water" over seemingly endless unforeseen problems that seemed to keep turning up year after year.

SUPPLY FROM METRO
The Thornhill area now also has access to emergency supplies of water through connections to Metro at Dudley Avenue and Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road). The emergency water supply agreement was to have run out this year after being effective for two summers. But earlier this month it was continued until 1975. By then Thornhill and the rest of York Region is expected to be assured a per-

manent supply of Lake Ontario water.

The continued agreement with Metro gives Thornhill and the nearby Don Mills industrial area access to an emergency supply of a million gallons a day at a rate of five cents a thousand gallons more than Metro charges its boroughs, says Markham Mayor Anthony Roman, York Region engineering committee chairman.

FOR INDUSTRIAL AREA
York Region did draw on the Metro emergency supply for the Thornhill area this summer, but mostly for the Don Mills industrial area. This was when demand on the local wells was judged to have reached a critical level as set out in the agreement with Metro.

At times 400,000 to 500,000 gallons were being drawn in a day for the industrial area through the

Woodbine Avenue connection to Metro. There were also days when as much as 250,000 to 300,000 gallons were drawn from Metro to serve Thornhill through the Dudley Avenue pipe across Steeles Avenue.

A town engineering department official estimates the town drew about 15% of its Thornhill-Don Mills area water supply from Metro at peak periods.

REALISTIC PRICE
Roman says the price being charged by Metro for emergency water is a realistic rate which has now become a charge to York Region, but is still effectively paid by Markham alone. It will be some time before the new regional municipality can sort out the question of achieving a uniform rate for water supplied to all municipalities.

The price the region charges each municipality for water is going to continue to vary for quite some time, although the long term ideal solution should probably be

a uniform rate throughout the region, says the engineering committee chairman.

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Woman Attacked By Young Pursesnatchers

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PROBLEM STILL THERE
However, the refusal decision doesn't appear likely to finally clear up the question of planning for the land area around the airport. Markham Mayor Anthony Roman at last week's meeting pointed out there has yet been no real positive action taken to plan the land area around the airport to prevent the increase of conflict between aircraft and residents. It would appear this planning lack applies equally to the lands remaining in Markham and those added to Richmond Hill.

Mayor Roman favored the position advanced earlier by

WOMAN ATTACKED BY YOUNG PURSESNATCHERS
A 49-year-old Richmond Hill woman was thrown to the ground and robbed by two pursesnatching youth in broad daylight Friday on Arnold Street.

Mrs. Elinor Graham, 100 Baker Avenue, told York Regional Police she was returning from the post office, where she had just mailed a letter about 5:50 pm, when two youths came up behind her and grabbed her purse.

Mrs. Graham held on to it, and the youths then dragged her into the nearby Guaranty Trust Company parking lot. In the struggle, Mrs. Graham was knocked to the ground, breaking two teeth and cutting her knee.

Her purse contained a small amount of change and personal papers.

OMB Appeal Thornhill High-Rise Stop

Problems encountered with an important Thornhill development plan caused Markham Town Council at its first September meeting to take the unusual action of rescinding a March 1972 bylaw.

The action made it almost certain there will be a confrontation with the developer before the provincial appeal authority, the Municipal Board. Actually, an appeal was lodged immediately by the developer, just as town council expected.

Involved is 49½ acres at the southeast corner of John Street and Bayview Avenue. The 1972 plan called for 968 apartment and townhouse units for over 3,000 more people on the site.

NEVER IN EFFECT
Actually, the 1972 bylaw never was fully in effect, since it was sent back to the town by the Municipal Board for some corrections and was never given final provincial approval.

Developer Roger Davidson, through a legal representative, opposed the rescinding of the 1972 bylaw before council took its final vote. The lawyer said council was cutting off the head first, then seeing about the headache. He said an OMB appeal was lodged the day before.

Council wants to go back and reconsider the develop-

ment plan for the site, with the aim of achieving a more appropriate use.

MUST PROVE CASE
There is a Metro precedent (the Gothic case) supporting the legality of council's action in this matter, according to the town's advisors. But during the OMB appeal the municipality will have to prove its action was a proper one on planning grounds. Otherwise the OMB will accept the bylaw as it did in the Gothic case.

The town is preparing an Official Plan amendment setting out what it feels is the appropriate development guidelines for the site.

MARKHAM REGIONAL COUNCILOR Robert Adams of Thornhill, chairman of the town planning committee, says the municipal authorities are having the same kind of second thoughts on many projects in Metro.

UNUSUAL ACTION
"We feel it is the wrong development in the wrong area at the wrong time," says Planning Chairman Adams.

"We don't usually reverse the decisions of former councils, but decided maybe this was the time it had to be done. We have asked staff to review the whole North Bayview area and to prepare a new Official Plan. The plan-

ning area involved is the one north of Laureleaf Road," Adams told "The Liberal" in an interview.

Adams says the rescinded Bylaw 34-72 called for nearly 1,000 residential units almost equally divided between townhouses and apartments. He described the townhouses as being at the heavy net density of 18 per acre. The site is bounded by John Street, Bayview Avenue and a CN rail line raised high above ground level and heavily used.

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL
The developer originally proposed two 19-storey buildings right at the corner, with townhouses behind. In subsequent planning for the site, the apartments were moved east on John Street and changed to 12 storeys.

The rescinded bylaw would have allowed three 12-storey buildings on the site. Adams says that while the plan technically is for three apartment towers, it actually involves six such high rise structures slightly connected and overlapping in certain places.

RATEPAYERS MEETING
The development proposed on this site has invoked considerable concern among local citizens. It will be one of the topics dealt with at a South Thornhill Ratepayers meeting at Henderson Avenue Public

School Monday night at 8 pm.

The town has considerable grounds for taking a new look at this development plan. Technical planners for both the town and York Region have pointed out problems, while the York County Board of Education says an ordinary school building won't be satisfactory as proposed, because of noise coming from the busy elevated adjacent railroad. Advice from CN railroad planners supports this contention.

Town staff and council-in-planning-committee this summer carefully reviewed the situation. Staff submitted a detailed report August 21 and council obtained legal advice from the town solicitor several times on how to proceed correctly.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM
The town's planning staff August report says "... the proposed development will be unsatisfactory from the environmental point of view, besides creating traffic problems and hazards."

Staff said two courses of action can be followed. Firstly, the developer and town could consider alternative land uses which will be more compatible with the constraints of the site.

The second option staff sees is to reduce the pro-

posed density to minimize the adverse environmental impact by allowing more landscape buffers and increasing on-site natural amenity and to reduce traffic generation to a level consistent with the capacity of the intersection to handle turning movements.

York Region planners foresee severe congestion at the John Street-Bayview Avenue intersection and feel the proposed development would contribute heavily to congestion at Bayview and Steeles Avenues.

EXTRA SCHOOL COST
The board of education says extraordinary expenditures are expected to be incurred in building an elementary school on the site, to overcome the problem of exterior noise.

Town staff says the location of high density residential areas in the North Bayview planning area aren't based on any planning criteria under the existing Official Plan. They have only been put in there to make a commercial area viable north and east of John and Bayview and to provide a visual focal point.

Another factor is the town's recent purchase of the site across John Street for a large community centre involving two arenas, library, day care and other facilities.

Turn Down Airport Zoning

Buttonville Vote Unanimous - Appeal To OMB

Markham Town Council, meeting in planning committee, last week unanimously decided to refuse a rezoning that would have allowed expansion of Buttonville airport. The decision was expected to get the final official endorsement of council this week.

The question is now expected to be appealed to the Municipal Board and decided finally by that provincial authority, although applicant Toronto Airways Limited presumably could appeal further to the Cabinet.

Expansion of the transport zone at the airport has been repeatedly sought by the company, and just as often turned down in council.

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AGGRAVATIONS CONTINUE
Roman said the decision means local residents will have the same aggravations they have now and owners of surrounding land still don't know what to expect in future.

Richmond Hill's Mayor William Lazenby and Planning Director Hesse Rimon. He said it was too bad the local municipalities, through some compromise, couldn't have imposed controls on the airport's operations — controls that the towns don't have now.

MARKHAM TOWN COUNCIL Tuesday night this week passed without comment the planning committee recommendation turning down the airport expansion rezoning application.

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should take a partisan position and he recommended against the rezoning.

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Teachers Get Salary Increase But Salary Negotiations Go On

Secondary teachers in the York County Board of Education system have been paid a 7.02 percent increase in their September salaries, even though no settlement has been reached in their salary negotiations, according to Marvin Hunter, chairman of the board.

In an open letter to the teachers, copies of which were later released to the news media, Mr. Hunter reviewed the negotiations that have been going on between the Trustees' Salary Negotiating Committee and the Teachers' Negotiating Committee during the past three months. They resumed negotiations last week.

He said they had met seven times during that period without reaching any agreement, and he was concerned that "little, if any, progress appears to have been made."

"At times, instead of identifying and dealing with issues, the immediate objective seemed to be to discredit the other side. The fact that the last six meetings were open to the public may have encouraged this behaviour. It is my hope that this letter

may serve as the stimulus to break out of this unproductive pattern," Mr. Hunter said.

He said that on May 31 the teachers' committee had requested a grid, which incorporated an increase of 14.5 percent over last year. On June 19, the trustees' committee offered a 7.02 percent increase, and a month later the board instructed that salaries be paid on the basis of this offer.

The action was not to be interpreted as unwillingness on the part of the board to negotiate, Mr. Hunter said, "but rather they felt it would be unfair — and might cause hardship in some cases — if September salaries were not increased over those paid last year."

He said the board believed that the salaries of its employees should reflect changing conditions. The increase in announced ceilings recently sponsored by the Minister of Education — 7.08 percent at the secondary level — weren't too different in terms of percentage change from the board's offer, although the minister's increase was on actual expenditures for the cal-

endar year 1974, while the board's was for 1973-74.

OPPOSES CEILINGS
In the matter of expenditure ceilings, the chairman said the board was opposed to them, as it felt it was up to the elected trustees to determine the level of educational service to be supplied to a community. However, the ceilings were a way of life and the board was firm in its intention not to breach them.

If the board were to exceed the ceilings, taxpayers would have to pay the excess, plus a fine — about 60 percent of that excess through the withholding of grants.

Mr. Hunter also reviewed the background in teacher certification. He said that, during the teacher shortage of the 60s, it wasn't always possible to hire a teacher with the needed qualifications, so it was the practise to protect the teacher's category if the principal asked him to teach out of his area of specialty.

But conditions have changed, and now a history specialist might not have any history classes, because of static enrolment and changes in subject

registration.

As a result, he might be offered an English class, rather than be declared surplus.

Was this to be interpreted as the principal asking him to teach this class, or as the teacher requesting it rather than be declared surplus?

Mr. Hunter said the board recognized its obligation to place teachers on staff at present, if possible, but it was firm in adhering to the principle that the teacher who is teaching in his specialty area was making a greater contribution than he could make in another area.

To abandon the principle would "remove the incentive for a teacher to accept a transfer to another school to obtain a timetable in his specialty and would call into question the whole category system," Mr. Hunter said.

Also, the board took the position that it shouldn't have to pay a teacher for upgrading in history, for example, if there were no history classes for him to teach.

NOT COVERED
As for the recognition clause

of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, such as is common between employers and labor unions under the Labor Relations Act, the chairman said there were essential differences in law between teachers and union members. Teachers hold an individual contract with the board, while union members do not.

"Thus when a union is certified the employee has delegated to the union his right to make a contract covering his employment. The teaching profession is not covered by the Labor Relations Act. District 11, OSSTF, is not a corporate entity and hence is in no position to sign a legally binding agreement on behalf of its members," Mr. Hunter said.

A request by the teachers' committee for a legally binding agreement between the board and the provincial body of the OSSTF was later withdrawn, the chairman said.

So far as negotiations are concerned, the teachers' committee has taken the stand that all matters affecting working conditions are negotiable, Mr. Hunter said.

The board was prepared to confer with its teachers on this, but remained firm that, "since the board alone is responsible to the electors these major management decisions are not negotiable."

The teachers had also demanded a formal grievance procedure, which would eventually include third party arbitration.

The trustees had agreed to this, but pointed out that it must be the last item dealt with, as the nature of the procedure must depend on the clauses under which a teacher, the federation, or the board, "can grieve," the chairman said.

Mr. Hunter said also that the board now wanted to re-design — with the help of the teachers — the organizational structures, which had been set up in the 60s to deal with the needs then, and which now needed re-examination.

He said he hoped his letter would be read for what it was, "a sincere effort to identify with the problems as I understand them and set out, as clearly as I can, the board's position. It has not been written to score points. It has no hidden motives."

Prize Winning Recipes Are In Cook Book Supplement

This week's issue of "The Liberal" contains our Cook Book supplement. When we announced the cookbook contest a couple of months ago, we were not sure what the response would be. But we need not have worried. The recipes came pouring in, more than 200 of them.

The big job came in careful review of each recipe and in placing them in appropriate categories, then, finally, selecting prize winners. In this latter, we are indebted to Bryan Marsh, head of food services at Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill, whose students have won awards in national cookery contests and are noted in the community for the mouth-watering gourmet buffets and dinners that are from time to time served to invited guests and the public. They also supply all the food for the school's cafeteria and teachers' dining room.

Grand prize winner, Mrs. Mary Brown, 121 Cascade Circle, Richmond Hill, will receive a portable black and white television set for her recipe for Chichester Chicken. The next three in the prize list have won electrical appliances. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Melness, 467 Windhurst Gate, Richmond Hill who submitted a recipe for Norwegian Christmas Cake; Mrs. Ena Allan, 152 Liberty Boulevard, Richmond Hill, for her recipe for Chicken Roulades; and Mrs. J. Jolicoeur, 108 Pugsley Avenue, Richmond Hill with her Kasha Pie.

Safeway Stores have donated \$10 purchase vouchers for winners in different categories. They are: Mrs. Elinor Graham, 100 Baker Avenue, Richmond Hill - preserves; Mrs. Myrna Morehouse, 34 Avenue Road, Thornhill - meat; Mrs. Jessie Grainger, 130 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill - dessert; Mrs. Carol Schotkamp, 402 Markham Road, Richmond Hill - cake; Mrs. Genevieve Chornenki, King - cookies; Mrs. Doreen Cole, 100 Mill Street, Richmond Hill - appetizer; Mrs. Molly Waite, 235 Baythorn Drive, Thornhill - seafood; and Mrs. Sandra Mark, 85 Pem-

berton Road, Richmond Hill - ground meat.

Other winners were Miss Doris Leno, 86 Leisure Lane, Richmond Hill, who wins a \$25 merchandise voucher for Gordon Wood Optician, for her recipe for Waldorf Astoria chocolate cake; Mrs. R. Anthony, 218 Lawrence Avenue, Richmond Hill, wins a \$5 purchase voucher from Levendale Pastry for her stuffed beef roll; Shirley Thomson, 311 Boisdale Avenue, Richmond Hill, gets dinner for two at the Richmond Inn for her fruit studded log, and Mrs. Estelle Steiner, 367 Kerrybrook Drive, Richmond Hill wins dinner for two at the Black Hawk Motor Inn for her beef roulades.

A limited number of cook books will be available at the office of "The Liberal", 63 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill at 35¢ a copy.

For further information on prize winners, see the back page of the cookbook.

ARGO FOOTBALL DRAW FOR BIG BROTHERS
A football autographed by members of the Toronto Argonauts is to be the prize in a raffle being sponsored by the Big Brothers of York.

The draw will take place Nov. 24, the eve of Grey Cup Day, at the Aurora Community Centre. For tickets, contact Peter Nye in Richmond Hill at 884-6702, Jim Davis in Maple at 832-2603 or write to the Big Brothers of York, Box 34, Aurora, telephone 727-1251.

Big Brothers of York is a social agency using volunteer Big Brothers to help fatherless boys in the area. A Big Brother may be single or married, and is expected to spend only three or four hours a week with his Little Brother.

The organization has a long waiting list of boys and is always looking for men of good character in any station in life to serve as Big Brothers. Interested men should contact the Executive Director, George Karpati, at the office in Aurora.