

\$30,000 returned to Children's Aid

NEWMARKET — The Children's Aid Society is going to get its \$30,000 cheque back from the regional corporation, but the money will probably end up invested in the building for which it was intended anyway. In December of 1975, the Society purchased (from the regional corporation) a two acre parcel of land on the former York Manor farm at a price of \$30,000. The plan at the time was to build a \$450,000 building for the Society. However, last summer, the regional administrative committee thought it might be a better idea for the region to build the building and lease it to the Society. Now under construction, and 20 days behind schedule, is an 8,800 square foot building to be leased by the Children's Aid Society at \$7 per square foot for 15 years and at \$1 per year for 35 years after that. The revised scheduled completion date is July 15.

around the region

Can't use crest

MAPLE — Vaughan council will wish the new Vaughan Chamber of Commerce well, but it won't let it use the town crest. After learning the names of some of the people involved in the new group, Councillor Ab Hollingshead suggested that "with all that talent" they should be able to come up with their own design. Other councillors felt that the town crest would give the new group an air of authority when it had no connection with council.

Get it cheaper

NEWMARKET — York Manor residents may get a better deal yet. Victoria and Grey Trust Company responsible for managing the accounts of applicants to York Manor, the regional home for the aged, have asked regional council, through its health and social services committee, for an increase of \$50 to open or close accounts for its customers. "I've done some research on this", Aurora mayor George Timpson", told council Thursday. "There are other companies that will provide service at less than \$75, even less than \$25," Mr. Timpson said. The matter will go back to the health and social services committee for further discussion.

Dump thoughts?

MAPLE — The Environmental Assessment Board will hold an evening meeting March 8 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall. At this time the board hopes to hear from local residents regarding the social and economic effects of the proposed 900 acre dump site. The board, commenced its public hearings last June and has been sitting longer than any other hearing of this type in the history of environmental assessment in Ontario.

Visits cost more

NEWMARKET — York regional council approved Thursday an increase in the cost of Red Cross visits. The agreement between the region's welfare branch and the Red Cross will be amended to increase the cost of homemaker services to \$32.80 per day from \$30 and to \$4.10 per hour from \$3.75 per hour. The changes are effective as at January 1, 1977.

\$200 severances

NEWMARKET — The cost of severance applications is going up in York region. Regional council voted last week to increase the fee to \$200 from the present maximum of \$50.

Backyard chicken

THORNHILL — Markham council was faced with a petition supporting Angela Gifford's right to keep her three Chinese silks and other birds in the backyard of her home at 84 Proctor Ave. and another suggesting that they should be prohibited by zoning bylaws. Rather than make a ruling, council referred the problem to the staff for a report.



Kiss and nod for Liberal candidate

Nothing to it, says Jim Wilson of Newmarket, who got the nod as the Liberal candidate for York North, at a meeting of the York North

Liberal Association last week. Wilson, who was unopposed, gets a congratulatory hug from his wife, Anne-Marie.

Police support Twinney

NEWMARKET — Police Commissioner Ray Twinney has drawn the support of York Region Police Association executive in his battle with Police Chief Bruce Crawford.

Twinney, formerly a staunch supporter of Crawford's, has, for the past several weeks, been charging him with being "too rigid" in his law enforcement.

The chief, according to Twinney, was ordering his men to charge everyone who "walks and talks."

Crawford has since called Twinney a "liar," but the police association backs Twinney in his efforts to help ease the enforcement of traffic violations.

Men frustrated

According to the executive, members are being frustrated in their jobs, because they are being forced to issue traffic tickets without being able to use discretion.

One executive member has been quoted as saying Crawford wants this year's traffic charges to reach the mark of 85,000, as in 1974. In 1976, there were 45,000 charges laid.

The member said more than 100 radar speeding charges were processed from two shifts at 19 Division last week in Newmarket.

Twinney's outbursts against the chief followed Crawford's request for another 21 men.

Twinney said Crawford didn't need them, because he could release men from speed trap duty and checking for seat belt violations instead.

Too many transfers

The police are also said to be upset with the way transfers are made by the chief. The latter were made without even consulting senior officers, let alone anyone, they said.

The transfers, especially in the detective branch, were detrimental to police efficiency, members said.

Charges laid under Vicious Dog Act

RICHMOND HILL — York Regional Police laid two charges under the vicious dog act in February, including one in Richmond Hill.

The latter occurred Feb. 27 when two young boys were bitten by a German Shepherd. A 26-year-old man was in the process of being bitten when the dog was knocked out of the way by Constable Orin Patterson.

The two boys were treated at York Central Hospital for tooth puncture wounds and released.

Charged was Benjamin Goldshlager, 26, of Bayview Ave.

A couple of weeks earlier, police charged Richard Vallee of Church St., Whitchurch-Stouffville, under the same act.

The charge arose after Robert Hughes, 46, of Rose Ave., Whitchurch-Stouffville, was bitten by an English sheep dog, while visiting at the Vallee home.

His face injuries required 10 stitches.

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