



Junior Civitan Club formed in central York

At a recent dance for the newly formed York Central Junior Civitan Club members of the executive posed for a photograph. From rear left to right are Dario Teofilo, Chris Wiesener, Al Hunkeler, Diane Sharpe of Thornhill, Angelica Schmid, Delores Beardwood, (front) John Vorich, Dino Teofilo, Mary Smith and

Jane Smith of Thornhill. The community service group is now selling Christmas cakes to raise money for a party at the ARC Industries shelter workshop. Those interested in joining the club can call President Sharpe (889-9177).

New report card style at RC separate schools

New report cards are being used this year in the 23 schools in the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School System. First term reports are now being issued and second term reports will be scheduled from March 3 to March 14. A final student achievement form will be sent home with each child on the last school day in June.

The new report card attempts to assess the child's progress in relation to the school program and in relation to his or her own interests and abilities. Parent-teacher interviews are an integral part of this reporting system. Parents will be invited to speak personally with teachers about their child's growth and progress in conjunction with the formal report card. It is hoped this combined procedure will satisfy all concerned.

No numbers
In the primary and junior years there will be no numerical marks in keeping with the philosophy of continuous progress being promoted in the schools. Because marks are often used to compare children of different ability in an unfair way and because parents and students often tend to place too much reliance on them, it was decided to leave marks off the report cards at these levels.

However, a grading system is being used on the intermediate report to satisfy parental requests for such marks and to facilitate transition of grade 8 students to secondary school.

Parents are asked to read carefully the guidelines on the back of the report card for detailed explanations. Suggestions as to how the report cards may be improved will be most welcome.

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Scrutinize Hill council voting records

Richmond Hill citizens have some new information on town council voting records.

Land division committee overloaded

The new York Regional Land Division Committee is snowed under with land severance applications. At least as far as King Township Council is concerned, Councillor Jack Van Luyk broached the matter at the last council, noting there have been a long backlog of applications and suggesting that "such matters should be returned to the municipality." At least until the region is able to catch up with all the applications before it.

Councillor Stan Kuniski observed, "We have made the request in the past but I guess we should make it again. Maybe in sharper terms." Councillor Bill Long, chairman of the township's planning and building committee, commented there "certainly are a lot of frustrated real estate men in the township."

On December 2nd
**RE-ELECT
GORD ROWE**
Regional Councillor

Stressing that it is a non-partisan group and does not officially endorse the views of any particular candidate or candidates in the December 2 election, the Richmond Hill Citizens' Advisory Group in a newsletter released last week, presented two items of background information on voting patterns and population figures.

Pointing out the ultimate decisions on planning for the town are made by the elected representatives on council, the newsletter explains the tables indicate the stand of members of the current council in voting at most planning and council meetings in 1974. The record was kept by CAG members and no comment is included. Included in the voting on development were lot severances where a change in regulations was required and motions on development of the Langstaff Jail Farm for housing, etc. Under the head of citizen category are included votes on public meetings and briefs submitted by citizens.

Development votes
In the development category 20 motions at council and 22 in planning committee were considered. The newsletter pointed out that since there are few recorded votes in council, it is frequently difficult to ascertain the position of the chairman (mayor). According to the newsletter the 1974 voting record at council meetings, in the development category

(20 votes) were: Lazenby 8 for, 4 against; Hancey 3 for, 17 against; Rowe 16 for, 4 against; Chateauvert 5 for, 14 against; Bales 9 for, 9 against; Major 10 for, 9 against; Stephenson 14 for, 4 against; Corcoran 14 for, 3 against; Wainwright 4, 10 against.

In planning committee the voting record according to the CAG in 22 votes in the development category is: Stephenson 12 for, 8 against; Bales 5 for, 10 against; Chateauvert 9 for, 12 against; Hancey 11 for, 11 against and Major 8 for and 12 against.

In the citizen participation the newsletter recorded results of 16 votes in council Lazenby 10 for, 1 against; Hancey 15 for, 1 against; Rowe 9 for, 7 against; Chateauvert 14 for, Bales 12 for, 3 against; Major 13 for, 2 against; 12 for, four against; 8 for, 5 against; Wainwright 15 for. In planning committee these votes resulted: Stephenson 5 for, 2 against; Bales 4 for; Chateauvert 6 for and one against; Hancey 4 for, 2 against and Major 6 for and 1 against.

Secret sessions
The newsletter lists "in camera" meetings (those from which public and press are barred) in 1974 as: May 14 BAIF Recreation Centre; May 27 race track proposal for town property; June 10 personnel hiring, appraisal of property; June and July, two meetings to discuss aims and objectives of the Official Plan, July 17 meeting with senior

citizens' July 29 exchange of property; November 13 attempted bribery of town personnel.

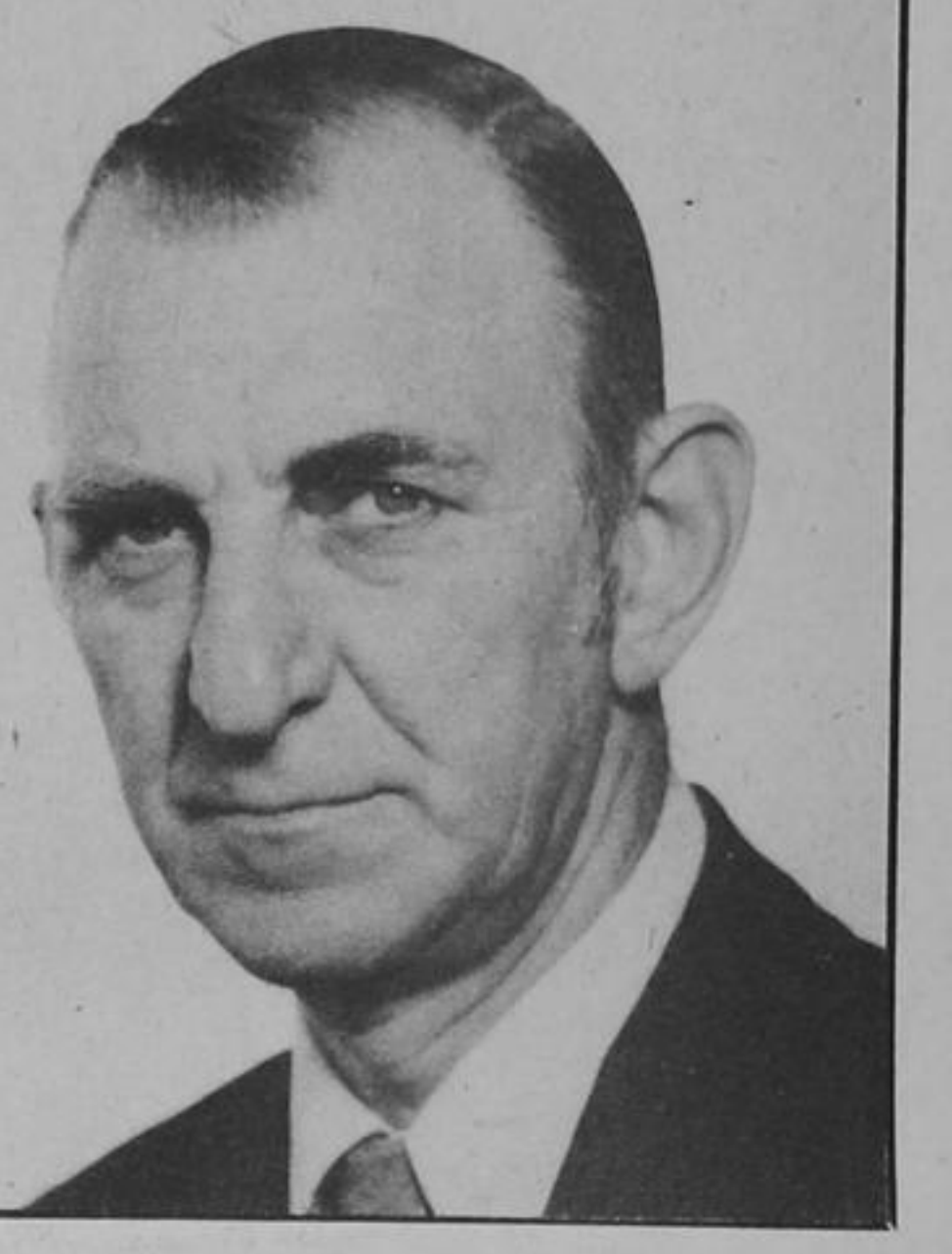
Growth rate
In respect to population growth in Richmond Hill the newsletter reports a growth percentage of 0.8 in 1970, 2.9 in 1971, 1.2 in 1972, and 2.6 in 1973. A maximum of 3.6 percent is estimated for 1974, but it is noted it could be less.

The greatest growth in Richmond Hill occurred in the latter half of the 50's, with 43 percent in 1956, 39 percent in 1957, 37 percent in 1958 and 30 percent in 1959.

Since 1964 the growth rate has been well below the 4.3 percent compounded annually which would bring the town to its projected 105,000 population by the year 2,000.

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