



### Church school for kids

Churches of Thornhill took advantage of teachers' professional development day last Thursday to offer their own "school" for the day with a religious theme. About 160 children, including Roddy McCloud of Royal Orchard Drive who

made this wheel, took part. The day could be repeated on future professional development days if initial signs of success are borne out by teacher evaluation reports.

## Region not sympathetic to 'eulogy' for realtors

NEWMARKET — A eulogy for the real estate industry, with a hard knock against anti-developers tossed in on the side, drew little sympathy from York Region council last week.

In fact, the claim by Gino Matrunda, president of York Region Real Estate Board that "the realtor is a creator of homes, a builder of cities and a developer of industries," was the icing on the cacophony, so far as council was concerned.

"They should take a course in local politics and see what's going on first, before writing a letter like this," said Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan.

Forhan's remarks covered the overall letter, which solicited the board's support for "a positive balanced growth program for York Region."

The letter then went on to list eight suggestions ostensibly for this purpose. Included were such things as "a common sense and reasonable approach to development proposals, the return to the processing of all forms of development applications to ensure a continual flow of housing stock such as single family dwellings, semi-detached,

estate-type houses, apartments, mobile homes and so on."

Also, "the public must be made aware of how costly and harmful the efforts of the small, vociferous, anti-development groups are to the average taxpayers who form the silent majority."

"Continued prosperity can only be guaranteed through continued

development," the letter went on. "The basis of a stable society rests with each individual having the opportunity and capacity of owning private property."

It then asked for provision of serviced land for housing opportunities, parallel and balanced growth, and commercial-industrial activities "to provide wealth and opportunities, diversity and richness."

## Meeting to explain Participaction goal

By Fred Simpson

RICHMOND HILL — Go take a walk around the block. Why not? Participate.

That's the whole idea of a rather horrible sounding word called "Participaction." Not a word to stir a poet's soul.

But the idea behind it all is what it's all about.

That's why Councillor's Al Duffy, chairman of the Richmond Hill parks and recreation committee, and Mike Burnie, member, are all excited.

New concept

"It's simply a new concept of getting people to make some effort to be physically fit," said Duffy. "It's a type of do it alone or in a group type of thing."

But what is "Participaction?"

According to Duffy: "It's a non-profit program sponsored by the federal government to encourage Canadians to be physically fit."

Expense

The government puts up a quarter of a million dollars a year to go toward a "group of seven persons" who are experts in the advertising field.

These people select certain municipalities — Richmond Hill could be one of the first Ontario communities — to campaign in.

A participaction program is operating presently in Saskatoon and has proven to be very successful.

No money

Both Duffy and Burnie emphasize

### Civic Corner

RICHMOND HILL — The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m. — Committee Room "B"; By-laws, Procedures, Fire & Personnel Committee.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. — Office of the Commissioner of Works — Engineering Committee.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. — Council Chambers — Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. — Council Chambers — Planning Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. — Committee Room "B" — Civic Improvement Committee.

Monday, Nov. 15, 7:45 p.m. — Council Chambers — Regular Council Meeting.



John McDermott  
..... Many new programs

## McDermott to run again

RICHMOND HILL — John McDermott, chairman of York Region Roman Catholic separate school board, will seek re-election in December.

McDermott, 50, a production engineering planner with DeHavilland Aircraft of Canada, will contest the newly determined seat combining Whitchurch-Stouffville and Aurora.

McDermott has lived in Stouffville since 1956 and served as chairman of the Stouffville separate school board in 1964.

When the county boards were amalgamated he was elected as the Whitchurch-Stouffville and East Gwillimbury representative in 1969.

He has served as the board's chairman for the last three years.

# Flying restrictions 'aren't really new'

BUTTONVILLE — Transport Canada officials are not really imposing new height restrictions on aircraft taking off and landing at Buttonville Airport, says Murray Billingham.

They are just going to enforce the regulations that already exist, the chairman of the Association of Involved Residents told The Liberal.

A top Transport Canada official from Toronto came out to visit him and they observed planes taking off and landing without the airport knowing of their presence, he said.

The federal ministry is proposing to change the basic circuit pattern from the traditional left hand turns to right hand. This is designed to relieve the noise over built-up areas by diverting planes over open spaces, said Trans-

port Canada information officer Dean Smith.

Ministry officials met with Billingham, representatives of Toronto Airways, and local politicians two weeks ago to present the proposal to change the flight patterns.

Schiller asked study

A decision was deferred after Mayor David Schiller of Richmond Hill asked for time to study the effect on his municipality.

Markham Mayor Tony Roman reiterated his position that the local municipality should have control over the location or expansion of airports within their boundaries. At present, there is no local jurisdiction over airports and Toronto Airways extended its runway last summer without municipal permission.

The air regulations call for a circuit height of 1,600 feet above sea level before landing and 1,150 feet after taking off, said Billingham.

He thinks higher levels are possible at Buttonville and members of his group have even been able to put their ideas to the test. He says someone smuggled them into the airport and the airport officials would love to know who it was.

Billingham said L.G. Fitton, the director of the branch in Toronto responsible for Buttonville, is more broad-minded than anyone AIR has dealt with before in the civil service and the Danson office is "stronger every meeting."

## Bookkeeper charged in forgery scheme

RICHMOND HILL — A Markham resident has been arrested in connection with a forgery scheme at an area firm.

John Kesper, 14th Avenue, told York Regional Police that documents from his operation, in excess of \$65,000, had been forged by someone and converted to cash.

Charged with fraud is Irene Vernon, 44, of Squire Bakers Lane, a former bookkeeper with the company.

Diamonds in rough

Also in Markham, Carol Rathbone of Willowdale, told police she was given three diamond rings by a man to hold, while he took her own \$500 diamond ring away to see if he could sell it.

However, the man never returned and the three "diamond" rings turned out to be fakes.

Another fake

A phone call last week to Visigith Enterprises Ltd., Rivermeade Road in Concord, brought about a big scare when someone called to say there was a bomb on the premises and would soon blow up.

No bomb was produced and police said there were no suspects.

Youth assaulted

Police are seeking two youths who allegedly held and punched Stephen Thompson, 13, of Concord, in the stomach in the George Bailey Public School yard, Maple.

Police said the assault took place Oct. 27, about 2:30 p.m.

Glass happy

Window wacky vandals were busy last week.

Langstaff Greenhouses, Highway 7 and Yonge Street in Thornhill, told police that 105 windows, valued at \$500, had been smashed.

Valente Greenhouses, Crosby Drive in Richmond Hill, had 25 windows broken, for a loss of \$50.

Area thefts

Coin collectors were also active. Gordon Smith, Banquo Road in Thornhill, reported a loss of \$3,500 in Canadian and American coins, in a break-in at his home.

William Costoff, Yonge Street in Richmond Hill, was out a quantity of rare coins and a .38-calibre pistol, following a break-in at his home.

Also noted

Judi Duckman, Daffodil Ave., Thornhill, reported the theft of a solid gold, 100-year-old watch, valued at \$1,000, from her home; Souren

Agemian, Broadview Ave., lost \$1,500 in cash and household goods to thieves. A truck stolen from Pupolin Plumbing, Highway 7, Concord, Oct. 20, was recovered in Burlington, Oct. 23.

However, the owners told police, they also discovered that \$5,000 in plumbing supplies were missing.

In Markham, Paul Chisholm, Concession 4, reported the theft of his trailer — even though it was chained to posts in the ground — plus a boat and motor.

Total loss was \$8,500.

Frederick Kite, Kerrybrook Dr., Richmond Hill, told police that, while his car was parked at Aurora Highlands Golf Club, Oct. 28, somebody broke into it and stole his prescription glasses. They then jumped on the roof, causing \$100 damage.

## Area realtors form new trust company

MARKHAM — A locally based real estate company is making two moves that go against recent financial trends.

While other real estate firms have been taken over lately by trust companies, Thomas N. Shea Ltd. of Markham is forming its own trust company.

The new firm with Thomas N. Shea, chairman, and brother Robert Shea, president, will be known as Family Trust Corporation.

It will concentrate on making mortgage funds available in smaller urban centres across southern Ontario.

Victoria and Grey is the only major trust company in this field now and the Sheas think there is room for more.

"The case I like to think of," said Bob Shea, "is the doctor who could not borrow money to finance his ski chalet near Collingwood."

Family Trust expects to offer mortgages at interest rates about one half per cent above that now offered "on a Rosedale home."

It will work through agents, located in places like Port Carling, Keswick and Chatham, rather than having offices of its own. It will not offer savings, estate trust or real estate services at the start, but will sell guaranteed investment certificates.

Within two years, the activities of Shea and Family Trust are to be merged under the Family Trust name.

Shea Real Estate has had a mortgage

division since 1968 which has grown to the point where it places \$4 million monthly. Only about 20 per cent of these are now connected to company real estate transactions and defaults on loans have been nil.

Company representatives feel their 21 years experience in the real estate business will give it a better knowledge of individual properties than other lenders and allow it more flexibility.

Trust company headquarters will remain in Markham where "a couple of high school graduates started out 21 years ago to sell real estate," said Thomas Shea, 44.

That is a bit of a simplification. Company president Robert Shea is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the University of Toronto Law School.

Over the years specialists have been hired to manage certain facets of the operations. Shea secretary-treasurer Robert M. Davies will be Family Trust's executive vice-president. Shea now employs 225 sales associates and its 1976 sales volume is expected to approach \$100 million.

headquarters is in the Markham Shopping Centre which an associated company, Sharon Mills Developments Ltd., purchased for \$1 million in 1973.

The Sheas say that one condition required by the province to start a trust company in Ontario is \$1 million to \$1.1 million in unimpaired capital.

## Local cablevision tower gains council's approval

RICHMOND HILL — Whether it's ugly or pretty is a matter of taste, but Classic Communications' proposed 250-foot tower is going up despite the objections of a neighboring businessman.

Morgan Davis appeared at council Monday to protest the town's approval of the tower at Classicom's Cable 10 TV site on Newkirk Road.

"It will be the highest structure in Richmond Hill," Davis said, "and I object very strongly. Just by nature of being a tower, it will be very ugly."

A Classicom spokesman, however, said "We don't think it's ugly; it should be rather pretty when finished."

"I can't think of a cleaner use for this land. There will be no traffic, no

pollution, and a tower doesn't obstruct the view nearly so much as a building would."

The structure is to be of "Eiffel tower design," the company said, "and this is because it will be less obtrusive than a single stick with a number of wires."

The tower is intended to facilitate improved reception for cablevision viewers in the area.

Residents and businesses of the Newkirk Road area were earlier notified of the proposal, and Davis was the only one to make formal objection.

The bylaw authorizing the tower construction is being forwarded to the Municipal Board for approval, along with Davis' written objection.



Robert Shea (left) and Tom Shea  
..... bucking the financial trends

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