

\$39,134 grant to create 33 area jobs

Grants totalling \$39,134 and creating 33 jobs for young people under the new Young Canada works program, are announced by Barney Danson, (L—York North). They are to fund projects: \$4,840 to the Central Ontario Regional Library System to support a project entitled Travelling Puppet Show. Participants will visit the 63 library outlets in the regional municipalities of York, Durham and Peel to perform puppet shows.

used to design and implement a research study to determine if the need exists for a public transit system which can be used by physical disabled residents; and if so, what types of vehicles would be required, for what purposes and with what frequency.

The town of Richmond Hill has been awarded \$5,688 for their Summer Programming for Physically Handicapped Children. The aim of this project is to provide recreation summer programming for physically handicapped children between the ages of seven and 15 years. The program will

be operated out of the Richvale Community Centre.

The amount of \$6,160 was awarded to the Richmond Hill Public Library for their project York Regional and Municipal Publications; an annotated bibliography. The purpose of the program is to locate and record publications held in town offices, boards of education and libraries; and to annotate the contents of these publications. A subject index to accompany the listing of publications will be created and booklets will be available for distribution in the region.

\$4,608 to the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto for their Summer Program for Mentally Retarded Foster Children. Their goals are to help retarded foster children in social and recreational activities with other children in the community; to assist older children to some measure of independence by taking them on outings which focus on the use of community facilities; to provide stimulating play activities, both individually and in groups for these children; to provide educational opportunities around life skills and to

work with the children to provide a positive friendship experience for them.

Willow Grove (Glenbrooke Day Camp) will receive a grant of \$3,624 to aid camp workers in their efforts to integrate retarded children into regular day camp activities such as swimming, crafts, nature hikes, creative play, and farm activities wherever possible.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has been awarded \$6,150 for their Individual Deaf-Blind Children's Community Sensory Stimulation

summer recreation program. Funds will be used to provide a community counsellor with each individual deaf-blind child throughout the province of Ontario (this is a sub-project of a total-province-wide program) with the objective of providing a program of total sensory stimulation. The sensory stimulation would also be reinforced with program content to develop environment awareness and the use of community resources while at the same time encouraging acceptance of the deaf-blind individual by his/her own home community.

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3 hospital minutes probed at inquest

By Tom Gale

What happened during those crucial three minutes?

That's the central question facing a three-man, two-woman jury as the inquest into the death of a Richmond Hill woman enters its third day today.

On Boxing Day, 1976, Mrs. Celestine Paxton, a 60-year-old chronic asthmatic who lived at 10 Trench Street, Richmond Hill, collapsed just inside the

doors of the emergency department of York Central Hospital.

Though medical staff were able to revive her body, her brain died from lack of oxygen.

Seventy-four hours later this neurological death was confirmed at Toronto General Hospital. Artificial life-support was withdrawn and Mrs. Paxton was declared dead at 3:55 p.m., Dec. 29.

According to Toronto General pathologist Dr. Allen Gardiner, Mrs.

Paxton's death was the result of a severe asthma attack.

This attack, he told the inquest, caused mucus to block the victim's lungs, which starved the body of oxygen.

Experts generally agreed that brain death begins to occur three minutes after the body's oxygen supply is cut off. It is irreversible.

According to Stuart Paxton and his daughter Anne—both of whom accompanied Mrs. Paxton to the hospital—there were no signs telling them where to go, no one was waiting for them, and medical aid was slow in coming. This, in spite of the fact daughter Cathy called ahead advising the emergency department of Mrs. Paxton's imminent arrival.

"If what the family said is accurate," said family doctor Daryl Steele, "if it took more than three minutes before resuscitation was considered, let alone applied, then I do have some criticism."

Testimony of nurse Susan Smylie—the first to see Mrs. Paxton at York Central Hospital—was often different than the statements of the Paxton family, and in some cases in direct contradiction.

According to the Paxtons, nothing was done to ascertain whether Mrs. Paxton had either pulse or respiration until she was wheeled into the resuscitation room. They estimate the time from entry to this point to be '3-4 minutes'.

Mrs. Smylie stated she checked breathing immediately, and took Mrs. Paxton's wrist "as an automatic response". She estimated time from arrival to treatment at two minutes.

Further, the nurse is positive Mrs. Paxton was blue, while Anne Paxton said she is positive her mother's color was normal.

The inquest, under coroner Ross Bennett will hear further York Central witnesses, summations, and will continue today.

Ground Frank Tucker

A Richmond Hill man has been summoned to appear in Newmarket court, May 17, because of his alleged interference with aircraft flying over his home.

Police said complaints were received that a man was shining a light at planes

flying from Buttonville Airport, and also playing a tape simulating machine gun fire, between 10 and 11 p.m., Apr. 14.

Facing charges under the Aeronautical Act of shining a light to confuse aircraft, is Frank Tucker, 52, of Conc. 3.

Police lower the boom!

York Regional Police have made a number of arrests in connection with a series of thefts over the past two years in the Thornhill, Concord and Richmond Hill areas.

They also arrested two people in Oak Ridges with regard to some four-month-old break, enter and thefts there.

In another round-up, police arrested five teen-agers in connection with several cars being up-ended plus

several other acts of vandalism in Thornhill, Apr. 1-2.

Police said the thefts took place at the Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic in Unionville; the Village Shop 'n' Milk, Engle Gulf Station, and from the homes of Douglas Shannon, 7411 Yonge St., and William Brockett, 7433 Yonge St., all in Thornhill; from the home of Douglas Armstrong, Balkan Rd., and Soft Spray Car Wash, Bayview Ave., in Richmond Hill; Hall Esso, Morris

Sunoco, Steve's Esso and Pinecrest BP, all of Highway 7 in Concord.

Facing eight charges of break and enter, and four of possession under \$200, are David Stewart, 23, of Weston Rd., Toronto; David Ayres, 19, of Norton Ave., Willowdale; and Ronald Stewart, 22, of Churchill Ave., Toronto.

In the second incident, four cars were over-turned in their driveways in Thornhill, another two were damaged in other ways, and a steel fence in the

area was torn down.

Facing nine charges of mischief to private property, two charges of theft and three for possession under \$200, are Scott Jenkins, 18, of Woodward Ave., Stephen Hiscox, 17, of Thornbank Rd., William Colville, 17, of Royal Orchard Boulevard, David Dayment, 17, of Baythorn Ave., and John Thompson, 18, of Kirk Dr., all of Thornhill.

The third series concerned thefts from four cars, a gas station and several other places in Oak Ridges, between Dec. 1976 and Mar. 1977.

James Irwine, 16, of Schomberg Rd., Oak Ridges, faces a charge of break and enter, plus four charges of possession of stolen goods under \$200, and four of theft under \$200.

An Oak Ridges juvenile, arrested in the matter, faces one charge of break and enter, and three of theft under.

Bandits use clubs

Police are seeking two club-wielding bandits after two employees of Warehouse Foods, 10341 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, were robbed Apr. 22.

The employees told police they were making a night deposit at the Royal Bank across the street from their company.

They were approached by two men wearing nylon stockings over their heads and carrying wooden clubs.

They said the men took the money from them and fled on foot.

They described the robbers as being between 18 and 19, and 5', 10" to 6' tall. The stolen money amounted to \$4,981.53.



Hey, got a badge?

Just call him "Supercub". He's Dennis Ruutberg of Skopit Road in Richmond Hill who has just earned his blue, black, green,

red and tawny stars with his Beverley Acres Cub and Scout group.



Good girls

So much for woman's lib. Get down and "scrub" like these Bayview secondary school gals: Sue Renshaw, Deb Trotman, Heather Porter, and

Rose Henderson, all of Richmond Hill. They're getting ready for "Variety Night" at the school April 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. Great life.



Ken Brookes... new coach

Brookes New boss for Rams

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams have announced the signing of Ken Brookes as head coach of the team.

Brookes, who joined the team nine years ago as its statistician, replaces Carl Brimblecombe who was fired a few weeks ago.

The role of Brookes has been in the capacity of assistant coach to Brimblecombe. Prior to that he was a trainer on the team.

Rams' manager Paul Ducharme told "The Liberal" the Rams sifted through something like 10 applications before putting the finger on Brookes.

"Ken has always had a great relationship with the players as well as the fans in Richmond Hill," said Ducharme, "and he has proven to be an astute observer of the game itself."

"We feel he's the type of person we need at the present time," said Ducharme.

Brookes, 40, has lived in Richmond Hill for 15 years and has been involved in both hockey and softball. He's married with two children.

Poor show

And then ...none

Four ratepayers attended Monday night's Ward 4 information meeting in the Richmond Hill high school auditorium.

There were eight councillors there. The ratepayers learned the town's Official Plan will finally be available for public input on June 9, 14 and 16 of this year, in the Langstaff, Don Head and Oak Ridges schools respectively.

The public will be allowed to preview the drawings in the rotunda at Hillcrest Mall from May 24 to June 4.

The first draft is expected to be ready by November.

Inside The Liberal

Richvale fun days

Every day Rena Oulton (at left), age 2½, goes to the Richvale Day Care Centre. Want to know more about life there, see Page C-1.



Rena Oulton... day care girl

Girls are learning the basics of field hockey in a program at Bayview secondary school. (See Page B-2)

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