

SINCLAIR STEVENS REPORTS

YORK SIMCOE

Tories Favor Expanded Public Transit

none were in use for com-

ing to swing back. The CN, transit is long overdue, I am about a small (German Mills) ordered to do so by the pleased some progress is community. Canadian Transport Commis- being made in this riding sion, now has a commuter towards re-instituting such service operating between service. The Barrie decision trains leave Stouffville five | Those who worked for years | committee meeting, going days a week at 7:10 in the to regain a passenger faci- minutely over the schedule morning and return at 6:15 lity through to Barrie de- for completion of a public in the evening. At first there serve much credit for their elementary school. It was to was only one passenger car persistent drive. In particu- open in September of 1974, on the run but the 55-minute lar, I refer to John Medcof the public school board retrip to and from Toronto has of Mount Albert and Bob presentatives said, if the sibeen so popular, there are Sillcox of King. now three cars in use carry- In the coming years let us approved.

Transit will be operating a muters in this area.

with stops at Lefroy, Brad- \$2.5 million a year. King City and Maple. This cated: way in Canada has been so ordered as a result of a public appeal. The CN run their trans-continental passenger service on this line, but it . A ceiling on residential only stops at Barrie and Newmarket. This train leaves | A co-ordinated program Toronto every day at 3:35 in the afternoon and it arrives in Toronto at 6:20 every evening. The commuter train will leave Toronto between 5:00 and 5:30 pm five days a week and it will arrive in Toronto between 8:00 and A reduction in the rapid 8:30 in the morning.

The CP has an operating line in the Riding running of The reduction of excesthrough Nashville (Kleinburg), Tottenham and Alliston. It is not used at present for commuter service, although the CP trans-conti- A national policy of selfnental passenger train leaves Toronto every day at 5:15 pm and stops at Alliston. Some day there may be a commuter train service on this line as well. There should be. Let's hope it's

The CN owns the fifth railway right-of-way which

Now the pendulum is start- rights-of-way for commuter plans. So we aren't talking of the location.

ing up to 200 people a day hope there will be still more in was most emphatic the trains with more cars on (Septmeber 1974) school By this time in 1976, GO | more lines serving the com- opening dealine must be met,

new daily commuter service At the recent Metro To- was to the people of South to Richmond Hill on another ronto federal Progressive Thornhill. Markham Town CN line. The federal govern- Conservative Policy Confe- Council forthwith approved ment has agreed to give a rence, a resolution was pas- the (joint committee recom-\$10 million grant for the sed calling for greater utili- mended) siting so construcpurchase of rolling stock to zation of existing rail lines tion could go ahead. The be used on this line, but any and rights-of-way for public town cleark notified school operating loss must be borne transit. The conference, board architect King the by the Province of Ontario. which included nine resi- council had approved the This is the first time in re- dents of York Simcoe in the school siting. rectly, any responsibility for transit in our urban areas a later date since it might paid one-third of the cost transit service in the Toron- and, "an end to the federal discrimination against To Recently the Railway Com- ronto in the public transit mittee of the Canadian field." This was a reference Transport Commission set a to the federal government's precedent when they order- underwriting of operational ed the CN to institute by losses in the running of the April 1, a commuter service | Montreal CN's commuter between Barrie and Toronto service amounting to over

ford, Newmarket, Aurora, The conference also advo-

was the first time any rail- Federal assistance to help service subdividable land in urban areas so that home prices may be reduced

> mortgage interest rates; by federal authorities to contain inflation in Canada, including the imposition of wage, price, rent, profit and dividend controls, at least on a temporary basis;

expansion of Canada's money supply;

sive gvoernment spending, particularly in areas such as unemployment insurance;

sufficiency in energy resources; and The creation of distribution systems to link all parts of Canada to ensure that all Canadians have access to our own resources including oil, natural gas, electricity, coal and nuclear pow-

George Clayton Debris, Wrecked Vehicles Bring

Largest Number Of Complaints forcement Officer George age of commercial vehicles Clayton dealt with 152 re- in residential areas brought corded complaints, issued 17 complaints, multiple oc-1,702 licenses and took in a cupancey in single family tatal amount of \$23,351.90 in dwellings 8, operating busifees is 1973, his report re- ness in a residential area 9, ceived by council February heating of homes and apart-18 indicates. Many other ments and watering lawns complaints fell under the four each, swimming pool control of other departments, fencing three. required civil or police ac- Dog license tags topped tion, were based on wrong the licensing business with interpretation of the bylaw, 927, 149 tax cab drivers were were based on non-existing licensed and 90 cab owners. bylaws, came under regula- 90 bicycle licenses and 99 tions of the province or dealt marriage licenses were iswith breach of agreements sued (but the latter only afbetween subdividers and ter July 10), 67 tobacco home owners over which he licenses and 61 public garage

were not recorded. plaints about garbage (37) picked up three licenses and ran a close second and noise auctioneers four.

Richmond Hill's Bylaw En- brought 30 complaints. Stor-

had no jurisdiction, and and service stations were licensed, as were 37 restau-In the complaint depart- rants, 28 raffle and 6 bingo ment debris and wrecked licenses were issued. Three vehicles on private property photographers and 9 tranbrought the largest number sient traders received licenof complaints (40), but com- ses. Driving school operators

Wants Town Water, Sewer For 18th Avenue Restaurant

A proposal by Karl Ro- noting that the nursing home thenstein to turn the exist- had access to the town's sewing house on his farm on the age disposal system. Regiosouth side of 18th Avenue nal Councillor Lois Hancey east of the Country Place told him that the nursing Nursing Home into a "Count- home proprietor had paid ry Inn" was received by the entire cost of hooking up Richmond Hill Council's to the town system and that Planning Committee Februa- main was not available for ry 20 and the staff was asked the use of other people in to prepare a report. Mr. the area. Rothenstein at present operates a riding stable on the property and intends to

continue that operation. His proposal is to add a large dining room at the dence with a pub below the sun and watch the riders. class restaurant in nice, rustic surroundings with a country club atmosphere. He that reason. expects to draw part of his | Since such a development

would not be able to proceed that the application should sewage disposal and water, prepared.

Councillor Andy Chateauvert thought the application premature since planning staff had not yet had time to prepare a secondary plan back of the existing resi- for the area east of Bayview, "land we inherited three by their reception, she said, fronting on to a terrace years ago." Councillor Grae- the principal having told where people could sit in me Bales agreed and Mrs. Hancey pointed out that ap-He said he felt Richmond plications for two "nice" re-Hill was ready for a better sidences at the corner of 18th Avenue and Bayview had been turned down for

clientele from the "horsey is a permitted use under the said, set" and part from visitors to rural designation of the Ofrelatives in Country Place. | ficial Plan, Planning Direc-However, he said he tor Hessie Rimon advised without town services of be received and a, report child in MacKillop Public

going through the school formed the school board aryears in portables.

Public School is much too the council minutes."

SEPTEMBER

COMPLETION Kay said much time was Toronto and Stouffville. The was a great breakthrough. spent at the early 1973 joint ting and location were then

for I knew how important it

be late December before the school boards would need lie school board just pulled further joint committee approvals. At the next joint committee session the members were to discuss other aspects of land use on the site. The critical thing was out of the way and members could devote their attention

to other things. The separate school board was two years away from construction. The start on the proposed high school was five to 10 years away.

ARCHITECT'S PLAN ONLY "I don't think there was any question whatsoever of the town building an auditorium until the high school was built. It was only an architect's suggestion on the plans but wouldn't be independent of the high school.

"There were other facilities shown on the plan. But the town had already taken steps to provide these elsewhere, something which the architect hadn't known. For

public school boards for their | would have told them of the permission for the town to town council's decision to use the school yeards at its appeal the Parkway Belt own expense. The town could | plan. commence work on grounds "I would have strongly

weren't ready to proceed. the scheduled August 1 joint on the basis of all the incommittee meeting on site formation available," said planning had been cancelled | Councillor Kay. by the public school board "But the public school some public school board school building immediately of such a stadium on the dren's First Day (Sunday) members were to speak to adjacent to the street, right surrounding community.

were making changes in the wanted to save extra expenpublic elementary school ses that would have been site. They were doing this caused from extending sewer unilaterally and without con- and water services, etc., over

vening the joint committee." a longer distance.

Easy Solution To School Strike

Who says there's no solution to the current secondary school teachers' strike in York County?

If you're Mrs. Joan Paton of 190 Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill, there is. While most people just complained about the strike, Mrs. Paton took more positive action: she enrolled her three high school children in Huntsville High School.

"The first week of the strike had been a bit of a ball," she recalled, "but after that we got a little concerned."

As a result, when skiing at Huntsville on the weekend, where they have a chalet, Mrs. Paton asked the principal of the Huntsville High School what would be involved in getting her children into school there.

"Very simple," the principal replied, "just have them here at eight Mon-

day morning." Mrs. Paton did and her three children-15, 16 and 18-have been "delighted" the student body beforehand to welcome "eight lost souls from York

County." The other "lost souls" include three students from Markham and two from Stouffville, Mrs. Paton

At present, Mrs. Paton is operating between Huntsville and Richmond Hill, where she still has a

(Continued from Page 1) | was although the clerk in- tember 1975. chitect and the motion was

small for the student load "That was what they said, councillor. "There is a strong whole German Mills com- soon as possible. We all and there are more coming but it really wasn't what feeling about the complete munity and the people would know we all have our hands in. The school is even much they were doing. Finally a non-action of the school have objected, said Coun- full today with other prob-Five rail lines run through also cuts through the Totten- too small on the long term. joint committee meeting was board. They (the public cillor Kay. York Simcoe Riding. At one ham and Alliston area. They Even so, the children are called, actually for October- school board) just aren't restime all carried local pas- have applied to abandon this being transported over there November date. At that ponsible to the people, at been aware of the town's big public school board. We've sengers to and from Toronto. line which in the circum- from the whole New Leslie meeting the public school least in this community. plan for John Street and not been pointing a finger in Three years ago, however, stances may be premature. area, an area which is com- board said they'd completed They are looking for a scape- Bayview Avenue. Also the the press, for Markham parable to the whole of plans for the public elemen- goat and are trying to lay town and the Markham Lib- Town realized their (the Greater use of railway Unionville, according to the tary school and advised us the blame on Markham Town rary Board prefer to have school board's) problems.

> LACKED GOOD FAITH "As far as I was concerned the public school board concern over the public Steeles Avenue and New hadn't acted in good faith school board's unilateral ac- Leslie. So the town has with the separate school tions. They have a large pro- put playground equipment in board, Markham Town Coun- perty on Simonston Boule- Paddock Park. cil or the joint committee, vard. If all the land isn't This was while they'd made used for a high school it The town also has plans some allegation about the might be sold for develop- and has authorized expenditown being responsible for ment. This would be a great ture of \$25,000 to \$30,000 for joint committee. The ob- fuel on U.S. tours have turn- cording to President Nee the delay and while it was loss to the community and Wycliffe Park in the Don apparent from their own would throw all the town's River ravine nearby. Kay (public school board) minu- planning into a shambles.

tes they'd acted unilaterally. He says Markham's other lous to proceed to develop They'd authorized their ar- Public School Trustee, Mrs. this land for park and recchitect to proceed on the Doreen Quirk of 11 St. An- reation purposes, but can't changed site with a new dres Court, Thornhill, gave go ahead until they know plan and they'd cancelled the him complete assurance the what the school boards are August 1 joint committee public board would never doing on their large land meeting," said the South sell the lands and that sel- holdings a short distance to Thornhill councillor.

tee, going ahead separate and apart from the wishes of of the joint study. The pub-

board said the reason was that when the province came in with the Parkway Belt would affect the future total of population and it was With Much Concern At Sharon questionable whether the public board would ever

changes in Thornhill, something which the school board has completely ignored.

REASON FOR DELAY "This plain and simple, is example the central library the reason for the delay in and arenas are to be at Bay- construction of the public view Avenue and John elementary school for Ger-Street, plus a branch libra- man Mills. It was the unilary at the proposed Markham teral decision of the public Marketplace shopping centre school board to proceed with at New Leslie and Steeles other plans. They didn't have the courtesy to advise the "I did ask the separate and other parties. If they had, I

for playing of football, base- taken the position that the ball, etc. if the school boards school site and location approved (by the joint commit-"Then I was advised that tee) was still the proper one,

"It became apparent they excuse for this was that they

"There were going to be "Then they told us (the council's) fault. I don't to make any changes, but know why, but they claimed they agreed to a one-month there was no official letter delay to arrange co-ordinafrom the Markham town tion of development with the clerk approving the site. This Roman Catholic Separate

> "Right now the public said Councillor Kay. school board doesn't have ing the school now is Sep-dock Park. There school

GREAT DISTRESS

"The Bayview Fairways a matter of public record in distress to the people here," have meant the loss of the as a matter of top priority

Kay says he has a further place shopping centre at

ling isn't their intention, the east. "They (the public school "When she made that state- Kay says that at no time well be needed yet, if the situation created in North rabid skunk, Daniels' houng board) acted completely on ment, none of the other were the joint town and town gets (Thornlea develop- America due to the stoppage tangled with the animal D their own, subverting the trustees indicated anything school boards committee ment) phases 3 and 4 ex- of oil shipments from Arab cember 22. The skunk w

READY FOR SELLING any other (local government) cern to me that that is Trustee Sim. The meetings for the kind of facilities (ar- four areas of public trans- 16, when he was told to land users. This was while exactly what they're setting were so far only to discuss enas, library, etc.) being portation, as a public carrier, body of the skunk had be cent years that the federal 360 attending, also asked for Markham Town and the selection and use of all built at Bayview Avenue and operator of buses for school located in an office freez parate school board each had school is being built with a of the lands in an over-all John Street anyway. At the boards in Southern Ontario, in Aurora. Examination street, the minimum legal "I doubt if he (Trustee public school board (unilat- rator and on urban or inter- Agriculture showed the skur amount. They have maxim- Sim) has lost any sleep over erally) approved plans for city transit routes. ized the possibilities for the it (plans for arenas and their elementary school in

Advisory Group

The Richmond Hill Citibuilt a high school in Ger- zens' Advisory Group will Quaker M'ting House man Mills. Because this continue to be known by that would possibly mean a name it was decided at a change in location for the group meeting February 14. Will Be Renovated public elementary school, the The group will seek to arrive public board went off on at an agreement with the town on height restrictions ing dedicated to the worship Kay futher pointed out the on RM6 and Commercial of God in this area, and an Parkway Belt plan is still zoning in the town, which historic landmark, is the subject to review and public will be heard by the OMB Quaker Meeting House on hearings, and that the town March 8 at 123 Edward Yonge Street, just south of has submitted a plan for Street, Toronto. If the group Newmarket at Sharons Built does not agree with the in 1810 to 1812, it has been town's proposals on height in continuous use as a place restrictions it was agreed of Quaker worship for more that it should make separate | than 160 years, presentations to the OMB.

for the year 1974. the proposed development of may be constructed. Then the Langstaff Jail Farm pro- the building will be replaced perty with a domed stadium and plumbing, electricity and situated on 122 of the 622 modern central heating will acres and the remaining 500 be installed. acres to be developed as re- The present cast-iron box sidential and industrial. Con- stove has proven inadequate cern was expressed about in the coldest winter months negating the planning con- and services have had to be cept of developing Richmond suspended during that time. Hill from the core out and However, the stove is valuhaving an urban separation able as an thique. corridor between Richmond The building, which is Hill and Metro. The group marked as a historic site by also felt that the residential the Ontario government, is growth would zoom the a good example of early town's rate of growth pat- Quaker architecture both intern, that the opinion of side and out. Its simple Markham and Vaughan character will be retained, should be sought and a re- but the extra space will proand that late in September board has set its elementary port obtained on the effect vide facilities for the chil-

town council," said Kay. next to the most expensive The group questioned the It is estimated the reno-UNILATERAL CHANGE single family dwellings. The wisdom of the town buying vation will cost about \$60,the land from the City of 000, half of which has al-Toronto and reselling it to ready been raised. a private developer, with all profits going to the develo- came to Upper Canada

ing? they ask, Describing the stadium as delays and it was our (town town council) it was too late the "carrot" offered to get of the yearly meeting of the other developments, the society held in Philadelphia. group also noted that local people may not have access to use of the facilities, which apparently will be reserved School Board. This resulted for professional sports. They in a small change in the lo- also questioned the feasibilication of the public elemen- ty of a domed stadium at the operating cost level.

> enough money for the school The town also has some and is going back to the pro- open land between New Lesvince to get sufficient funds. lie Street and Simonston There target date for open- Boulevard North, called Pad-

Binding Arbitration Is Definite No No

The Ontario Secondary | was. The school board must teacher negotiating team, for the students. told a press conference in Richmond Hill, Monday

ing to a question from the Sam Chapman, by the teach-

ding arbitration a "cop out," negotiations? a "put down of the whole eaching situation. Teachers were working in

an intolerable climtate, he award would eventually have to be made. If the board were unhappy with the award, "we will feel that unhappiness for years to come."

If the teachers were unhappy, then they would just continue to be unhappy. teachers had no guarantee had no knowledge of there that an arbitration board being any friction between

matize" itself to the educa- striking teachers, and he tional set up. Was there any point of resuming negotiations when panel were : Eric McLean,

School Teachers Federation realize the pressures from will definitely not go to vo- the community to see that luntary binding arbitration the teachers were accomoin the current York County dated in their demands so teachers strike, Vince Math- as to be able to provide the ewson, chairman of the proper learning environment

Frequent criticism, mostly of a covert nature, has been Mr. Mathewson was reply- made of Education Director ing side. What detriment He said he considered bin- was Mr. Chapman to the

Mr. Mathewson said that Mr. Chapman, who is on a year's leave with Ontario Institute for Studies in Edusaid, and if the two sides cation, hadn't been at the were to go to arbitration, an bargaining table for some

Also, his role had been mostly from behind the scene, as it was with various OSSTF members. "I can't say if he's been a detriment or a help," he said. In reply to another ques-

Mr. Mathewson said the tion, Mr. Mathewson said he would take time to "accli- working school teachers and hoped there wasn't any. Other members of the

both sides were deadlocked? James Bethune, Ralph Con-Mr. Mathewson said there, nor and Dave Robinson.

the town to build covered the school board (public) has "This is a source of great skating arenas. This would to proceed with construction said the South Thornhill only open park land in the to bring about completion as

Council, especially Trustee any German Mills area library in the Markham Market-

PARK IN RAVINE says the town council is anx-

meetings able to discuss empted from the Parkway suppliers in the Middle shot and picked up by the arenas, swimming pools or Belt. This (German Mills) East. "But it is of great con- ball parks, as alleged by area wasn't the right location Travelways operates in port was received by January

"Later the public school future disposal of lands," pools), for it's not in his the Bayview Summit area. area. His position is a complete fabrication.

PEOPLE'S RIGHT plan, development was frozen Views Stadium Plan area have the right to de-

Probably the oldest build-

Now this historic building A budget of \$1,200 was set is being renovated. It will be moved on skids so that a The group also discussed poured-concrets basement

School, and a library.

The Yonge Street Quakers per. What about land bank- around 1800 and were formed into a meeting or congregation in 1804 by a decision There was another meeting a few miles to the east.

Tax Helps Sr. Homeowners

For the past four or five years, residential taxpayers over the age of 65 years have been able to take advantage of \$150 in deferred taxation on their residence without interest each year. About 60 persons in the enlarged town of Richmond Hill have availed themselves of this loan which is payable only on the death of the recipient or on sale of the property. This amount was provided by the provincial

government. Now, recent provincial legislation, effective January 1 this year, has made it permissible for a municipality to provide property tax assistance to elderly homeowners who are receiving a monthly guaranteed income supplement under the Old Age Security Act. Richmond Hill Council at its February 18 meeting unanimously approved making this grant to the town's over 65 homeowners who qualify. This means a total of \$250 available annually in tax concessions to those who qualify. Town Ttreasurer William

Liberal" that the amount must be uniform and that he is recommmending \$100 to council as the amount to be granted. When the necessary bylaw is approved, the grant will be advertised for three consecutive weeks and he assures prospective applicants there will be no means test. Applications will be accepted until March 31 this year and applicants will have to sign a declaration of qualification.

Rice has informed "The

S. Thornhill's Kay Blasts School Board Fuel Crisis Boom To board architect King wanted mand school facilities and Thornhill Bus Firm

Lawrence Needler, presi-, ler said there will be furth dent of South Thornhill's fuel cost increases this yes Travelways Limited, told the Travelways has received Toronto Society of Financial proval for an increase Analysts meeting last week 15% in charter rates. It h the fuel crisis in the United also applied for a six pe States has meant increased cent increase on its inte business for Canadian bus city rates, to become effe companies operating charter tive March 1 if the provi package tours to southern cial government approves.

Needler, who started his school bus of its own design highly successful transporta- to school boards and cor tion career in the last decade petitors. He says Travelwa here in York Region at New- provides a much safer ve market, said the bus indus- icle. The market has nev try doesn't face any fuel cri- been better for the bus i sis either in Canada or the dustry and now must ser U.S. There are problems a whole new type of custor with obtaining fuel, but no er, he says.

"But we should have a ing difficulties in obtaining will be released soon, jective and the goal is a ed many travelers to bus ler. In the nine-month peripackage tours, he said. Need- ending September 30 prof ler was a member of Premier was \$513,000 or 57 cents The South Thornhill coun- Davis' recent advisory task share on revenue of \$10,500 cillor re-emphasized his force on Metro region tran- 000. points in a concluding sum- sit,

the high school out of the the volume of charter tour Daniels at the Aurora Brane plans. It was to be five to business to continue to in- of the Ontario Humane S 10 years away. It might very crease because of the fuel lety for delay in handling

RATE INCREASES

Company President Need- with the animal, it is feare

The company's 1973 Canadian motorists report- sults were on target an

The company now sells

mary as follows: "To my INCREASING BUSINESS STOUFFVILLE - Criticis knowledge they never took Needler said he expects has been levelled by Murr November 12 meeting the highway coach charter ope- the Canadian Department was rabid. A 41/2-year-old bo may have come in conta

Has your Hydro account got you a little puzzled because it's a little higher than usual?

"But it is the public

school board, or at least

one of its members, who

have tried to publicize this

and point a finger at

Markham Town Council. If

we hadn't had a joint com-

mittee, they might have

proceeded more rapidly.

good one," said Kay.

Your Hydro Account Will Vary Month to Month

Any number of conditions can cause changes in your Hydro accounts as rendered every two months on the average. Greatest use of hydro is generally experienced during the Winter months. Winter has its longer periods of darkness and the heating season. Sustained hot, dry weather during the Summer is generally reflected in increased water use.

Here Are Some Conditions That Can Cause Changes In Your Accounts

LIGHTING —

Artificial light is used more in Winter than in Summer.

HOUSE HEATING -

Electricity is used to operate associated forced air systems, burners, circulating pumps, controls, supplementary heating, and so on. The colder and more prolonged the Winter months, the greater use of both electricity, and fuel.

hi-fi, air conditioner, etc., will geneally result in the increased use of Hydro.

drying, ironing, television, and so on.

ADDITIONAL NEW APPLIANCES -

ENTERTAINMENT AND COMPANY -The greater use of electricity for cooking, lighting, washing,

Such as a television, range, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, radio,

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS -

Preparations and festivities are usually accompanied by the increased use of electricity.

ILLNESS IN THE HOME —

Heat lamps, heating pads, and supplementary heating can be the cause of increased electricity use.

An increase in the number is generally reflected in an increase in Hydro.

THE FAMILY —

dates.

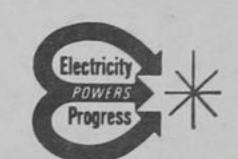
UNNECESSARY USE — Lights and appliances left on when not required can cause

changes in accounts.

BILLING PERIODS — Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, inability to obtain meter readings and so on will cause variations in scheduled meter reading

ELECTRICITY METERS ARE TESTED —

Electricity meters are tested and sealed as to accuracy by the Standards Branch, Canada Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Water meters are tested and sealed in accordance with American Waterworks Association standards.



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