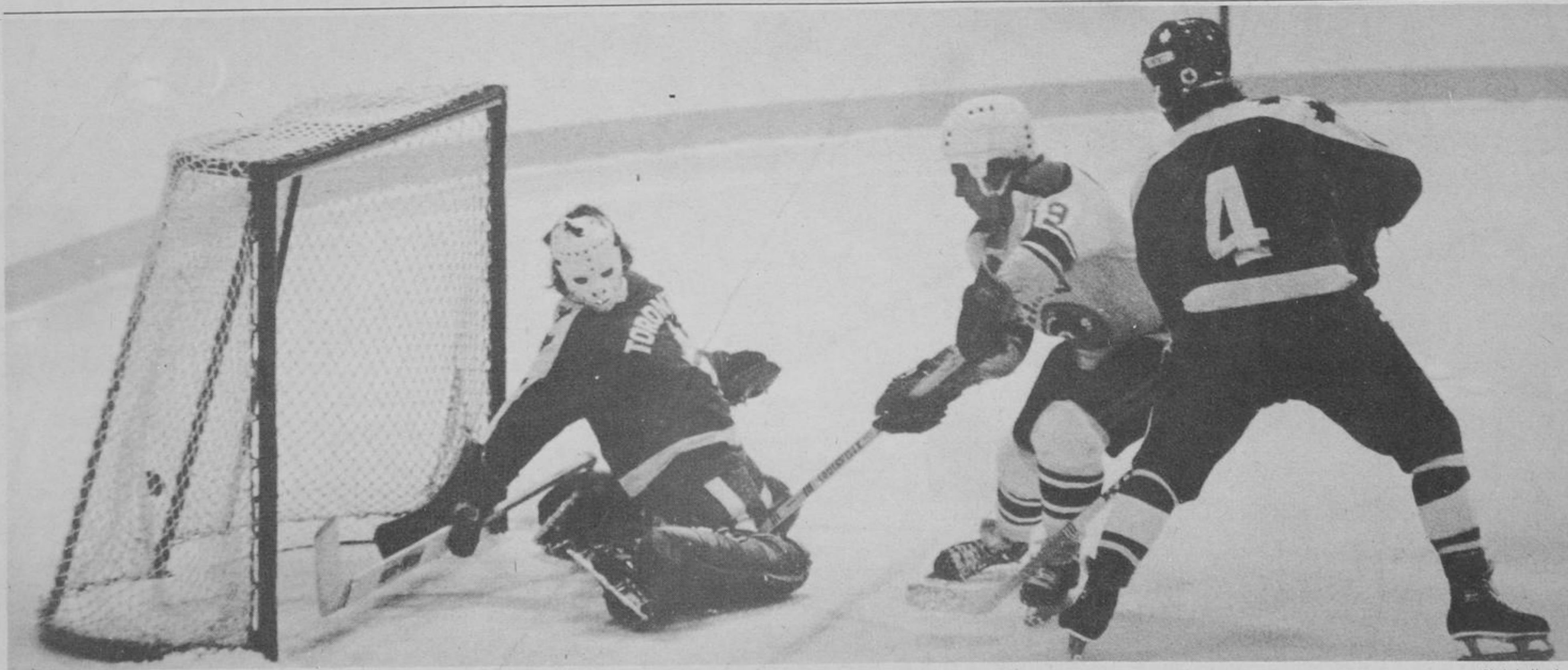


# Town views sought on Yonge widening



**Edwards pulls the trigger**

Mitch Edwards (19) of the Provincial Junior A Rams clicks in fine fashion here as he flips the puck behind Toronto Nats goalie Shaun Simmons in last week's 9-6 Richmond Hill win

at the local arena. The Rams went on to drop 9-4 and 2-1 games to Royal York and North York Rangers. The Rams are at home to Royal York next Tuesday at 7:45 p.m.

(Photo by Hogg)

RICHMOND HILL — The proposed widening of Yonge Street between Highway 7 and Major Mackenzie Drive is a step closer to getting started.

This week, Richmond Hill council was asked by the ministry of transportation to arrange a meeting to discuss the project. The initial get-together will likely be within one month.

Plans for the Thornhill section of Yonge Street have already been determined by the ministry and approved by York Region council and Markham and Vaughan councils.

Between Steeles Avenue and Clark Avenue, the street will consist of three lanes in each direction, plus a continuous two-way left turn lane.

From Clark Avenue to Highway 7, the street will have two lanes in each direction, continuous two-way turn lane, and separate bus bays.

Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller said he is pleased that "at long last" the ministry is inviting the town to begin discussions on the project.

The council will advocate construction of two 12-foot lanes in each direction (they're 10 feet wide now) plus bus bays and a turn lane.

Schiller said council doesn't believe the turn lane must necessarily be continuous all the way to Highway 7. "Perhaps it could be broken by boulevards with grass and trees," he said. "It's importance to consider the appearance of the main entrance to town."

Yonge Street is already being used to capacity, according to York Region engineering studies. And by the early 1980s its traffic is expected to at least double.

## Gorilla death still a mystery

RICHMOND HILL — Scientists at the forensic laboratory of Guelph Veterinary College continue tests on the body of Angel, the 10-year-old gorilla which was owned by Ruth Bowman of 90 Birch Avenue.

The black mountain gorilla was confiscated from Miss Bowman's home three weeks ago by the Ontario Humane Society. Society officials said the animal was in agony due to gangrenous sores on its body.

"We are having certain tests done on the animal's inner organs to determine whether there are any foreign bodies," Don Hepworth, society chief inspector, told *The Liberal* Tuesday.

According to Hepworth, the society has photos of Angel taken prior to its death, but has not yet released them for publication.

"I can't say yet whether or not she (Miss Bowman) will be charged," Hepworth said.

"We'll just have to wait until the tests are completed."

The *Liberal* has tried to reach Miss Bowman for comment over the last two weeks, but there has been no answer at her Richvale home.

## All-candidates forum planned

RICHMOND HILL — Three all-candidates forums will be broadcast live on Cable 10 Television during the Richmond Hill civic election campaign.

They are scheduled for the three Tuesday nights prior to the Dec. 6 election: Nov. 16, 23 and 30. Tentative starting time is 7 p.m.

Similar televised forums will be held for candidates in other southern York Region municipalities and for York County board of education.

## Toronto man charged in Thornhill murder

RICHMOND HILL — John Ferguson, 34, of Gerrard Street in Toronto, has been charged with non-capital murder of Tracy Kunding, 18, of Monsanto Court in Thornhill who was killed in August of last year.

At that time, the girl's strangled body was found by children playing in a park behind German Mills Public School.

York Regional Police have been working on the case ever since.

Crown Attorney Iain Cunningham said he recommended the accused be sent to Penetanguishene after he had refused to co-operate with police.

He said Ferguson had been examined by Dr. Gerald Cooper, a psychiatrist at York-Finch Hospital, who described his behavior as "very bizarre."

Dr. Cooper said he felt Ferguson was unfit to stand trial.

Police said the accused was single and on welfare.

## Crime rate up 12%

NEWMARKET — York Region's crime rate rose more than 12 per cent in the first nine months of the year, Police Chief Bruce Crawford reported last week.

"People certainly aren't getting any nicer to each other," the chief commented in releasing statistics showing a steady increase in violent crime throughout the region.

Only violent crime not to increase over the same period last year was murder and attempted murder. There have been two murders this year compared to four in 1975. There were

three cases of attempted murder in the first nine months last year and none so far this year.

Assault cases were up 12 per cent over last year, and robberies were up 15 per cent.

A total of 820 thefts over \$200 have been reported, 45 per cent higher than in the same period last year. Theft under \$200 were up slightly.

Probation violations more than tripled this year, Crawford said, while drug and fraud cases were down slightly.

## Ball park work promised

RICHMOND HILL — The much-maligned ball diamond at Town Park is expected to get at least \$24,000 worth of improvements before next year's ball season rolls around.

Part of the money will go to improve the drainage of the field. The snack bar, toilet facilities, seating and light standards are also to be improved.

Richmond Hill Ball Association is

turning over \$8,000 to the town from its snack bar proceeds. An additional \$8,000 will likely come from Wintario, and the town itself is committed to providing between \$8,000 and \$12,000.

The park came in for steady criticism this past summer when the combination of heavy rains and poor drainage kept the field in poor condition.

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# Airport rules backed by federal officials

BUTTONVILLE — Last summer, Toronto Airways extended the runway at Buttonville Airport without the permission of the local planning

authorities. It may be one of the last airports to do this. The federal ministry of transport is planning changes in regulations;

these will require small airports to comply with local zoning requirements before they expand.

This information is contained in a letter from York North MP Barney Danson to Transport Minister Otto Lang.

It came out of a meeting involving officials from the town of Markham, the ministry, the airport and representatives of the Association of Involved Residents.

The residents have been trying to put the lid on airport expansion.

Danson said the meeting dealt for the most part with operational changes which may be possible to alleviate problems of residents.

These include curtailing hours of operation and directing flights away from urban areas.

The same group and a representative from Richmond Hill are to meet next Tuesday. Transport Canada regional superintendent G.W. Lloyd will present a proposal "to alleviate as much as possible the annoyance caused by air operations."

Danson said Transport Canada is to monitor complaints received about unauthorized aircraft movements.

Markham Councillor Bob Adams said he saw a plane doing touch and gos (touching the runway and taking off again, a flight training exercise, at 11 p.m. one night. "At least now, we have a number to call."



(Photo by Hogg)

## Langstaff valedictorian

Scott Pearson, 5 Helen Avenue, Thornhill, received the Principal's Prize and gave the valedictory address at Langstaff Secondary School's commencement exercises last Friday. Pearson is shown getting a handshake from Principal William Armstrong.

## Birchall to defend Ward 3 council seat

RICHMOND HILL — Ward 3 Councillor John Birchall has decided to seek a second term on Richmond Hill council.

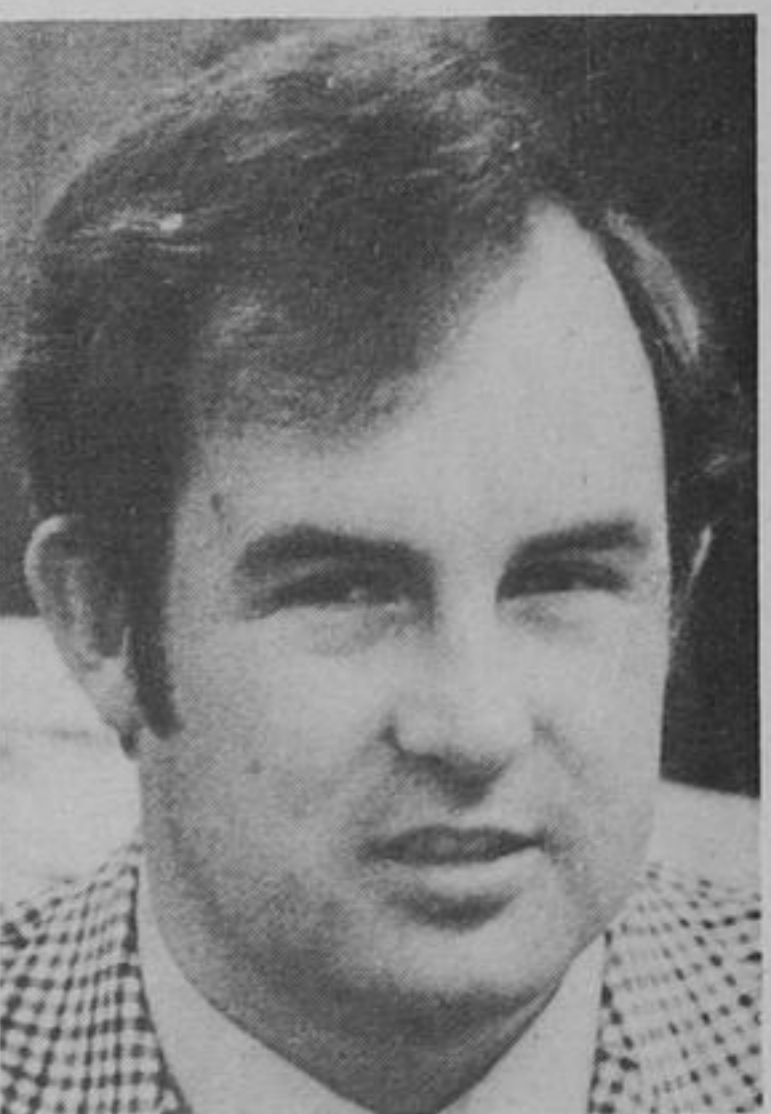
Birchall, 28, is chairman of council's bylaws, procedures, fire and personnel committee; vice-chairman of the finance committee and a member of the planning committee.

He also serves as council representative on the arena association, responsible for operation of the three arenas in Richmond Hill.

Completing the Official Plan, a lighting standards bylaw and a new fire prevention bylaw are among his main concerns for the next council term.

Among his accomplishments, Birchall cites council's endorsement of his recommendation that the major portion of Langstaff Jail Farm be kept in public ownership, included in the Parkway Belt West. He also prepared council's first procedural bylaw.

Birchall says he believes in "continuing public dialogue through monthly rotating ward meetings, public question and answer periods at council, and a periodic ward newsletter."



**John Birchall**  
... seeks second term

An analyst with Shell Canada Ltd., he lives at 282 Paliser Crescent.

# Graham faces Ward 4 challenge

RICHMOND HILL — At least one of Richmond Hill's six wards is already assured of a contest in the December election.

In Ward 4, salesman Claude Henderson this week announced he will seek the council seat currently held by Marylo Graham.

Mrs. Graham, chairman of council's planning committee, earlier stated she will seek re-election for a second term.

Henderson, 41, of 191 Elgin Mills Road W., has lived in Richmond Hill 16 years and for seven years was a coach and convener for the Richmond Hill Midgets in minor hockey.

He is employed as sales representative for Whitefield Meat Packers, based in Rexdale. Previously he owned a meat business in Oak Ridges.

"I would like to get more industry in town," Henderson commented. "The homeowners can't carry the entire tax load, and we need to start working now, to attract firms to come here."

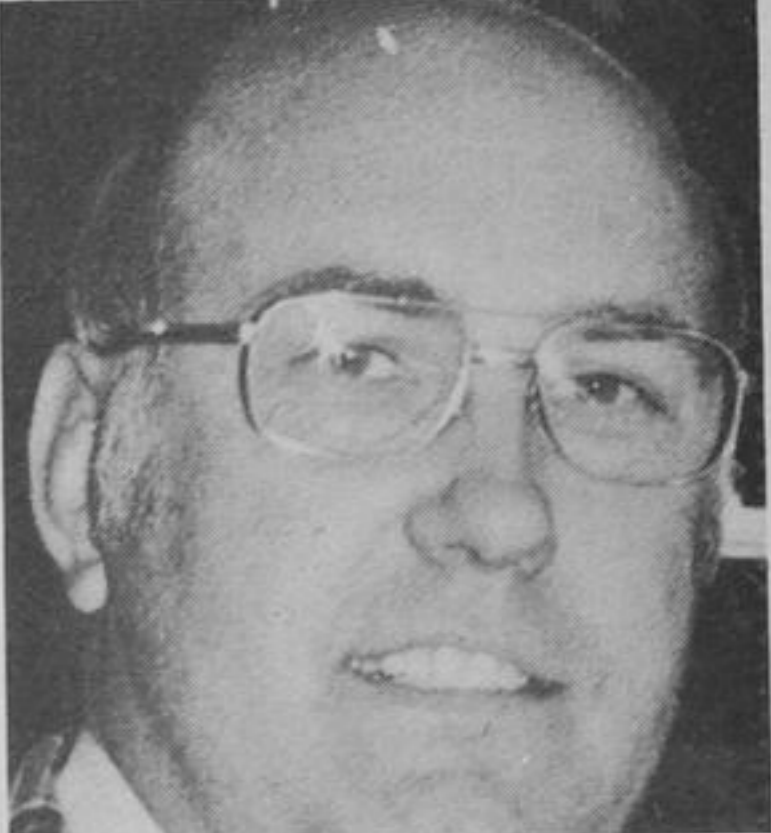
Henderson also sees a definite need for construction of small apartment units in Richmond Hill. "Most people can't afford the kind of luxury apartments and the houses that are here now," he said.

In announcing her decision to seek re-election, Mrs. Graham said she was eager to continue with council programs already begun or in the planning stages.

Her main interest is in the town's Official Plan, scheduled for completion sometime in 1977.



**Marylo Graham**  
... heads planning committee



**Claude Henderson**  
... wants more industry

### Inside The Liberal

#### Waste not, want not

A whole year has passed since Richmond Hill recycling depot opened for business. A hard-working team of volunteers keep the project going, but there's a continuing need for public participation. It's open house there Saturday morning. Page C-1.

Still undefeated after seven games, Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers are on top of the standings in Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey league.

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