



**Award for recycling**

Roy Clifton (right), who spearheaded the move to found Richmond Hill's recycling depot a year ago, was one of the local citizens honored for their contributions to the town at last Friday's annual awards banquet. Ward 6 Councillor Mike Burnie, who was also involved in the recycling effort, made the presentation on behalf of the town of Richmond Hill. (Other photos in "C" section.)

# Museum offer withdrawn

MAPLE — Edna McNair has withdrawn the offer to give the family homestead to the town of Vaughan as a museum and the house contents will be packed up and stored.

Vaughan council learned Monday that negotiations for the house and surrounding 50 acres of land had been terminated. "It was a gift we couldn't afford," said Councillor Ab Hollingshead.

J. R. Braden, lawyer for Miss McNair, told The Liberal Tuesday that the public will still benefit from Miss McNair's plans for the property, but Vaughan will not benefit directly.

Negotiations had been going on since March but did not appear to Miss McNair to be getting anywhere.

The insurance on the antiques is running out and there is also the cost of having a security guard on the property.

The town has been paying this bill but is to be reimbursed. The cost is in excess of \$7,000.

According to the town staff report,

The town offered to maintain Miss McNair or sell items of its choosing, rather than "diminishing the value of the property as an example of the lifestyle of a long-time Vaughan family."

The homestead had been in the McNair family since the early 1800s. Miss McNair's father was a former Vaughan reeve. Her brother Leslie's death 18 months ago led to the negotiations.

Mayor Garnet Williams was sorry that the town did not receive the property. "When Mr. McNair was alive there were no strings attached."

The cost of maintaining the property would be \$40,000 per year for the next eight years.

The staff also wanted the town compensated for any improvement to the property if it ever reverted back to Miss McNair.

Another point of contention was who would have the right to sell items if they were needed to provide cash for the estate. Miss McNair originally proposed that antiques be on permanent loan to the town with her lawyers having the right to sell any item for her at any time, according to the staff report.

## Radio station sought in area

NEWMARKET — A group of businessmen from Aurora, Newmarket, Barrie and Bradford is expected to apply for a Newmarket-based radio station license early in 1977.

The group, headed by Newmarket car dealer Brad Walker, is being organized and technically assisted by Ralph Snelgrove of Barrie, founder of that town's television station and owner of its radio station.

Broadcasting stations are planned for Newmarket and a transmitter site near Oak Ridges.

The project has been in the planning stages for over a year and organizers hope to apply for a hearing before the Canadian Radio-Television Commission early in January.

Also included in the group are two mayors, Bob Forhan of Newmarket and Joe Magani of Bradford, Newmarket Regional Councillor Ray Twiney, Newmarket businessmen Peter and Al Fleischaker and Greg Rogers, Peter O'Rourke of Scarborough, Lou DiRocco of Bradford and William Cheyne of Aurora.

Estimated cost of starting the station is \$300,000, one third of which has been guaranteed by the Bradford partners. The Newmarket members are expected to contribute \$90,000, the Aurora members \$40,000 to \$50,000, and the remainder will come from the Toronto and Barrie partners.

The bid is the third since the 1950s for a Newmarket-based commercial transmitter.

The current group feels that with its strong local ownership it has a good chance of obtaining a license.

# Dumping at Sabiston Pit despite lack of permit

THORNHILL — Dumping has been going on for the last three weeks at the Sabiston Pit in German Mills without a permit, the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority says.

At the same time, the authority is not certain of its power to put a time limit

on permits and has not ordered Sabiston to stop dumping, said John Maletich, the authority spokesman.

The authority had asked him to apply for an extension. Half of the Sabiston Pit is being threatened with expropriation by the authority. Maletich said negotiations are still going on at the staff level and the authority does not want to appear to be "harassing" Sabiston.

"I can understand how the ratepayers in the area feel," said Maletich, with the trucks going by them all the time to dump, but the authority can only act according to its

regulations, he said.

The Sabiston property is located on both sides of Leslie at John Street. The authority will expropriate about 32 acres on the east side if necessary.

Maletich said the west side was already filled and the government would not allow building on it for 25 years in any case.

There is also a dispute between Sabiston and the Town of Markham over the road allowance in the middle. The town maintains it never closed it, said Maletich.

The ratepayers' complaints also go back for several years.

## Three-tier system of schools endorsed

MARKHAM — The conclusion of three meetings held last week by York County board of education, was that parents don't want to change York's three-tier system of public, senior public and high schools.

The meetings were held to discuss the possibility of reverting to a two-tier system of public and high school schools, only.

Instead, parents turned down the proposal and also asked that the senior public school be considered in a new school.

At present, the system has kindergarten to Grade 6 classes in the public schools; Grades 7 and 8 in the senior public schools and Grades 9 to 13 in the high schools.

Parents said the three-tier system not only helped ease the transition from public to high school, but offered a wider range of subjects and extra-curricular activities.

The board has suggested that all four Markham schools offer kindergarten to Grade 8 classes, starting in 1978.

## Seven Catholic trustees unopposed, acclaimed

RICHMOND HILL — The seven representatives on York Region Roman Catholic separate school board for the towns of Vaughan and Markham have been acclaimed.

Representing Markham will be incumbent members Alex MacGregor of Markham, Leo Wigglesworth of Thornhill, Lawrence Pelliccione of

Thornhill and newly acclaimed June Mallon of Thornhill.

The Vaughan representation was increased by one seat for this election and all three nominees for the town have been acclaimed. They are Father Don MacLean of Pine Grove, Mary Jane Marley and Enzo Montingelli, both of Woodbridge.

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