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The number "30" in newspaper parlance means the end, and so it's probably only appropriate that Richmond Hill Firefighter Bill Wilds, No. 30, sprays down the wall as a finishing touch to a fire in a garage at the

(Photo by Ron Fawn) home of Gavan McKenna, 272 Gretel Drive, Saturday evening. Besides destroying the garage, the fire destroyed a quantity of carpeting, glue and stripping stored in the building.

It's "30" For Garage Fire

for them - literally - on Markham Fire Chief Meryl owned by the Ontario Minis- buildings as well.

Besides battling a garage and \$500,000. Insurance 10. Mr. and Mrs. Gavan McKen- 000. na. 272 Gretel Drive in Richmond Hill, that for awhile from Richmond Hill, plus damage to the building and was \$7,000. endangered nearby houses, their counterparts from two adjoining sheds. two crews from the local de- Markham, Stouffville and departments in putting out fire. The Richmond Hill Road, Concord, July 17, caus- company, an early-morning inferno at crew had two pumpers on Philmar Lumber, RR 2, the scene, using 1,200 feet of

which swept through vast used six trucks, with its

Markham, July 21,

Yonge St. Trees, Plants Die

The owners of a new group of stores on Yonge Street South in Richmond Hill believed that if you plant some flowers and they don't grow you plant them again.

They didn't grow. Hence a letter to Richmond Hill Town Council

They did.

pertaining to what didn't happen. It was written by Bernard Cooper and Associates, owners of the stores. The letter noted that

"upon completion of the premises (at 10133 Yonge Street and formerly 33 Yonge Street South), and in a desire to tie-in with the existing landscaping in the area, we, at our own expense, installed four aggregate planters planted four new and trees.

"These did not survive one season so we replaced them with new ones. We now find that the replacements also have not pros-

"In the light of this ex- ting, glue and stripping. perience, and since this is for the benefit of the municipality accept responsibility and maintenance of planting suitable

plants or annual flowers. "We are prepared to make a nominal one time payment, should the municipality require us to do so. Since the planting season is now on, we would appreciate if this matter could be dealt with expe- |call.

ditiously." Council referred the letter to committee for consi-

members spending some 14

hours on the job. Chief Smith said that 8,000 feet of hose was needed to make the connection which covered one concession, from fire hydrant to fire. He had words of praise for all four fire crews whose work and co-operation throughout he

said were excellent. He said also that the four fire crews kept the fire from spreading to nine pre-fabricated houses, plus a plumbing supply warehouse, all located on the grounds.

Cause of the fire is unknown, but the Ontario Fire Marshall's office is investigating. The yard also experienced

a minor fire about 6:30 pm Friday, apparently the result of spontaneous combustion in the mill's sawdust box. Damage amounted to \$50. However, the sawdust box

was ruled out as the cause for the major fire Sunday. Monday morning, temporary shops and offices were set up in the old buildings at the front of the property.

CARPETS STORED

The garage fire in Richmond Hill caused about \$11,000 damage to the building and contents, which included a quantity of carpe-

The fire also caused extensive smoke damage to the Town of Richmond Hill, McKenna house and warped

the house next door. alarm was first turned into site?" asked Mr. Brown,

contacted Richmond Hill.

Grant Smith assists his fellow fireman.

Smith as between \$400,000 try of Housing, Concession Victims were Cross Tube fire July 20, at the home of coverage amounts to \$350- The fire, which occurred Read and Rescoe Hardware, contain long term goals and residents in the planning about 8:40 pm, July 16, 674 Rivermede. A total of 20 firefighters caused an estimated \$20,000

partment, spent a total of Scarboro, joined forces and A fire that started on the the latter was thought to 10 hours assisting the Mark- equipment to relay the water premises of Moon Furniture have started in a supply of

Richmond Hill firefighters | piles of lumber in the ware- also was called out to ex- ed extensive smoke and wa-

Products, 668 Rivermede

Damage to Moon Furniture

which put out the fire, said ham squad and two other from distant hydrants to the Company, 678 Rivermede feam rubber at the furniture

Damage at the latter fire, through west through west used six trucks with the latter fire, the Markham Department Refuse Apartment Building Adjacent To Courthouse

on a three-acre pieshaped lot agreed. adjacent to the courthouse, failed to gain approval July

ning committee. the building. Some of the buildings." apartments would be two storeys and some one storey and access from one leg of the building to the other

would be by bridges. Councillor Andy Chateauvert pointed out that a number of applications for development in that area (the east side of Bayview) have been turned down recently because they have been considered premature because of lack of services. "I am not sure we will want apartments on the east side of Bayview until we have a look at that whole area from Highway 7 north. This information

may not be available for some time." Councillor Jack Major her husband's car, was we are petitioning that the the shingles on the roof of agreed with these remarks. "Would it be possible for Richmond Hill Fire Chief council to indicate what it Robert Kennedy, said the would like to see on that

> the Toronto operator, who The answer was no, be- also taken to York County relayed it to the Vaughan cause the planning staff is Department, which in turn loaded down with so much other work at present. "It The Hill department was would be very remiss of us then at the scene within to indicate we would considfour minutes of getting the er that type of development and very wrong for us to ask Cause of the fire is un- our planning staff to add this to their load. It would be unfair to mislead you," Noel vehicle south when

An unusual design for an moved that the committee er councillor, has charged apartment building for the recommend to council that that council is only paying to begin the process of devissoutheast corner of Markham the application is premature, lip-service to encouraging ci- ing a new Official Plan con-Road and Bayview Avenue with which the committee tizen involvement in the for-

9 at the meeting of Rich- son told Mr. Brown that he held during August to obtain mond Hill Council's plan- liked the concept and hoped citizens' views on goals and it would not be too long be- objectives," he stated. The proposal, presented by fore something like it could Architect Tom Brown, was be built in Richmond Hill. "I for an A-frame type of am quite impressed by the structure 10-12 stories high architectural concept and with a foyer extending about believe that it is about time a third of the length and Richmond Hill got some reaching up to the top of architecturally pleasing

Man Killed Pair Hurt

Raymond Walface, 18, of RR 1, Gormley, was killed in a two-car collision Sunday, in which two Richmond Hill residents were hospitalized. In the intensive care unit at Toronto General

Hospital, is Albine Noel, 160 Essex Street, who was transferred there from York County Hospital. His wife, Eileen Noel, who was a passenger in

treated at York County Hospital for injuries and then released. Kevin Mulhollan, 55 Davis Drive, Aurora, was

Hospital for treatment. York Regional Police said they still had few details of the accident, which occurred about 6.55 pm on Concession 2, Aurora Sideroad.

The Wallace vehicle was proceeding north and The Markham Department said Mr. Chateauvert as he the accident occurred.

A Richmond Hill man's "We should not be consi-threat to withhold a portion dered as an undeniable of his taxes as a result of source of money, paying last spring's strike of secon- taxes without complaint dary school teachers in York when the Board of Education Region came up before town or any of its employees is council Monday night of last negligent in providing a

Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"

Former Councillor Eric possible. tional taxes payable to se-condary school boards from this attitude. my tax assessment for the first two weeks of the strike and 1/52nd part for every week following that the service is with-held.

"Any attempt to retrieve these funds I shall construe as extortion and will take whatever legal action necessary to uphold my actions."

Mr. Handbury's most recent missive was dated May 17 and further explained his reluctance to be billed for a service that he hadn't received.

Councillor David Stephenson, who represents Mr. Handbury's ward, brought the letter to council's attention. It was received and by saying that "your position turned over to the municipa- in the community is to con-

"I sincerely believe that you not some provincial organi- sponsible for highways and have a distinct obligation to zation. any ratepayer to inform them, should any service be about your financial com- the department can meet the withheld, that they have a mitments, obligations or objections of the ratepayers. legal right to withhold part troubles with the Board of One of the questions is of the levy during the de- Education. I only want to whether or not there is going linquent period.

sense that the town is only payer to withhold payment Highway 11) through Thornobligated to make these pay- for a vital and irretrievable hill. ments provided the Board of service not provided." Education lives up to the which make necessary the by Councillor Stephenson, payment of a 25 percent school levy."

Mr. Handbury said that it was his opinion that "any citizen has the right to withhold payment of a tax when the service that tax makes possible is not carried out.

utility that our money makes

Handbury, of 59 Centre "We are not robots or Street West, had earlier in- automatic cash dispensers, dicated that he would "de- and you as our municipal reduct 1/26th part of educa- presentatives, are expected, "As my municipal repre-

sentatives, I instruct you to research thoroughly the Board of Education's responsibility to the ratepayers of me if the service they provide is a necessary adjunct to the payment they receive, and I want to know as quickly as possible, if the service our municipality."

lity's solicitor for comment. cern yourself about the in- widening proposal was dis-

"It seems to me common upholds my right as a rate- of Yonge Street (Queen's

Mr. Handbury's letter was

question had been originally previously promised to stop addressed to council and had just recently come to his

council Monday night.

Schiller Objects To Holiday Hearings

Director Hessie Rimon to Plan," Schiller noted, had their work spread out house was estimated by tinguish a fire at a barn ter damage to two adjoining proceed with gathering citi- "The process adopted by way 404 north of Steeles from 4.5 percent to 3 perzen input for the "Working council, however, is simply Avenue. For the time being cent of the contract price. Goals and Objectives" of the window dressing the need new Official Plan. These will and desirability of involving objectives to the year 2000, process. and will describe in general terms the need to promote the public meetings poor, Vaughan Fire Department, the development of Rich- but residents have not seen mond Hill as a separate and or digested the Region's

identifiable community. Pub- plan with which our Official lic meetings will be held dur- Plan must conform. ing August to gather the citizen input and Tuesday and town should allow time for Thursday mornings from 8:30 residents to view the Ream to 12 noon and Tuesday gion's Official Plan pronights 6 pm to 8 pm have posals, schedule meetings been set aside by the plan- for input during the fall or ning department to answer early in the new year, per-

date David Schiller, a form- to residents. mulation of the town's new Official Plan. "Council has Chairman David Stephen- suggested that meetings be

"Many people are out of town in August," he pointed out. "In addition, it is also suggested that all comments be received by the end of September — not nearly enough time for this most important review."

"Whether connected or not, council has since held two in camera meetings (public and press excluded) and now, as reported in the

Zoning Changes Require

"Not only is the timing of for land splits ran afoul of ting the town to relent.

"To be meaningful, the questions and discuss the haps conduct surveys to reworking goals and objectives. fine views, and establish pro-This week mayoralty candi- cedures for reporting back purpose of constructing two hearing." He suggested that

> "Nothing less is sufficient templated to guide the municipality to the year 2000."

Airport Appeal

The OMB Hearing on the appeal by Toronto Airways Ltd. for extension of the Buttonville Airport will be held in the Town of Markham Council Chamber Monday at 10 am, it has been learned.

The council chamber is located in the town's office building located on Don

Ex-Councillor Threatens Rhodes Promises Withhold School Taxes A Richmond Hill man's "We should not be considerable Meeting, Yonge Street

a limited access through way 400. This is because the highway alternative to the engineers can't find a way to widening of Yonge Street to get a clover leaf or other seven lanes across Thornhill grade separation intersection s a construction problem at put in at Sheppard Avenue the north end of the Don and Highway 401. Valley Parkway in Metro, Deacon says Minister

Liberal" via telephone. tion to the time that the widening proposal for which Board of Education and its plans are practically finaliz- way 404 expressway. duties were not effective in ed in the provincial department and have been exhi-Mr. Handbury concludes bited at local information

The local MLA said the The letter points out that terest of the ratepayers and cussed with the Minister rean attempt is to be made to "I want to hear no more readjust the plans to see if hear whether the council to be parking on both sides

PUBLIC MEETING Minister Rhodes will be contractual agreements in reply to one sent to him calling a public meeting be-Mr. Stephenson told "The Street widening is approved Liberal" that the letter in again, says Deacon. Rhodes

the widening proposal. The public meeting will allow York Region, local This was the reason he municipal councils and ratebrought the matter before payers to have a say in the planning to handle northsouth traffic between York refused to recognize. Region and Metro.

> "This is so (local residents and municipalities) won't addition to Huron Heights financing of the Huron have that (no consultation) Secondary School in New- Heights project of about complaint again. They not market was approved by the \$35,000, which was taken only opposed it (the widen- former Newmarket District from the current funds in ing), but had nobody to talk High School Board, but built 1970. Government tax audito," said Deacon.

DEACON DISTRESSED

Bylaw, Official Plan Study

Jack Jacobsen Contsruction ficial Plan.

Limited of Pickering reques-

A representative for the

firm, D. J. Plitz, told council

Naughton Drive, north of

Elgin Mills Sideroad West,

comprised 2.51 acres. The

splitting of the lot would

leave insufficient frontage

although the bylaw does

permit the company to con-

struct one dwelling. There

were also a (RP) number of

had been unaware of the

zoning violation and had

Mr. Plitz claimed that he

other violations.

single family dwellings.

Two separate applications | have some bearing on get-

municipality zoning bylaws | Mayor William Lazenby

Monday night of last week noted that approval would

at Richmond Hill Council. | require a change in the zon-

ting relief from a zoning by- lem in the Richvale area

law to split a lot for the which involves an OMB

that the whole land area on the zoning and join forces

been assured of a permit application to split property

when his application was ap- owned by Dora Strachan on

proved by a committee of Gormley Sideroad due to

He stated the company law. There was a lack of

had poured \$2,700 into the frontage involved in this ap-

property to improve it and plication as well as other

with them."

The first one involved ing bylaw and proposed Of-

BY HAL BLAINE | it is to be built like a normal The real barrier to finding arterial road, not like High-

says Donald Deacon MLA Rhodes reports there's in-York Centre, of Markham sufficient distance there to Town, Deacon was interview- connect Highway 404, as ed this past week by "The many believed was proposed, to the Don Valley Parkway. Deacon had just come from Because of the travel distance a meeting with Transporta- available, traffic couldn't tion and Communications sort itself out on such a free-Richmond Hill and advise Minister John Rhodes. Also way if it were built. Thus attending were Markham there isn't any reason right Mayor Anthony Roman and now to make Highway 404 South Thornhill Ratepayers' into an expressway until af-Association Executive Mem- ter east-west Highway 407 ber Nick Belak of 5 Hender- (along the present Highway the town cannot withhold son Avenue. Protesting Tho- 7 alignment) is built many relief. I'm arranging another from its 25 percent levy an rnhill citizens sought conso- years hence. This is since meeting with Minister Rhoamount of money in propor- lation on the Yonge Street there won't be the necessary des. We want to get the traftraffic volume to use a High- fic off Bayview Avenue, Don

WAS ONLY DREAM Thus the whole concept of Avenue. Right now it appears Highway 404 as a traffic re- there is no solution in sight. lief artery north-south across The highways builders will this area and into Metro ap- just have to keep on desecraparently has been a figment ting the local towns by widof the imagination all along, ening streets," he said, give up on this yet.

think we're not going to get local MLA Deacon,



JOHN RHODES Highways Minister

Mills Road (Woodbine Avenue), Yonge Street and Steeles

But Deacon isn't ready to "But I still hope some solution can be found. Minis-"We have a big problem ter Rhodes is a pretty senswith north-south traffic now, ible guy, so I hope I can it really distresses me to persuade him," concluded

Finally 4½ Years Later calling a public meeting before anything as to Yonge Street widening is approved Federal Tax \$43,221

Some relentless pursuit by the staff of York County Board of Education over the past 41/2 years has finally paid off.

That's the time spent by the staff and a tax consultant in going after a federal sales tax rebate of \$43,221.45, which Ottawa at first

by the county board. At that time, Ontario Mu- higher rate, because they The York Centre MLA says nicipal Board approvals were argued that construction on Richmond Hill Council press July 17, is beginning he's distressed to find the delayed and the federal sales the project had not started July 15 instructed Planning work on a new Official Transportation Ministry isn't tax rebate formula for new before the date the formula changing its plan for High- construction was reduced changed.

"We have the same prob-

Mr. Plitz should wait and

see how many "other people

in your area want to change

Mayor Lazenby was sym-

pathetic with Mr. Plitz sug-

gesting "that you will pro-

bably get your second lot

eventually and pull out your

expenses at that time. In

the meanwhile you could go

ahead with the single dwel-

Council also rejected an

It all started when the last | This resulted in an under tors wouldn't recognize the

However, staff didn't feel that a fair decision had been made and continued to pursue the case through 1969 with little success.

The services of tax consultant R. G. McLean were then obtained, and a subsequent rebate of \$43,221.45 was received in May.

Mr. McLean and staff are now pursuing a similar claim for Sutton High School in the amount of \$10,000.

In announcing the top Ontario Scholar - Peter Barabash of King City Secondary School, 95.8 percent average — the board also reviewed some of the background necessary to becoming an Ontario Scholar.

To achieve this distinction (Continued on page 8)

Two Firsts In Britain

Jane Haist of Phornhill took two firsts last Saturday in the British Women's National Athletics Track and Field Championships.

She took the shot put with a heave of 49 feet 334 inches and won the discus with a toss of 185

violations of the zoning by- feet. Carol Martin of Thornhill was third in the discus with mark of 164 feet

Vaughan Wants Rural Land For Luxury Homes

thought that this should problems.

A residential development in Vaughan that will eventually see an additional two people per acre, for a maximum of 520 people, will be considered by York Regional Council this

Approval of an amendment to the Official Plan of Vaughan, which would change the lands involved from rural to residential, thus permitting the development at the northwest intersection of Bathurst and Teston Streets, was given by York Regional Planning Committee last week.

approved the amendment in November of 1973, four years after application was made by Millview Investments Limited. BASIC CHANGES Following that, however, the regional planning department

recommended two basic chan-

ges to the amendment: a more

Vaughan Town Council first

detailed land use plan, listing open space, agricultural and residential categories; replacement of policies in Vaughan's Official Plan by a new set of policies from the region. Vaughan agreed to the first

recommendation, but not to the

second, resulting in another

look at the amendment by the region. In a subsequent report, the planning department listed the area as being in "an arm of the Oak Ridges moraine, consisting of irregular topography and

sandy soils, augmented by

extensive woodland tracts." A small light industry and four houses have access to the west side of Bathurst Street, with several houses on the east side of the street, within the

Richmond Hill planning area. Maple Downs Golf Club adjoins the western boundary and a trans-Canada pipeline is in the northern part of the quad-

Lands to the south of Elgin Mills Road are used for farming purposes.

served by a piped communal water supply and individual sewage disposal systems. OBJECTORS Objections to the plan were

received from Maple Downs

Golf Club, the Ministry of Na-

The amended area would be

tural Resources and members of the public. The golf club said the proposed development was not compatible with surrounding land uses, and the water supply might be insufficient to satisfy

course and the subdivision. The Ministry of Natural Resources objected on the basis that development would inevitably damage and perhaps

the needs of both the golf

destroy the quality and quantity of water flowing downstream.

31/2 inches.

At a public meeting three years ago, concern was expressed about the loss of rural atmosphere, urban sprawl, pollution, plus a "drawdown of underground water supplies in the area to the detriment of existing properties.

Warning was also given to keeping the density of any development along the Oak Ridges moraine, low enough to prevent the possibility of any concentrated amounts of chloride, etc. from septic tanks affecting the quality of water supply to wells in the area.

In making its report, the department took into consideration the various objections, incorporating their concerns into a list of recommendations for consideration by regional coun-