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Most Modern Facilities In World

Hospital Langstaff Wing Opens

By MARGARET LADE
"We would like to welcome you to the Langstaff Wing . . . I will be your guide . . ."

And so will begin the public tours of one of the most modern hospital facilities in the world at 2:00 pm tomorrow (Thursday) following the formal opening and ribbon cutting at York Central Hospital on Vaughan Road in Richmond Hill.

Officiating at the opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon and other provincial and local dignitaries.

The new wing, which will bring the hospital's capacity from its present 126 up to 404 beds, will not be ready to receive patients for another month, but many sections are completed and equipped and will be open to view.

BIGGER POPULATION
This tremendous expansion became increasingly necessary as population in the area grew. When the original hospital opened in 1963 it

served an area with 50,000 people. By 1973 the numbers had grown to 80,000 and they are still growing. In 1964 there were 4,242 emergency cases; in 1971 there were 18,889.

And for resident patients, beds were added, but not rooms. Patients have been placed in corridors, bathtub rooms and other service rooms, or sent to other hospitals.

From the planning board to completion, cost of the new Langstaff Wing accelerated from an estimated \$13 million to \$14 million due to delays beyond the control of the hospital's board of trustees, inflation, technological changes and additional minimum requirements for accredited hospitals.

Two-thirds of the total approved costs have been financed by the Ministry of Health and additional funds have come from the Region of York and the hospital's own association and auxiliary. But that left the hospital

board \$1 million short of its objective. An appeal to the public was made, and, reports the board's Past President Grace Jackson, about half of this goal has been achieved.

GENEROUS PUBLIC
Public and individual response to the appeal has been most generous, says Mrs. Jackson, citing a particular area that has benefited.

The new cardiac area is equipped with the finest and most modern equipment. The cardiac area in the new wing consists of an eight-bed intensive care unit plus a 20-bed recovery section. The latest electronic monitoring equipment will keep the patient's condition visibly evident to specially trained nurses at all times.

The psychiatric unit, which at present functions as an out-patient service in the staff residence on the grounds and is directed by Dr. William Shaw, will have a bed capacity of 34. It has been designed to provide central service areas

with a kitchenette, utility rooms, showers, tubs, conference room and a recreation area.

The new hospital will also have special recreation areas for adolescent patients where they can get together to listen to records, to talk, to relate to one another as normal young people like to do in a non-institutional type setting.

FAMILY MATERNITY

The maternity section will be a comfortable place not only for the new mother and her baby, but for the whole family. The hospital's philosophy is that not only mother and baby should be considered, but the family should be involved as well. Fathers will be encouraged to take part. They will be invited to be with the mother at feeding time, to hold and feed the new arrivals, giving father a feeling of being a part of the wonderful occasion.

Mothers, also, will be able to visit the nursery, to change and cuddle their (Continued on Page 2)



Happy Birthday Mr. Hydro Commissioner

Hydro Commissioner William Wagner not only celebrated his 83rd birthday September 24 but he also had the Richmond Hill Service Centre and Substation located on Newkirk Road named in his honour.

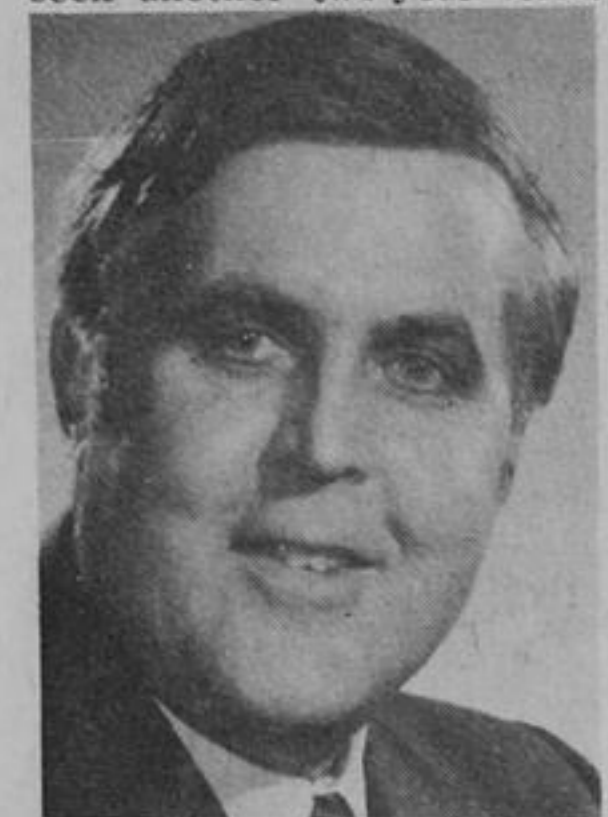
A member of the town hydro commission since 1958, Mr. Wagner is a former Toronto business executive. The Wagner Family have resided in Richmond Hill since 1940. At a ceremony attended by civic officials and local citizens, Arthur Evans MLA, Simcoe Centre, Vice-Chairman of Ontario

Hydro brought greetings from the province. Also speaking were Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre and Mayor William Lazenby.

No birthday party is complete without the traditional birthday cake and Mr. Wagner surrounded by members of his family prepares to cut the cake. Left to right are, Jean (Mrs. Conquergood), Grace (Mrs. Allan), Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and Audrey (Mrs. Congdon).

Markham's Sim Is Running Again

Another member of York County Board of Education has thrown his hat into the ring.



DON SIM Public Trustee

He said also he felt two years weren't enough to do a proper job and that at least a second term was necessary to start achieving any progress.

Administrative costs were among the things he planned to take a serious look at this year, he said.

The other Markham trustee to announce her decision to run, is Mrs. Doreen Quirk. Still undecided are John Honsberger, John MacKay and Donald Cousens.

Last week, Richmond Hill Trustee Robert Houghton, announced his intention to run again.

Region Ground Water Pollution

BY JIM IRVING

GROUNDWATER ADEQUATE
Generally, groundwater within the region had been adequate to serve the connected population, with two main aquifers. One was between King City and Oak Ridges Aurora.

However, as they might not reach wells at the extremities of the region, groundwater supplies in such areas as Kleinburg, Schomberg and Mount Albert, might be insufficient for significant additional development.

Groundwater throughout York was generally hard, with iron content in excess of 0.3 ppm, but otherwise satisfactory in all respects, according to the report.

King City with its problem of septic tanks backing up, was in trouble because tile beds had been constructed in areas with a high water table and on small lots.

In looking at future growth, King City should consider the limitations of the aquifer, together with water table and soil conditions that exist in the proposed development, the report said.

"Permanent solutions to all troublesome tile bed systems do not appear to

be possible on an individual basis. However, if it is decided to continue with properly designed septic tank - tile bed systems, then this type of service should be considered only for single-family homes," the report said.

TO BIG PIPE
Construction of a sanitary sewer system, together with a treatment plant, must be of the type that would not discharge to the east branch of the Humber, due to the existing and planned recreational uses downstream, the report said.

As a result, the one practical means for sewage disposal appeared to be a connection with the Big Pipe of York - Durham on the Yonge Street trunk sewer.

Schomberg, with 95 per cent of its population on a municipal water supply, required a municipal sewage system which would cost about \$650,000, or \$130 a home.

Mayor Britnell said she was disturbed there was "nothing new" in sewage treatment in York. "There are other methods and I think we should explore them," she said.

Bob Hodgson, commissioner of engineering, said he would like to hear of the

other methods that they hadn't explored.

"We shouldn't have to give them to you," said Mayor Britnell, "you're the experts."

Carl Reichardt, spokesman for Underwood McLellan, said they couldn't have continuous discharge in York, because of "extreme limitations."

LIMITED TECHNOLOGY
Technology was not far enough along for recycling, and was also too expensive. So far as Schomberg was concerned, the best method was in the lagoon system; (Continued on Page 2)

While York Regional Police were kept busy with burglars and vandals during the week, there was at least one ray of hope on the horizon.

Police said that William Boyd, of Don Mills Road, turned in six \$100 bills he found on the parking lot at Sam's Burger Bar, Gordmley and Don Mills Road. The money was held together by a paper clip.

If no one claims the money within a couple of months, it will be turned over to Mr. Boyd.

LOW COST HOUSING
Pamarta's proposal to To-

Barrie Commuter Train Traffic Booming

Business on the Toronto-Barrie commuter train is continuing to boom, John Medcof of Railroad Boosters, told "The Liberal" last week.

This train runs through Newmarket, Aurora, King City and Maple and during the TTC strike carried as many as 1,066 people per day. Before the strike it averaged about 200 passengers a day and since the strike this number has risen to about 350 per day.

In spite of this, GO Transit officials are talking of removing this service when commuter trains start running from Richmond Hill.

The largest number of people passengers boarded the southbound train in Newmarket, where the average for the first week in August

was 103. The average in Maple was 86, in King 46 and in Aurora 62.

Barrie had 56 people board the train on the average, Le-froy 15 and Bradford 13. One person detained at Newmarket, two at Aurora and one in Maple, with 378 leaving the train at Toronto's Union Station.

STRIKE EFFECTS
The effect of the TTC strike became apparent immediately. On the last day of operation before the strike (August 9) 106 passengers were carried (one way). On the first day of the strike (August 12) 324 passengers used the train to reach Toronto and 344 to reach home.

The next day the load grew to 453 to Toronto and

417 returning. August 14 brought 479 riders to Toronto and 426 on the return trip. The next day the morning trip had 466 passengers and the evening trip 481 with the August 16 load being 450 in the morning and 486 in the evening.

The number of passengers continued to grow in the second week of the strike with 481 in the morning and 448 in the evening of Monday, 572 in the morning and 473 in the evening of Tuesday, 497 in the morning and 482 in the evening of Wednesday, 507 in the morning and 454 in the evening of Thursday, and 509 in the morning and 525 in the evening of Friday.

These figures continued fairly stable through the

third week of the strike with the figures for Monday being 510 and 470, for Tuesday 482 and 469, for Wednesday 584 and 502, for Thursday 529 and 505 and for Friday 510 and 563.

ASK NEW STOP

Encouraged by this increase in usage Mr. Medcof has asked that a new stop be instituted at St. Clair Station without lengthening the overall time for the run. This will be arranged with CN on a six-month trial basis with the publication of the new time tables in the fall. This will mean commuters can connect with the TTC without having to go all the way to Union Station.

Railroad Boosters are also applying to the Canadian Transport Commission to have a 10-trip ticket similar to the GO Bus service provided at a similar daily price to that now charged for the 30-day flash cards sold on the train.

Predict Strike School Staff

A total of 230 secretaries and clerical staff of York County Board of Education took a strike vote October 1 at Aurora High School.

Results of the vote were not known at press time. However, Local President Nick Vollebrett of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1734, said there was no doubt a strike would be called.

Mediation talks between CUPE and the board broke down last week. The board offered clerical workers a 31.2 per cent increase over a two-year period.

The union is seeking an 80 per cent increase over a two-year period. (See story on editorial page for details of the negotiations.)

Dates To Remember Month Of October

- 7-Richmond Hill Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- King Township Council Meeting 1 pm
- 8-York Region Police Commission, Newmarket, 7:30 pm
- Markham Council 2 pm
- 9-Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm
- 10-Markham Standing Committee 7:30 pm
- 15-Markham Planning Committee 7:30 pm
- Vaughan Committee of Whole 7:30 pm
- Board of Education 8 pm
- Separate School Board 8:30 pm
- King Committee of the Whole 1 pm
- 19-York Summit Boy Scout Apple Day
- 21-Richmond Hill Council 2:30 pm
- Vaughan Council 2 pm
- King Council 7:30 pm
- 22-Markham Council 7:30 pm
- Vaughan Planning Committee 7:30 pm
- 23-Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm
- 24-Markham Standing Committee 7:30 pm
- 28-Public School Board 8 pm
- King Standing Committee 7:30 pm

Lazenby Running Again For Mayor

Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill has stated he will again be a candidate for the mayoralty of the town in this year's election. He will again be opposed by David Schiller, a former town councillor.

Lazenby has served as mayor of the town for the

past five years and was a councillor for six years before that.

OTHERS DECLARED
Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck, King Mayor Margaret Britnell, East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling, Georgina Mayor Joseph Dales, also have indicated they will be running again this year.

Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams, Markham Mayor Tony Roman and Whitechurch-Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff have yet to make their intentions known.

Williams has been mayor of Vaughan since 1971 and served for 12 years as councillor prior to that besides 14 years on the school board. He has been unopposed in the last two elections.

MARKHAM'S ROMAN
Roman has been Markham's mayor since the advent of regional government in 1971, but he was a councillor and deputy-reeve in the former township since 1966.

Ratcliff of Whitechurch-Stouffville and Mrs. Britnell of King Township were first elected to the mayoralty two years ago.



MAYOR WM. LAZENBY Seeks Another Term



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End Of The Affair

Making a lefthand turn off Markham Road onto Norfolk Avenue, Sunday night, proved costly to the driver of this car. Barry Smith of Guilford, Ontario, suffered minor injuries and was treated at York Central Hospital after his car was struck from behind by a car driven by Henry

Tulonen, 463 Centre Street, Richmond Hill. His vehicle was then struck from behind by a car driven by Carol Boilean, 8 Johnson Street, Thornhill. The latter two drivers face charges of careless driving. Investigating officer was Constable Raymond Bunce of York Regional Police.