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## Century Ball Highlights "Y" Fund Raising Campaign

In recognition and appreciation of their donations of \$100 or more to the current Richmond Hill and District YWCA campaign for funds, more than 40 couples were invited to the Y's Second Century Ball at Thornhill Golf and Country Club on December 5. Pictured above (left) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner are received by (left to right) YWCA Executive Director Doreen Wright and Robert

Wright, YWCA President Claudine Wallace and Rev. William Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Plaxton, host and hostess for the evening.

Following an excellent dinner, the sponsors and their guests danced to the music of the Howard Gallagher Trio, who play regularly at the King Edward Hotel. Convenors were Mrs. Maureen McGraw and Mrs. Edith Burnfield.

## Emergency Housing Needed Here? Yes

By MARGARET LADE

Is emergency housing needed in the Region of York, and specifically in the Town of Richmond Hill, was the question confronting a public meeting at Don Head Secondary School on Vaughan Road November 29. The meeting called by the Social Planning Council of Richmond Hill and Area discussed the need, the type of housing, location, funding of physical facilities, utilities, emergency food, emergency clothing, duration and cost of providing a housing unit or units (house or apartment) which would be available in time of crisis — eviction, fire, etc. The consensus of the meeting to the need was an overwhelming, "Yes", and many points of view were put forward by the audience.

Chairman David Schiller was obviously distressed at the response of the public to the meeting which had been advertised as a public meeting. Including the chairman and two reporters, just 14 people turned out.

**NEED GREAT**  
Yet as the meeting progressed it became obvious that the quality of the public representation far outweighed the numbers, for almost without exception the people present represented large bodies of concerned citizens — churches, service clubs, children's aid, York Regional Department of Social and Family Services,

Helpmate-Information, the Richmond Hill Fire Department, etc.

Chairman Schiller's concern for the "little response when there is so great a need" abated as those few present put forward positive and relevant ideas, showing an obvious concern within the groups they represented to serve those of the community caught in emergency situations.

Topics for discussion were drawn from a study undertaken by H. The Helpmate volunteers had contacted 33 churches between Steeles Avenue and Bloomington Sideroad, taking in the

Thornhill and Richmond Hill areas.

They also contacted service clubs, health units, the Department of Social and Family Services, Children's Aid, police and fire departments.

**31 CHURCHES WOULD HELP**  
A number of churches reported no calls for emergency aid during the past year, others had one or two, Thornhill Presbyterian had four, Holy Trinity Anglican in Thornhill had five, and St. Paul's United in Lake Wilcox between 12 and 15. Thirty-one of the 33 churches said they would be willing to help in whatever way they could.

The five service clubs contacted all agreed they would help in cases of emergency and reported 13 calls for help in the past year. The

health units had four calls, the Department of Social and Family Services 100 calls and the Children's Aid 10.

The police and fire departments reported no direct calls for help in finding emergency housing, but Richmond Hill Fire Chief Robert Kennedy told the meeting that in cases where the need was obvious, his department referred families to the appropriate agencies.

Father Francis Robinson of Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church in Richmond Hill said that cases of need that

came to the attention of Roman Catholic Churches were referred to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, that it would have the records of emergency calls received and would be the one dispensing assistance in such cases.

**WELFARE CASES TOP LIST**  
The question arose as to how many calls for help were authentic cases of need.

Regional Welfare Worker Warren Hall said that if his department reported 100 emergency cases the public could be assured that they were legitimate. "We check them out and do the best we can to help."

Bill Mirreles of Richmond Hill Lions reported "quite a number" of calls for furniture. He cited one case where a family had a bed, but no mattress. They were supplied with mattress, bedding and kitchen furniture.

He asked how far-reaching the emergency housing project would be. Would it be confined to Richmond Hill, or would Richmond Hill be called upon to assist families from Georgina, etc.

Mr. Schiller said the constitution of the Social Planning Council covered Richmond Hill and area, but the boundaries of "area" had not been spelled out.

**WOULD RESTRICT SERVICE**

Mr. Mirreles was opposed to Richmond Hill "inheriting" destitute families from other municipalities. He pointed out that there were subsidized apartments in Thornhill, that perhaps one unit might be made available to regional agencies for (Continued on Page 24)

## Markham Transit Such Success They Add Saturday Buses

Public acceptance of Markham Town's new Thornhill, Unionville and Old Markham local transit bus service is so good that full Saturday service for shoppers is being added in time for the last two weeks before Christmas, says Ward 2 (North Thornhill) Councillor Roy Muldrew of Romfield Circuit.

Saturday service starts this week from 9 am to 6 pm with the same routes and the same frequency as on week days, says Transit Committee Chairman Muldrew. (See advertisement, page 20). Asked why Saturday service is being started now, Muldrew said, "We can't get along without it. The service is going over better than we thought, with over 900 riders a day. After a month we're already at about 60 percent of the usage level required. We will more than hit our goal."

There is still a deficit and it's a little higher than expected because leased buses are being used temporarily. Costs will drop when the new town-owned buses arrive in the next few weeks. The first two buses were built and ready for delivery last week, says Muldrew.

## Public School Teachers Next?

York County elementary teachers are following in the footsteps of their colleagues in the secondary schools.

Monday afternoon, the teachers held a meeting at the Odeon Theatre in Newmarket and by an 802-5 vote, reaffirmed their rejection of the latest board of education salary offer, presented in June.

Nelson Lambert, president of the Association of Federations of the York Elementary Teachers, said the group had now requested the assistance of the provincial federation for the second step of salary negotiations.

Main issue at stake is the teachers' demand that they be paid on the basis of their job qualifications, rather than for the job they do.

This is similar to the secondary teachers' concern about job categorization, which calls for a teacher to be paid one category lower where he is assigned a teaching program, that for more than 50 percent of his teaching time is an area of the curriculum other than that in which his category is based.

The board has argued that it can't afford to continue to pay for qualifications that aren't being used, while the OSSTF claims the board is trying to save money in the wrong places.

## Would Leave Granting Of Consents At Local Level

# Region Likes Powers

By JIM IRVING

York Regional Council last week, while approving most of the recommendations concerning the shift of power to the municipalities from the province in matters of planning, agreed that the status quo should not be completely bypassed in one area at least.

As a result, it said it would not ask for the power to grant consents on land severances, but would only ask to monitor them.

The region met in a special session Thursday to discuss Treasurer John White's proposals, which followed numerous pleas from regional governments across the province to be given greater control over urban planning.

Under Mr. White's new legislation, regional governments would have the right to approve subdivisions, official development plans, zoning bylaws, condominiums and the Official Plans of local municipalities under

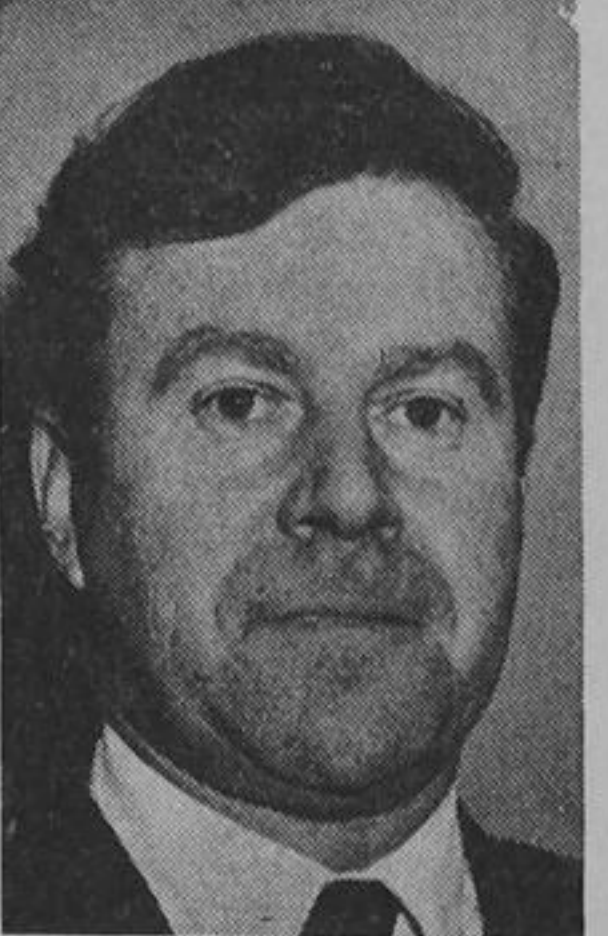
the control of regional councils.

In a session that began in the morning and ended in mid-afternoon, council spent most of its time debating whether it should intrude in the territory of local com-

mittees of adjustment, and also whether it should deal with the recommendations at all before its own official plan was approved.

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound, who used a series of flow charts to ex-

plain the procedure, said the first draft was 12 to 14 months away from being ready for submission to council.



MURRAY POUND  
... Explains Process

WHY WAIT?

Mr. Anthony Roman of Markham said he couldn't see any benefits in waiting for the Official Plan. Why couldn't the region assume the new powers at that time, dealing with them on the basis of area Official Plans.

Mr. Pound said that, if council wished to assume the powers immediately, it could be done.

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## North Yonge Corridor Hearing Elgin Mills To Bond Lake Area

A land use study of the North Yonge Corridor, a 700-foot wide strip on both sides of Highway 11 from Elgin Mills Road north to Bond Lake was carried out by three of the four students (all doing post-graduate studies) who worked for Richmond Hill during the summer months. The study was first presented to council's planning committee headed by Councillor David Stephenson in August and referred for further study. It came back for discussion at the meeting of the whole council as a planning committee December 3.

The report points out that that section of Yonge Street lies partly in Zone 1 and partly in Zone 2 of the Toronto-Centred Plan for Development and explained the purposes of the study as an examination of the policies of land use and where necessary to replace them with guidelines for future development in the area.

The report recommends maintenance of the land use in its present form — mainly agriculture, recreation and open space. Planning director Hesse Rimom noted that pressures for development necessitated a review of present land use policies in this area.

Councillor William Corcoran criticized the lack of protection for a farmer who wants to sell his property for development and cannot because of zoning. Councillor Andy Chateauvert agreed, "I believe we should include compensation for those not able to sell to a developer."

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor David Stephenson, pointed out that land use policies will be developed from such studies as this. "It's up to council to adopt policies based on this study."

"Planning has to start somewhere," she continued. "Because of applications coming in we (the planning committee) decided that a study should be made to determine whether we should continue to allow strip development along our main thoroughfare or have some type of new development in the new town of Richmond Hill. This report was done by very competent students under the direction of Mr. Rimom."

The report recommends that

no further commercial development be permitted in the study strip, but that existing commercial establishments be encouraged to upgrade their facilities. It also recommends extensive landscaping, deep setbacks and shrubby plantings to improve the appearance of Yonge Street.

**Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe strongly recommended that the people involved in the study area be invited "to come and hear you (Mr. Rimom) spell it out."** He favored public input in the same fashion as is being encouraged in the Lake Wilcox and South Yonge Corridor studies.

Councillor Chateauvert felt that some points needed clearing up before a public meeting is held.

The planning director assured members of council that it was intended to get public reaction as part of the study. However, he estimated that between 70 and 90% of land owners in the area are not drawing their livelihood from agricultural production. He compared the zoning policies of Vaughan and Markham Townships to which this area belongs until the beginning of 1971. The differences are very clear, he said. On the east side (formerly in Markham) only open spaces and institutional uses prevail. On the west side there are all kinds of rundown commercial outlets. "The east side has a superior land use pattern as a compliment to what we have south of the former Richmond Hill boundary."

Recognizing the existence of development, he noted that the stretch of highway frontage from Elgin Mills Road to Naughton Drive will

be considered an extension of the urban centre. It will be zoned commercial on both sides.

He went on to point out that upgrading of existing commercial establishments will occur when applications for new buildings or extensions to existing buildings are received.

"This whole country was developed by strip development," stated Councillor Corcoran. "And by Jove, we've done a pretty fair job of it."

The report also named three development areas, already in existence, and all primarily residential — Jefferson, 19th Avenue and Yonge, and the northeast corner of Yonge and the Gormley Sideroad.

"We have to make certain assumptions," stated Mr. Rimom. "I don't think we can establish that full services will be available to this corridor for some years. We have no indication of time, as yet, when services are available we will have to take another look at the official plan and zoning."

References made to specific businesses in the area of the study brought criticism from some councillors. It was agreed that these should be removed before the report is made public. It was also agreed that the opinion of the town's solicitor Tom Fraser would be obtained before a public meeting is held.

## Only Canadian At Nobel Awards

A long time Thornhill resident Antony Kramreiter of 217 Arnold Avenue was to be the only Canadian guest attending the Nobel Prize award ceremonies in Sweden Monday. He left here for the event on the weekend and was to return yesterday.

President and executive producer of the film company Burg Productions, Kramreiter is jointly responsible for a film series on Nobel Prize winners of the world. The series is sponsored by Sweden, France, Australia and Germany for world-wide distribution.

## Dr. Arnold Arai Again President YCAMR For 1974

Dr. Arnold Arai will again head the Board of Directors of the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded as president for 1974. Don Hodgson will be first vice-president, Mrs. Ann Whittingham second vice-president, Bill Jones comptroller and Fulton Watters past president. Other member of the board of directors will be Warren Baillie, Glyn Bancroft, Bob Cage, Mrs. Catherine Carter, Mrs. Lois Hancey, Mrs. Valerie Clarbrough, Miss Leah Stephenson, Bert Lovie, Paul Mingay, Mrs. Leona Rowan, Ed Neale and Mrs. Penny Pridy.

The association operates Hope Haven Nursery in Richmond Hill, which has 16 pre-school children enrolled and six on the waiting list; ARC Industries, a sheltered workshop for adults, with 60 trainees; and High Point in Markham, a residence with a family atmosphere.

The association has re-organized its committees and three have been appointed. The direct services committee will be responsible for operation and maintenance of programming, preparation of the annual budget and reviewing it quarterly. The indirect services committee will be responsible for the operation of all support services; and a finance and administration committee responsible for carrying on the financial, administration and personnel policy of the association in an effective and efficient manner.

## Winter Carnival Needs YOU

Back in 1969, Shawn Beggs, recuperating from surgery, came up with the idea of a Winter Carnival on the Mill Pond — and proceeded to give substance to his dream and put on the finest winter entertainment in the area. Every year since then — for five consecutive winters — he has headed the committee which struggled against the elements to present what has become the highlight of the winter season.

Shawn would be the first to admit that he would not have been able to cope with the task without the efficient help of his wife, Anja. Nobody will ever know the countless hours she spent in taking care of the details for

which no one else had time. But times change and the Beggs have found that they will no longer be able to give the necessary leadership to the Winter Carnival, and that someone else will have to take over. If any public-spirited citizen with a flair for organization, a vivid imagination, the ability to work with others and to get others working, is willing to undertake this task, he (or she) is asked to let Mr. Beggs know. The Winter Carnival should not be allowed to die.

In the meantime "The Liberal" joins with the residents of Richmond Hill in saying "Thanks for a job well done," to Mr. and Mrs. Beggs.



DAVID SCHILLER  
Is There A Need?

## York Schools Will Still Open If Proposed Strike Legislation Fails

If emergency legislation now before the Legislature making proposed teachers' strikes illegal, doesn't go through, schools in York Region would re-open January 7, instead of January 3, Trustee John Honsberger, chairman of the York County Board of Education salary negotiating committee, told a meeting of the board Monday night.

Mr. Honsberger said the two original back-to-school days - January 3 and 4 - would be made professional development days, with the time being used to help get the schools ready in case the strike goes on.

The emergency legislation, as introduced by Education Minister Thomas Wells, Monday afternoon, declares void the November 30 letters of resignations handed in by 7,800 teachers — 667 in York — in contract disputes with 17 school boards.

The bill, which calls for compulsory arbitration, also provides for fines of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500 for each teacher for each day a strike lasts.

The same fines would apply to trustees who locked out teachers or who refused to

implement binding arbitration.

Geoffrey Wilkinson, president of the Ontario Teachers Federation, said OTF lawyers are considering ways of challenging the legislation in the courts.

In his remarks to the board, Mr. Honsberger said the two negotiating committees had had nine meetings so far, with another one scheduled for Tuesday night.

One representative of the teachers' committee had stated that the meetings were beginning "to show some momentum," Mr. Honsberger said. This momentum, however, consisted of discussion on 80 items, 16 of which the two sides had agreed on.

Another five were being redrafted for further consideration.

Mr. Honsberger said that seven of the 667 teacher resignations that had been received, were invalid. However, the board was offering those seven the right to terminate their agreements under their contracts.

Mr. Honsberger also announced a press conference for Wednesday afternoon in Richmond Hill to help further clarify the situation.



(Photo by Fawn)

## What Do You Want For Christmas?

"Very good!" said an admiring Santa as he examined an entry in his coloring contest contained in last week's issue of "The Liberal". Santa had just arrived at Richmond Heights Centre on a fire truck, escorted by Firefighters Rick Lazenby and Gerry MacMullin and had begun to greet his young friends in his trailer

home last Saturday. He is there Monday to Friday from 1 to 4 and 6-9 pm and on Saturdays from 10-5 pm.

In the picture with him is Joan Verner while his helper, Betty McKinnon, is seen in the background.