



**Illustrator draws crowd**

Illustrator draws crowd Frank Newfeld, an illustrator of children's books including "Alligator Pie", talked about his work at the Thornhill community centre library Friday afternoon. He has illustrated and written a new children's book called Simon and the Golden Sword.

## Artist Newfeld entertains kids

By Marilyn McDonald

THORNHILL — If you had three kids — all under eight and boys to boot, and they were home from school because it was a professional development day, and it was pouring rain, what would you do?

Marilyn Barber left her Laureleaf Road home — with Warren, Wally and Wes in tow — and went to the library.

Thornhill community centre library is a great place to visit anytime, but it was especially so last Friday.

Frank Newfeld, one of Canada's busiest illustrators of children's books, was telling stories and drawing pictures.

Surrounded by dozens of rain-weary kids and mothers, he read from his book, Simon and the Golden Sword, hot off the Oxford University Press.

"Now what would you like me to draw?" he asked, placing the unit cigarette he's been fidgeting with, on a table behind him.

"A horse," came the reply from a face still shiny with rain.

As the head of a horse flowed from the felt pen onto the easel of white paper, a baby started to cry.

And the horse did, too. One fat, round teardrop rolled out the corner of his eye.

Later, sketching one of the characters from his latest book, Newfeld

asked, "What kind of mouths do nasty brothers have?"

"Big ones," yelled astute 10-year-old David Haddon.

Newfeld came to Canada by way of England after leaving Czechoslovakia in 1937. For many years he worked as a publisher with McClelland and Stewart.

Although perhaps best known for illustrating Dennis Lee's two best-sellers, Alligator Pie and Nicholas Knock, a recent Canada Council grant has enabled him to create his own magic.

Simon and the Golden Sword is illustrated and written by Frank Newfeld.

"I couldn't have done it without the grant," he said. "It took three months to research and four months to put together."

The richly colored and elaborately designed book is dedicated to his wife Joan. They have two sons.

"But they're big," he said, raising one arm above his head, seemingly amazed his trim but medium-height frame could be responsible for such giant offspring.

The Barber boys thumb through copies of Newfeld's new book and pester Mom to buy one.

Six-year-old Wally waved a small square of paper.

"Hey, Mommy," he whispered, "I got his autograph."

# Fairground site approved for housing development

BUTTONVILLE — "If you think we have been sold down the river, we have," said Dr. Jack Luftman as he left the Markham council chamber Tuesday night.

Council had just voted to designate the fairgrounds property residential. A delegation from the Save the Fairgrounds Committee had met behind closed doors with the Markham

council.

After 1½ hours highlighted by at least one angry outburst from Councillor Alma Walker, the doors reopened and committee and councillors looked as if they had made up after a quarrel.

### Wanted compromise

Luftman was hoping for a compromise, but as council went back into regular session it was obvious that only Mayor Tony Roman and Councillor Bob Adams were interested in one and they disagreed loudly over the form it would take.

Councillors from the Markham area in particular were dead set against giving the committee any special status.

The Save the Fairgrounds Committee had wanted the fairgrounds set aside as an area for special study. A City of Toronto style committee of councillors, citizens, planning staff and the developer would work out the best way of developing the property.

### Mayor's suggestion

Mayor Roman suggested such a committee but no one would support his attempt to "speed up the planning process, and satisfy the need for total input".

"I don't want this thing to drag on and on and on" said the mayor.

The issue seems to be one of power as well as planning. Councillor Walter Gøve said he was not convinced the Save the Fairgrounds Committee really represented the views of the people in the area, "when all the facts come out".

Councillor Stan Daurio said he wanted to be sure the developer's application was treated the same as any other application.

The Save the Fairgrounds Committee includes some people with impressive credentials as planning consultants.

### Ignore realities

Grieve told The Liberal these people were academics, accustomed to dealing in abstracts, but not with the realities of running a municipality.

"We are not a debating society. We are tired of hearing the same old arguments. If they want to ask for a plebescite, they should apply for one," he said.

He pointed out there is a provision for a plebescite under the municipal act. The municipal board warned in a letter earlier this year that capital expenditures would have to be previously approved by the board or the electors.

## Grieve resigns citizens group

MARKHAM — Councillor Walter Grieve has resigned from Markham Ratepayers Incorporated alleging the organization is being "used" in the fairgrounds dispute.

Grieve said a letter to Dr. Jack Luftman, chairman of the Save the Fairground Committee, from his solicitor, had been sent to Luftman as a representative of the Markham Ratepayers.

Luftman has since given the letter to council and used it to raise questions about the legality of the sale of the Markham Fairgrounds by the Markham and East York Agricultural Society.

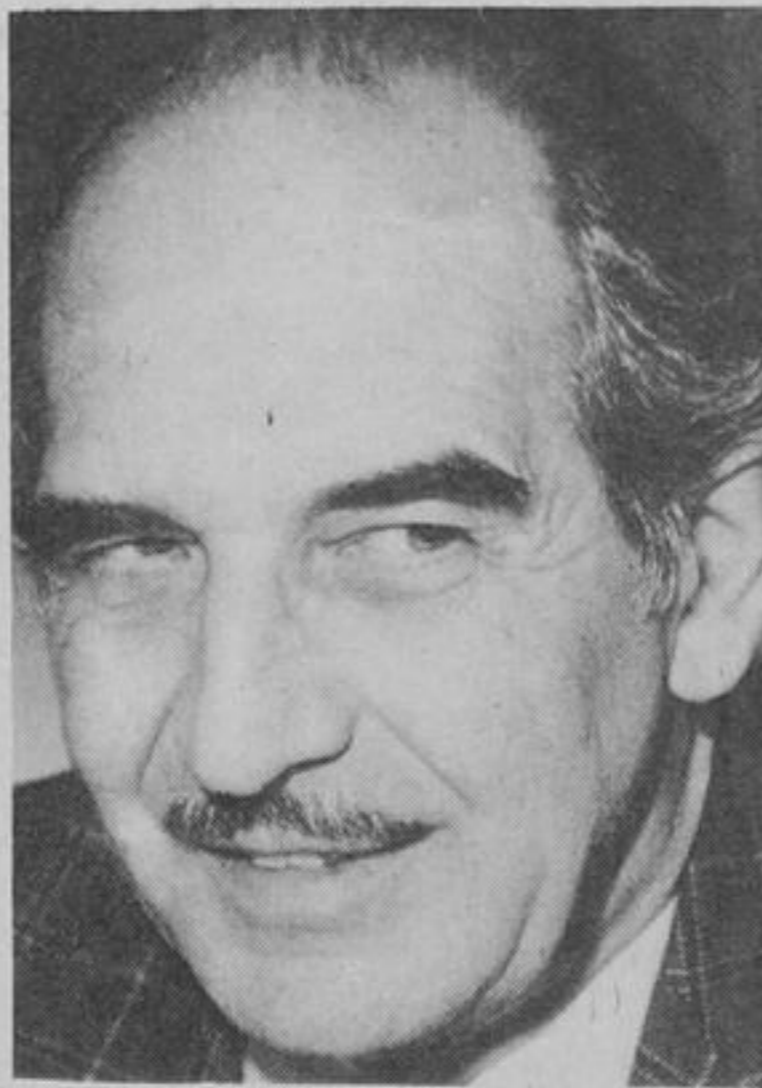
In his letter of resignation, Grieve urged Mrs. Joan Lynen, president of the Markham Ratepayers, "to regain control of your organization."

Grieve feels he can't be a member of an organization attacking the council on which he sits.

Nor does he want to be associated with what he considers to be an attack on the fair board on which "many of my friends sit," he told The Liberal.

He felt the fair board had obtained competent legal advice in making the sale "from a firm that has been in the town for generations."

In the letter, he says "the Markham and East York Agricultural Society is an ancient and honorable organization which has been serving this community for over 100 years, operated respon-



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sibly by some of the most competent and respectable of our people. It is not a fly-by-night organization."

As Grieve explained to The Liberal, "they may be farmers but they are not stupid."

The agricultural society has bought a new 100 acre site on which it hopes to hold the Markham Fair for the first time in 1977.

## Old house preserved amid condominiums

THORNHILL — How to preserve a 173-year-old house in the middle of a condominium development has caused a legal muddle.

But Markham Solicitor Ronald King and the lawyers for Milldun Construction Ltd., builders of Cricklewood Estates, think they have the problems ironed out. The project is on Yonge Street near the entrance to Toronto Ladies Golf Club.

The condominium is nearing completion, and the Markham council was asked to help speed it along.

The house has been separated from the condominium, even though it is landlocked right in the middle. The condominium corporation will grant an easement along its own roads giving the occupants access to a public street.

The lawyers asked the council to support a request for a severance for the manor house, although no one is certain one is needed.

Other agreements have been made to insure such things as snow removal and garbage collection.

## Telephone users get wider local calling

RICHMOND HILL — Telephone users in Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Gormley exchanges will have wider local calling without extra charge under a Bell Canada plan to take effect Nov. 20, Ken Gilmour, the company's local manager, has announced.

Richmond Hill customers (883-4 exchanges) will gain 367,000 telephone numbers in their local calling area by adding the exchanges of Weston, New Toronto-Islington, Agincourt, Scarborough and West Hill.

Thornhill customers (881,889 and 669 exchanges) will gain 29,000 telephones in their local calling area by adding the exchanges of Bolton, Nobleton and West Hill.

The Gormley exchange (887) will add 325,000 numbers to its local calling area, with the inclusion of New Toronto-Islington, Weston, Scarborough, West Hill and Agincourt.

Altogether, the plan means more than a million telephone customers in Metro Toronto and 20 adjoining exchanges will have far fewer areas that require long distance dialing.

The extended area service (EAS) plan takes place because Metro Toronto becomes one big telephone exchange by merging Toronto and six exchanges

within the Metro boundary: New Toronto-Islington, Weston, Willowdale-Don Mills, Agincourt, Scarborough, and West Hill.

Only four exchanges will pay higher monthly rates at this time. They are Bolton, Nobleton, Bethesda and Ajax-Pickering.

### Higher rates coming

This large increase in calling, however, added to normal telephone growth is expected to put the Richmond Hill and Gormley exchanges in higher rate categories next year.

Richmond Hill exchange already has local calling with King City, Maple, Oak Ridges, Bethesda, Gormley, Thornhill, Willowdale-Don Mills and Toronto exchanges.

Thornhill has local calling now with the exchanges of Woodbridge, Maple Richmond Hill, Gormley, Unionville, New Toronto-Islington, Toronto, Weston, Willowdale-Don Mills, Agincourt and Scarborough. By late 1977 there will also be local calling between Thornhill and Markham.

Gormley exchange has local calling now with Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Oak Ridges, Bethesda, Stouffville, Clarendon, Markham, Unionville, Willowdale-Don Mills, Agincourt and Toronto exchanges.

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