

### ELGIN MILLS - JEFFERSON

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**Church News**  
At St. John's Anglican Church next Sunday there will be a family service and baptism at 10:30 a.m. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a fellowship hour.  
The Liturgy of St. Mark was used for the celebration of Holy Communion last Sunday. The flowers on the altar were placed there to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie Grace Kerswill by her family, the Rumbles, Holmes and Turners.  
In the evening friends gathered in the upper room to say "au revoir" to Bob and Pam Locke who are moving to Thunder Bay. There was singing, "20 Questions", and then refreshments.  
Monday evening there

was a spiritual life fellowship.  
Choir practise is held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for juniors and at 8 p.m. for seniors.  
The young adults Bible study group meets Friday evening at 8 p.m. at the rectory. The passage to be studied will be Matthew 16.  
The advisory board will meet at 8 p.m. next Tuesday.  
**Community News**  
This week birthday wishes go to Allyn Workman who will be 10 November 1, to Bruce Chubb who will be 11 November 2, to John Walker who will be 10 November 3, to Susan Romsy who will be 12 November 4, to Scott Boyle who will be seven November 5 and to Cameron Chubb who will be nine November 7.

### Regional Regime In Mess?

## Georgina Ratepayers Ask Provincial Probe

Ratepayers in one of the new municipalities here in York Region, Georgina Township, last week sent a delegation to Toronto to ask the government for a provincial inquiry into an alleged financial mess within the local government.

Georgina Township was formed three years ago out of the former York County municipalities of Georgina Township and North Gwillimbury Township. It is one of the nine member local municipalities in the new Regional Municipality of York, which includes Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham.  
Last fall in the second set of municipal elections since the establishment of the new regional government, Georgina electors "turfed out" their founding regional mayor, Dr. George Burrows and elected the present mayor, Joe Dales, a politician of long standing in the local area.

#### RATEPAYERS WORRIED

Ratepayers are worried by last year's municipal deficit of \$356,000, this year's 3½-mill tax increase and the recent purchase for \$437,500 of a former Roman Catholic church order's building and land for a township municipal centre.

The ratepayers allege last year's deficit was caused by a land deal that failed to yield the township and expected \$500,000 profit, the estimate that was too low on the cost of repairing the Sutton ice arena, and the loss of nearly \$100,000 in revenue from building permit fees and lot levies.

Georgina Township is the northernmost York Region municipality situated along the shores of Lake Simcoe between Cooks Bay and Brook Township, Ontario County.

#### RATEPAYER PETITION

The newly formed Georgina ratepayers group is calling the Committee for a Democratic Government. Their delegation conferred Monday of last week with officials of the Department of Treasury, Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs and a petition requesting a provincial inquiry was sent to Treasurer John White, the minister responsible for municipal affairs.  
David Few, a member of the new ratepayer group, says

"It's already \$400,000 in arrears in its 1973 school payments to the York County Board of Education. And if these were paid and the church property purchased, the township would have to over borrow from the bank to meet commitments. This would result in the township's having another large deficit this year similar to the one in 1972," said Few.

#### 155-ACRE PROPERTY

Consisting of 155 acres and a 14-year-old Redemptorist Order three-storey retreat and residence, the controversial church property being purchased is located on Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road) between Keswick and Sutton. Georgina Township wants the property to centralize its operations now scattered in offices at Pefferlaw, Sutton and Keswick.

The previous week ratepayers complained Mayor Dales refused to let them speak at a council meeting, told them the deal on the church property was completed and only relented enough to let one ratepayer representative ask some questions.

Mayor Dales said he would welcome a provincial inquiry and that the township council would be vindicated. He said the church property was a bargain at the price and had to be "snapped up" quickly. He says the township's summer home owners are chronically late in paying their taxes and the township is generally late in paying money to the school board because it is cheaper to pay the school board penalty than to borrow money to pay up.

#### \$170,000 RENOVATION

The township's consultants say it will cost a minimum of \$170,000 to renovate the former retreat into offices. The building has 31 rooms, a main dining room, chapel and three kitchens. Maintenance costs are about \$60,000 a year, exclusive of heat.

Mayor Dales says the council realizes the building is bigger than the township will need immediately, but that the extra space can be used for other purposes until it is needed.

## "Open Marriage" Inspires Lively Discussion

The enthusiasm, compassion, and broad understanding of marriage of the group leader contributed in no small way to the success of the study session on "Open Marriage" sponsored by Richmond Hill and Thornhill Family Services which took place October 23 in the main hall of Richmond Hill United Church.

The meeting, first in a series of seven on "Marriage and Parenting In The 70's" was attended by 135 people. Most impressive was the very large number of young people in attendance and their frank and open participation in the general meeting and small discussion groups.

The topic was introduced and discussed by Mary Sue McCarthy, counsellor with family services, teacher at York University, resident of King and mother of seven children.

Music, films and small group discussions served as catalysts in encouraging audience participation.

Family Services volunteers helped establish an informal atmosphere, welcoming everyone with a cup of coffee.

Board Member John Stephenson, chairman of the education committee, introduced Executive Director Frank Fidler who explained the program of counselling and staffing of the agency.  
There was also a display of 35 assorted books on all aspects of human relationships, and the study book for the evening, "Open Marriage" by George and Nena O'Neill, was completely sold out by the end of the evening.

Other books referred to by Mrs. McCarthy were "Future Shock" by Alvin Toffler and "Marriage and Morals" by Bertrand Russell.

Tapes played for study were "You Could Read My Mind" by Gordon Lightfoot, "It's Too Late, Baby" by Carol King, and "My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

In the discussion that followed the consensus was that people want honesty in a relationship, that the major goal of personal growth is to share with another person this growth.

In defense of marriage, advantages put forward were to feel the need of a bond that ties a person close to someone; the

opportunity to grow and relax with someone.

The meeting broke up into buzz groups of five or six people who were given five provocative questions and one-half hour to share and discuss.

Mrs. McCarthy had some difficulty in re-assembling the meeting as the groups were so involved in their discussion they did not want to break up.

When the groups finally got back together again they showed an intense interest in Mrs. McCarthy's summary.

For a successful marriage it was agreed that it is vital for each partner to remember that they are two different people, that periodic "marriage renewals" are important to that values can be sorted out.

A quote from Erik Erikson summarized the feelings of the group: "Only the mature person — he who has achieved an identity, is ready for intimacy, that is the capacity to commit himself to concrete affiliation and partnership" can succeed as a marriage partner.

Many had paid only the \$1 fee for the single session, but on

their way out many subscribed for the whole series: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The next meeting will be November 27 and the topic "Handling Marital Conflict". There will be no meeting in December, but the series will resume January 22 on the topic "The New Woman — What She Does For Man". On February 26 the topic is "Parenting — Pathways to Interdependence". In March the subject will be "Education For Sexuality"; in April "Parents' Last Chance?"; and the concluding session on May 28 will consider "Changing Sexual Values".

Further information may be obtained from the Family Services office, 25A Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, 884-8822 or 884-8231. A few series tickets are still available.

During the evening Dr. Fidler presented a beautiful bouquet of roses to Counsellor Toby Bertram who is moving to Florida and extended "Good-bye and good wishes" from the staff, volunteers, and clients of the agency.

## Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman

### "Background", Comrade Marsh Tonner

When Comrade Marshall Tonner attends a branch general meeting he always says what he has to say while occupying a seat at the back. For this reason the diminutive Marsh, who measures five foot two inches from the floor up, has sometimes been described as a backbencher with a considerable view.

For some weeks now, the honorable member from Laverock Avenue has been lobbying the Legion cabinet and the general assembly in an effort to have them support a project of his. The cabinet being busy men, and with all the Legion horses being similarly engaged, a Legion emissary went to investigate our comrade's project at the source.

The source was located on Edward Street, Richmond Hill, at a building under construction and almost completed, known as, "ARC Industries". There, on a recent bright Sunday afternoon Fulton Waters, president of the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded, together with our comrade, were found busily engaged in completing the interior.

Comrade Marsh, who happens to be a painter and decorator of some local renown, was twenty feet up on a scaffold voluntarily applying his 75th gallon of white paint to a masonry wall — and Mr. Waters said there was still much work to do.

He explained that ARC was an abbreviation for adult rehabilitation centre and said there are about 55 to 60 mentally and physically handicapped young people presently attending the centre. This number would be increased when the building was completed, and as voluntary help and financial contributions were found.

The building contains facilities for developing potential physical and mental energies in just about every aspect of rehabilitation. One area employs the handicapped in packaging toys for the more privileged children at Christmas. Another area helps to train minds through assembly of nuts, bolts and cupboard door handles for the hardware industry. A printing department and a business and commerce training area, with machines donated by IBM, are other facilities. Through the collection of cash register tapes, Dominion Stores of Canada has installed a kiosk by which the handicapped may gain knowledge and training in ceramics.

Mr. Waters said that building costs were about \$320,000 of which \$100,000 had so far been obtained through government grants. The balance will come from local fund-raising projects such as the recent Rose Town Centennial Walkathon. Voluntary labor also helps, and this was where talents like those of Comrade Marsh Tonner were being utilized.

Our comrade stated that he has been engaged in his community service project for several weeks now, and has been joined at times by other Legionnaires. Tom Gill, Ron Kliesman, Bill Hrynkiw, Color Guard Sergeant Gordon Ketteridge and 78 year old, George Morrison, also contributed effort in assisting the underprivileged.

Volunteers are still required to spread a further 200 gallons of paint on the walls of the local rehabilitation centre before the

next branch general meeting, November 12 — At which time the honorable member will no doubt scrub the paint from his person and move into a seat at the front.

Our inveterate Comrade Gord Mills, whom no hospital can keep chained for any extended period; reports that eight teams participated in District "E" Shuffleboard Championships October 20 at Richmond Hill, Newmarket Legion won first place, Richmond Hill placed second and Gravenhurst was third. All three teams now proceed to Ontario finals at the Col. J. Straight Legion Branch 210, Toronto, in February. Members of the Richmond Hill team included, George Wood, Danny Kelly, Bud Chapman and Mickey Smith.

Branch 375 President Douglas Hops filled in as a pinchhitter for Gravenhurst during the competition to land that team a provincial berth. We understand the prey never played competition shuffleboard before in his life — so he says!

Upcoming Legion events include a Fiddle-Diddle Championship Ball to be held in the form of a dance Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. Sunday afternoon the Legion Midget Hockey Team Faces off against Orillia at the Richmond Hill Arena at 1 p.m. On December 28 the midget team will face off against Sweden in international competition at the local arena.

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### TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL Assessment Commissioners' List SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR 1974 TAXES

The Assessment Commissioner's List for the Town of Richmond Hill has been received by me in accordance with Section 23 of the Assessment Act as amended, which shows the school support of every inhabitant who is entitled to direct taxes for school support purposes. The list was posted in my office on October 12th, 1973.

You may examine the list for errors and omissions in my office at the Town Hall, 56 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill during hours 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Monday to Friday. The last day for the filing of complaints on the prescribed forms (Form 1) which are available at the Town Hall, for revision of the list is Friday, November 9th, 1973.

L. M. Clement, Clerk  
Town of Richmond Hill

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OF SIDEWALKS**

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**4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME,  
NOVEMBER 5th, 1973**

for the asphalt resurfacing of approximately 4400 linear feet of sidewalk on Roseview Avenue and Richmond Street in the Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Plans and contract documents may be obtained from the Engineering Dept. in the Municipal Offices, for a fee of \$10.00 which is refundable when plans and specifications are returned in good order within 30 days of closing date.

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L. M. Clement  
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