

Yonge landscaping may begin in 1980

Of all the entrances to Richmond Hill, probably the worst in looks is from the south.

Yonge Street, from Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive is a rough, poorly kept and, in many spots, unsightly road, but that's going to change. The street itself will become a five-lane thoroughfare, allowing two northbound and two southbound lanes and a left turn lane.

And the first spring following reconstruction of Yonge Street, extensive landscaping will begin.

Officials of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Proctor and Redfern Group outlined the plans to Richmond Hill's engineering committee Thursday morning.

Spokesman Mike Chamberlain, an MTC landscape development planner said the idea was to "put vegetation into an urban area, using every nook and cranny".

Street lights, he said, would be uniform, located 200 feet apart on both sides of the road.

The entire project will be sodded right after the reconstruction.

Varieties of rugged trees, such as Norway Maple, Linden and Locust, will be planted, which have a good chance of survival in the high commercial area.

While the design impressed members of the committee, they were concerned that no traffic lights appeared to be planned between Highway 7 and Carrville Road.

None of the guests could comment on whether lights would be installed.

No sidewalk has been planned for the east side of Yonge.

Planners believe the landscaping work should get underway in the spring of 1980, and said the project would not be delayed even if the Yonge Street plan south of Highway 7 is not agreed upon.

Car hits pipe, three district youths killed

Three young people, one from Richmond Hill and two from Maple, were killed early Sunday morning when their small sports car slammed into a concrete sewer pipe on Major Mackenzie Drive West.

Dead are: David Munro, 17, of 441 Elmwood Ave., Richmond Hill; Guy Prince, 20, of 10104 Keele St., and Mark Rhude, 18, of 10084 Keele St., Maple.

According to York Regional Police, the mishap occurred about 1 a.m. Sunday when the two-seater sports car, driven by Rhude, lost control just opposite York Region's police station, and mounted a curb.

It then struck the end of a concrete sewer pipe, one of many which had been sitting on the raised shoulder of the road awaiting installation.

Police said the car was travelling east at a high rate of speed.

A post-mortem, conducted by coroner Dr. Bernard Granton Monday, stated the three victims died as a result of "multiple injuries".

Funeral services for David Munro were held this morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel of Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill.

Burial followed in Maple Cemetery. He is survived by his father, Bill, of Switzerland; his mother, Jill, two sisters, Sandy and Laurie, and a brother, Bill, of Richmond Hill.

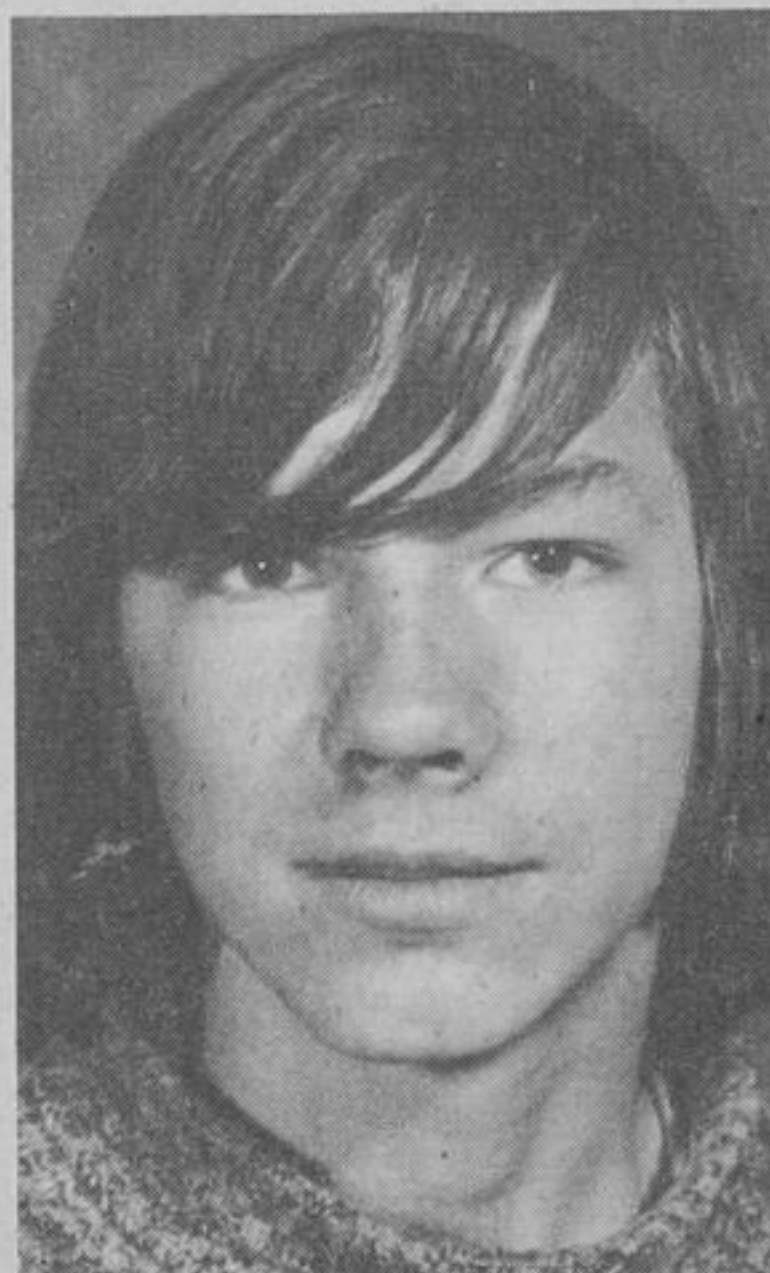
Guy Prince was buried yesterday afternoon at Maple Cemetery, following a funeral service at Marshall's.

He is survived by his parents, Eric and Elizabeth Prince of Maple, two sisters, Bonnie and April, and a brother, Glenn.

Funeral services for Mark Rhude were held yesterday at the Symington Funeral Home, Kirkland Lake, with burial afterwards in the nearby town of Swastika.

Mark is survived by his mother, Mary, and his brother, Bob.

His father, Robert, predeceased him in March of last year.



DAVID MUNRO



GUY PRINCE

Only half over, 'Days' a success

Discovery Days, only half over, has already been termed a great success. And the best, so they say, is yet to come.

Friday, most of the action switches to the Richmond Hill Arena where some 60 booths will be operated by various Richmond Hill clubs, organizations and groups.

Friday, the arena will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, the building will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Inside, there will be a prize given away every half hour the building is open, Civic Improvement Committee Chairman Glen Waugh said.

The Block Parents will also be offering a prize to the winner of the "Name the Block Parent Mascot". They're in Booth 7.

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, located in Booth 13 will be growing plants under lights, arranging flowers, and teaching the art of drying flowers.

For a complete list of who is where in the arena, see Page 7 of the special supplement included in your Liberal today.

Meanwhile, at the Mill Pond Saturday, Art in the Park will be in full swing.

The Delta Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will serve light refreshments at the Mill Pond in conjunction with the art display.

Mr. Waugh paid tribute to the Richmond Hill merchants who "have really been terrific", he said.

"Their co-operation has been overwhelming," Mr. Waugh told The Liberal. "And the Arena Board and Ed Sackfield have been very positive in their assistance."

Despite the inclement weather Saturday, a good crowd was on hand at Burr House to officially open Discovery Days.

It was encouraging to see the turnout, considering some 5,000 people were attending Thornhill's Jubilee at the same time, he said.

THURSDAY

Rock Musical night is on the agenda for Richmond Hill's Main Library tonight.

The York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded will hold an Open House tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at their Adult Rehabilitation Centre (ARC Industries) 101 Edwards St., just north of the Consumers Gas building. Staff will be on hand and examples of work and various projects will be on display. Coffee and cookies will be served. A similar Open House will be held Friday night, same time, same location.

FRIDAY

The Richmond Hill Arena will be open this evening with a building-full of demonstrations, booths, activities and other assorted hoopla.

Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club will flash a few blades in the new arena from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. today.

The Richmond Hill Scottish Country Dance group will perform in the old arena; as will the Richmond Hill Square Dancers and the Richmond Hill Majorettes. Square dancers are stage center at 8 p.m., while the majorettes will perform at 7.30 and 8.30 p.m.

At the main library, the featured musical "Oliver" will be presented at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

The Richmond Hill Live Steamers will operate a miniature steam engine around the arena at five cents a ride.

Art in the Park — at the Mill Pond all day or in the Richvale Community Centre if it rains. But it won't, because the committee won't let it. Entertainment will be provided by the Youth Concert Band.

Figure skaters are back at it in the new arena from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Square dancers 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Richmond Hill Naturalists will conduct a tour from the Mill Pond. First trip at 10 a.m.; second at 2 p.m.

Dixie Flyers are scheduled for the Main Library at 8 p.m.

Richvale Lions will hold a "Hi Neighbor" party at the Richvale Community Centre tonight.

The old arena will be open all day, half the night, with demonstrations, booths, etc.

Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club will hold its district tournament beginning at 10 a.m. Clubs include Markham, Aurora, Agincourt, Stayner, Orangeville.



Bright-eyed Beth Mayland, 3, of Cherry Blossom Lane, Thornhill, is quite content to let Denise White cut her hair, as long as Beth has her cookie. She was one of some 200 people who took advantage of Cut-A-Thon Sunday in Richmond Hill. Funds raised will go to the York Central Hospital Auxiliary.

Snip

200 heads equals auxiliary profit

Two hundred people paid to lose their hair for a good cause Sunday.

The Family Hair Cut-A-Thon, sponsored by the York Central Hospital Auxiliary was, despite the weather, a success.

People came from as far as Sherway Gardens to have their hair cut and to save money.

For \$5 a cut and \$3 a trim, everyone agreed the price was right and the styles were great.

The professional stylists from seven community salons donated their time, talents, and all the proceeds to the auxiliary.

Stylists were Lynn from Minerva's Beauty Salon; Armando from Apollo 11

Coiffure; Bruno from Bruno's Coiffures; Joe and George from La Casa Loma Beauty Salon; Steve from The Hairstylists Place; and Denise and Fred from Golden Curl Coiffure.

Village Coiffure was the host salon with their stylists Monica, Carolyn and Ann.

Hospital Auxiliary members were kept busy sweeping up the hair, making sure everything went smoothly, and serving refreshments.

The Cut-A-Thon was the second hospital auxiliary fund raising event held on the weekend.

Saturday, the Junior Auxiliary spent the day washing cars at four locations in the district.

Youngsters collect garbage, all right

By MILLIE STEWART

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Not always; but sometimes another man's trash can be valuable.

This was proven Saturday when the members of Club 99, the snowmobile club in Oak Ridges, sent the youngsters on a scavenger hunt for garbage.

Each youngster was given a garbage bag, and payment was to be made for the most garbage collected.

Identify town photos and win \$\$

So you think you know Richmond Hill, huh?

Well, here's your chance to prove it, and win a prize, too.

In your Liberal this week, there is a special 12-page supplement devoted to Discovery Days.

On Page 11 of that supplement, you'll find five photographs, all pictures of locations within the boundaries of Richmond Hill.

First prize, for correctly identifying all the photos, is \$25. And there will be four consolation prizes.

All locations are well known in the community, but the camera angles may throw you off the track, so be careful.

Details on how to enter will be found on Page 11 of the supplement.

The adults, expecting bags full of pop bottles, beer bottles, and assorted paper trash, had a big surprise coming to them.

The kids returned with a mind boggling assortment of junk.

Ken Carruthers dragged in a stove and bed springs.

His brother, Eric found a 'Just Married' sign, apparently discarded in a hurry.

Mike Crock came back with ten pounds of nails and spikes held aloft in his t-shirt.

Mike Smith needed all his strength to haul in his find, a manhole cover.

If York Region is looking for their property, they can rescue it from the dump.

Bobby Johnston had to struggle a bit with the rear end and transmission from a Volkswagen.

Someone out there has a car or dune buggy that isn't running properly.

Other items collected include car seats, strollers, bed frames and the normal accumulation of junk.

Other youngsters who brought back garbage were: Cathy, Susan and Daryl Poirier, Karrie Mottershall, Robby Parker, Alex Brockton, Bobby and Steve Parker, Lori and Kelli Newstead, Gary Warner, Gary Crock, Sean Johnston, Jamie Simmerson, Shawn Raven and Jerry Wallace.

Of note, was the fact that in all the garbage, there wasn't even one part of a snowmobile.

The garbage was collected along the Gormley (Stouffville) Sideroad in and near the Bayview extension.

Is this area going to become a new garbage dump?

Hummmm...

While the town's engineering committee is listening to plans for landscaping Yonge Street between Highway 7 and Major Mackenzie Drive, Richmond Hill Council is worried about how things will look above the road.

And so begins another chapter in the "where do we put the hydro lines" debate.

A recommendation by council in committee last week suggested a zoning bylaw amendment be prepared to prohibit major overhead transmission lines and structures in the urban area of the Town from Elgin Mills Road south to the southern limits of the

Town of Richmond Hill. Councillor John Birchall said Hydro wants the line "over the major entrance to this town".

"It's our responsibility to protect the citizens of this municipality," he said.

But Councillor Lois Hancey thinks Hydro should get on with the job.

"This is an unnecessary expense to the ratepayers by forcing an OMB hearing," she said, calling the motion "discriminatory".

She said she didn't want the hydro lines "anywhere but anyone else", but "somewhere you have to draw the line".

The proposed route

would take the line out of the parkway belt, and cut it across Yonge Street, through the Langstaff Jail Farm property.

Once past there, the line would drop back into the Parkway Belt.

By staying in the belt, the community of Langstaff would be virtually wiped out.

Councillor Mike Burnie said "people deserve the best shot they can get."

"If a hearing brings it out into the open, fine," he said. "The entrance to our town is at stake."

Councillor Hancey said she went on record several years ago opposing the lines.



Officially launching Discovery Days, this group shared in the cutting of a cake. From left to right, Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller, Historical Society president Pat Hart, Civic Improvement Committee Chairman Glen Waugh, and head of the Discovery Days committee Eric George. Ceremony took place Saturday at Burr House. Discovery Days events continue through this Saturday.