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Backyard Carnival For York Central Hospital

Roosevelt Drive in the Langstaff area of Richmond Hill was the scene of great excitement for the "small fry" the other day when children on the street held a big backyard carnival to raise funds for southern York Region's expanding York Central Hospital, Major Mackenzie Drive. Events included dancers on stage, bean guessing, toy sale, etc. from 1 to 3 pm at 60 Roosevelt.

Three of the entertainers were Amy Smith, 8, (at left), clown Mark Finlay, 4, (at right) and Freckles the dog. Others participating were: Debbie Finlay, 12; Becky Robertson, 9, John Myers, 8; Chris Barbour, 13; Jimmy Smith, 6; Robbie Abbott, 7, of Hamilton; Kathy Myers; and Peppy the dog.

Markham's German Mills Public School Ready In January

Student Total Climbs

Enrolment in schools across Canada may be down this year, but it will be up for the most part in York Region.

According to Statistics Canada, about 6,130,000 students will enroll this fall, down 84,000 from last year. All of the decrease is attributed to a 3.4 per cent drop to 3,400,000 on students entering schools, which is a reflection of the low birthrate of the past decade, the report says.

However, secondary school enrolment is expected to rise slightly to 1,807,000, up 0.1 per cent.

University enrolment will jump 3 per cent to 342,000, while colleges will leap 6.6 per cent to 225,000.

Closer to home, three of four public school areas have predicted increased enrolment in both elementary and secondary schools, and an over-all total of 44,928.

In Area 3, which takes in schools in Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Vaughan, Ken McDonald, superintendent of the area, said projection at the secondary level showed 4,052 pupils, up 80 from 1973.

Projected figures at the elementary level listed 7,438 students, for an increase of 300.

Mr. McDonald said the figures are based on a survey of new buildings in the area during the year and on the previous year's enrolment.

NEW TEACHERS
He said there will be 30 new teachers, plus 11 transfers in the secondary schools, while the elementary schools will see 43 new teachers and 18 transfers.

Also, two classes for children and young adults, had been established at Villa Hospital in Vaughan.

Mr. McDonald said the

new German Mills Public School in Markham, was expected to be ready around the end of January, and would accommodate 485 students.

At present, the school is located on the Bayview Fairways site in portables.

In Area 4, which includes both elementary and secondary schools in Richmond Hill and Markham, plus Thornhill School for Trainable Retarded in Richmond Hill, Russell MacDonald, superintendent of area, listed the projected enrolment in the elementary schools at 7,284. This was up 300 from last year.

Secondary school projected enrolment is 3,905, up 60.

Mr. MacDonald said that 28 new secondary teachers would be joining the system, plus eight transfers.

The elementary schools would see 39 new teachers, plus 20 transfers.

Superintendent of Area 2, George Billings, said elementary enrolment should reach 6,750, down about 250 from last year.

REACHES PEAK

This was a result of lower enrolment in the kindergartens, which started a few years ago and was now having its effect on the higher grades.

Secondary school enrol-

ment was expected to be up to 3,585, "just about reaching its peak."

The number of teachers would be about the same as last year.

No major construction had taken place in the area, but Kettleby Public School would have two new portables, as a result of the school changing from kindergarten to 7, to k-8.

Area 2 takes in schools in Aurora, and the Townships of King and Whitchurch-

Stouffville.

Area 1, which takes in Newmarket, Holland Landing and Georgina Township, will have approximately 8,281 pupils in elementary school, up four from 1973, according to Area Superintendent Edward Dunn.

Secondary schools will see an enrolment of 3,633, an increase of 147.

The number of new teachers, including transfers, will be up 72 and 46, respectively.

New RC School In German Mills

Forecasting an increase of more than 400 pupils this fall in the schools of their system, the York Region Roman Catholic School Board provided extra classroom space and extra teachers to cope with the increase. The total enrolment was estimated at 5,673 for school opening but pre-registrations indicated that the total would be greater than this. Exact figures will not be known for a few days.

GERMAN MILLS

Although some minor things were still to be done in the construction of the relocatable school at German Mills by opening day, teachers and pupils for kindergarten and grades one to five reported there. Children from the area in grades 6, 7 and 8 are attending St. Robert's School in Thornhill.

The German Mills school will be known as St. Michael's, and will eliminate long bus rides for its pupils.

The relocatable school is a "six-pack", composed of six extra large classrooms, but one will be used for washrooms, staff room and a principal's office. A temporary library will be established there on shelving until other provisions can be made. Some difficulties are expected for the first couple of weeks, but by that time, it is expected that the school will have settled in.

The children will be bused to other schools for a gym program.

Eventually St. Michael's will be part of an educational complex with the public school board.

WOODBRIDGE

St. Peter's at Woodbridge is also a new relocatable school. Besides the "six-pack" three portables have been located on this site. It had been planned to hold a half-day kindergarten there, but 64 children were registered which will require two half-day classes. St. Peter's will accommodate children from grade one to six also, with the grade sevens and eights being bused to St. Margaret Mary, also in

Woodbridge. It is expected the four portables at the latter school, added as registrations climbed during last year, will continue to be needed.

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A portable has been added to St. Mary Immaculate School on Trayborn Drive, Richmond Hill, bringing the total there to four. This school will continue to accommodate the children from Highway 7 north who have been attending there.

Newcomers to the BAIF development will be accommodated at St. Joseph's School where a portable has been added to take care of enrolment.

Little change has been experienced in the other separate schools here — Our Lady Help of Christians.

THORNHILL

Increased enrolment at St. Luke's on Dudley Avenue will necessitate two kindergarten classes. This school also has grades one to five, with grade six, seven and eight going to St. Robert's or St. Anthony's. A large increase of pupils is reported from the Concord area.

UNIONVILLE

Registration is up at John XXIII Unionville and a portable has been added there.

KING

During the summer extensive repairs have been made to Sacred Heart School in King, which have cleared up problem conditions. This school houses grades four to eight. Kindergarten to grade three are housed in the newer Holy Name School. Increased enrolment is reported at both.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Oak Ridge, is steady.

Superintendent John Zupancic would like to get in touch with any Roman Catholic teachers living in York Region. He reports the board has full time, part time and supply positions available for interested teachers. If you are thinking of returning to the profession, phone him at 889-9792.

Ward 3 Wants Greenbelt At Langstaff

By MARY DAWSON

The preservation of the Langstaff Jail Farm as a greenbelt to serve as a distinct physical separation from the urban development to the south appeared to be the main concern of the approximately 50 ratepayers from Richmond Hill's Ward 3 in attendance at the August 22 meeting for public input into the working aims and objectives of the town's new official plan. This was the largest turnout to that date at these meetings. Also voiced was a deep concern for the protection of the Dunlop observatory.

RING ROAD

Other ratepayers suggested a ring road be built to bypass Richmond Hill and relieve the great traffic congestion on Yonge Street. But a resident of Bayview Avenue pointed out Bayview is built up with residences and should not be used as a bypass. "I don't know about Bathurst Street, but believe the people living there would feel the same way."

APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Keeping apartment buildings to a minimum, out of established residential areas, and to a minimum height, were other areas of concern expressed by the ratepayers.

Red Cross Hits Donor Target

Hip! Hip! Hurray! Richmond Hill did it!

The long time unreachable target of 300 blood donors was hit and passed at last week's Red Cross Clinic. And it happened just when the need was greatest and the blood bank critically low. The local Red Cross working committee was very pleased and thankful to the public for the support shown.

Altogether 315 potential donors turned out, 25 more than the previous high. And 282 units of blood were actually collected. The Labor Day weekend is always the blood bank's worst time of the year. A pictorial appeal for blood appeared on the front page of this newspaper, a publicity appeal campaign was run at the Hillcrest Mall and an appeal for donors at area clinics was broadcast frequently last week.

Local Red Cross worker Mrs. Marion Hohener of 216 Duncan Road, Thornhill, described the response as very, very good. At the last Richmond Hill donor clinic only 203 units of blood were collected.

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RESUME

Planner Kathy Pounder gave a brief resume of the working aims and objectives prepared by the planning department, which were

made available to the public for study and for comments. She noted the existing plan is an amalgamation of plans inherited from Vaughan, Markham, Whit-

church and King Township along with that of the former town. "The present plan just adopted the policies of the five municipalities," she explained.

Lewis Clement wanted to know "How much power do we have in influencing the official plan? Does the Region have any authority over the town?"

The answer by Planning Director Hessie Rimon was, "Under the act both the Region and the nine municipalities have planning authority. In York Region's Official Plan areas have been identified more or less and details within those designations may vary, and we may not always agree. It is the job of the planning department at the local level to protect the local interests should there be a conflict.

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CHURCH STREET
"Do you see Church Street as supplementing Yonge?" asked a ratepayer referring to a suggestion contained in a report on the Yonge Street South Study. He was assured this proposal was dropped from the final report on that study. Mr. Rimon said there are indications the Ontario government has no intention of abandoning Yonge Street as a provincial highway and the other north-south roads are regional roads and are not in the municipality's hands.

Criticism of the urban area stretching down to Highway 7 was voiced. Miss Pounder said Richvale is already built down to Highway 7 and the Rockwell residential area just to the west of Bayview already exists.

JUST SIGN
The enumerators will have a preprinted notice of every-one currently on record in your residence. If the resident agrees the information on the form is correct and complete, all that is needed is a signature on the form. Then a copy is handed over.

"If changes are required," says the revenue minister, "as for example, a change in school support or the attainment of voting age, then the enumeration notice is corrected on the spot. The responding adult verifies the changes and a revised notice will be mailed to the household by the assessment office."

Non-resident owners or tenants will receive their enumeration notices and relevant instructions in the mail.

BRITISH CAN VOTE
The enumeration is to be finished by September 30. British subjects 18 and over who live in a municipality between September 3 and October 8 can vote in local elections. They aren't prevented from voting as they were in the recent federal and provincial elections, when citizenship was a requirement along with age and residency.

The right to vote in a local election is wider, since it allows a non-resident who is 18 and a Canadian citizen or British subject to vote if that person owns or rents prop-

erty in the municipality. Local government elections are now held on the first Monday of December. This is to be the case throughout the province, except for some areas in transition due to formation of new regional governments, etc., as in Durham to the east of this area. Those elected to municipal councils and school boards will hold office for two-year terms.

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Spot Checks Waste? Police Nail Two In One

By FRED SIMPSON

A motorist's complaint that police spot checks are a waste of public time and money, received little sympathy from York Regional Police Commissioners Monday night of last week.

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ing four empties and nine unopened bottles.

"A subsequent investigation showed this particular man was wanted by another police force."

Finally:
"On that same night at the same spot check another motorist was stopped and charged with impaired driving. He blew a 2.5 reading into the breathalyzer. I would have to say this is anything but a waste of taxpayer's money."

Chief Crawford added that this was the first complaint he had received about spot checks since their commencement in December of last year, as opposed to numerous plaudits from motorists.

"I would have to conclude that these spot checks are achieving very good results in stopping and apprehending impaired drivers who represent a

threat to the welfare of the general motoring public."

Chief Crawford said the checks were put into force due to the "growing number of liquor violations in the region resulting in impaired drivers and an increase in traffic fatalities here."

Commission Member Ray Twiney applauded the spot checks stating that "I have no objections to them at all."

He said the regional force operated only two spot checks, one in the north and the other in the south half of the region, involving a total of four policemen.

Commission Chairman William Lyon said the board "heartily endorses the work of the regional police force in looking out for the well-being and safety of motorists and the public in general."

Thornhill Softball Parade Saturday

By MARG HOUGHTON

The Thornhill Softball League Annual Presentation Day and Parade will be held Saturday.

President Bob Adams of 192 Baythorn Drive announced all 700 players will participate as usual, along with coaches, umpires and sponsors' vehicles. The parade assembles at 11 am at Baythorn Public School. Old and new fire engines, York Regional Police and their "Sparky" the talking safety car, the Lions "400" majorettes with the Glenmor Pipe Band will add to the excitement. Hot dogs and pop are supplied for all marchers.

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Lieutenant — Governor To Open YCH Wing



HON. PAULINE M. MCGIBBON

W. S. Cook, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital announced this week that the Hon. Pauline M. McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario has kindly consented to officially open the new Langstaff Wing.

The new wing which will provide extensive health facilities for the residents of Southern York Region will officially be opened on the afternoon of Thursday, October 3.