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## Local Dancers In Service Tribune

It's "Klondike Night in the Malamute Saloon" Friday evening during Seneca College's celebration of the 10th anniversary of the birth of poet Robert Service, writer of such well-known poems as "The Shooting of Dan McGrew". The event will feature period films, seminars, recitations and readings by "Robert Service", along with Yukon dancing girls. Rehearsing in the Jennifer Morton Studio, Richmond Hill, for their appearance at Seneca are (left to right) Jennifer Morton, Kim Hoare,

Tracey Urquhart, Judy Pickering, Judy Webb and Sandra McArthur. The performance is in Seneca's Studio Theatre on the Finch Campus, Finch and Woodbine. Klondike dress is definitely recommended for all attending.

We are also pleased to announce that Jennifer Morton was married to John Charles Pickering August 30. The young couple will be residing in Richmond Hill and Jennifer will continue her School of Dance and Theatre Arts.

## Hill Peewees Reach York Simcoe Finals

Richmond Hill Peewee Lions have fought their way to the finals of the York Simcoe Softball League with 10-5 and 7-6 wins over East Gwillimbury.

The two wins gave them the southern division laurels and they now face the survivors of the northern half of the league comprising Port Perry, Markham, Maple or Unionville for the Lou Sedore trophy. They won three games to Gwillimbury's one.

The Lions opened the best-of-three series September 9 at Crosby Park and walked away with a 10-5 win with Hurler Ted Inch notching his 21st win of the season.

Inch was momentarily jolted in the first inning as the initial two Gwillimbury batters clouted homeruns. Two more singles in the top of the fourth inning produced another run and the Lions found themselves trailing 3-0. To this point the Lions bats were inept as they were unable to muster a single hit in three innings.

Then came the deluge

starting in the fifth inning as Jamie Tuck smashed a triple with Inch on base and then Darrel Gleason doubled Tuck home.

It carried on in the fifth as Robbie Steel and Dale Moreland reached base on errors. Inch then doubled followed by Tuck with his second consecutive triple. Dave Allen then doubled, Gleason walked, and both runners scored on a pinch-hit triple by Matt Knights. Dennis Kane looped a single to score Knights and the Lions led 9-3.

Pitcher Inch, who allowed only five hits while striking out five, aided his own cause when he sliced a homerun down left field. East Gwillimbury countered with two more runs in the seventh but the Lions prevailed 10-5.

The second game at Queensville Park saw the Lions pick up their third straight win against one defeat as they started off in high gear and just managed to maintain the homestret enough to win 7-6.

Lead off batter Matt Knights walked followed by

Matt Zurich's sharp single. For the 17th time this year, Tuck clouted a homerun. Dave Allen and Gleason both hit singles and eventually scored as the Lions sent five players across home plate.

Gwillimbury struck back with one run in the first and three in the third as the Lions led 5-4. The Hillers completed their scoring in the fourth when Knights hit a double and Zurich followed with his third homerun of the season. The Newmarket team added a single run in the fourth to trail 7-5.

Winning pitcher was Dave Allen who allowed eight hits while striking out seven. He exhibited a combined fastball and change-up to good advantage throughout the game.

The Lions ran into some difficulty in the final inning with two Gwillimbury batters retired. A fly ball to centre was lost in the lights with the runner reaching third on the error. A solid triple by the next batter made the score 7-6 with a runner on third.

The Lions then brought in Inch to toss to the next batter and he retired him on a ground ball to end the game. Allen was credited with his 10th win of the season.

Outfielder Gleason hit five for seven in the games besides playing well defensively. Zurich was the spark plug defensively, with Dennis Kane also catching steadily.

The win was a team effort all the way as Knights, Gord Fournier, Dale More-

land, Steel, Dave Kane and Shawn McKenzie backed up Inch, Allen and Tuck as they contributed to the win with their bats and defensive skills. Unfortunately, Tim King had to watch from the bench due to an injury.

## Firemen Late Arrival King Denies Report

A newspaper report that the Newmarket Fire Department took up to 23 minutes to respond to a drowning case August 5 in Bradford was described as inaccurate by King Township Council at its meeting Monday night of last week.

Council was reacting to a letter from York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford which stated that the fire department was on the scene eight minutes after the police dispatcher had reported the incident.

King Township Mayor Margaret Britnell said that she had carried out an investigation following the article printed by a Bradford newspaper and found that "the time lapse as reported just wasn't accurate."

Council was concerned because it has a working agreement with Newmarket Fire Department to cover the Bradford area. The municipality was formerly contracting with the Bradford Fire Department but severed relations because a more satisfactory financial arrangement was available from Newmarket with no lessening in service.

## Commissioner's Aide Vetoed Facilities For 12 Retarded Approved At Thornhill Project

Approval from the Ministry of Community and Social Services will be sought by York Regional health and social services committee for the building and financing of two new day care projects. Meeting last week, council agreed to ask the provincial government for 100 percent subsidy for the development of a centre for approximately 12 mentally-retarded children in the proposed day care centre in the big new Thornhill Community Centre, John and Bayview.

It will also seek the same sort of help for the establishment of a day care centre in Stouffville, to be located in the old post office building.

HILL'S TOO SMALL In its report the health and social services committee, which is chaired by Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill, said Hope Haven in Richmond Hill's St. Paul's Lutheran Church, had become too small for its present enrolment. Also, it did not provide the advantages of its members associating with normal children.

The advantages and benefits of close association with normal and retarded children have long been recognized, and have been proved at the Newmarket and District Day Care Centre, the report said.

The designed size for the retarded section in the

Thornhill Centre is 4,600 square feet, at an estimated cost of \$210,000.

Subject to approval from the Ministry, the Town of Markham will be asked to provide the necessary land for the addition, at no cost to the region.

The same applies to the Whitechurch - Stouffville centre, with the town turning the building over to the region for renovations.

The development would not be started until late 1974, as the new post office is still to be completed.

An attempt by the committee to hire an assistant to Commissioner Owen Slimmerland, at a salary of between \$12,400 to \$13,500 per annum, will have to wait for awhile.

## Hockey Violence Spread Upsets MLA Hodgson

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Hockey, our national sport, can be one of the most positive forces in our society. Under ideal conditions, it has the ability to teach our young people the values of discipline, courtesy, understanding and respect. In recent years, however, there has been a disturbing change in our approach to hockey, and a dramatic increase in violence in the game. This increase in violence and specifically violence in amateur hockey was the subject of a recent inquiry by the Ontario Government.

The investigation was undertaken by William McMurtry for the Ministry of Community and Social Services. In the next two columns, I would like to discuss some of the findings and recommendations of the inquiry.

Mr. McMurtry was directed to investigate the offences during a Junior "B" hockey game of last winter. The game, between Bramalea and Hamilton was violent with 189 minutes in penalties, several fights and a number of injuries. The disturbing thing about this particular game is that the fighting witnessed on that evening was evidence of a tendency towards violence in all amateur hockey. It is especially upsetting to see the spread of this violence among the younger age groups.

There are a number of reasons for the spread of violent behaviour in amateur hockey. The influence of professional hockey, and in particular the National Hockey League, is a

major cause. It is natural for young players to look up to those whom they have been told are the best, and to copy them. The present trends in hockey, however, are encouraging violence — where skill is secondary to fighting. The NHL puts such a great emphasis on winning, and violence is being used more and more to achieve this end. There is increasing praise of brawlers and fighters in the league. This is the result of an attempt to sell hockey to an American audience which appreciates violence more than skill in the game. Many players in different leagues felt that advertising for hockey was the violent side of the game rather than the finesse and skill involved. Since young people tend to emulate and look up to the players in the NHL, one can easily understand how violence has become such an important part of amateur hockey.

The rule structure of the game is another cause for increased violence. Hockey is perhaps the only sport which will allow fighting to be considered "part of the game". All professional players who were interviewed said there was a great deal of pressure from their fellow players as well as from the public to stand up and fight. They believed that they would lose face if they turned their backs and did not retaliate. Under the present rule structure, there is very little attempt made to prevent brawling. A player has no reason to turn his back and re-

fuse to fight. The NHL has never attempted to experiment with match penalties for fights. The "no-fighting" concept was discussed with many players who had played in college and international hockey where brawls are prohibited. Without exception, they said that it was far more rewarding to play in an environment where fights and violence were not considered to be "part of the game". Brawling can be removed from our national sport. The "no-fighting" rule has been implemented in Toronto Public School Hockey in an effort to curb violence and abuse of officials by players. This is a concrete example for the rest of the sport.

Many defenders of fighting in hockey say that to give automatic game misconducts for brawling would encourage players to provoke the star member of an opposing team into a fight. This fight would result in his ejection — for the good of the other team. This argument, however, is completely unfounded. If there was a system of automatic game misconduct, then every player would be able to refuse to fight without fear of losing face. Violence could be removed from hockey, if the rules were changed and a concrete attempt made to enforce new rules.

The existing structure of hockey rewards fighting in that it makes no attempt to curb its use. This violence will lead in turn to more violence in the game. Acceptance of hoc-

key violence will lead to violence outside the sport. The implications are most disturbing.

Another cause of increased violence is the fact that an amateur hockey has no clear definition or objectives. It is for a long time been influenced and financially supported by professional hockey. Yet the "win at all costs" direction of the professional leagues should have no place in amateur sport. Referees play an important role in minor hockey, and the direction of the game can often be influenced by the officials. Violence can result if rules are not enforced, if the rulings are not consistent throughout the game, and if there is a lack of respect for the referee.

Coaches also have a profound effect on a young player. A coach can determine a boy's entire attitude to the game and to his peers. The majority of coaches in minor league hockey have no training, and little concept of their duties. Many tend to emphasize the violent side of hockey rather than the skills involved. Coaches should motivate the players and set standards of discipline.

Parents, too, have a strong influence on young hockey players. Children do not have an instinctive desire to win at all costs. They are conditioned by the people around them, namely, parents and coaches. If adults continually stress the importance of success, they may in the long run destroy the most essential ingredient of all — love for the sport.

## Pound Says No But Region Yes

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound's objections to the contrary, York Regional Council last week approved an amendment to the Official Plan of East Gwillimbury which will permit the planning of 35.5 acre lot on the east side of Yonge Street for a merchandising mart.

The amendment changes the land use designation from rural holding to commercial. The new furniture mart and possible future shopping centre would have a floor area of 435,000 square feet (about 10 acres) with parking for 2,300 cars. The land would have a frontage of 1,220 feet to Yonge Street, with the Newmarket town boundary just 1,600 feet to the south.

Discussion on the amendment, which was proposed by the planning committee, whose chairman is East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling, carried on for more than an hour, with the final result showing only four members of council against it: Mayor Margaret Britnell of King, and Bob Forhan of Newmarket; and Councillors Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill and Bob Adams, Markham.

Mrs. Hancey also lost out with a suggested amendment to the motion, calling for the township to enter into an agreement with the developer not to build within 12 months.

Speaking in favor of the proposal, Mayor Rolling said there was "no desire for a lot of development, other than this in rural area."

According to East Gwillimbury's Official Plan, the township's "basic aim is that it will remain a predominantly rural township and that no urban development will be permitted adjacent to the Town of Newmarket

until studies indicate suitability and conditions for urban use."

Mrs. Rolling said the land in question was not a rural area and did not have a rural designation on it.

In a technical report from the planning department, it was stated that a comprehensive zoning bylaw for the township had received a third reading and had been submitted to the Municipal Board. In the bylaw, the amendment area is zoned transitional, pending a determination of the future land uses.

The report said "a shopping needs study has not been justified to the regional municipality to justify the proposed development."

It said too the development was "likely to generate a considerable amount of cross traffic movement" on the Green Lane road to Yonge Street.

The only satisfactory grounds for supporting the amendment would be on the basis of the assessment it would bring to the township, the report stated. "In all other respects the proposed use seems inappropriate in this rural area."

Councillor Hancey wondered if the market was going to be "good for the region as a whole... Should that type of facility be put in that area?" she asked.

Fellow Richmond Hill Councillor, Gordon Rowe, had other views. "I agree with Mayor Rolling," he said. "She knows the subject thoroughly."

Mayor Margaret Britnell of King, said she was concerned about the effect on the region. They were being "bombarded with pulp" from all the new shopping malls being opened. "I don't know where we're going to get the money to buy all these things," she said.

## 11 Richmond Hill Parks Christened By Town

Eleven parks within Richmond Hill, which have been nameless, were christened at the August 16 meeting of town council when it accepted the recommendations of the town's parks and recreation committee. In one case, a change from the recommended name was made to avoid confusion with an already existing street.

The new names are: Gable Park — 736 acres located on Long Hill Drive; Bernard Park — 1.38 acres located on Naughton Drive; McLeod Park — 3 acres located on Muirhead Crescent; Balf Park — 2.06 acres

from Weldon Road to Balf Boulevard; Penwick Park — 1.107 acres on Penwick Crescent; Burr Park — 3.655 acres on Springhead Gardens; Maplewood Park — 2.5 acres off Weldon Road; Hillcrest Heights Park — 3.3 acres in phase 2 of Balf between the greenbelt; Richvale Greenway — 22.441 acres of greenbelt in Balf; Wood's Park — 5.502 acres on Carrville Road, containing the old Wood's home believed to have been erected in the very early 1800's; Catfish Pond Park —

1.232 acres on Bayview Avenue, Lot 64, in the vicinity of Wilcocks Lake.

**HISTORY CHECK** The parks and recreation committee consulted with Richmond Hill Historical Society for suggestions of names connected with the history of the park and has used several of these.

The one name chafed was that of Maplewood Park, where the first suggestion was Maple Grove Park, because of a grove of maples on the property. However, a street in the Oak Ridges area of town is called Mile Grove.



Flowers and fashions are being featured at Milne House Garden Club's annual fashion show September 25. This year the club is incorporating its annual flower show of spectacular displays and an exhibition of handcrafted jewellery and the works of six local artists. The show in the Minkler Auditorium of Seneca College, Finch Avenue west of Woodbine, will feature the horticultural entries in the foyer and styles on stage.

Models include Carla and Michael Grant of Unionville, Mary Crawford, Connie Imrie, Mary Linney, Florence Perry, Margo McConvey, Dawn Giffen, Brenda Van Heel, Tara Giffen, Vickie Stow and Robin Clayton of Willowdale, along with many others. Pictured above (left to right) are Connie Imrie in floor length horizontal black jacket belted coat, Angelo Iandoli in French velvet formal or casual jacket embroidered with flowers paired with Italian gabardine pants, and Carla Grant in V-neck, rib-cuffed sweater and full length accordion pleated skirt.

## Flower And Fashion Garden Show

With amateur gardeners proliferating in all parts of Southern York, it is not surprising to find many familiar names among those participating in the organization and presentation of the Milne House Garden Club's Fashions and Flowers show at Seneca College, Finch Avenue just west of Woodbine Avenue, on September 25.

The flower show will be presented in the foyer of the Minkler Auditorium at Seneca at 1:30 pm and again at 7:30 pm, and the fashion show will follow in the auditorium at 8:30 pm. There will be refreshments on both occasions.

A common theme will be followed in floral displays and in styles: "Basic Black", "The Wet Look", "Warp and Weft", "Evening Elegance" and "See Through", for example. It promises an intriguing spectacle.

The club based at the

Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, Don Mills, is committed to support three prime causes: wild flower preservation through acquisition of conservation land; on-going support for present and enlarged facilities at the Civic Garden Centre; an annual student bursary to the Niagara School of Horticulture. The fashion show is the principal means of raising these funds.

**OILS FROM THORNHILL** In addition to the fashions and flowers there will be a display of art works including oils and water colors by Agnes Berry of Willowdale, water colors by Bill Lumsden of Willowdale, oils by Rose Schul-Lenhardt of Uxbridge and by Taisia Pazzkowski of Thornhill.

Handcrafted jewelry by Metro craftsmen will also be shown.

Milne House Garden Club president and show Chairman is Mrs. Audrey Allman.

Miss Pamela Eves will be commentator for the fashions, and gardening expert John Bradshaw master of ceremonies. Mr. Bradshaw will also present the flower show awards during the course of the evening.

**LOCAL PARTICIPANTS** Other illustrious guests include Tommy Thompson, Metro parks commissioner, and Mrs. Thompson. Ao Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier of Richmond Hill, chairman of the civic garden cere board, and Mr. Redelmeier.

In addition to many members who will serve as models, members from the Region of York include Ms. Ethel Benson, Mrs. Ruth Gaulfield, Mrs. Kay Qual, Mrs. Ina Moores, master of hill, Mrs. Phyllis Berry, Ms. Helen Hamill of Markham, Mrs. Gretta Sklupauskas at Mrs. Ella Bremner of Cornwall, Mrs. Ann Wilson of King, and Mrs. Betty Gain of Richmond Hill.