



### Local chapter of One Parent Families holds annual dinner, election

One Parent Families Association, Richmond Hill Chapter, held its annual dinner and installation of new officers on May 3 at St. Paschal Baylon Church, Steeles Avenue West. Members of the 1975 executive with guests from the national board, left to right, are: Herb Edwards, Toronto, national chairman; Hugh Scantlebury, Scarborough, national program director; Margaret Truss, Crosby Avenue, family social director; Karin Von Rosenstiel, Toronto, national research director; Tom Sparrow, Tormore

Drive, secretary; Judy Jones, Yonge Street, newsletter editor; Mike Kenny, Toronto, president of the national board; Moira Masterson, Tobermory Drive, Downsview, program director; Sam Nurse, Loney Avenue, Downsview, publicity director; and in the foreground, Terry Healy, Sheppard Avenue, Downsview, president of Richmond Hill Chapter. Absent when the photo was taken were Dave Stewart, treasurer and Betty Stowar, membership director.

### French courses to start in grade 5

York Regional school children are to move a little closer to becoming bilingual. At least that's the hope of the board of education, which agreed to introduce French courses into all grade 5 classes in York County, effective September of this year. This will complement the French program now in grades 6 to 8 in York. The program will mean an extra 13 to 15 teachers at a maximum cost to the taxpayers — after grants — of about \$75,000 per year. The board also agreed to institute "night school" classes in French for students between the ages of seven and 10. Noon classes Only night school in this case will be during the noon hour, or after 4 pm at the close of the regular day's classes. The program will be self sustaining as parents will pay the regular night school fees and the program will also qualify for grants. It was also agreed that a bilingual elementary consultant of French be appointed until a fully-developed program has been established.

### Free youth concerts in parks this summer

Richmond Hill area residents will be able to attend free concerts in the park this summer because the Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band has received an \$11,420 grant from the federal government under the Opportunities for Youth program. The grant is to enable them to entertain in parks, playgrounds, nursing homes and at other locations. The Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band was organized in early 1972 under the direction of Robert Thiel, an experienced musician and director. The eager group of young people, all under 19 years of age, have struggled to develop into a top musical organization, with limited financial help coming from the town and other organizations. They make their talents available whenever requested throughout the community. This summer's program is a continuation of a more intensive scale of that carried out in the past three years. Other projects Two Vaughan students will be producing a 10-part television series on Bygone Vaughan, to be aired on a local cable television station. Their grant is \$2,745. Discovering Markham III, a project to build and organize the resources of the Markham Museum, will receive a grant of \$4,030.

### Region council unable to 'break new ground' on land division

By Jim Irving While variances are the normal province of York Region's land division committee, no group has been more at variance with the region than that same committee. In fact, so at odds with each other have the two been since the committee came into being last year, that a motion by Richmond Hill Councillor Gordon Rowe the other day calling for the

committee to be reduced from nine members to three, was hardly surprising. Prior to council's regular meeting, a special get together was held to discuss the constitution of the committee. However, that the meeting had not done much to resolve the issue was apparent at the afternoon session when Rowe's motion came up. Council jumped right into debating the motion.

Councillor Rowe said he had been "impressed by the arguments put forward by the committee" at the morning meeting, but he hadn't changed his mind. "I think they'd perform better if they were cut down," Rowe said. Mayor Dave Schiller of Richmond Hill said he couldn't support the motion. There would always be a problem of getting a quorum if the committee were cut to

three. If they went to five or seven members as a compromise, they'd be leaving some representative of a community out. Keep as is "We should stick with nine," the mayor said. Mayor Margaret Britnell of King, agreed. Every municipality needed a member, she said. The motion was lost with only Buck and Rowe voting in favor. Councillor Bob Adams of Markham, thought five would be a "completely workable committee," and moved a motion to that effect. Solicitor Ted Oakes suggested council have a six-

man committee as the terms of three of the members, although they were still serving, had already expired.

Hancey position Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill said council had congratulated the committee that morning on its work and she "didn't hear anyone booing." Citizens should be entitled to the protection of all nine representatives. Adams then suggested the number be six, apropos of the solicitor's recommendation. His motion was lost, however, but one by Councillor Hancey calling for nine members as at present, was carried.

It was also agreed Richmond Hill, Georgina and King Townships should submit names to replace those members from their areas whose terms had expired.

### Town treasurer honored with cuff links, \$1,000

Dedication beyond the call of duty brought Richmond Hill Treasurer William Rice public recognition by Mayor David Schiller at Monday night's meeting of council. It also brought the treasurer the gift of a pair of town cufflinks and an interim payment of \$1,000 for his services as clerk for the past two months. Council approved a recommendation of the personnel committee-of-the-whole to that effect. Paying tribute to Rice, the mayor recalled that early in December Clerk Mack Clement tendered his resignation to take full time employment as a justice of the peace. "We then relied on Deputy-Clerk Jean Holman to carry out the duties of clerk.



Treasurer Rice

"Early in February Mrs. Holman came to the decision she would like to retire from the town's service at the end of that month. "That left us in the position of having neither a clerk nor a deputy-clerk. "For a council to work

efficiently it has to have a clerk, because there are certain duties assigned to that office by statute. "We were fortunate that our treasurer agreed to assume these duties as well as his own, especially since the early part of the year sees the heaviest workload in his own department. "He has performed those duties willingly, faithfully and well," said the mayor. The mayor also apologized to Mrs. Rice, who was present, and to the family for the extra hours the treasurer has had to spend in the town offices to accomplish this. "We've only three weeks to go," he said, as he continued to thank "the staff of the clerk's and treasurer's departments who have supported Mr. Rice so well."

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### Anglicans to sell historic rectory

By James Daw After a year-long study and a 3½-hour debate last week, the vestry council of Holy Trinity Anglican Church voted to sell the church's historic Yonge Street rectory. It was decided the location and condition of the building make it no longer an appropriate residence for church rector Archdeacon Reginald Howden or the person who will replace him when he retires in a year's time. Because of the building's place in the history and character of Thornhill, its sale was approved with mixed feelings by many and opposed strongly by a small group at the meeting. Patrick Trant of Yonge Street, Thornhill, opposed the sale of the one-acre site

near Royal Orchard Boulevard. He told The Liberal afterwards he regrets the church will lose control of the building once the property is sold. The church has received several offers, he said. One prospective buyer wants to collect enough land to build townhouses. Trant called a vestry council resolution to investigate a way to preserve the building, either through a developer or the town, "lip service" and "wishful thinking." "It will take more than a pious admonition (by the church) before a developer will make use of it (in its original state)," he said. The church has "washed its hands" of the rectory and plans to sell it "to the highest bidder," he added.

He has not lost all hope that the building can be saved, however. He said recent provincial legislation enables the municipality to at least delay the wrecker's ball and the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill will follow the building closely. Ronald Leitch of Rayneswood Crescent, who headed the committee which recommended sale of the rectory, said Holy Trinity has done enough to preserve historic buildings already. He said the congregation could have decided in 1950 to wreck its 145-year old church building and build a new one. Instead the building was dismantled and moved piece-by-piece from Yonge Street to its present location on Brooke Street.

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**Arena repairs** (continued from page 1) that if the repairs are made to the roof, Arena 23 would have an additional life expectancy of 30 years, bringing its total service to 82 years. "The arena is needed for the programs which start in August this year. If the repairs are not carried out before then, it may mean some programs may not be carried out. "The alternative is that we may not be able to use Arena 23 when there is snow on the roof," he said. Councillor Andy Chateauvert, chairman of the finance committee which will be considering the financing, suggested the time may well have come when the arena board may not be able to carry the full burden of payment for arena facilities.

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