

'Big pipe' housing explosion worries Vaughan and Hill mayors

It is now 10 days since Ontario Minister of Housing Donald Irvine and Minister of the Environment William Newman made a joint announcement of a sewer system north and east of Metro Toronto that will permit the building of 170,000 new housing units

under a 20-year, \$200 million scheme.
Vitality affected by the announcement almost immediately (Mr. Irvine expects 20,000 housing units completed by 1976) are Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill.
Markham Mayor Anthony Roman is in Europe on a business trip and was not available for comment this week.

Thornhill's honest mystery driver

The ancient Greek, Diogenes, is reported to have spent his lifetime looking for an honest man with a lantern at mid-day. His search was unsuccessful.

Had he been conducting his activities in present day Thornhill, he could have found a very honest man.

One of our readers tells us that the other night she took a Thornhill Taxi home from work. The fare was \$4 and in the dark she handed the driver what she believed were four new \$1 bills. Later in the evening she realized she was missing a new \$20 bill, "and I felt sick about it".

However, first thing in the morning the taxi driver was at her door returning the \$20 bill she had given him in error. Our reader said, "I could hardly believe anyone could be that honest, I don't even know his name."

Whitchurch-Stouffville forbids garbage dumping

An environmental board hearing has been set for November 5, to hear an application from York Sanitation to expand its operations at a landfill site on Highway 48 in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Meanwhile the town council has taken steps toward closing the site. At a meeting Tuesday of last week the Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council gave first reading to a bylaw which would forbid dumping of garbage anywhere in the town after April 1, 1975. The bylaw was given second and third reading this week, and enacted.

About 125 people attended the special meeting when council heard both sides of the controversy. The dump was opened about 10 years ago for local use. But, said Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, York Sanitation has been gradually working into a bigger operation, using it as a site to bury metro garbage.

900 tons daily
The residents' group, which is fighting to have the dump closed, estimates 800 to 900 tons of garbage are

dumped there each day.
The citizens were not happy with any delay on the bylaw, arguing council had not really taken a positive step and adding that to continue operating the dump until April is too long.

No information
"All I know about the joint announcement by Minister of Housing Donald Irvine and Minister of the Environment William Newman on the Central York Servicing Scheme to make 20,000 homes available by 1976 is what I have heard on television and read in the papers," Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams told "The Liberal" this week. To date, he reported, his municipality has received no direct or more detailed information.

"The dream of the 'Big Inch' has always looked to me like a very expensive proposition," he continued. "The amount of development we might have to accept to make it feasible is frightening."

The Vaughan mayor said his municipality "has concentrated on encouraging industrial development and now we are faced with the situation of having extensive residential development

forced upon us."
Lazenby afraid
"The initial impact of the announcement will be a deluge of plans for subdivision inundating our planning and building inspection departments," commented Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill, when asked about the joint announcement.

"I can see a growth rate for this area of between four and five percent annually, in fact I favor such a controlled rate of growth. But I am afraid the pressure from developers backed by the Ministry will be such that for a couple of years at least the growth rate will be double the desirable figure," he continued.

"I am very happy with the prospect of having adequate sewage disposal facilities, which will clear up some problems for us, allowing us to service the long-established pockets of residential development to the south which have been denied such services up to now, as well as to other

areas on the northern fringe of the former town. I am happy with the price of 49 cents per 1,000 gallons negotiated by the Region of York's Engineering Committee," he said.

Finance problem
"However I am disappointed in the overall financial picture. Some indication has been given of assistance to developers by low second mortgage rates. But no statement has been made of helping young families to raise a down payment and meet mortgage payments so that they may establish themselves in homes of their own."

"Nor has any announcement been made of financial help to the municipalities in providing the other services, such as recreation facilities, and increased staff which will be needed to accommodate an influx of population. I hope Housing Minister Donald Irvine will be able to give us some concrete answers which will clear up my doubts."

Region Chairman Wright

Expects housing action request

The government will request housing action with the advent of the 'Big Pipe', but the decision will still be with the municipalities, chairman of York Regional Council, Garfield Wright, said last week in answer to queries about the recent approval of the Central York Servicing Scheme.

An expected 170,000 new homes for the Regions of York and Durham have been predicted as a result of the scheme to provide sewer and water services.

Development bang
Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora said the government announcement implied there would be a housing explosion.

"So nothing has changed?" queried Mayor Buck. "Control of development is still in our hands?"

Great concerns
Councillor Bob Adams of Markham said he had "great concerns about the pipe". He felt there would be accelerated growth along the edges of it.

Mayor Margaret Britnell of King Township said that "not everyone agrees with the accelerated housing proposition in York," and that this should be emphasized at the Federal-Provincial Liaison Committee Conference in Sudbury that weekend.

Attending the conference from the region was Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury.

Information calls cost 25 cents after Sunday

Bell Telephone users are reminded that, beginning Sunday, a charge of 25 cents will be made for unnecessary directory assistance (411) calls.

The area affected says Bell Canada Manager William Lennox, includes Metro and the area from Oakville and Brampton on the west to Dunbarton on the east, including Oak Ridges, King City, Aurora, Newmarket, Schomberg, Bradford, Queensville, Mount Albert, Keswick, Sutton, Uxbridge, Tottenham and Beeton. The charge will be made

when a customer asks for a number listed in the telephone book. There will be no charge for the first three chargeable calls a month from residential services.

People with disabilities which prevent use of a directory and those over 65 may apply for exemption from the charge.

Other calls that will be exempt include calls to directory assistance from pay phones, hospital, hotel or motel rooms and emergency calls. There is no charge for long distance directory assistance service.

Victoria Square News

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Neighborhood notes

The many friends of Miss Mary Muirhead will be pleased to hear she is able to be home again following her recent stay in York County Hospital, Newmarket. We hope she continues to improve.

Special birthday greetings to Mrs. Margaret McCague who on Tuesday will be celebrating for 100th birthday. Mrs. McCague is a patient in the Riverdale Lodge, Toronto; also special birthday greetings to Charlie Hart who on November 6 will be celebrating his 88th birthday. Congratulations folks!

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Don Hamilton,

November 1; Colin Cowley, November 5; Mrs. Vincent Weedon, November 7; Ken Harmon Sr., November 7. Belated wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker married 18 years October 20.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gee married 40 years, November 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rummy, married 21 years November 7.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Gee were: Rev. and Mrs. Austin Huston of Peterborough, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Shepherd and Catharine, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Richmond Hill, Miss Celine

Method, Toronto, Misses Ruth Braithwaite and Lynne Reid, and Mrs. Alice Perkins.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan and family of Willowdale, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamilton and Vincent of Newmarket.

Another euchre party will be held in the Community Hall on Friday at 8 pm. Everyone welcome. Please note lunch will be provided!

The many friends of Mrs. Ken MacTaggart were sorry to learn of her passing on October 25 at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. MacTaggart (Marion Smith) was a former Victoria Square girl having lived on the farm east of Stephen Roman until she was married and moved to Nobleton.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her husband Ken, daughter Cheryl, (Mrs. David Scott) and three grandchildren, also her sister Irene (Mrs. Mel Brown) and two brothers, Murray and Fraser. She was predeceased by her sister Lillian, (Mrs. Ambrose Canning) and brothers Alfred and Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Brumwell and family of Barrie spent Sunday here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumwell, and attended the United Church anniversary service in the morning.

Church news
The annual Turkey Supper sponsored by Victoria Square United will be held in the Community Hall November 13 from 5-8 pm. Get your tickets now from Mrs. Frank Brumwell at 887-5536, or Mrs. John McCague, 887-5409 or any other UCV member. But get the tickets early!!!

The annual Anniversary Service of Victoria Square United was Sunday morning with the Rev. Victor Shepherd in charge.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Austin Huston of Peterborough, a former minister on the Victoria Square charge, who spoke on, "The Church". The guest soloist was Miss Celine Method of Toronto, who was accompanied at the organ by Miss Lynne Reid. Friends were present from Newmarket, Willowdale, Melville, Richmond Hill, Barrie, Stroud, Brown's Corners, Headford and Lansing.

At 7:30 pm a service of song was presented by Miss Lynne Reid, which was very much enjoyed by all.

Rev. Victor Shepherd have a very inspiring sermonette.

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Soccer dance is on Saturday night

Do you remember all the dates in history we had to retain in our minds when we were all learning our lessons in school? Magna Charta in 1215, Battle of Hasting 1066, Barnockburn 1314, Great Plague 1665 followed by the purge of fire in 1666. Ye old editor can come up with various historical dates but these modern ones really throw us for a loss. All this byway of explaining why we reported Ken and George were playing this past Friday evening at our "Free & Easy". We can now fill you in on the fact that they will be here November 22 - for sure.

Had to take a break to chase our cat who was racing off with our bifocals. Drait the beast - must have thought he would be able to find the mice better. Got them - the specs - back and now will get more forwarder. Have a real chiller for you this session.

Two teams of Legionnaires have started curling. No kiddies, we don't mean curling irons, we mean where the lads play an icy game of shuffleboard by sending 50 pound weights whizzing down a lane of ice and clean it as they go. Or something like that.

Anyhoo they tackle this sport every Sunday for two hours, freeze to death while doing so and have fun at the same time. The latest rumour has it that the style of footgear is something that could be found in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not". Come on lads, toss and sweep those rocks.

This past weekend several of our members got itchy feet and travelled to Lindsay for some arrow shooting. We regret to say that they didn't win any big ones but they came away winners of new friends. Better luck next time chums.

Before we go much further we must report that our sickbay is getting packed. Tom Campbell has moved over to St. John's Convalescent Hospital; Jack Sanders reported into York Central while Con Ducharme is still confined to St. Mike's. We sincerely hope these comrades are travelling along the road to recovery at a good steady pace and that the rest of our friends stay healthy.

Big doings coming up this next month so get your little black date books up to date:
November 1 - Richmond Hill United Soccer Dance
November 2 - This is a big dance for the Colors and Pipes of Branch 375.
November 9 - Annual 1914-18 Vets dinner and dance. Tickets at the bar and at the door \$5 per couple.

November 10 - Remembrance Day Parade
November 16 - Fuddle Duddle Dance.
More about the dances taking place in the last half of November at a later date. Won't you come out and support any or all of these activities. They are for your entertainment.

We now give you the latest gen about the Hallowe'en

bash by Branch 375 October 26. Once again our gals did a super job of decorating and also cooked up a super storm-making chili that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Cowie Quartet did their usual excellent job with the dance music. All joined in singing hearty birthday greetings to Color Guard Commander Gord Ketrtridge.

Keith Sanderson piped in the festive cake proudly borne by Comrade Art Heaton. After making a wish Gord successfully blew out all the candles. Adding their share to the fun, Lady Veterans Chairlady Rita Hopsop then presented Gord with the drum that rumor had it was needed. Gord then gave us a demonstration of his ability with the sticks.

Among those present were several members of Post 8 American Legion of Everett, Pennsylvania. One of their number, Mrs. Ruth Cornell, drew the winner of the door prize which went to Mrs. George England and of the raffle which went to Connie Doe. All those wearing costumes were awarded the same prize.

Beginning November 3 we came to the time of year when we honor fallen comrades of two World Wars, and those who must spend the remainder of their time on this earth in hospital. Poppy week is from November 3 to 9. When you see Legionnaires selling poppies during this time, won't you buy one and wear it as proudly as we who served.



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