



(Photo by Hogg)

It's science fair time

Grade 6 student Carla Hallett works on a model of an electric motor which took her a week to make for the Henderson Public School Science Fair. Schools across the region will be holding

science fairs soon with the winners going on to higher levels. The Henderson fair runs until Thursday.

Buy your vehicle licence now and beat big line up Feb. 28

RICHMOND HILL — Vehicle licence renewals in Richmond Hill are running 10 per cent behind last year's rate for the month of December.

Although the Richmond Hill Motor Vehicle Licence Branch, on Elgin Mills

Rd. East, has hired extra people in anticipation of the rush beginning next week, branch manager William Neal expects that "It'll be the same this year as last—they'll be lined up at the door the week before", he says.

The branch handled 1,500 permits in December. But since the renewals for this time of the season are down, Neal expects "another 1,000 people added to those who normally wait to the last minute".

Neal estimates that the branch should handle 22,000 to 23,000 permits this year, a 10 per cent increase over last year's sales.

The deadline is midnight Feb. 28 when this year's red sticker must be attached to the rear multi-year licence plate.

The annual fees for automobiles are \$40 for eight cylinders; \$32 for six cylinders and \$23 for four cylinders or less—no change from last year.

To complete the renewal process, motorists are required to present a motor vehicle permit, proof of insurance and the appropriate fee in cash.

Proof of insurance forms are available at all ministry of transportation and communications offices, licence renewal offices and liquor store outlets throughout Ontario.

Uninsured motorists are required to pay \$100 into the motor vehicle accident claims fund this year, an increase of \$40 over last year.

Johnsview, other new schools growing issue

AURORA — A proposal last week by York County board of education Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham, to seek a meeting with the minister of education to discuss building a school in the Johnsview Village subdivision in Markham, has resulted in the board agreeing to seek a meeting to discuss its 1976 capital building projects instead.

Although the board has a school site

in the development, the latter has not produced enough children of elementary school age to justify a school, according to government standards.

Because of that, Harry Boves of Whitchurch-Stouffville suggested they go after all the projects mentioned in the forecast.

Proposed projects

These included schools in East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, and the

JFM subdivision in Markham, plus additions to Reesor Park Public School in Markham, and Eva L. Dennis Public School in King Township.

Markham's Bob McMonagle felt the importance of the Johnsview project would be diluted that way.

The government had exerted pressure to put the subdivision in and should accept its responsibilities, he said.

Separate schools going outdoors

RICHMOND HILL — Classrooms at York Region separate schools will be moved outdoors next fall as children spend daily or weekly sessions at South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority's first outdoor education centre.

At a meeting Tuesday, the York Region Roman Catholic separate school board decided to allocate \$10,000 to enter an agreement with the authority.

The agreement will ensure 50 days use of the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area facilities for the next 25 years.

Early entrance
The motion to incorporate the program into the school curriculum was introduced by the education chairman Trustee John Taylor.

He explained, "We have been trying to get into other conservation areas, but are being offered only four or five days."

"Here we are getting in early and

we're getting a very good deal".

Spring construction
Plans for the \$300,000 building at the Scanlon Creek site are now nearing completion.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring with a completion date set for sometime next fall.

Dormitory facilities in the building will accommodate up to 44 pupils and four instructors.

Ed Joyce, superintendent of business and finance, told the board he is exploring possibilities to amortize the \$10,000 expenditure over a period of time.

Moran still seeks committee seat

NEWMARKET — York regional council will entertain a motion at its meeting, Feb. 10, to allow Ron Moran, Markham regional councillor, to join the regional engineering committee.

The notice of motion presented by Aurora mayor, George Timpson, and seconded by Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill regional councillor, came at the

conclusion of the council meeting last week.

This will be Mr. Moran's second attempt to gain representation for Markham on the regional engineering committee.

He was voted down at council's inaugural meeting when he moved that his name be added to the six member committee list.

Funeral today for first Markham woman councillor

THORNHILL — Kathleen James, 62, former Markham Township council member and a school board trustee, died Sunday.

Mrs. James of Grandview Avenue was the first woman to be elected to council and served two terms, 1952 and 1954.

She was on the water and sewers committee and was among those responsible for the installation of sewers in Thornhill.

After leaving politics, she became interested in ceramics and was able to produce fragile flowers in ceramics.

She is survived by her husband, a retired Toronto Star photographer and a daughter, Mary-Louise Griffin of Calgary.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at the Jerrett Chapel, 4661 Yonge Street, Willowdale. Burial in York Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Study Rouge River watershed

TORONTO — An extensive study of the Rouge River and watershed, which includes most of Markham and a portion of Richmond Hill, will be undertaken by top planning students in Ryerson Institute's studies department, Toronto.

The study will include an inventory of the natural features and current planning and development in the area.

Emphasis will be on those features which "bear on its future quality," according to a release from the in-

stitute.

Object of the study, which is under the direction of urban planner and teacher William Conrad, "is to anticipate the impact of urban plans and to give the public a sound basis for judging the desirability of various alternatives."

A discussion of the project will be presented at room R4208, Scarborough College, Military Trail, West Hill, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.

The public is invited.

Injured while changing tire

MARKHAM — A Mississauga man suffered injuries to his hands and face when he was struck while mounting a large truck tire onto a rim, in an unusual accident last week.

Police said Murray Bevan was working at Pit Steel, Woodbine Ave. in

Markham, Jan. 28 when he was hurt.

It was alleged he failed to put a tire into the safety cage before inflating it.

A steel lock ring blew off and hit him.

He was treated for injuries at York Central Hospital and then released.

Thief smashes

WOODBIDGE — Alan P. Deacon, Islington Ave., Woodbridge, reported the theft of an antique clock from his house last week.

The \$2,000 clock was later found destroyed on his premises.

Conservation head again

WOODBIDGE — R. G. Henderson has been reappointed chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority by the province.

Mr. Henderson, a member of the authority from York Region, has been a member of the authority's executive committee since the authority was formed 20 years ago.

He was a member of the Humber Valley Conservation Authority which preceded it from 1948 to 1956.

Markham buses had trouble

THORNHILL — The Markham transit system Friday operated on main roads only.

The less travelled rural side roads were avoided because of the stormy weather.

But Harvey Cox, town transit coordinator, said service operated normally through the rest of the weekend.

Plans to notify the public of emergency situations will be placed before a town committee Thursday night, he said.

The need for an emergency plan was suggested after riders were left stranded when bus service was halted during the storm Jan. 10.

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