



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Banks, Trust Companies Raise \$2,169 For Hospital

York Central Hospital Administrator James Hepburn (right) accepts a cheque for \$2,169 from Ken Foss as Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Sam Cook looks on. The cheque covered the proceeds from the military tattoo held in June at the town arena and sponsored by the chartered banks and trust companies of

Richmond Hill. A resident of Richmond Hill Mr. Foss was MC for the event.

The hospital is endeavoring to raise \$1 million towards completion of the new addition which will bring the hospital's total capacity to 403 beds.

Turn Down Buttonville Airport Application

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other from other airport area residents, both were tabled before the committee. Both were against the rezoning. "I can just see expansion and jets creating a turmoil," said Old Markham Ward 5 Councillor Mrs. Alma Walker. "I don't see it as black and white as some of the other councillors," said South Thornhill Ward 1 Councillor Gary Kay. He said it seemed

to him most of those benefitted by the expansion would be from outside Markham.

NO LOCAL BENEFIT
"It's not our function to be (more) concerned about problems of the greater Metro area. It (the expansion) isn't much more harmful, but is of no benefit to the municipality," said Kay.

As directed by his council, Richmond Hill Planning Director Hesse Rimon attended the Markham meeting

and presented the Richmond Hill resolution opposing the rezoning but asking for negotiations on airport controls if Markham decided to approve.

Richmond Hill Mayor Lazenby and several councillors also attended to support the planning director.

Markham planning staff at the meeting submitted a final report with a conclusion as follows:

"After all reports have been received, Markham's decision, in our opinion, basically is to decide whether this airport should be expanded to permit more twin-engine aircraft movements. To do so will result in an expanded facility for the (airport) owners and a portion of its users... and a greater noise exposure to a portion of the town's residents.

WOULD HIT RESIDENTS
"Buttonville Airport appears to be a very viable operation at the present time and shouldn't be adversely affected by denial of this application. Approval, however, will adversely affect those residents of the town (within the influence of the airport)... and wouldn't appear to provide and direct benefit to the town.

"Furthermore, there isn't any way to determine the impact of any expansion beyond 1980," said the Markham planning staff report.

The report dealt with the experience of residents as follows:

"The most difficult considerations in this review is

the question of scientific application of citizen response in general to aircraft noise and the experience of residents who live within the influence of the Buttonville Airport. This is particularly critical when we consider that aircraft which aren't responsible for the contours prepared by our consultants are considered obnoxious by area residents.

UNFAVORABLE RESPONSE
"Increasing the number of planes which generate high noise levels must be given serious consideration since these are the types which will generate unfavorable public response.

"According to consultants the northwest impact over Richmond Hill to 1980 will be substantial if the runway extension is granted. In addition, the residents of Arleigh Heights will be subjected to more 'discomfort' as the noise cones for 1980 extend into this subdivision if the extension is approved.

"Until 1980 the northwest impact towards Cachet won't change if control is exercised over the number of take-offs in this direction. Contrary to original anticipations the proposed runway extension, however, won't benefit Cachet either."

The question of jet aircraft was dealt with as follows:

COULD HAVE JETS
"Toronto Airways doesn't permit jet planes to use its airport at the present time. The Department of Transport won't prohibit jets as such from using Buttonville Airport. Rather, performance and whether it can safely (legally) land and take off will determine whether a plane can legally use this airport.

"Toronto Airways has indicated it isn't prepared to ban jets in the future. Recognizing changing technology, this is probably practical from their point of view," said the town's planning staff report on Buttonville Airport.

Extra Bell Tax Will Be Shared

The extra \$86,666.34 in taxes to be received this year by the Town of Richmond Hill from Bell Canada will be shared by the Region of York and the York County Board of Education, Town Treasurer William Rice informed council at its meeting September 24.

The budgetted 1973 revenue for town purposes was \$18,000 but its share of the total Bell taxes of \$116,344.95 will be \$40,150.64. The Region will get \$17,195.78, the Board of Education will get \$30,901.22 for public schools and \$28,097.31 for high school.

No discussion was held on how the additional \$22,000 will be spent by council.

HOLLAND LANDING — An historical plaque commemorating Samuel Lount, William Lyon Mackenzie's right-hand man during the Rebellion of 1837, was unveiled here last Saturday. Lount, a blacksmith, manufactured pike-heads for use by the rebels and shared the command of the forces gathered at Montgomery's Tavern. He was captured following their defeat and was hanged for his part in the rebellion. A feature of the ceremony was a march by descendants of the Lloydtown rebels who followed Lount.

No Water Crisis This Year In Thornhill

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short of water for the Thornhill area during the last two years because it encountered a technical problem with water from its new 1 1/2 million-gallons-a-day Leslie Street well. A special new process had to be built. There was also a major break last year in a large water main.

NEW WELLS WORKING
This year the new Leslie Street well was pumping at maximum capacity 800,000 gallons-a-day higher than was possible through old treatment facilities. The new well had caused water quality problems and was cut out entirely for a time two years ago.

Also this year a new well at Steeles and Pharmacy Avenues went on stream and the old Don Mills well and pumping station was improved to increase water production. Next year new well number eight at Leslie Street will go into operation, adding more water to the Thornhill area supply.

Roman says the Leslie Street well would have been in operation this year and would have reduced the reliance placed on Metro water if some more of those unforeseen snags hadn't turned up. The Leslie Street well has been slow getting into production because there was difficulty in arranging the necessary access rights of way. These are expected to be cleared up in time for the well to be operating next year.

NEED REGION APPROVAL
The Markham mayor says the town council's decision at the last meeting to explore for two new wells, one in the Thornhill area and the other in the Old Markham area, is subject to approval by regional council. It is proposed that International Water Supply Limited do exploratory work only.

Mayor Roman says the optimistic expectation is that through co-operation with the province there will be an agreement reached for Metro to supply the region with water from Lake Ontario until a permanent long term achievement for the region.

"But one never knows," the Markham mayor told "The Liberal". "We are taking the logical steps to know where to put a well if we can't make a satisfactory agreement with Metro."

METRO RESERVOIRS
Roman noted the demand for water in Metro this year was very high and Metro did have some water rationing restrictions, although no taps went dry. At the same time another factor is that Metro is getting major new reservoirs on Dufferin Street and Bayview Avenue sites in the York Regional municipalities of Markham and Vaughan. So Metro will soon have surplus water capacity.

"We do have to have a constant source of lake water to keep up with growth. Otherwise we can't assure the supply for urban expansion in Southern York Region," says Roman.

The only water problem Markham encountered this year was in the Unionville area. Their well number two was rated a little too high, says the mayor. This year when the well was put up to full use it was found a little too much water seemed to be being drawn. Or at least this was blamed for water levels falling in private wells in the Pomander Road area, although there could be other factors involved.

WORKING ON ANSWERS
Tuesday Mayor Roman

was taking part in discussions to find a permanent solution to this Unionville problem and he said the municipality seemed to be 90% of the way toward this objective.

The last water was drawn from Metro for the Thornhill area this year on Tuesday of this week, according to a York Region spokesman. The region began taking emergency Metro water July 20.

Altogether this year the total water supplied to York Region by Metro was 15,658,000 gallons at a price of 40 cents per thousand gallons. Cost to the region was close to \$600,000. Markham Town is the only York Region local municipality now getting any Metro water.

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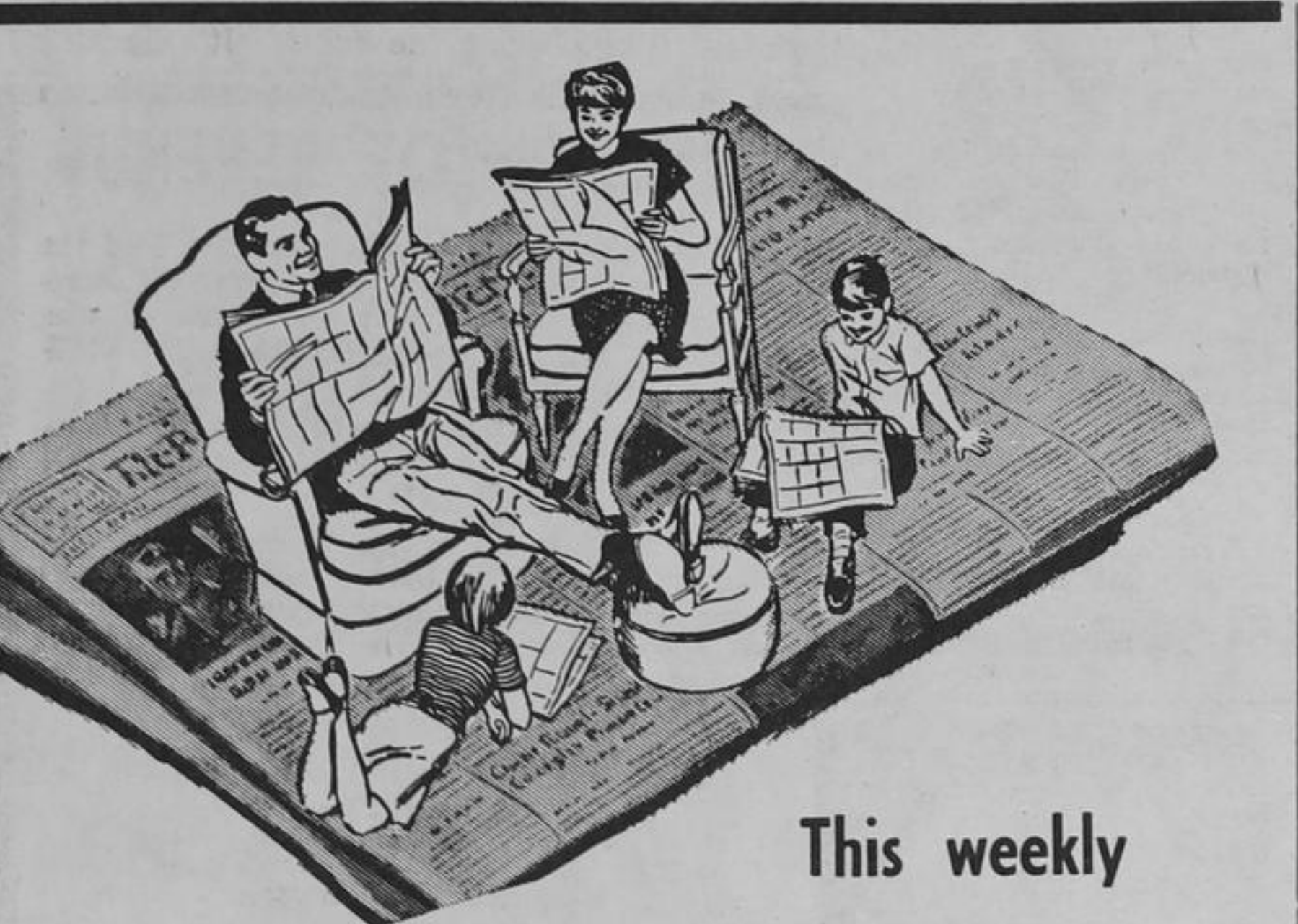
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