



(Photo by Hogg)

## Region symphony masquerade

Everyone from Johann Sebastian Bach to the Jolly Green Giant apparently turned up at York Symphony's masquerade ball at Eaton Hall, Seneca College, King campus, on Saturday night. Besides the variety in costumes there was also music for every taste, from Strauss to rock and roll. King Mayor

Margaret Britnell, Mrs. Pauline Diamond and Barry Spinks judged the costumes. The winners were Dodie Rosenberg and Norm Rumble. Two other well-dressed participants are pictured above. They are Anne Winkler and Mike Reesor of Downsview.

## Airport's definitely out

Toronto International Airport No. 2, or North Pickering Airport as it is known closer to home, is definitely out and the Region of York can proceed with its official plan on that basis.

At least that's what Darcy McKeough, provincial treasurer and minister of economics and intergovernmental affairs, told a rushed press conference at Newmarket Monday.

McKeough and fellow ministers, George Kerr, environment; William Newman, agriculture; and John Rhodes, housing; met with York Regional Council at a closed meeting Monday morning from 10 to noon.

The session was to discuss such things as the in-and-out airport, the future of agriculture in the region, plus provincial and regional objectives for the latter.

McKeough told the press they had had a "good and frank" discussion with council "of where York and the province seem to be pulling apart somewhat."

The ministers would now have to go back and think through some of the things put to them and come up with the answers.

**Didn't elaborate**  
He did not elaborate on that aspect, but said another meeting was an-

icipated soon with council.

When asked what was the status of the airport, whose necessity was debated lengthily by council the week before, the minister said it was "cancelled."

He then went on to say it was the government's hope it would not be necessary to proceed with it.

Much depended on the growth of Whitechurch-Stouffville and the development of inter-urban rail; what the government did about land freeze there and what the municipalities did about it.

When a reporter asked if York could  
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## Airport report questioned

By Jim Irving

There's been no building as yet on that on-and-off Pickering airport, but it's already picked up its first rider.

And that was one attached by Markham Councillor Bob Adams to the recent report on the airport from the region's planning, engineering and administration departments.

The report's grim forebodings, Councillor Adams felt, needed some qualifying.

It was, he said, subjective, based on what could happen; it was not based on quantitative research.

The report stated cancellation of the

project could mean both a jump in taxes in the region and the loss of some 15,000-plus jobs projected for the year 2000.

It also struck at the region's official plan, saying it could further delay work on the latter, which is already two years in arrears.

Another result of cancellation could be costs for pipe services and public transit.

In fact, the region's future development was being based on the belief the airport would be built, the report said.

**Drew Adams' ire**  
It was just such speculativeness that

drew Councillor Adams' ire.

As a result, he moved the report carry the following preface: "All evaluations are judgmental or subjective and are not based on quantitative research."

Adams said he wasn't condemning the staff, but he felt the rider would put the report in proper perspective.

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound defended the airport report. They had used consultants from the federal and provincial governments to assist them with their conclusions, he said.

Also, they had only been given 10  
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## Highway 7 GO rail station

A representative from Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, William Howard, told York Regional Council last week a proposed walk in GO station at Bayview Avenue and Royal Orchard Boulevard was out.

But the Authority would proceed with a station at Highway 7 and Langstaff Road, he said.

Howard said the Bayview station was too expensive, while the other station was only one mile away and could be done for \$185,000 on land owned by the province.

As the region grew, the station would grow accordingly.

Eventually a 1,000-car lot could be added. That couldn't be done at Bayview, however, where there was limited or no-parking space.

**Very disconcerting**  
Councillor Bob Adams of Markham said he found the situation "very disconcerting."

"Who are we here to serve?" he

asked. The walk-in station would serve the community.

It had the best location; the other location was "inherently wrong," as it didn't have proper access.

**Schiller wonders**  
Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller wondered where TATAO stood on the extension of service to Richmond Hill.

Howard said that, if it were the wish of the region, service wouldn't go into Richmond Hill until the Markham Road

grade separation was completed. It would mean 1978, at least.

Would TATAO be in any position to contribute to the grade separation? asked Mayor Schiller.

Howard said he didn't know if it could.

Councillor Adams said the station should be located "where the people are," and TATAO should be urged to resolve South York transportation problems.

The matter was referred to the engineering committee.

## Mayor's blood donor clinic

There is a desperate need for blood supplies to tide local hospitals and patients over the holiday season.

The Red Cross in Richmond Hill is having a blood donor clinic tomorrow (Thursday) from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. in St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, 10295 Yonge

Street at Dunlop Street.

Mayor David Schiller is personally supporting this clinic and urges every able-bodied adult in the community to turn out and make a contribution.

Chairman is Betty Armstrong, Bridgeport Street, 884-1034.

# Telephone rate hike is coming

By Mary Dawson

night.

An increase in Bell Canada rates is in the offing for telephone services in the Richmond Hill exchanges (884 and 883).

This is because of a more than 5 percent increase in the number of telephones in the free calling area. Richmond Hill Council learned Monday

Some members of council are unhappy with the proposed increase, believing the local rate should not be influenced by the addition of telephones in Metro Toronto and instructed staff to write the Canadian Transport Commission to this effect.

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## Order L. Wilcox plan

M.M. Dillon, planning consultants, have been instructed to prepare an official plan amendment for the Wilcox Lake area.

This is a necessary step towards implementation of the Neighborhood Improvement program, Charles Dunn, of Sunset Beach Road, was told at Richmond Hill Council planning committee's Nov. 12 meeting.

However, he was advised to submit an application for an amendment to the official plan covering his property which he wishes to subdivide, in case the Dillon amendment is held up through objections.

**OMB appeal**  
Dunn's solicitor, David Fraser, said an application for an official plan amendment was filed in June 1974.

When no action was taken on this application, his client had appealed to the Municipal Board.

"But we have not pressed this appeal," he stated.

"We are here to determine where the community plan is and where we stand now. We understand that it will not change the zoning which is residential but the only holdup is the official plan itself."

"How long can we anticipate waiting if we do not press the appeal to the OMB?"

**Detrimental severance**

Fraser also stated Dunn received a severance on a portion of his property but has decided this severance would be detrimental to his whole property and will not proceed with it.

The severance was granted in early 1974 and the lot levy of \$1,500 was paid.

"The town treasurer is reluctant to repay this money," he reported and said he would be taking that matter to council.

"It would be most helpful to deal with a plan of subdivision when dealing with the official plan amendment," advised Regional Councillor Lois Hancey.

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## Governor-General opens gallery in Vaughan

Sculptor Duffy Wilson, left, discusses his work "The Creation Legend" with the Rt. Hon. Jules Leger, Governor-General of Canada, and Mrs. Leger, at the opening Sunday of a new gallery room in the Mc-

Michael Canadian Collection at Kleinburg. In the background is the Hon. Robert Welch, Ontario's minister of culture and recreation. The new gallery room will feature paintings, sculptures, carving,

silver, bead and quill work by contemporary Indian artists. The fringed, hand-crafted jacket was presented to Mr. Leger, who officially opened the gallery. (See story page A7.)

## May destroy illegal King house

By Robert Hughey

Louis Devald of Conc. 6, King, was told by Councillor William Long, chairman of the township planning and

### Well-heeled crook

York Regional Police will be looking for a well-heeled man, as a result of a theft in Woodbridge last week.

Melton Tsakmakian, of Martin Grove, told police that, taken from his locked car in a break-in, were 10 pairs of shoes.

Value of the stolen goods is \$135.

building committee, that a house built on Devald's 150-acre farm property for his son, without a building permit, would have to be destroyed.

Devald said in 1965 there was no bylaw covering what he did. He couldn't get a permit, so six weeks later he built anyway.

Bylaw Officer Wesley Tompkins visited the Devald residence the following week and allegedly, an unfriendly discussion ensued.

Tompkins, Devald said, asked, "What do you people think you are doing?"

Tompkins according to Devald, said,

"This is a family matter which is no problem. You'll get a permit."

When Devald went to see Building Inspector Don McCallum for the permit, he was "busy," Devald said.

King council then issued a work stop order which Devald claims he never

saw. The sheriff later visited and Devald says, told him, "buster this is going to cost you \$500."

Devald charged the fine was pre-arranged by council. He received a  
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## Walkway motion

Notice has been given by Councillor Andy Cheateauvert he will move at the Nov. 26 meeting of Richmond Hill council's planning committee that no walkways or easements be included in

future plans of subdivision in the town.

"The ones we have proved to be nothing but a source of trouble to our taxpayers," he stated.

### Inside The Liberal

#### Duotone process adds news picture color

Color was to be introduced to selected news pictures for the first time this week on the front pages of the first and third sections in both editions, by duotone process.

Opening a series on women's achievements in the community, Maple correspondent Anne Fowler interviews the originators of a program dealing with individual growth and awareness of self. See page C-11.

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