



Richmond Hill works employees retire

Retiring members of the Richmond Hill works department and their wives were honored at a 'Pick and Shovel' dance last week in the Lions Hall on Centre Street. From left to right at the affair are Bernard

Toporowski, commissioner of works; Mrs. Dorothy Bovaird; retiring administrative assistant Art James of Norfolk Avenue and his wife Mary; retiring operations

assistant Fred Bovaird of Richmond Street; and Adele Toporowski, wife of the commissioner. Winner of the \$500 draw was M.K. Tennyson of Markham Road.

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Thornhill man gets discharge

THORNHILL — John R. Sumner, 67, of Thornhill was given an absolute discharge last week on a weapons charge by a judge who earlier expressed surprise at the jury's guilty verdict.

Sumner, a retired contractor living on Sumner Lane, was found guilty of illegal possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace for brandishing it in front of a guest of his niece who was staying in Sumner's brother's house across the lane.

The guest was John McMurtry, brother of Roy McMurtry, now provincial attorney-general.

The absolute discharge means that Sumner will not have a criminal record. The only condition imposed by County Court Judge Frank Dunlap, was that Sumner not get his revolver back for two years. The judge called the dispute one between two generations.

Crown counsel Robert McGee asked for a conditional discharge with probation, seizure of the 38-calibre revolver and an order that Sumner not possess guns or ammunition for up to five years.

The Crown referred to two letters written during the trial in which Sumner warned his niece to stay off his property, including the laneway normally used to get to her parents' home.

His niece Jennifer Sumner lives with McMurtry. The dispute goes back one and a half years.

McMurtry had been swimming in the Sumner swimming pool but was ordered to leave after he removed his swim suit.

Shouts and insults were exchanged. The police were called twice, the second time after Sumner displayed the revolver.

Won't learn about morals

AURORA — A motion to send a member of York County board of education to a seminar on "Moral education in a secular society," in Kingston, next month, failed to receive a second, Monday night of last week.

The motion, which was proposed by Donald Cameron of Vaughan, asked the board to authorize \$300 in expenses for Trustee Eric Baker of Richmond Hill, to attend the session, April 22-24. Trustee Baker is holidaying in Florida.

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