



The champs

This is the champion junior girls basketball team from Langstaff Secondary School, which won the York County finals recently. In the back row is Shirley Bishop (L), Wendy Evelyn, Phil Webb, the score keeper, Cindy Cameron and Coach Gail Brewer. The centre

row is Lesley Stubbs, manager, Beth Lloyd, Dara Frame, Janet Paterson, Lynne Clouston, timer and the front row is Deb Barnem, Danielle Delaney, Captain Karen Nelson, and Marguerite Dowdall. Missing are Judy Underhill and Marianne Ball.

Markham's first '74 fatal traffic crash

Markham's first fatal traffic mishap of 1974 was recorded on Tuesday of last week, bringing York Region's fatality count to 22 for 1974, according to police.

Lesley Hart, 52, a farmer and lifelong resident of Victoria Square, died from injuries received when his pick-up truck collided with a dump truck in front of his home on Don Mills Road.

The collision occurred at approximately 4:45 pm when Hart was pulling out from his driveway onto the 50 mph road.

Police say it was snowing at the time and the pavement was wet. Hart was taken to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill, where he died at approximately 11:20 pm.

This is the second fatal accident on Don Mills Road this year. There were four in 1973.

An official at the York Region engineering department said the accident rate on Don Mills is not particularly high considering the volume of traffic. During 1973, an average of 12,460 vehicles

travelled through Victoria Square in a 24-hour period. The southbound tractor trailer was driven by Dalvister Christie, 37, of Malton. He escaped injury.

Deputy Chief Robert Hood, of the York Regional Police, said last week no charges are anticipated.

Following the collision, rush-hour traffic was rerouted for an hour.

Hart is survived by his wife Barbara and three children, Terry of Baker Avenue, Richmond Hill; Judy of Thornhill, and Wendy at home.

Funeral services were Friday from Marshall's Funeral Home in Richmond Hill with interment at Victoria Square United Church.

The day following the mishap, The Liberal published a letter from Police Chief Bruce Crawford asking residents of York Region to continue their efforts to reduce the number of accidents in 1974.

He reported there were only 21 fatal motor vehicle mishaps to date, compared with 52 in 1973 and 41 as of December 9.

A Joyous Christmas

May the bright Christmas star lead you to peace . . . brotherhood. Our thanks.

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Library addition and BAIF centre stalled

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stated they would be continually on the job during the construction period.

Favors Rice bid
The town's Commissioner of Works Bernard Toporowski stated the most important factor in his recommendation to accept the second lowest bidder was the winter works aspect of the project. "We must be sure it will be completed on time."

Mr. Brook told the meeting, attended by library board members, he had not had a change of heart.

"What we are concerned about is that the low bidder is an unproved company. We have investigated the references given and the consensus was the firms with which these men have been associated did satisfactory work."

"But all these references were engineering firms,

there was no reference to an architectural firm. One of our concerns has been that the experience has been in heavy engineering rather than institutional."

The architect also said the Rice construction firm did three jobs for his firm which were quite satisfactory.

The question of using unionized or non-unionized labor was raised and the Shar-dee spokesman pointed out the decision on this is up to the men employed.

"We intend to hire as much local labor as possible, except for key personnel," he said.

Favor low bid
Councillor William Corcoran favored the low tender because it would save money.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe felt that "a fellow has to get a start. I feel the new company will go all out to provide us with

a good job so it will serve as a recommendation."

Councillor Andy Chateauvert referred to the completion date saying, "We may save at one end and lose at the other." He moved that the contract go to the Jas. A. Rice Construction.

Recorded votes

On the recorded vote of the sitting council he and Regional Councillor Lois Hancey voted in favor, Regional Councillor Rowe, Councillors Corcoran and Lou Wainwright and Mayor William Lazenby voted in the negative.

A recorded vote by the incoming council resulted in a 7-2 reversal of this result. Voting for were David Schiller, Mike Burnie, Chateauvert, Al Duffy, John Birchall, Hancey and Marylo Graham. In the negative were Rowe and Corcoran.

Progress blocked

An attempt by Mayor William Lazenby to have the sitting council members endorse the incoming council's overwhelming preference for the Rice Construction bid, so that the project could get started at the earliest possible minute and get the greatest returns from winterworks, failed with Chateauvert, Hancey and Lazenby voting for and Rowe, Corcoran and Wainwright voting against.

No action can now be taken until after the swearing in of the new council slated for January 6.

Halt BAIF complex

In the case of the BAIF recreation complex, staff was instructed to negotiate with the low bidder for a library, day care centre space, a community centre with meeting rooms and an enclosed swimming pool. (The original plan also included an arena).

Staff suggested a total cost of \$1.55 million was what the municipality could afford, including contributions from the developer and the winter works program.

The negotiations on the revised plan brought a quote of \$1.842 million with the enclosed pool accounting for about \$1 million. "This was completely out of line with what the municipality can afford and what the parks and recreation can maintain within their annual budget," according to Town Treasurer William Rice.

There was a possibility that further negotiating to eliminate the frills included in the pool area, such as seating, gallery and a number of other quality items, could bring it within the cost, he said, "but we would end up with a lower quality facility."

Postpone pool

Therefore, the staff recommendation was that the community centre, day care centre and library be proceeded with and the pool construction be postponed for a time.

Discussion continued on whether to proceed with the centre as planned or on the modified plan.

Then a representative of Architect Raymond Moriyama told the meeting that since it had been planned to locate the mechanical plant in the pool area, eliminating it would require the plans be redrawn with a possible date of April 1 for completion. New tenders would have to be called at that time.

This brought the meeting to an abrupt end with the motion the 1974 council take no action in the matter.

GO bus terminal opened at Finch

Passengers from Thornhill and Richmond Hill area using bus services at the Finch subway terminus now have a new waiting area.

The York Region Bus Terminal is the terminal for GO's shuttle bus service from Richmond Hill and Markham Transit's subway bus service.

GO Gray Coach Yonge Street services and TTC's Richmond Hill buses stop on Yonge Street adjacent to the new facility while the other services run into the new platform area.

The new terminal is located on the east side of Yonge at Bishop Avenue, just north of the subway station and TTC bus terminal. A stairway at the new terminal provides direct access to the subway.

The terminal provides passengers with a sheltered area in which to await bus connections.

GO's Richmond Hill bus route provides frequent service to the new terminal seven days a week, while Markham Transit service operates to it daily except Sundays and holidays.

Marsh wants out

Hear separatist rumblings in King

Some members of King Township Council professed to be slightly startled when member Jack Van Luyk suggested his Ward 6 Holland Marsh ward should separate from the rest of the municipality.

His remarks were sandwiched in between an application for a second house on a 15-acre lot which came before council Monday night of last week at its final meeting of the year.

Mr. Van Luyk didn't elaborate on just what prompted his somewhat facetious sally except to say that "a number of the methods we adopt in council are more suitable for this area of King Township and don't really apply to the Holland Marsh at all, which is a different kettle of fish."

Councillor Van Luyk observed that "if someone wants to build another house on his property it should be his own business and not council's. And if we want to dissolve from King that should be our own business."

Where to?
Councillor Ben Rough expressed curiosity "as to whether you will go for Quebec or Alberta when you separate?"

Van Luyk wouldn't say. The application itself saw Mark Zimmermann requesting permission to build a cottage on his property to be utilized by farm help. The property is located on the south side of the King Sideroad and is 15 acres in size.

Under King's new comprehensive zoning bylaw, any application to build a second residence on a lot already occupied by one is to be considered separately.

The old bylaw decreed a minimum of 25 acres was required in order to build a second residence.

Council's planning technician will prepare a report and supply a recommendation on the request.

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THE Joyous Christmas

Season is here filling our hearts with the spirit of Happiness and good cheer. May you enjoy an abundance of pleasure with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Bill Hodgson
M.P.P. York North

Christmas tree theft charges

A Christmas tree that was too small for the trunk of a car, got two youths in trouble last week.

The latter were stopped by York Regional Police on Don Mills Road Tuesday and charged with theft and possession under \$200.

It seems the Christmas tree extending from the rear of their car was stolen from Sabiston Pit on John Street in Thornhill.

Facing the charges are Luben Strezov, 18, of Toronto, and Eli Necakov, 18, of Willowdale.

This brought the meeting to an abrupt end with the motion the 1974 council take no action in the matter.

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Christmas Wishes

Cheerio and away we go . . . bringing good cheer to our many friends. Thanks, loyal patrons.

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Greetings

Ring the bells with Christmas cheer, as we take a moment to send all of you our warmest wishes for a happy holiday and much gratitude for your loyal support. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

From Management & Staff
Rosetown Restaurant

Thank You

It's really hard to replace these words with any others. We even conducted a search to find out how the word 'thank' got into our language but turned up nothing. At our opening, you turned up and kept turning up during the year. We think we're doing the right things for you.

Thank you from all of us.

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