



Ranger cavalcade marks Yonge St. birthday

Yonge Street belonged to Queen's York Rangers Saturday when the famed regiment was given the Freedom of the City of Toronto in commemoration of Yonge's 180th anniversary. The Rangers started their march down Yonge Street at the outskirts of Aurora, and, after several stops along the way, formed up for a ceremonial

parade in Toronto at Nathan Phillips Square at 2:30 p.m. Part of the regiment is shown saluting the York Region reviewing stand in Aurora, occupied by Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck and council; Mayor Margaret Britnell of King; Mayor Bob Forhan of Newmarket; and Regional Chairman Garfield Wright.

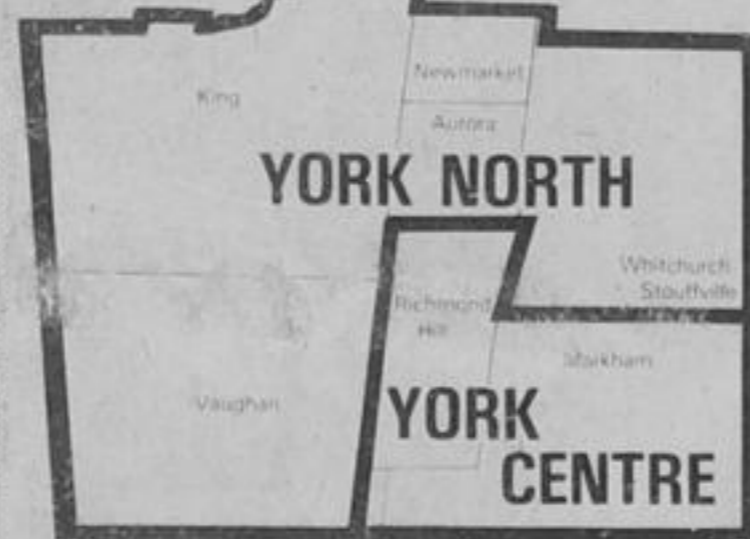
(Photo by Hogg)

Sees delayed action price hike

(Editors note — This is the fifth in a series of special in depth articles, an "election forum" presented by this newspaper. Each article features the personality and opinions of one of the nominated candidates in each of the two local provincial ridings, York Centre and York North.)

Premier William Davis may hope to score some votes by his gasoline price freeze until after the election, but "the oil companies will most likely increase the price of gasoline not just by five cents as they claimed was justified, but by eight cents," Bob Lewis, NDP candidate for York North, told The Liberal.

election forum



Mr. Lewis said the companies would then claim the additional three cents was necessary to make up for losses during the Davis freeze.

"Can you believe the three cents will be dropped from the price once the losses have been made up?" he asked.

Since Lewis made his remarks, Premier Davis has announced an additional price freeze on gasoline until Nov. 15.

Lewis said that, despite the premier's earlier announcement, oil reserves held by the oil companies when the well-

head price was increased in April, 1974, and again in July, 1975, were sufficient to hold prices until the year end.

Stagnation and folly
"We complain when we see grocery items stamped with progressively higher prices. We are absolutely right when we complain of the same kind of increased prices on oil purchased by the oil companies at lower prices," Lewis said.

He said that growth was one of the major concerns of the moment.

"A no-growth policy is stagnation and uncontrolled growth is folly. York North covers the most explosive areas of the Metro Toronto Centred region. The pressures expected for Toronto expansion will tend to encourage piecemeal planning," he said.

York North was like a cap over Metro expansion that could extend from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, and direction from a "strong, clear and rational provincial plan" was urgently needed. None existed at present.

Regional planning was impossible without this direction, and "to proceed at the regional level would lay the ground for disparity in planning between our regional and county neighbours," Lewis said.

The Winnipeg native said the issues in the 1975 campaign dealt with "energy, housing, land and people in the sense of human considerations."

The NDP had directed itself toward the goal of energy conservation to ensure an adequate supply for present and future generations. It encouraged development of new energy sources, "including solar energy, which would be least harmful to health and environment."

Housing policy
In the matter of housing, the NDP proposed land banking to provide a price control base for land values in and around major cities, to ensure moderately-priced housing on leased



York North NDP's Lewis

land.
Ontario Savings Bank and a provincial tax credit system would be used to reduce effective mortgages to six percent for families earning less than \$8,000 per annum, and averaging 8

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Lots of lickin'

York Regional Police will probably be seeking an especially active letter writer among their many wanted criminals, after a theft at Top Drug Mart in Richmond Hill.

Taken in a break-in at the Yonge Street store was a safe, containing \$2,700 in postage stamps.

Also taken were a money order validating machine and \$1,528 in cash.

Parkway belt is too small here

Commitments to expand sewer and water lines in York Region will "increase the population in the northern fringe of Metro by about 500,000 people, whose recreation needs alone will require more than the 919 acres," according to Metro Planning Commissioner Dennis Barker.

Thornhill comprises the centre of the Metro northern fringe area.

Barker made his remarks in a special report recently to Metro, in which he said the province had not set aside enough open space for public use in its planned parkway greenbelt around Metro.

The 919 acres he referred to were those proposed by the province for public open space in the greenbelt section between Woodbridge and Markham.

Too little land
This was too little land, he said, because it was impossible to substantially increase parklands within Metro. The population, however, would continue to increase substantially.

He said also the section of parkway belt between Keele and Leslie Streets, "where great needs can be anticipated," is mainly a utility corridor, "while substantial undeveloped land still exists."

The most controversial aspect of the proposed parkway belt, according to Barker, was the inclusion of rights-of-way for inter-urban transit. The province was seeking public comment on this before it became law.

Transit line
The plan now includes a 100-foot strip for access to Toronto International Airport from Hamilton and Toronto, and may also provide a second transit line between Hamilton and Oshawa through Toronto, Barker said.

The provincial greenbelt plan, established in June, 1973, would create a buffer zone in an arc around Metro from Hamilton to Oshawa.

This would provide a corridor between Metro and surrounding communities for roads, transit lines, utilities and green space.

The government has estimated it would spend \$400 million or more to buy about 59 percent of the land for public use, with the rest staying in private ownership, zoned for complementary uses.

Barker said the interim plan for the western section of the greenbelt, stretching from Hamilton to Markham, set aside only some 40 percent of the public land as open space, with the rest to be used for highways, power lines and rapid transit.

The commissioner said the provincial plan showed 34,245 acres for public use, with just 14,341 designated for open space.

Toronto City Planning Commissioner John Bower said the parkway belt should be considered as a buffer between Metro and the agricultural land to the north, with the exception of the Markham area and the Yonge Street corridor.

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Electrical union demands action on housing

Half town's apartments allegedly foreign owned

By Mary Dawson

That about 50 percent of the apartment buildings in Richmond Hill are owned by foreign financial interests in Germany, each building appearing to be under a different company name, was the startling statement made by a member of a delegation at Richmond Hill Council's Sept. 2 meeting.

The two-member delegation presented a brief to council on behalf of

Local 544 of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union (UE).

They asked the co-operation of the municipal council in seeing that housing will be provided at a purchase or rental price people can afford and that rent gouging by landlords will be prevented.

Members of the delegation were Sheelagh MacDonald and Art Jenkins. Ms. MacDonald is a resident of Richmond Hill. She said she made a personal survey of apartment buildings in the town, after her own rent had been raised \$80 a month.

Her investigation revealed, the brief stated, that during the last 12 to 14 months, rents in the apartment buildings owned by the foreign financial interests have increased from \$160 a month to \$245 a month for a one-bedroom unit and from \$180 a month to \$260 a month for a two-bedroom unit, and in some instances to \$295 a month in

the latter.

In buildings owned by other companies and individuals, on an average, rents for a one-bedroom unit increased from \$140 to \$160 a month; for a two-bedroom unit from \$150 to \$185 a month where the tenants pay their own hydro bills.

It was also found in some instances tenants had no leases and the response by management to needed repairs and maintenance left much to be desired, although in other buildings there were few or no such complaints.

The brief said with a vacancy rate ascertained by the town staff of less than one percent, it is becoming more difficult for residents to stay in the community by moving to less expensive and less favorable accommodation.

Ask 4 steps
The brief asked council to take four steps:
Adoption of a rent supplement

program for immediate relief for those on low incomes who cannot meet their rent payments (a step already under consideration);

Introduction of a landlord and tenant advisory bureau on a cost sharing basis with the province to enable tenants to obtain proper advice and assistance in dealing with the problem of leases, repairs and maintenance, etc.

A resolution from council calling on the province for rent control legislation that will effectively halt the gouging of the tenants through unjustified rent increases. What is needed now, the brief stated, is strong rent control legislation that will halt and roll back increases that cannot be justified by increased operating costs.

Introduction of a low cost housing construction program in Richmond Hill for which funds are available in provincial programs. The brief took

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10-week family living classes offered

Family nutrition, parent effectiveness, the dilemma of women, self-awareness, challenges posed by children will be the topics for five 10-week courses being offered this fall by

Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services.

The 10 classes at various locations in Richmond Hill and Thornhill will be

under leadership of specialists in their respective fields.

Family nutrition Dollars and Sense, will help those attending become creative in the kitchen without spending a fortune.

Classes, to be held each Thursday from October 2 to December 4 in Richmond Hill United Church, are designed to provide an understanding of basic nutritional requirements.

The course leader, Mary Wood, has made an in-depth study of nutrition, working closely with doctors and people in the field of nutrition. She has conducted courses for Markham Family Life Centre and is a teacher with York County Board of Education in Stouffville.

Diet and joy
Based on the assumption that the most important ingredient in a family diet is joy, the course aims to provide an understanding of basic nutritional requirements and how they can be met in inexpensive daily menus.

It stresses the relationship between diet and emotional and mental health.

The self awareness course, based on Thomas Harris' book I'M OK, You're OK, will begin October 1 and continue each Wednesday to December 3 in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brooke Street, Thornhill.

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3 arrested in arms raid

Three people, members of the Western Guard, a group that advocates an all-white policy, were arrested Monday night in Oak Ridges, following a joint raid on their home by York Regional and Metro Police at 6:30 p.m.

All told, 16 search warrants were executed in Metro and beyond at the homes of the white party members.

Arrested were: Armin Walter Auerswald, 44, of 27 Willowbank Avenue, Lake Wilcox; his wife, Jean Gladys, 34; and John Morgan, 40, of Toronto.

Police did not detain Mrs. Auerswald, who is pregnant, but the two men were held in custody for a court appearance

later Tuesday.

The Auerswalds face two charges of possession of a non-registered, restricted firearm. Morgan is to be charged with possession of a prohibited weapon.

Metro police said the raids also turned up a quantity of firearms, some altered starter pistols and various chemicals.

The Oak Ridges raids were carried out by members of the Metro intelligence bureau and emergency task force, and by YRP Detectives, Brian McDonald and Lowell McClenny, and Constable Gary Beauchesne.

The investigation is continuing.



(Photo by Hogg)

Richmond Hill engineering supervisor Bud Newton is shown handing the keys to the town's

first mini-bus to Mayor David Schiller while Councillor Mike Burnie watches.

New Hill mini-bus service starts Monday

The first step in converting to a municipally-owned transit system in Richmond Hill will take place Monday when the town introduces its colorful green-and-orange, 17-passenger mini-bus on the Richvale-Oak Ridges route.

The bus was made available by the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority for a two-year period on

an experimental basis.
It is expected the bus will also operate on the other routes in Richmond Hill until such time as the current transit review has been completed and the full complement of buses acquired.

The fare structure remains the same: 25 cents for adults; senior citizens will pay 15 cents and children 10 cents.

Inside The Liberal

500 attend first public election forum

More than 500 people attended The Liberal's election forum last week. See front page of Section C for news of this and other election events.

Provincial Junior A Rams launched the hockey season last week with three wins in four starts. See Sports Section Page B1.

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