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New libraries in North York

North York Library Board has announced construction of the new Hillcrest Library at Leslie Street and Clansman Boulevard in Willowdale will begin in March.
The contract for the \$356,800 building has been awarded to Sidney Green Construction Company of Downsview. This 8,000-square-foot community branch will serve a

population of about 21,000 people in the northeast corner of the borough.
Within the year, the board expects, the Fairview Mall Drive Library now under construction and scheduled for completion this summer, will have two community branches under its direction — Pleasant View (also under construction) and Hillcrest.

Rabid fox found in Langstaff

Richmond Hill's Canine Control officers picked up a live rabid fox on Garden Avenue in Ward 6 Monday morning. James Ryan informed The Liberal on Tuesday.
At least one dog was involved with the rabid animal.
Mr. Ryan asked all owners

of dogs in that area whose pets were loose between 7 am and 9:30 Monday morning to keep them under strict observation.
At the first sign of abnormal behavior owners should contact a veterinarian or canine control.

animal cannot be captured alive, then the canine control officers will shoot it.
Free clinic
Free rabies inoculation may be obtained today (Wednesday) at Richmond Hill Works Department, 63 Pugsley Avenue, until 7:30 pm.
Tomorrow the inoculations will be available at the Stouffville Works Department garage from 3 to 7 pm.
Friday they will be available at the Kleinburg fire hall from 9:30 am to noon and at Woodbridge fire hall from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.
Monday there is a clinic in the poultry building of the Markham fairgrounds from 9:30 am to 1 pm and at the Thornhill Farmers' Market from 2-6:30 pm.
If you can't take advantage of the free clinics to immunize your pets, then take them to your local veterinarian.

Illegal strike at Orange Home

An illegal strike began Tuesday at 3:30 pm at the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home on Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill.
Members of Children's Aid Staff Local 88 began to picket the home. Eight of the 12 union members on the staff walked out, alleging unfair treatment of a recent employee.
The local can strike legally February 24. Negotiations between the home and staff broke down January 23 when management claimed defamatory union comments appeared in a newspaper.

Car fires seemed set

Second car fire
The following morning, about 3 o'clock, a 1971 Dodge was found blazing on Leslie Street, north of 18th Avenue. It, too, was completely destroyed.
The other fire took place in an abandoned 1962 Cadillac at Yonge Street and King Sideroad, about 3:30 pm February 8.
Police managed to extinguish the blaze.
A fire at Shea Real Estate, 72 Wellington Street, Markham, caused \$9,500 damage.
Cause of the fire was unknown.

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Heathcliff haunts Heintzman House

North Thornhill's opulent community centre, The Heintzman House, was filled with wires, cameras, lights and 40 actors and technicians working for the Ontario Educational Communications Authority last week. They were filming scenes for a half-hour show on Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights, to be aired in April. Anne Anglin, playing the leading role of

Catherine, opposite Robin Ward as Heathcliff is being made up by Bill Green. Willi Schryver is on camera and Paul Simpson on audio while Victoria Mitchell, playing Charlotte Bronte, runs through her lines. The three-part series on the novel will also focus on Portrait of an Artist as A Young Man and Huckleberry Finn.

Architect Simpson saves early 19th Century Thornhill house

By Margaret Govan
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Everybody who made use of the Thornhill Branch of the Town of Markham libraries, was familiar with the house next door. It was such a surprise the other day to see a Centennial plaque on its corner for it most certainly did not appear similar to any of the other houses so honored.
For so long it was a rectangular box and covered with a siding of tar paper made to look like small bricks which would fool no one! Half of the building was being used for a storehouse for motor bicycles, and that was that.

Saw possibilities
It took an architect knowledgeable about pioneer buildings to see the possibilities.

B. Napier Simpson, was just the man. He acted as a consultant for the Black Creek Pioneer Village and for the renovation of the Gibson House, Willowdale.

When the house was available about four years ago, he wanted to buy it and turn it into his office. But since the area was not zoned for this use, he gave up the idea temporarily.

The house came up for sale again last year. Somebody on the street had a very bright idea: he thought that what Napier Simpson would do to this has-been of a house — even if it were to be an office — would be preferable to what it was now, or to what some one else might do to it.
So the street was can-

vassed by him and everybody approved in spite of the zoning law. Mr. Simpson was approached and asked to buy it!

Transformation
Those people showed excellent judgment. There is now a building there which looks what it actually is — an early 19th Century house.

To achieve this the siding and roofing were removed, and a small addition put up at one end to contain modern heating equipment. (Incidentally when the new heating first came on, the old insulation blew out over everything.)

Suitable doors and roofing replaced the ones which had been in use. A picket fence and New England cranberry stain completed the outer renovations.

What a difference that made. It is hard to believe it is the same house.

The grounds have been landscaped by Lois Lister. Next spring there will be blue myrtle in front and a pleasant prospect of lawn in the rear.

Toured through
It was my privilege recently to go through the building. The side entrance has become the main door. It leads into an attractive office with consulting rooms at the right. (This was the original kitchen and later the storehouse for bikes.)

The stairway is certainly a relic of the past: very steep, with turns requiring the treads to narrow to nothing at one end.

Once up it you are into two most interesting rooms which are floored by the

original, wide pine boards refinished. Of course the ceiling slopes. These rooms are being used for samples of wood, shingles, etc.

The windows at the back of the house are the old ones — small paned glass with flaws. And the hardware, such as door handles and locks, is all there too. Mrs. Dennis Mahon who is an authority on these, has polished and renovated them.

The living room and two "slip" rooms (small bedrooms) are now the drafting area, with the latest in lighting and everything which is required for drafting. I'm sure David Gibson of Gibson House fame, would be green with envy at the modern set up. One heavy beam had to be put into the ceiling where the wall was taken down.

The inside walls are white rough cast, but the old woodwork, cleaned, spruced up and painted in Williamsburg colors, is still there.

Ghost rumored
I hear tell there is a ghost. Perhaps it is Dr. John N. Reid, onetime owner and son of Dr. Reid, employer of Holy Ann Preston, who has come back to see what has been done. I'm sure he would approve of the changes. It would be more like his old home than it has been latterly.

Or perhaps there was someone else before him. For, although the plaque states the time of building was in the early sixties, Mr. Simpson has already found proof it is older.

There were two fireplaces, one at each end of the house, to cook and heat. In 1860 "modern" houses were equipped with pot-bellied stoves, a new invention, and fireplaces were out!

Also there is the type of hardware, which had been taken off the market before that date. The titles, are being looked into. It is even probable the house was moved from another site.

This is a splendid example of what can be done to one of the old houses, to preserve it and to make it functional for today. Of course Napier Simpson did the planning. Bauckham Construction Company were the renovators. They told me it had been "fun" to turn back the clock as far as appearances go. So the house is once again as it should be.

Council interest
It is a great satisfaction to know that both councils, Markham and Vaughan, are interested in and have taken action to preserve some of Thornhill's heritage from the past. The Mayor of Markham Anthony Roman and Councillors Ray Muldrew looked in several times while this particular house was being reconstructed.

There are a great many of us who support the councils wholeheartedly because we realize Old Thornhill Village is something to protect and cherish.
The Simpsons and staff held open house for their neighbors on Colborne Street. As you can imagine those same neighbors are simply delighted with what has taken place.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Spacious, bright offices have been incorporated into a 166-year-old home on Colborne Street, Thornhill. Residents on the street are happy with fate of the building because of the way the

conversion was handled by Napier Simpson, an architect specializing in the restoration of old buildings. His secretary Rosemary Franklin is seen here in one of the offices.

Car license deadline here again

1975 renewal stickers for cars and trailers have been on sale since December 2 at all license issuing offices

Interim levy of 13 mills

The air of Richmond Hill Council Chamber will remain unsmelled by cigarette smoke for at least another two weeks.
Councillor Andy Chateauvert had to leave last week's Monday night council meeting at 10:30 pm. He asked to have his notice of motion to rescind the anti-smoking bylaw held over until the next council meeting.
Off the record, he indicated he might withdraw his notice of motion unless he was certain of sufficient support.
It has been suggested the matter of smoking in the council chamber be left to the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.
If the room is crowded, then he or she would ask council and public to refrain from smoking.

throughout Ontario.
William Neal, the local license issuer, whose office is located at 40 Elgin Mills Road East, reports that to date sales have been surprisingly good, in spite of inflation, recession and other factors.
"In fact," he told The Liberal, "sales are as good, if not better than in former years. At one time we actually ran out of truck plates."
The stickers for passenger cars and trailers will start to move at a brisker pace

about the middle of this month, Neal forecast.
Buy early
He urged car and trailer owners to make their purchase early, saying, "By February 23, the deadline, our good weather may have left us and there may be long lineups out in the cold. We can't get everybody inside, although our staff will be augmented and will handle all applicants as quickly as possible."
Fees are the same as for 1974: \$23 for a four-cylinder vehicle, \$32 for six-

cylinders, \$40 for an 8-cylinder car and \$5 for trailers.
This is the second year of the multi-year permit and sticker renewal system. For 1975 the validation stickers for passenger cars will be green in color and those for trailers will be black.
Get your form
To encourage motorists to fill out renewal application forms, they are available ahead of time at all LCBO retail outlets as well as at the license issuing offices. This year's are simplified and contain an insurance declaration.
Applicants need only present the license issuer with the completed form along with their multi-year permit and fee. The validated permit will be returned with a validation device to be attached to the rear plate of his vehicle on top of last year's sticker.
Failure to affix the sticker by the required date is an offense under The Highway Traffic Act.

Council still smoke free

An interim levy of 13 mills will be made by the Town of Richmond Hill on its taxpayers, council decided at its meeting Monday night of last week.
This levy will enable the corporation to function without large-scale bank borrowing until the 1975 budget is set.
The interim levy will be due in equal instalments on March 26 and May 27 and shall be paid to the

treasurer at the municipal offices.
If the taxes are not paid on the due date, a penalty of one percent per month will be added on the first day of each calendar month.
A further levy (also payable in two instalments) will be made after the 1975 budget is settled.
The 13 mill levy will bring in a total of \$3,646,110.10.
Bylaw 8-75 was passed in three readings to implement this decision.

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