

## Questions spending for tennis courts

"Tennis courts are expensive and used by very few people. Has any survey been made to establish how many people want to play tennis?" asked a Roosevelt Drive ratepayer during the question period preceding the February 17 meeting of Richmond Hill Council.

He said he was referring to a proposal to build tennis courts in Pearson Park in South Thornhill.

Mayor David Schiller answered he didn't have any statistics but would secure them for the questioner. He went on to report existing tennis facilities in the Town and Crosby Parks are heavily used on weekends and evenings during the summer.

**Tennis league**  
"A tennis organization is going to be formed in the southern part of the municipality," said Councillor Andy Chateauvert, "because of the number of enthusiasts wanting to play. I don't think there is any doubt the need is there."

"There may be only 600 or so tennis players out of our 35,000 population, but we have an obligation to provide facilities, just as we

have for other sports," he said.

"But why should the majority pay for them?" asked the ratepayer.

"The existing tennis club makes a contribution to the municipality," answered the mayor.

"It appears anybody can ask for something and get it," concluded the ratepayer.

### Building heights

Len Pugh, owner of property in the central core which will be affected by the height restriction bylaw which was given first reading Monday night, took advantage of the question period to tell council he would not object to the height if it can be made to function.

But there would have to be some relief through parking requirements or through setback requirements.

"If not you will continue to have what you have now or worse — a cut rate corridor," he said.

"We are happy to hear you're not fighting the height restriction," commented the mayor. "Council is willing to listen to what you have to say."



Committee members in charge of arrangements for the King City Day Nursery dinner-dance March 8 are pictured above in the entrance hall of Eaton Hall (left to right) Janice Van Gorder, 196

Banner Lane, King City; Erica Green, RR 3 King City; Cathy Fagerstrom, RR 2 King City; and Loretta Maranzan, 1 Aida Place, Oak Ridges.

## King City Day Nursery dinner-dance planned

Candlelight, friendly warm fires, a cocktail half-hour and a delicious international dinner are features of the dinner-dance sponsored by the King City Day Nursery School Mar 8.

Scene of this gala event will be Eaton Hall at Seneca College, a truly "fairytale castle" setting where all the Cinderellas and their Prince Charmings from this area may imagine themselves

"real royalty" for the evening.

The Tony Colombo Ensemble will help the merrymakers dance away the hours — with no midnight curfew to be met by

any of those attending.

Cocktails will be served at 8 pm and dinner at 8:30. The cost is \$25 per couple which includes the dinner and two free drinks. Tickets should be ordered

by February 21 from Sheila Katona at 833-6628 or Erica Green at 773-4267.

All profits from the evening will be used for the support of the King City Day Nursery School.

## Bayview's Buzz

By Susan Powell  
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### Thornlea thumped in basketball, wrestling

This was a very triumphant week for Bayview, the school winning the York County Wrestling Tournament. BSS beat Thornlea Friday night in the fight for first place.

It was Friday night we had our basketball triple header, with our midgets, juniors and seniors playing Thornlea. Unfortunately the midgets and juniors lost, but with super effort in both parts.

We thumped Thor Last, but not least our basketball seniors played, with both Bayview and Thornlea tied for first place. This was the final game to really see who's the best.

Bayview had been undefeated, and that record still stands for us won Friday, skinning by 59-62. Everybody on the team played exceptionally well,

especially Paul Jarvie (as usual) and Trent McCabe, whom we're glad to have back.

**Quantity, but no quality**  
One thing I must say about Thornlea, they had a great quantity of spectators, but little quality.

One of the Thornlea spectators pulled the stage curtains across on our school band. The musicians were in the middle of a piece, at half time.

At least we have Dave Golding shouting until his voice goes hoarse, back in the corner of the gym.

To top the week off, we had the Greaseball Boogie Band and Ian Thomas, Saturday night, which turned out to be a super dance.

There were over 900 people, having a great time!

### Legion Report

## Midget hockey dance Feb. 28

We are happy to report Al Pyle has returned to his own fireside; ditto for Arnold Nockles.

Jack King is confined to his own immediate territory due to an injured back.

Richard Yule has been confined to York Central.

Bob Barrett was also in temporary residence.

Joe Thietz has moved into Sunnybrook.

Of course you all know about the Snow Queen dinner and dance on February 6. Some of the entertainment provided for those in attendance was a raffle.

The prizes were watches provided by Borks Jewellers. Mrs. Chateauvert (267) and Glen Barber (105) were the winners. Sorry about being late with this news, like many other things it gets lost in the muddle on our desk. Must do some spring house (desk) cleaning.

Have any of you gentle souls attended a Free & Easy lately? Last week Teddy Greene came up smiles. Just imagine all the breakfasts of ham and eggs he can eat from an eight pound ham.

To all veterans: if you are having problems with regard to pensions or what have you, you will receive assistance from our (Branch 375) Service Officer Tom McKeage. If he can't assist you directly, he will be able to put you on to the party that can.

The big midget hockey elimination draw and dance is Friday February 28.

District mixed darts is on March 8. An evening of dancing will bring the event to a close.

The monthly general meeting is March 17.

On Friday April 11 at Main Hall it's The Pearlies Are Coming. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Two weeks ago members from Branch 375 travelled to Newmarket for an evening of darts, euchre, crib and shuffleboard. This past week we played host to Branch 426.

We won three of the four sports: euchre, crib and darts.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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## Education and social services film festival

Ninety-seven people from 37 organizations attended a day-long festival at Richmond Hill Library February 10. The films, ranging from five minutes to 84 in length, covered a myriad of topics from the dehumanized city to the art of age. Its purpose was to acquaint people involved in education and social services with the variety of films available for use in counselling sessions, seminars, and private viewing. Represented were social service agencies, school

boards, community colleges and libraries from all over the Region of York. Organizers were Suzanne Buxton, head of the Richmond Hill library system's audio-visual department (left above) and her assistant, Barbara Maxwell, centre. Pictured with them is Wilson Smith of Marlin Motion Pictures, Port Credit, — film distributors who had asked the library to preview a film for them at the festival.

## Grant in lieu of taxes for Langstaff Jail Farm

A grant of \$11,000 in lieu of taxes for the 640-acre property known as the Langstaff Jail Farm will be paid by the City of Toronto to Richmond Hill in 1975, it was reported at the February 17 meeting of town council.

The property is on the northeast corner of Yonge Street and Highway 7.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe attacked this agreement as insufficient. But he was reminded by Councillor Andy

Chateauvert, chairman of council's finance committee, that the city is not required to pay anything. In 1973 the grant in lieu of taxes on this property was \$6,500. Last year through negotiation the grant was raised to \$11,000.

Town council's finance committee decided that in view of the city's co-operation in granting a drainage easement through the property to clear up a long-standing drainage problem in the Duncan Road

area for the token payment of \$1, not to ask for a larger grant.

If the property had been privately held, cost of the

easement, if payments for recent easements are considered, might well have reached into the thousands of dollars.

## Hill staff members can attend ratepayer sessions

Department heads and members of staff will be free to attend and address ratepayer and citizen groups on invitation or on their own volition, Richmond Hill Council decided at its February 17 meeting.

It was also agreed council members should feel free to ask staff members to attend with them at ratepayer and citizen group meetings.

But staff should not be obligated to attend if so requested.

Some misgivings were expressed by Councillor Andy Chateauvert that the public might misconstrue the Staff's personal opinions for council policy and asked it be made perfectly clear

when they were expressing personal opinions.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey also voiced apprehension staff members might feel intimidated when asked by a member of council to attend a meeting.

"If they feel they must refuse, I wouldn't like to see any coercion used," she said.

"I don't want to inhibit our staff or any group. Our staff members have a great deal to contribute to the community (that's why they're working for us)."

"I believe in the integrity of our staff and that they will make it clear when expressing a personal opinion," she said.

## Airport chasing children's day camp

A day camp for children (Camp Robin Hood) now operating on the site of the proposed Pickering Airport wants to relocate in Richmond Hill.

The owner has acquired for the purpose a 45-acre site on the east side of Leslie Street just north of Haynes Lake, east of Lake Wilcox.

There has been an application to Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee for an amendment to zoning Bylaw 2083 to permit this use in a "rural" zone.

Solicitor Robert Sachter, appearing for the owner, said Camp Robin Hood is the oldest privately run non-denominational day camp in the area, having been established in 1946.

He assured the committee the camp is a long-term proposition, that the owner, a Mr. Bell, is not a developer and is not speculating, but is a teacher in Metro Toronto.

The camp will operate five days a week from 9:30 to 4:30 and the children will be based in. There will be some overnight camping as part of the campers' experience.

The plans are to keep the camping activities to the rear of the property so the operation will not be offensive to the neighbors on the front and in order to take advantage of an existing pond.

Under canvas He said a house and barn are on the property. His client will be moving in some portable schoolroom type buildings.

But the camp stresses living under canvas for the 500-600 children served each summer.

He also pointed out there are other recreational activities in the area, such as a riding stable and a skeet-shooting club.

The application was received and the planning staff directed to prepare a report for consideration by the committee.

## A Surfeit of Simon for now at Curtain Club

By Tom Davey  
Neil Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady* has many of the ingredients of successful theatre. The dialogue is brilliant, the acting superb and the sets and lighting are effective.

But somehow the play lacks the warmth of Neil Simon's other Broadway successes.

Pat Kantaroff is first rate as the rumpled alcoholic who tosses off profound remarks as casually as she knocks back a drink. Her timing and rueful expression quickly and repeatedly draw laughter from the audience as she frankly reveals her need for drink and sex.

Her daughter, played by Kathryn Amos, is obviously a junior edition of the mother when it comes to a faculty for wit.

That some of the scenes fail is the fault of the playwright, not the actors. After a protracted row where words are used like Karate chops, mother and daughter embrace and forgive each other.

To me it was more like combatants regrouping for a further battle. Sure enough, the next row is not long in coming and some of the bad language is repetitious to the point where it becomes offensive.

One wonders why a man as skilled in dialogue as Simon finds it necessary to split open perfectly good sentences and insert rather banal vulgarities. But he does, time and time again.

A pity really, for some of the ripostes are brilliant, especially the sallies of Pat Kantaroff.

Clive Ryland plays the harassed homosexual actor convincingly. He quickly arouses our sympathy as his career hopes rise and fall while he is caught between the other tensions of an alcoholic and her daughter.

Skillfully, he avoids the cheap laughs inherent in homosexual situations by manipulating the comedy so we are aware of his compassion as well as his affliction.

Yvette Steel plays the difficult role of Toby Landau, a woman approaching middle age, yet obsessed with her beauty.

While the human wreckage from serious problems litters the stage, she is more preoccupied with her make-up. It's an unsympathetic part.

Her friend is fighting for her life but she is worried about facial wrinkles—that is until troubles visit her too. Only then does emotion well to the surface as she

desperately recalls her lovers in a catalogue of despair. Then the vanity gives way to maturity, a transition skillfully handled by the actress.

Phil Skinner has a brief, but very powerful scene as the lover of the alcoholic who realizes she releases creative forces within him. But with the mutual attraction comes a capacity to damage each other—but every time they meet.

Clayton Warner has a cameo role as a Chicano messenger which is handled with a cheerful confidence and an authentic accent.

Meanwhile the domestic battles go on. And on. And on.

And though the dialogue is repeatedly funny and the barbs penetratingly deep, its not unlike being present at a marathon family row.

The mother and daughter may be in each others arms right now. But we know very well they'll be at each others throats in five minutes. Our predictions are invariably right.

Worse still, no relief is in sight. We know she isn't going to reform and we suspect she is too strong for suicide, so where will it all end?

Well it doesn't. Playwright Simon simply chops it off after the third act.

We say farewell to the happy players this way. The alcoholic mother is tearfully being dragged to meet her ex husband by their daughter.

She has a black eye from her lover and she has gone back on the bottle. It's that sort of a play.

Personally, I think *The Curtain Club* has had a surfeit of Simon for now.

There is enough bad language around in Canada, without the need to pay royalties for the New York variety.

## Oak Ridges Farms tops

Oak Ridges Farms Ltd. again had the largest number of nominees in the All-Canadian selections for 1974 sponsored by the Holstein-Friesian Journal, the official breed magazine!

The local farm had nine entries with one being named All-Canadian and one Reserve All-Canadian, and the herd received honorable mention.

The All-Canadian award went to Oak Ridges Bellise, a yearling bull.

## Don Headlines

### Don Head scuttles Sutton

By Paul Brown

It was all round wins across the boards for Don Head this month as they played host to Sutton High on sports activity day.

The curriculum was set up by physical education teachers, Mrs. Moorby, Mrs. Moorby, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Conner and Mrs. Legget.

The day's activities included indoor baseball, junior and senior boys floor hockey, girls and boys table tennis, volleyball, junior and senior boys volleyball against Sutton. Indoor baseball was won by Don Head at a score of 26 to 11. Junior floor hockey was a close game but Don Head won again at a score of 5 to 2.

Senior floor hockey was a clean-up in Don Head favor as they won by a score of 17-0.

In girls' volleyball, Don Head's team took the best two games out of three against Sutton same as junior and senior volleyball teams.

For the girls table tennis Janis Simpson was over-all winner and for the boys it was Norm Landry.

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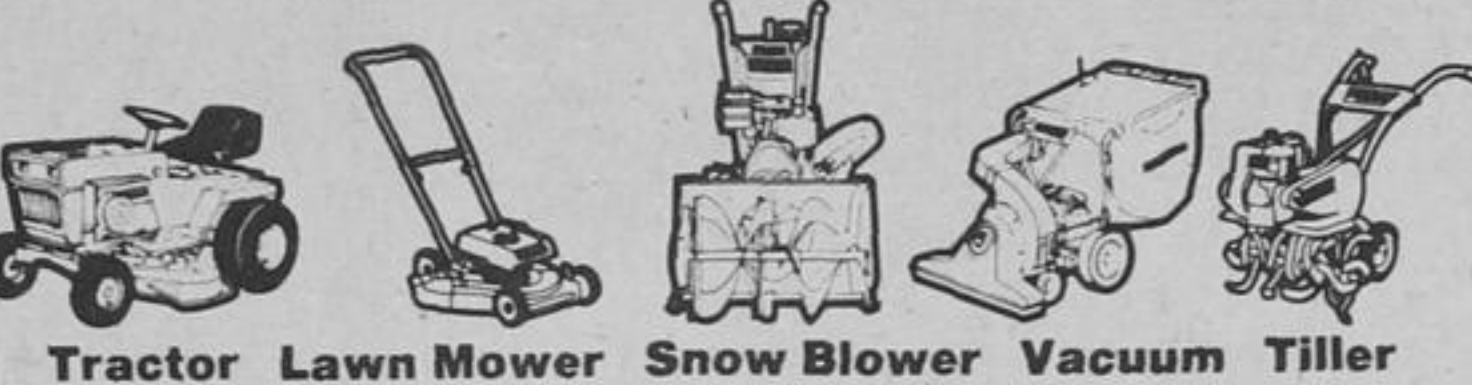
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