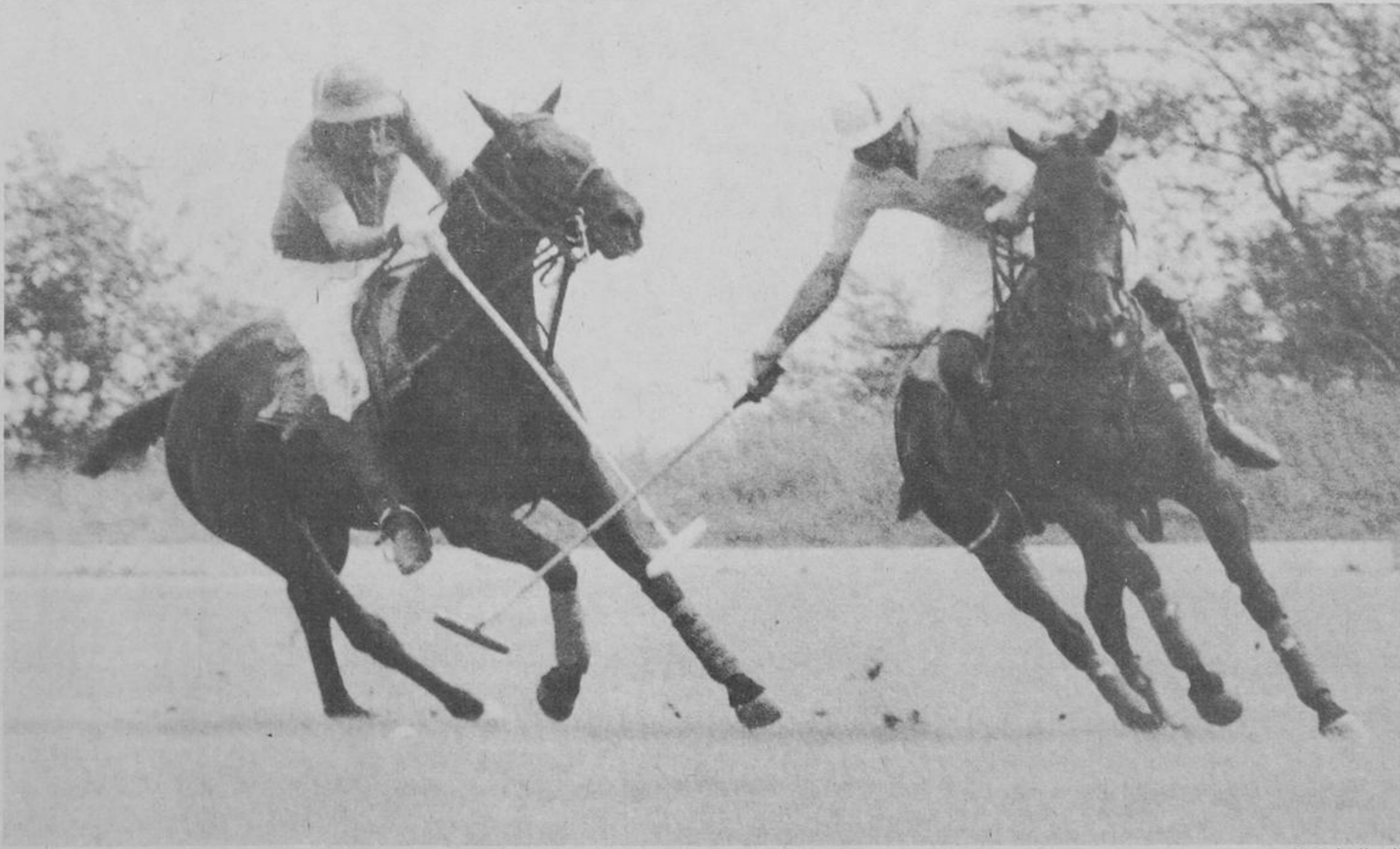


Airport expansion delayed again



(Photo by Hogg)

Spectacular scrimmage

There's plenty of action every Sunday afternoon at Chukker Hill Polo Club north of Gormley. Polo matches begin at 2 p.m.; admission is \$2. Polo is sometimes considered one of the most evenly balanced of all

team sports because of a handicap system of rating individual players. Last week, spectators saw an exciting match featuring club member Willie Gutierrez (left), and David Wigdahl from Mexico.

BUTTONVILLE — Markham council voted last week to defer final reading of the Buttonville Airport bylaw until Aug. 10.

They intend to enter into three-way negotiations with the federal government and the airport owners, Toronto Airways Ltd. and Jonquil Ltd. to reach a "satisfactory agreement on terms and conditions".

The resolution was adopted after Councillor Bud Bonner withdrew his notice of motion calling for a third reading of a bylaw to rezone the 70-acre extension to the Buttonville airport from agricultural to transportation use. Council was directed by the Ontario Municipal Board to pass this zoning amendment.

Toronto Airways Ltd. and Jonquil Ltd. advised the Town of Markham they are willing to enter into a binding agreement relating to the original airport acreage and the 70-acre expansion.

The Town of Markham expects to receive a written letter of intent to cover the following areas:

— Regulation as to the type and number of aircraft as they relate to the considerations of noise generation and safety of surrounding population.

— A development control agreement on all existing buildings on both parcels of land.

— Obtaining Markham's consent to an amendment to the existing zoning bylaw and Official Plan (if necessary) to provide for expanded non-airport uses of portions of the office building and other structures now on the original airport acreage.

"Since the government of Canada will have to be responsible for the enforcement of laws resulting from an environmental study, a tri-party agreement is the only way to solve the problem," said mayor Tony Roman. The Association of Involved

Residents declined to respond to the resolution but in a telephone interview later, A.I.R. president Murray Billingham said that their intention at Tuesday's council meeting was to get a deferral on third reading of the bylaw.

"The adjournment gives us time to continue our meetings with the federal government," he said.

Billingham called the adoption of the resolution by Markham council an "attempt to exclude the citizens from the final agreements relating to type of aircraft and noise levels."

He added there is a possibility of his association receiving funds from the federal government to carry out an environmental impact study, but said that without this financial assistance they would be unable to undertake the project.

Hill station wins FM bid

RICHMOND HILL — A sister station for Richmond Hill's CFGM is one of two new FM radio operations in the Metro Toronto area licensed last week by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

Nine applications had been considered. CFGM President Allan Slight said the new station will offer an ombudsman service and regular community access periods.

Its music offering will be progressive rock, at least 30 per cent from Canada. Reviews of local arts and media and production of local music concerts are also planned.

The other application approved was for a Toronto outlet for a new national news network.

Vagrant boozier irks Hill lady

(The following is a letter to the editor. Copies were also sent to regional police, local and provincial politicians and the Ontario liquor control board.)

To whom it may concern: I am writing to seek help getting rid of a public nuisance and a disgrace to our community.

I live at 34 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill, and for the past two or three years when I look out my living room window my view is the rear parking lot of the liquor and beer stores.

This is not my complaint but there is a man literally living on that parking lot and that is my complaint.

This man is an obvious alcoholic, seems to spend at least half of every day in this area. He sits, drinks, and reads newspapers. He then lets the newspapers blow all over the liquor store lot, my yard and every other person's yard on the block.

On Easter morning Len graced us

with his whole presence in the middle of the parking lot stark naked.

My husband telephoned the police. The police arrived and Len nonchalantly got dressed — I could hear him from inside my house using very obscene language.

At this point my family and I went to church.

On my way home I passed Len sitting on a bench along Yonge Street less than an hour and a half later. Is this the penalty for indecent exposure?

Last Saturday morning looked out my window to find that Len had a fire going in a cardboard box in the parking lot. I called the manager of the liquor store and he said he could do nothing. He has called the police on several occasions and still Len is hanging around.

I need help to get rid of this vagrant.

(MRS.) RHELDA STOCKALL,
34 Crosby Avenue
Richmond Hill, Ont.

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28 projects in area get Wintario grants

TORONTO — Wintario grants totalling \$156,222 have been approved for 28 projects in York region, the ministry of culture and recreation announced this week.

The Richmond Hill and District Family "Y" is eligible for a grant up to \$80,000 to renovate a building which will house a family recreation centre.

The Optimist Club of Newmarket is eligible for a grant up to \$29,000 to

construct a community youth centre.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library in Stouffville is eligible for a grant up to \$15,000 to provide furnishings, equipment and landscaping for a new library building.

The Newmarket Mens Amateur Football League and the Aurora Minor Football Association will receive grants of \$7,008 and \$4,300 respectively to buy football equipment.

A \$3,000 grant to the Newmarket Soccer Club will defray travel expenses to a tournament in Ohio, while Outdoor Discoveries Unlimited in Oak Ridges will receive \$2,010 to initiate a nature appreciation programme for local youth.

The Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association and the Markham Minor Soccer Club will receive grants of \$1,604 and \$1,400 respectively to buy soccer equipment.

The East Gwillimbury-Newmarket Minor Softball Association and the Unionville Softball Association will receive grants of \$1,240 and \$1,187 respectively to purchase softball equipment.

The Aurora Minor Soccer Association and the Markham Lawn Bowling Club will receive \$1,046 and \$1,000 respectively to buy soccer and lawn bowling equipment.

The Thornhill Minor Bantam Hockey Club and the Richmond Hill Bantam "A" Hockey Team will receive grants of \$1,000 each to defray costs of attending tournaments in Winnipeg and Saskatoon respectively.

The Community Association for Riding for the Disabled in Thornhill will receive \$900 to defray travel expenses to a conference of physiotherapists in England.

A \$600 grant to Terrill Maguire of Maple will defray pre-production costs for a performance at the Olympics.

The King City Minor Soccer

Association will buy soccer balls with a grant of \$516 and the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club will use a \$500 grant to repair equipment.

The Richmond U.T.D. Soccer Club in Richmond Hill and the Newmarket Wanderers Soccer Club will use grants of \$310 each to buy soccer equipment; the Richmond Rovers 11 Soccer Club will buy equipment with a \$301 grant.

A \$282 grant to the B'Nai B'Rith Thornhill Lodge 2994 will be used for softball equipment and a \$71 grant to the York Floor Hockey League, Central Association for the Mentally Retarded, will be used to buy trophies.

To date the ministry has allocated \$42.3 million to more than 2,140 groups and projects across the province.

Emphasis on ethics

Catholic schools win plaudits

By Lynda Nykor
Third in a series

There's a subtle difference in attitude between public and separate school supporters on the question of quality of education in York County.

The times we live in have produced problems in education for both kinds of parents, as all are quick to admit. But the underlying note of anger and frustration The Liberal encountered in talking to public school supporters is absent in their separate school counterparts.

"Yes," Catholic parents concede, "discipline could be stricter in the schools."

But they don't seem to be as fearful of what this lowering of standards portends.

Many are "very, very happy" with their schools, and they give a number of reasons for preferring to keep their children in this system, aside from the obvious religious factor.

"Our schools are generally smaller," they say, "and easier to manage."

"Because they're small, almost all of the parents take an interest," said one such parent. "The turnout at school meetings is very high."

Not so 'progressive'
"They've been less progressive," another commented. "Not so quick to

get away from the tried and true." "Some of the teaching orders, like the Jesuits, provide really high academic standards," added a Thornhill parent.

"Even though less religion is being taught now, there's still more emphasis placed on moral standards and things like respecting elders than in the public schools."

Most of these parents feel they have all the benefits of the public school system with a few more thrown in.

Some agreed that when the subdivision areas were new the Catholic schools suffered in comparison with the public schools. But this, they feel, has changed.

"We've caught up to the public schools as far as things like special classes and facilities go," said a mother whose older child had been put into a public school for special help, but whose younger child now receives the kind of help he needs in the separate school he attends.

More secondary schools
Secondary school once posed a problem for Catholic parents, but even that situation is changing rapidly.

At one time, to go to a Catholic secondary school meant going to Metro Toronto. And since these institutions were not only Catholic, but private schools, they cost money.

Now, secondary co-educational

Catholic schools are being started in the area.

Parents of students who chose to send their children to public high schools at the end of nine years in the separate schools frequently were "very disappointed" with what they found there.

"Our son asked us to please send him back to a Catholic school," said one parent. "He felt he wouldn't get into university if he continued in the public high school because it was too free, too open."

"Now he's an honor student."

A few parents, however, had switched their children from Catholic high schools to public ones, because, they said, "these schools do offer more options. Catholic high schools tend to stick to a straight academic program, without extra courses in things like art."

"And if they haven't gotten their religious training by high school they're not going to get it, so for that reason it doesn't really matter what kind of high school they go to," a parent of teenagers remarked.

A healthy percentage of these parents felt discipline for children was something that should properly be meted out at home. Unlike parents of public school children, they tended not to blame the schools for these kinds of problems.

"You can't blame the schools," insisted one parent. "It's the home that has to do the disciplining."

An option exists
Often, parents have a flexibility public school parents lack — if they're unhappy with the separate

school system they have the option of transferring a child to a public school.

On the other hand, they've told The Liberal, the education the separate schools provide in York County is so satisfactory the trend has gone the other way. Non-Catholic parents are more and more frequently asking about getting their children into the separate schools in the area.

Next week we're going to talk to the educators. Possibly they'll have some answers and explanations for the disenchantment only the small separate school segment of the educational establishment seems to have escaped.

Moran to seek regional seat

THORNHILL — Ron Moran, former Markham councillor, says he will be a candidate for the regional council position being vacated by Bob Adams.

Adams announced last week he would run for mayor in Markham's next municipal election.

Moran told The Liberal he would like to see council change the practice of passing motions of intent and signing agreements with landowners indicating willingness to rezone land.



(Photo by Hogg)

They're making a movie

On the set of "Blood City," the fictional setting of a movie being filmed in Kleinburg, actors mingle with film crew workers during a break in the action. The movie stars Jack Palance, Samantha

Eggar and Keir Dullea, but beyond that not much is certain. It's got ingredients of a western movie, a science fiction fantasy with a hefty dose of violence thrown in. See story on Page C-7.

Inside The Liberal

Anatomy of a protest

The Buttonville airport issue is one of our region's longest running controversies, and it shows no signs of dying. Chief among the protesters is Markham resident Murray Billingham, president of Association of Involved Residents (A.I.R.), who in this week's Liberal gives a comprehensive analysis of the objections to the proposed airport expansion. See Guest Spot, Page A-4.

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