

Regional Police Briefs

Police reported three cases of suspected arson in the past couple of weeks. Two of the cases were in fires in the same week at Black Hawk Motor Inn, 10711 Yonge St., Richmond Hill.

The latest was reported Sept. 19, when a plastic laundry cart was set on fire in a stairwell. Police said it was the second that week.

A fire in a garage at the home of Norman J. Picard, 89 Sir Lancelot Dr., Markham, was also blamed on arsonists.

Police said that gasoline had been poured over a stack of lumber and set ablaze. Damage amounted to \$1,000.

THEFT RING NIPPED

A York Regional Police detective nipped what may have been a budding theft ring, with the arrest of three 16-year-olds last week.

Police said that Det. Barry Delaney kept track of three youths as they left Steve's Esso, 2739 Highway 7, Pinecrest, about 9:20 p.m., Sept. 22. He watched them as they exchanged some cash in their vehicle and then stopped them as they attempted to drive off.

Police said the vehicle held a quantity of cash, liquor, pop, burglary tools and stolen license plates.

Charged with break, enter and theft, possession of stolen property, burglar tools and stolen license plates, were Donald Sardy, Rexdale; William Good and Alex Wilson, both of no-fixed address.

CONCORD ARRESTS

Police also made two arrests last week, as a result of a series of break-ins and thefts in Concord during the past month.

Police said Ye Olde Country House, 85 Bowes Rd., had been hit twice, losing some \$5,000 worth of sound equipment, guitars, liquor and cash. Beverley Bedding, also of Bowes Rd., and Fabric and Drapery Mill Outlet, Highway 7, were also visited during that time.

Charged with break and enter with intent, were John Mauro, 22, and Marie Yvon LeBlanc, 18, of Toronto.

BOMBED OUT

Threats of bombs on the premises at Markham District High School and E&J Variety Store, 8240 Yonge St., Thornhill, proved negative, Sept. 22, according to police.

Police said the calls were both made by males, with the Markham caller threatening to blow up the school if \$2,000 wasn't paid.

Police said the man then called three more times to say it was a hoax.

The Markham school was also visited by vandals, who emptied the contents of a fire extinguisher over a classroom and also stole 12 triple-beam balances, valued at \$1,000.

JUVENILES ARRESTED

A rock-throwing spree at Thornhill Secondary School on Dudley Ave., resulted in 18 windows being broken, at a cost of \$1,500, and the arrest of two youngsters, age 9 and 10.

The youths face charges of mischief to private property in juvenile court.

CRIMES LINKED?

Car compounds at the premises of both Kinnear Pontiac Ltd., 9612 Yonge St., and W & T Motors Ltd., 10440 Yonge St., both of Richmond Hill, were broken into last week.

Police said thieves cut a hole in the chain link fence at Kinnear, and stole an axle jack and 13 batteries from new vans and trucks.

AT W & T, thieves climbed over a chain link fence and damaged six vehicles with cement blocks.

JUST MISSED HIM

In Thornhill, Norman Greenspoon, 6 Pointsetta Dr., told police he heard the back door slam when he returned home about 12:35 a.m., Sept. 25, and then found \$200 cash and a set of gold cufflinks missing when he checked the house.

Trustees cut room frills

York County Board of Education trustees will now have a place at the board offices, in which to chat by themselves, but it won't be quite so grand as originally planned.

In voting to take over a conference room on the main floor, the trustees also voted out plans for more than \$2,000 worth of chairs, tables, sofas, coffee units, mail units, coat racks and three plants, at \$50 apiece.

Instead, they settled for a mail box, to be placed outside the room in case it's occupied when they drop around, to pick up their letters.

According to Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville, who made the motion to acquire an area in the administration building for the board's use, the room was originally slated to be used by the trustees.

However, it has been used mainly for teacher meetings since the building opened two years ago.

He said the teachers could still use the room, but would now have to book it in advance.

Bowes' motion followed one by Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora, who asked that it be equipped "as directed by the board."

The chairman's committee took it from there, proposing two plans to furnish the room, one at a cost of \$2,120 and other at a cost of \$2,330.

In speaking against the motion, Trustee William Laird of Georgina, said he couldn't see any "merit" in paying out \$2,000 for tables and chairs, just so the trustees could have a place to come in and read their mail, or have a cup of coffee.



Executive members of York Central Hospital Foundation are, left to right, Grace Jackson, Bill Kedwell, Joan Paton and Barry Hayes.

York Central Hospital initiates foundation

By MILLIE STEWART Health needs in the York Central Hospital area are escalating and will continue to do so with the population forecast for this area.

To meet this challenge, the Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees, Barry P. Hayes, announced this week the formation of the York Central Hospital Foundation, which will become the fund raising arm of the hospital.

It brings together all hospital campaigns and fund raising activities in a unified effort.

York Central Hospital, at its inception in 1963 with 126 beds, was considered adequate at the time to handle the needs of a population of 19,000 people in the Richmond Hill area.

Grants for the construction and equipment came from the three levels of government. Even in those days, grants were not sufficient, and funds for equipment were raised through public appeal.

The hospital was forced to expand in the early 70's to accommodate a growing community of nearly 70,000 people.

In 1974, the Langstaff Wing, with a bed capacity of 288, was opened.

Equipment had to be updated to move with the times, and once again more money was needed.

A few dedicated people and a hard working hospital auxiliary brought in the necessary dollars through public appeal.

Now in 1977, with the population of the Southern York Region nearing 100,000, the hospital is preparing for more expansion.

In April, the Ontario Government granted a charter to the newly formed York Central Hospital Foundation.

The foundation has been given the authority to bank, invest and disburse all donated funds for York Central Hospital.

These funds are entirely separate from the operating expenses of the hospital which are paid by the Ministry of Health.

These donated funds are designated for the purchase of new equipment, renovations in the hospital or additional funds for new buildings.

The directors and members of the Foundation are all well-known in the community. The time and effort they give to this cause are entirely voluntary.

The foundation directors are: Joan Paton — president; Bill Kedwell — vice president; Grace Jackson — treasurer; and Ross Scrimger — secretary.

Other members of the Foundation are: Munro Ashkanase, Jack Passmore, Barry P. Hayes, Don Little, Brian Magner, Peggy Temple, Ruth Coxford, Shirley Bruce, Gloria Croftin and Dr. Susan Zukotynski.

The funds managed by the Foundation for the future development of York Central Hospital and its programs are achieved by personal and corporation donations, hospital auxiliary contributions, and the Memorial Fund.

Expenditures by the Foundation are sometimes specified by the donors, but most of the time, the Medical or Administrative Staff has specific requests and the Foundation is there to meet these requests and any needs of the growing community.

York Central Hospital has come a long way since the doors first opened in 1963.

One lady, who has not only watched the progress, but has been there helping to raise the much needed money, is Grace Jackson.

This year, she was able to see a long time dream come true in the forming of the Foundation.

Mrs. Jackson knows if the hospital is to keep pace with the times, the renovations on the original building must go ahead to create a bed capacity of 400.

The Foundation makes possible improved communications with the public, thus ensuring their needs within the hospital and in the community are met.

Grants from the government, which are even fewer today, are still not adequate.

But by the continued efforts of the entire community and the members of the Foundation, the goal will be achieved.

Responsibility payments are not "giveaways", education board is told

"Responsibility payments" are not "giveaways," or "handouts," it was made clear at a meeting of York County Board of Education Monday night.

Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora said the money should be identified in the 1978 budget on a separate line, "so we know how much money we're going to hand out or give away."

The meeting then agreed to rescind the motion calling for the payments to be recorded as separate items.

The battle of the semantics came about during a discussion, as to whether the payments should be reported as a separate item in the 1978 budget.

The administration has two unfilled senior positions at present, which, Weller said, would mean \$45,000 annually.

It then approved a motion by Trustee Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-

The payments are those given to an employee who assumes "additional responsibility" by filling in a post that is temporarily vacant.

The payments are authorized by education

Stouffville that "the director shall, when reporting payments for additional responsibility for unfilled positions, show budget lines for which they are being charged."

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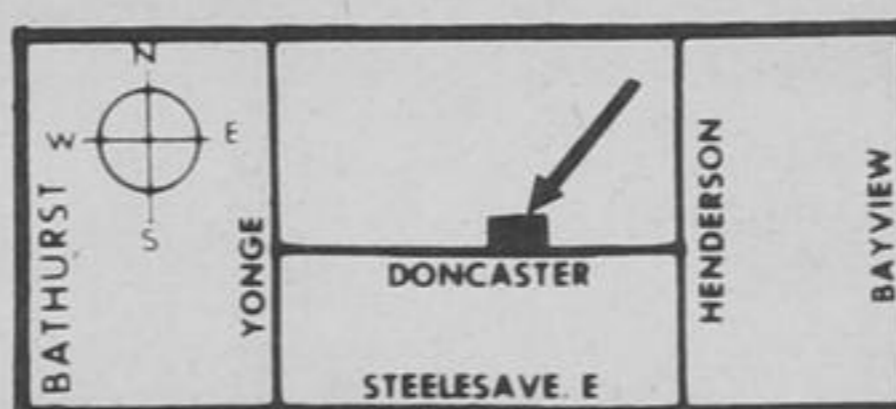
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