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Diamond Anniversary Party For Horticultural Society

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society celebrated its 60th birthday with a garden party and flower show at the White House, Don Head Farms, Major Mackenzie Drive, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier. An estimated 700 to 800 people enjoyed the sunshine in the beautiful garden setting Saturday, with entertainment by the Thornhill barbershop chorus, Saboteur accordion ensemble, refreshments and lucky draw.

In the picture above some of the many visitors are being entertained by a group of Scottish country dancers led by Mrs. Doris Hofmann of Arnold Avenue, Thornhill, a qualified

teacher of Scottish dancing. Her professor husband, Dr. Theo Hofmann assists by taping music for the dancing.

In the foreground Mrs. Elsie MacKay of Richmond Hill, wearing a wedding gown of the 1880's, is accompanied by her granddaughters, Holly (left) and Kathryn MacKay of Caledon. Kathryn is wearing a dress that Mrs. MacKay wore to her brother's wedding when she was a child. Other interesting guests were horticultural writer and broadcaster John Bradshaw and Tommy Thompson, Metro's Parks Commissioner.

Delay Expansion Vaughan Town Offices

Close-quartered employees of the Town of Vaughan will have to wait awhile yet before getting any relief.

Monday afternoon (July 8) Vaughan Council delayed a recommendation of the general purpose committee to call

Salary Boosts Night Teachers

Salary increases for night school teachers were announced recently by York Board of Education. Effective September 1, principals with an enrolment of 1,000 and over will receive a raise of \$100 to \$1,300. Those with an enrolment of 300 to 399 will be paid \$1,000, instead of \$900, while those with less than 300 students will go up \$50 from \$300 for organization and administration, plus \$11 for each night of supervision.

After the first three weeks of evening classes, principals work one night a week. For vice-principals, the new rate will be \$950, up \$100. Only schools with an enrolment of more than 1,000 students have vice-principals. Teachers now will receive \$13 for the first hour, \$11 for the second and \$9 for the third. Previous rates were \$11 for one hour, \$22 for two and \$30 for three. The changes are expected to add \$9,500 annually to the budget.

for tenders for the construction of the \$100,000 extension to the present municipal building in Maple. The extension, as proposed by Architect William Whitney, acting on recommendations from Councillors Ab Hollingshead and James Cameron, would be at the east end of the building and run in a southerly direction. It would not disturb any of the existing facilities and could be constructed with a minimum of disturbance to the routine municipal operation, the committee said.

Prior to submitting their recommendations, the two councillors sent out recommendations to all departments

Report On Modular Homes To Be Considered By Council

A planning staff report on mobile (modular) homes was received by Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee July 9 and sent on, with suggested corrections, for consideration by council. The staff's recommendations are that such homes be considered for residential use in the town and that policies and standards be established for them without losing the economics of this type of housing. The report claimed they should be a rural form of development giving access to the countryside to a wider spectrum of the population. It also suggested that mobile home park or subdivision in an urban area should be

to see what extra accommodation was needed for their particular areas. "Are the department heads happy?" asked Councillor Ab Hollingshead. "I wonder if the area we're contemplating (2,400 square feet on two levels) is large enough?" Councillor Jack Gilbert, who was acting mayor in the absence of ailing Garnet Williams, asked that the matter be sent back to the committee to see the plans for "the whole complex."

Mr. Gilbert's reference was to the possibility of including the town hydro office, which is situated at present in a small building

to the west of the town office. Councillor Hollingshead said that, if the town could get assurance that it could keep the facility, it would probably be included in the over-all building plans. Right now there is a chance that the Region of York will eventually take over its jurisdiction. Council also authorized the purchase of plastic boards and protective screens at a cost of \$4,949 for the south end of the Woodbridge Arena.

Awarded a contract in the amount of \$7,850 to Furfari Court Contractors to resurface the Maple Tennis Courts. Only other bidder was Barber Construction - \$8,000. Named Duncan Hopper Associates, engineers, to prepare the design and specifications for a parking lot for the Woodbridge Arena com-

munity hall and pool. Agreed to a recommendation of the works committee that the CPR crossings at Rutherford Road, Major Mackenzie Drive and the Albion-Vaughan Road be protected to an estimated cost of \$6,055, and that the Canadian Transport Commission be advised accordingly. The project would be done on a cost-sharing basis with Ottawa. It also recommended that the three remaining crossings at Huntington Road, Kirby Road and Cold Creek Road be completed in 1975. Total cost would be \$5,645. Another \$10,000 has been allocated for road improvements, which must take place before installation of the protective signals. The improvements consist of widening the road to 22 feet with two-foot shoulders in the vicinity of the crossing. About 200 lineal feet either side of the crossing will be widened.

Buck Questions Metro Proposal

A newspaper report on a proposed Metro takeover of land in York and other regions for housing purposes, caused a bit of a stir at a meeting of York Regional Council last week. The matter was brought to light by Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora, who produced a letter from Regional Solicitor Edward Oakes detailing some of the plan as it affected York.

Mrs. Buck said she had asked the Solicitor to inquire into the matter after reading the newspaper account.

Would You Believe

"Ficus Nitidas" - That's the botanical name for 17 exotic trees (member of the rubber tree family) to be planted indoors in Hillcrest Mall, Richmond Hill. What's remarkable is that these trees range from 16 to 25 feet in height with diameters from 9"-14". One interesting feature of the trees is that they are 35 years old growing under Canadian conditions (10 years old under Florida's tropical conditions). Five of these trees will be planted in Hillcrest's stunning Market Court in such a way that they can be rotated to allow uniform growth. Although the trees require constant maintenance, they were chosen because of their adaptability to enclosed environments. By the way, the trees are similar in appearance to our Canadian Beech Tree and it required 14 huge transports to bring them to Richmond Hill. "You'll be able to see them soon!"

School Costs Bump Expenditures Ceiling

Without some relief in 1975 for secondary schools, York County Board of Education anticipates major difficulty in staying within provincial expenditure ceilings and in maintaining existing school service levels, it was revealed at a meeting of the board July 9.

The apprehensive note was contained in a report of a special committee on ceilings and weighting factors, which will be incorporated into a brief for presentation to Education Minister Thomas Wells, with the view to securing an eventual meeting with him.

The report of the committee, which was chaired by Trustee Warren Baillie of Richmond Hill, disclosed that the board was at present \$50,000 over the 1974 expenditure ceiling for secondary schools. The final amount would depend on the deduction from ceilings for non-payment of some teaching salaries and the September 30 enrolment. While recognizing the need to limit the growth in educational spending and the importance of ceilings as a means of accomplishing this goal, the board also felt that the quality of education should not suffer because of lack of funds and that a greater degree of local responsibility should be permitted.

MAKE SUGGESTIONS The report said the board had been able to stay within elementary school ceilings and still undertake additional programs, but the same did not apply to secondary schools. To help change this situation, the board offered several suggestions: Eliminate the median approach in calculating the special education weighting factor and substitute a fixed amount to

enable the board to plan more effectively. Institute an additional weighting factor for boards adjacent to large city boards to buffer the transition from a city board to a county weighting factor with a sizable board with modest weighting factors. Apply weighting factors on a regional basis such as an area municipality rather than the total jurisdiction of a board. Urban areas in York faced many of the same problems as a city board and should be able to qualify for such weighting factors as population density and compensatory education.

To enable a board to deal effectively with local needs, some latitude to exceed the provincial expenditure ceiling without penalty is desirable, the report said. The complete removal of the ceilings would be unwise now, but a permitted 5 percent to 10 percent latitude to exceed weighted expenditure ceilings would assist the board in this matter.

In the final analysis, trustees would have more accountability to local taxpayers, who in turn would have more opportunity to react to the board's pending, the report concluded. Lone dissenter to the report was Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, who said she couldn't support the removal of expenditure ceilings.

Shrinking NDP Support Major Fate Factor In Local Ridings

Local voters in the July 8 federal election apparently found the contest in York North much more exciting than the one in York Simcoe Riding, since they turned out in considerably greater numbers in the combined York Region-Metro constituency of York North.

Official figures (including several hundred rejected ballots) obtained this week show York Simcoe voters just about exactly equalled the Ontario 75% turnout average. But in York North

Thornhill Girl, 18, Escapes Midnight Roadside Attacker

An 18-year-old Thornhill girl motorist was stopped and dragged into a field in Markham Town near Buttonville at 11:15 pm Tuesday of last week by a would-be rapist. But she escaped serious harm when another motorist came by and the youthful attacker fled in his (the attacker's) later, police say.

Later, following an investigation, York Regional Police Detective Sergeant John Jorhead and Detective Dick Witteman arrested a 16-year-old youth at an office at 2205 Midland Avenue, Toronto.

Held in custody for a bail hearing Friday at Richmond Hill Court was Michael Kloc of 162 Bayview Fairways Drive, Thornhill. Police said Kloc was already out on bail and facing a May charge of rape in a Metro court. YRP charged Kloc with attempted rape and with impersonating a police officer.

The lone girl motorist told YRP her attacker followed her in a vehicle, pulled her over and stopped her, saying he was a police officer. When he got her out of her car he pulled her into the field on Concession 5 road north of Highway 7.

He was struggling with her on the ground when the other motorist came along and frightened the attacker away. The girl fortunately suffered nothing more than minor abrasions, said police, who declined to reveal her name. At a bail hearing Friday Provincial Judge Russell Pearce issued a detention order for Kloc until trial, ordering that the youth be brought back to the court from Don Jail weekly starting Monday. A late August trial date was expected.

the turnout was well above the Ontario average with 78.6% of the eligible voters turning out. And there were 20,000 more eligible voters in York North than there were in York Simcoe. The national average was lower than in Ontario at 73.3%.

However, this follows the pattern of the last several elections where the turnout has regularly been higher in York North.

YORK NORTH TOTALS

The official figures from York North Returning Officer Brian Bailey with all the 357 polls given a final check in one of the largest population ridings in the nation (with the vote in the previous election in brackets) are as follows: incumbent Liberal MP Barney Danson 34,179 (28,123); NDP re-runner Jim Reid 7,669 (11,065); PC re-runner Stephen Roman 26,396 (25,844); newcomer SC Victor Uspeskiacis 365 (0); rejected ballots 203. Thus the total York North vote was 68,802 or 78.6% of the 87,546 eligible.

The figures show Danson and Roman both gained in popularity this time around, but Roman only slightly. It appears Danson gathered most of the 3,500 voters who deserted the NDP candidate, plus most of the new voters moving into the riding in the less than two years since the previous federal election.

Returning Officer Bailey says there was no trouble at the polls, no incidents. He says the conduct at the York North polls by class, much better than usual in at least the recent past. He said the work of the York North deputy returning officers was really first class.

YORK SIMCOE TOTALS

In York Simcoe the official final count this week was as follows: re-runner NDP Candidate incumbent MP 7,630; PC incumbent Gustar 19,311; Liberal candidate Michael Willinsky 18,927. Winner Stevens increased his lead this time by several thousand votes while the NDP's Gustar lost a little, but not as much as Reid in York North. The York Simcoe Liberal vote defied the national trend and dropped quite significantly.

The total York Simcoe vote of 50,331 was 75.1% of the 67,127 eligible voters, according to late figures this week from Returning Officer Shirley Turner. There were 183 spoiled ballots in York Simcoe.

Work Starts In Hill On New Official Plan

Richmond Hill Town Council has officially begun the preparation of a new Official Plan. Council Monday night received a report on "Working Goals and Objectives" and instructed the planning director to proceed with gathering citizen input for the plan.

The working goals and objectives contain long term goals and objectives to the year 2000. These goals describe in general terms the need to promote the development of Richmond Hill as a separate and identifiable community. A medium growth limit of 105,000 for the six block urban area is suggested as the basic population limit to be considered. (This area is from Highway 7 to Elgin Mills Road and from Bathurst Street to Bayview Avenue).

Short term goals and objectives are enumerated for the period until 1981. These goals cover four major subject areas: land use structure, physical environment, social environment and economic base.

Although studies for the Official Plan are proceeding, no decisions will be finally made until the results of the citizens' participation have been concluded. It is hoped that all comments on the working goals and objectives will be received by the end of September this year.

The aims of the citizen involvement is to inform as many of the local residents as possible about the plan and its implications; to get people's ideas on how Richmond Hill should develop and what kinds of policies should guide and govern such development.

Young Thieves Fail After Being Bullied Into Action At Centre

An incipient theft racket in Richmond Hill was broken up before it got started when two youngsters ordered to carry out the job, failed in their first try.

Police said that two young boys in Allencourt Plaza, Bayview Avenue were approached by two older youths, who told them to go into a variety store and steal them some pop, or they would "kick their heads in."

The two novice thieves did their best, but were caught in the act. By this time, however, their "employers" had fled.

The latter are being sought for intimidation. A Woodbridge man faces charges of threatening, following an incident at Sunfield Home Development, Martingrove Avenue, July 10.

Police said a man walked into the office about 5 pm and told manager Domenic

To this end the planning department will be distributing copies of the working goals and objectives to community groups, ratepayer organizations etc. and asking for their written comments. Additional copies will be available for reference in the libraries and at the planning department. Summaries of the working goals and objectives will also be available at the same locations so that individuals can respond to them with written comments.

Public meetings will be held (one for each ward) to explain the proposed program, to answer questions and to receive comments. A schedule for these meetings which will all begin at 7:30 pm is:

Aug. 15, ward 1, Council Chambers; Aug. 15, ward 5, Wildwood Public School; Aug. 20, ward 2, Council Chambers; Aug. 22, ward 3, Council Chambers; Aug. 26, ward 4, Council Chambers; Aug. 29, ward 6, Council Chambers.

Additionally, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 12 noon and Tuesday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm are office hours being set aside by the planning department to be available to answer questions and discuss the working goals and objectives.

This will continue from July 22 to August 15th. Groups are asked to make reservations ahead of time. These arrangements are being made so that maximum opportunity be given to the citizens of Richmond Hill to react to the proposed Official Plan program, it was explained by Planning Director HESSIE RIMON.

Alberga that he would kill him if he didn't repair the home he had bought from the company.

Arrested was Palolino Grossi. Police turned up an unique hiding place when they searched a man, who had been picked up for being unlawfully in a dwelling house.

A 10-inch steak knife was found lodged in the fitting of the man's wooden leg. Facing a charge of carrying a concealed weapon is Clarence Bigelow, 51, of no-fixed address.

Vandals worked out on the front lawns of two Kleinburg residents last week. Both Lorna John, of 5750 Major Mackenzie Drive, and Mrs. Julie Burello, of RR 1, reported that motorists had driven across their lawns, causing damage of \$100 and \$50, respectively.

Hill's Cancer Society Hits \$26,500 Target

Dorothy Arnold Price, campaign chairman for the Richmond Hill Unit of the cancer society, announced this week the unit has met its target of \$26,500. Therefore she wishes to extend her personal thanks to everyone who has helped towards the success of the campaign - either by canvassing or through monetary contributions.

As a small measure of her appreciation Mrs. Price recently entertained all the campaign captains at her home on Fernleigh Circle North. During the evening President Gerry Crack also paid tribute to the captains, singling out several names for special recognition - Sadie Brent for her mammoth job selling daffodils on "Daffodil Day", Pat Smith for being first to complete canvassing her territory, and Muriel Oliver for undertaking the largest territory.

He then congratulated Mrs. Price on her tremendous organizational ability and in particular for keeping her "cool" under extreme stress (she was confined to her bed at the beginning of the campaign and yet continued to be abreast of the situation at all times!).

Mr. Crack concluded by extending his thanks to Unit Secretary Mary Follows who gives unstintingly of her time and help to every aspect of the cancer society's work. The next scheduled event for the Richmond Hill unit is a fashion show to be held at the Curtain Club Theatre in September. Fall fashions will be featured through the courtesy of several stores in the new Hillcrest Mall.

DOROTHY ARNOLD PRICE

Temporary Metro Water Hookups

York Regional Council last week authorized its commissioner of engineering to proceed with design of three temporary connections to the Metro Waterworks System to provide an interim water supply for York.

The three connections would be at Bathurst and Dufferin Streets at Highway 7, and at the Kennedy Road reservoir. The first two would serve Vaughan and Richmond Hill, with the other one covering Markham and Unionville. Under the terms of the recommendations adopted by Council and approved by Metro earlier in June, the emergency supply would be recorded and paid for on a month-to-month basis at 37½ cents per gallon for the time being.

An agreement was approved between Metro and York for the water supply until an agreement could be reached with Metro, York and the Ministry of the environment for a permanent supply from Metro for a period not exceeding 20 years.

Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill pointed out that the latter was contingent on acceptance by areas concerned of the Big Pipe or South Central Trunk Sewer System, which will cover York and Durham regions and flow to a treatment station on Lake Ontario. If approved, the permanent supply would be connected to the over-all servicing scheme. York Region has approved the scheme, providing Durham enters into it as well.