



(Photo by Claus Plock)

The seven-mile check point in Saturday's Operation Bedpan Walkathon in aid of York Central Hospital was at the entrance to the Honey Pot Tavern and Ski Valley, Dufferin Street in Vaughan Town. From there the walkers went north to the King-Vaughan Line and then back south on Bathurst Street to Mill

Street and the Mill Pond where soft drinks and hot dogs waited. Hardly a bit the worse for wear after seven miles were (left to right) Sandy Stewart and Anne Fraser of Bayview Secondary School, Carolynne Lazenby of Richmond Hill High School and Bonnie Crawford of Thornlea Secondary School.

Operation Bedpan Walkers After 7 Miles

BY HAL BLAINE
Operation Bedpan was a great walkathon. There I was at 5 pm Saturday under an invigorating plus cold shower, sitting in my living room easy chair with a good book, tingling and glowing all over with sunshine, fresh air and exercise. I wouldn't have missed it for worlds. But neither would I have run the 15 miles like those two iron muscled girls did. None of that kind of stuff for a middle-aged 215-pound journalist cum typewriter and pencil pusher. It was a great victory for women's lib and the new York Central Hospital Langstaff Wing, although the sponsoring Canadian Process Club fear the turnout of almost 800 walkers won't be enough to reach the 50,000 goal. FANTASTIC GIRLS Those two Richmond Hill high school athletes were fantastic. They showed the male element "where it's at." First to finish the 15 miles by a lead distance too shameful to mention were Nancy Hamilton, 16, of 138 Driscoll Road and Ingrid McLeod, 18,

of 62 Rockport Crescent. Nancy is a noted long distance runner at Richmond Hill High. Her pal Ingrid isn't only a top athlete, but is also a top grade 13 student at Bayview Secondary. Wow! Can those girls cover the miles. They sure deserved that helicopter ride that pilot Dave Marko of Dominion Helicopters Limited, RR 1, King City, gave them as a prize. BOYS DEFEATED The horribly beaten next four boys to finish the 15 miles got the next helicopter ride. Then came the other walkers as far as they could be accommodated in the air machine, plus the crippled children who were doing their part by wheelchair around and around in the Don Head Secondary School parking lot. I managed the 15 miles without a blister, thanks probably to weekly badminton sessions over the winter. It was nothing like the 22 miles walked last year for the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded. Or should I say crawled, the last five miles anyway. I didn't recover for three weeks from that one. It's a strange thing about

that walkathon mystique. It certainly makes you accomplish prodigious physical feats that wild horses and the MVD couldn't make you do otherwise. Witness my Bedpan Operation erstwhile walking companion Roundly Irish O'Reilly, alias Pat Kelly, denizen of the hallways of Richmond Hill High. He was in beautiful shape at the start, for a marshmallow that is. By mile seven the amount of hide on his feet would hardly cover a quarter. WOULDN'T QUIT But did he quit? No siree. When last seen he was passing Elgin Mills Road on Bathurst Street with a strange, bemused look on his face, one foot following the other, more or less, blood red footsteps in the sand. That you don't heed left for a walkathon was well proved by that other walking companion Sliding Slim, otherwise known as Barney Matisko, another denizen of Richmond Hill High. Light body weight apparently left the skin on his feet. But don't tell anybody I said he was slowing down on Mill Street.

It's amazing how the tiny youngsters skip through the miles in these walkathons. Last year when my feet were just about worn down to the knee joints at mile 20, here were these little girls "knee high to a grasshopper" bouncing by as if they'd just left their doorsteps. Perhaps that's why the public school children seemed to be the majority in Operation Bedpan. Many of them seemed to be travelling twice the distance sideways as well as ahead, chasing and catching garter snakes, climbing trees and embankments. Perhaps small children are the only group still escaping of the debilitating effects of too much food, too much riding, cigarettes and alcohol. MAY 12 PRESENTATION Canadian Progress Club Publicity Man Charles Lawrence of 71 Tormore Drive says the amount of money raised by the walkathon isn't yet known, but he feels they aren't likely to hit the target. The club will present the proceeds by cheque at the hospital cornerstone laying ceremony at 3 pm May 12. "We want to thank everybody — the walkers, sponsors and all who assisted in putting the walk on, those who donated food, time, facilities, etc.," says Lawrence. "It was a beautiful day for a walk but we didn't get the numbers we'd hoped for."

The hospital staff members who started out with bedpans on their feet made it all the way. But Ray Woodend and John Flint had the bedpans worn through by the time they finished. MONEY COLLECTION "The success of this walkathon now depends on the prompt collection of pledges," says Lawrence. He urges walkers to gather up their money. It should be deposited at the Toronto Dominion Bank, Yonge and Centre Streets, Richmond Hill. "Everything went well. I'm sorry we were a little laxy in our drinking water supply plant at first and the check points may have been a little far apart," says Lawrence. But he is pleased with the effort which fits in with the Canadian Progress Club's motto "It's Great To Be A Canadianian." He invites more members to join the club for further such worthwhile community effort by calling him at 884-2121. Lawrence gave particular tribute to Dominion Helicopters of King City and pilot Marko for donating the services of their air machine and doing a terrific job.

Region To Pay Shot

Everyone To Go To Conference Of Mayors And Municipalities

Everyone on York Regional Council will get a chance to attend the 37th annual conference of the Mayors and Municipalities in Winnipeg from June 2 to 6, and it will all be on the region. Last week, after spending considerable time in what euphemistically might be called debate, the members voted against a motion of the administrative committee that only two voting delegates be allowed to attend, and instead approved a motion by Mayor Gladys Roling of East Gwillimbury that "anyone wanting to attend... be allowed to do so," with all expenses paid according to current practice. The meeting had previously agreed to a resolution from the committee appointing Chairman Garfield Wright and Mayor Margaret Britnell of King as voting delegates from the Region. However, a subsequent amendment to the motion, which had called for only two voting delegates to

go, by Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill, recommending that "17 delegates only be authorized to attend," and that the mayors go at their own expense, was lost. Mayor Lazenby said he felt the mayors should attend at the municipal level, while the regional councillors should attend at the region's expense. Mayor Joseph Dales of Georgina Township also considered it a municipal matter and not a regional concern. "If I want to go, I'll go on a municipal ticket," said Mayor Dales. Mayor Robert Forhan of Newmarket said that local municipalities belonged to the federation and so could send voting delegates. If the region wanted to join in "fullfledged" membership, it would get a full vote. As an affiliate it only got two votes. Richmond Hill doesn't belong to the federation.

Jailed At York County Court

Trafficking, Counterfeit, Gun

Jailed for 12 months definite and nine months indefinite on drug, weapon and counterfeit money charges is Michael McLennan, 28, of Richmond Hill and Bradford. McLennan was sentenced in County Court by Judge William Lyon April 8. The convicted man had already spent about four months in Don Jail awaiting trial following successive arrests while awaiting trial on the original drug charge. The former Richmond Hill tavern employee and businessman was convicted in March on a charge of having marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a restricted weapon. In Richmond Hill Provincial Court after election of trial by judge alone on the various charges he was sent to trial in York County Court. AUGUST 10 ARREST McLennan was arrested August 10 on Yonge Street South in Richmond Hill and charged with having \$2,000 worth of bogus \$20 bills and with conspiring to utter the bills. His co-accused, John

Bourque, 29, of 17 Laurette Avenue, Aurora, is still awaiting trial by York County Court judge. In sentencing McLennan, Judge Lyon said he was taking into account the time the man had already spent in jail awaiting trial from November to April. McLennan admitted having marijuana for the purpose of trafficking at Bradford and was sentenced to three months in jail. He admitted having the counterfeit money and got a further consecutive sentence of jail for six months definite and nine months indefinite. He got a further consecutive three-month sentence for possession of a restricted weapon. CHARGES WITHDRAWN The other charges he faced were withdrawn after the guilty pleas were entered on the three charges. The investigating officer in charge of the case was York Regional Police Detective Sergeant John Moorhead. The Crown attorneys were Ted Kelb, Pat Duffy and Frank Armstrong for the various charges.

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Region Seeks Meeting With Metro On Water Supply

York Regional Council's engineering committee will seek a meeting with Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey to present a report regarding the provision of an adequate water supply to the southern area of the region, at which not only the members of the committee, but all members of council would be able to attend. The latter suggestion was made by Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill, who said the councillors should be able to go to the meeting if they wished. Committee Chairman Mayor Anthony Roman of Markham, said they already had those assurances. However, Mrs. Hancey's suggestion was agreed to. Also attending the meeting when it comes up will be the various area mayors, chairmen of works committees and town

engineers from Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham. In its report, the engineering committee said its request was made on the understanding that various interim water supply measures would be abandoned once agreements between Metro and the province and/or the region had been carried out to meet the foreseeable water needs of the region. The request to Metro for the interim supply was as follows: from a connection to the Dufferin Street main at Highway 7 to provide the Keele Street industrial area of the town of Vaughan, water for emergency fire protection and peak demands of consumers during summer months. Estimated reserve quantity - 1.5 million gallons daily. From a connection to the Bathurst Street main at High-

way 7 for Richmond Hill residential purposes. Estimated quantity - 1.5 mgd. From a connection to the Kennedy Road reservoir for servicing Unionville and the former Village of Markham area; 0.75 mgd, available as of July 1. Permission would be sought from Metro for the region to install at its own expense the necessary connections and pumping devices to receive water from Metro. The committee emphasized that York was facing an emergency situation, so far as its water supply was concerned. The alternatives were either to further develop ground water sources independently of the province and Metro, or to make arrangements with Metro to be supplied from its system.

The report said that, to date emergency water connections in Markham from Metro at Steeles and Woodbine Avenues, and at Dudley and Steeles had been completed with Metro to December, 1975. Metro also considered a request for an emergency water supply to Vaughan at Keele Street and Steeles Avenue subject to concurrence by North York. However, agreement could not be reached between the two municipalities, because of interpretation of the word, emergency. At present, Vaughan has enough water to accommodate the normal existing demand in the Keele Street industrial area, but the supply is insufficient to accommodate fire demand or extreme peak demands.

Richmond Hill has a reserve water supply capacity for new development in the amount of 0.27 million gallons daily. This reserve has been committed to new development and approximately 1.5 mgd more is required to serve committed development that has draft plan approval, the report said. Water supply in the Unionville and former Village of Markham areas is becoming critical during peak demand in the summer months, and it is estimated that an additional 0.75 mgd is required immediately. The report added that, if the region were to proceed with the development of further ground water at the locations mentioned, it would take upwards of one year before the supply could be developed and put into production.

Nearly Wiped Out Markham Calls Davis

By HAL BLAINE

A hearing with Premier William Davis and the Cabinet to see if it is provincial policy to just about wipe out Markham is being sought by the town's municipal council.

Upset, sickened, disturbed and unhappy council members meeting Tuesday night of last week agreed unanimously to make a pilgrimage to Queen's Park. Markham includes that part of the Thornhill postal area east of Yonge Street.

Councillors want some consideration for their many and so far apparently wastebasketed submissions to the province on recent moves of various provincial authorities and government policies. Councillors feel the province threatens to shred more than half of the town out of existence, leaving the remainder an unrecognizable mish-mash.

The local government representatives feel their town is taking the brunt of a whole series of provincial policies, more than is being felt by any other York Region or other Metro fringe municipality. Specifically, they want their wishes considered when it comes to provincial plans for the Parkway Belt, the Naticoke to Pickering Hydro Corridor, the New Toronto International Airport and provision of school construction money.

Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of 12 Tuscany Court, Unionville, started it all off in planning committee as councillors were wrestling with a planning department report on the Solandt

Commission recommendation. Solandt would put the Hydro Corridor along the proposed Parkway Belt across Markham instead of the previously proposed route across farm and forest land to the north in King Township and Whitechurch-Stouffville Town.

Mayor Anthony Roman said the proposed international airport appears to be at the roof of most of the town's major problems. If it hadn't been for the airport the Hydro Corridor could have gone to the north, and still could if the airport is finally ruled unnecessary, the mayor said.

He didn't want to see the town stuck with a lot of undesirable things because of the airport, only to have the airport plan abandoned by the federal government.

Planning Director William Power was particularly concerned about the Langstaff area along Highway 7 from Yonge to Bayview Avenue. He said this strip appears slated to become a nightmarish area of transmission wires, highways and super-highways.

"We keep preparing reports, sending them to provincial authorities, and nothing happens. I think they just file them in wastepaper baskets and go ahead and do what they like," complained Unionville Councillor Mrs. Bell.

"Do we have to just sit back and take all this crap they are putting in our town. If we can't scream bloody murder about what they are doing to our town, what are we for? There isn't going to be any land left to develop. There won't be anybody left in Markham able to look out a window and see anything but power lines and highways.

"Who has the power in this region? We are fools to pussyfoot around with these damned reports. I doubt if anybody with any authority pays any attention," said Mrs. Bell. "It just makes me sick. It's just a lot of crap. They're cutting the town up into little unconnected pieces," she said.

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destroying it for development for all time," Muldrew said.

Mayor Roman expressed concern about the Solandt Commission's recommendation for a northern leg of the power corridor to run east of Buttonville, brushing Victoria Square and then joining the proposed Highway 404 right-of-way along the west side of Don Mills Road (Woodbine Avenue).

"It is ridiculous to run the line through the Cachet Country Club (golf course and residential subdivision). There is absolutely no technical reason for it," said the mayor.

Answering council members' request for an avenue of action to the provision on the issues, Mayor Roman said, "If you're going to make a last ditch stand, you're going to have to go to the Cabinet."

Councillor Bell promptly moved the necessary motion and was seconded by Councillor Muldrew. The motion was approved unanimously by all present. The only member absent was Regional Councillor Robert Adams of Ida Street, Thornhill, who had taken a week's holiday in the Caribbean, his first such vacation since election 1½ years ago.

Markham Council endorsed a draft of a town submission to have the provincial government opposing the recommendations on the Hydro Corridor made recently by the Solandt Commission. The only amendments ordered to the draft were to stress the Cachet Country Club problem and some other points more fully. The submission includes the following paragraphs:

"A submission by the town was made to the Solandt Commission in 1973 prior to the reconsideration of the whole matter by the Commission which (reconsideration) led to the BHI Limited Environmental Impact Study. "A fresh submission was made in July 1973 to BHI Limited, environmental consultants to the Solandt Commission, indicating a preference by Markham for the modified System 'T' route alternative which causes the least intrusion into Markham of all the alternatives under consideration by BHI Limited.

"Markham has already indicated its objection to the locating of the corridor in Markham. The earlier submission had elaborated, not only on the various adverse impacts of any proposed route through Markham, but more seriously, drew attention to the effect of unconscionably constraining Markham's role in the local government level of planning by the unilateral decisions of higher levels of government.

"These decisions, such as freezing of the lands in connection with the Pickering (and Markham) international

airport, the proposed North Pickering community, and recently the Parkway Belt — have all come down like government fiat, with no effective opportunity being given (the local government) to react meaningfully. It is felt that no useful purpose will be served by reiterating the points in detail which have been made in the earlier submissions and which are included in the appendix to this submission for easy reference."

Markham refuses to accept Solandt's conclusion that the Parkway Belt route for the hydro corridor has a low environmental impact. The draft submission deals with this as follows:

"The Parkway Belt in Markham is associated with the valley system of the Rouge and Don Rivers. Even with the improved appearance towers, the vertical intrusion of the transmission lines cannot but destroy this natural visual resource so vital at the edge of the urbanized areas of Thornhill and Markham-Unionville, not to speak of Metro.

"The captive population in the urbanized areas are otherwise exposed to the various undesirable artifacts of urban landscape. Markham supports the concept of the Parkway Belt as providing an unique opportunity for visual contrast, bringing natural environmental amenities within reach of the urban population.

"It is the town's submission that the ability to use the linear corridor of the hydro right-of-way, should it be located in the Parkway Belt, is only one aspect of the belt. By far the more important aspect is the visual relief between built up areas and green belt. This would be completely impossible with massive towers sprouting from the park setting, supporting strands of wires for miles at a stretch.

"The use of joint linear corridors for utilities and a green belt is workable when the width is sufficient enough so as not to destroy the openness of the belt. The location of the proposed Highway 407 within the Parkway Belt itself poses a concrete.

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Lake Wilcox Study In Camera

Richmond Hill Council heard representatives of M. M. Dillon Limited, consultants, present the results of their seven-month study of the Lake Wilcox area and recommendations Monday evening. Also present for the "in camera" session were members of the Lake Wilcox Study Committee which has been assisting the consultants. Although the minutes did not designate the meeting as "in camera" Chairman Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe was backed by members of the study committee in his recollection that it was to be so, although all future meetings will be held in public. Mr. Rowe asked two members of the public, one of whom had driven from Scarborough, and the press to leave the council chamber.

Dates To Remember Month Of May

- 6—Richmond Hill Council 7:30 pm
- Vaughan Council 2 pm
- 7—York County Roman Catholic School Board 8 pm
- 8—Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm
- 9—York Region Council 2 pm, Newmarket
- 10, 11, 12—125th Annual Richmond Hill Spring Fair
- 13—York County Board of Education 8 pm, Aurora
- 14—Markham Council 2 pm
- Richmond Hill Ward 3 Ratepayer Meeting, Walter Scott School, 8 pm
- 20—Richmond Hill Council 2:30 pm
- 21—Vaughan Council 2 pm
- York County Roman Catholic School Board 8 pm
- 22—Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm
- 23—York Region Council, Newmarket 2 pm
- 27—York County Board of Education 8 pm, Aurora
- 28—Markham Council 7:30 pm
- Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, Lions Hall