



Bank frolic

Banking institutions may never be the same. Monday at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Richmond Hill it was anything but normal as employees celebrated Hallowe'en. Taking part in the festivities were Marlene Selwood, left, Mary Rice, Judy Bunker, and Laura Coughlin, (front).

Hopes for OHAP grants dashed in Vaughan area

Local hopes for getting more than \$200,000 in Ontario Housing Action Program grants for a 424-unit subdivision in Vaughan failed this year. The problems not overcome in time were many. But one of the main problems involved the province being unable to arrange a sewage cost matter with Metro Toronto fast enough. Thursday York Region council officially recognized abandonment of the housing action grant by removing the OHAP clause from the three-way agreement. The plan will still go ahead in modified form and will get some provincial assistance, however. It will also include the planned amount of moderate income housing. But all this will still be a long way from providing any really low-cost housing, says Vaughan Councillor Dave Fraser. "When we started we knew the possibilities of meeting the deadline were quite remote," Fraser said.

Fraser is chairman of both the Vaughan Town and York Region planning committees. "We are still proceeding on the basis that it is the same type of housing. But it is still rather high priced in comparison to what is really needed" he said. Vaughan had the necessary Official Plan amendment sent to region council Nov. 2, 1976. The region didn't get the provincial housing minister's letter covering service cost matters until March 7. This didn't give Vaughan and York Region time to process a subdivision plan before the March 31 deadline. The OHAP grant program had already been extended for a year. Region council did pass the Official Plan amendment required for the tri-partite agreement on the March 31 deadline date. But that wasn't enough. A member of the OHAP staff at Queen's Park, Janet Moggridge, said it was the lack of a sub-

division plan that prevented the minister from approving the \$200,000-plus grant. Councillor Fraser said the municipality can't go to the expense of time and effort to do a subdivision plan for a housing project until the Official Plan amendment is finalized. Otherwise the expense incurred may be completely wasted. Had the target been met, Vaughan and the region would have shared between \$450 and \$600 per unit over a three-year period. This is a grant toward taxes on homes for certain income residents. Fraser said there is more to the situation than there seems to be at first glance. The municipal authorities are also in the position that they shouldn't be selling a plan of subdivision for \$600 a unit if the plan is bad in other respects. However, the East Woodbridge proposal involved in this case is going ahead. The subdivision plan is now in-

formally near full approval. The provincial interest-free loans that were part of the original scheme are still available. The province is still expected to be providing forms of aid that replace the kind the \$200,000 grant missed, Fraser said. The town still has the responsibility to make some attempt to produce the kind of housing needed by local employees in business and industry, in Fraser's opinion. Vaughan did a survey of its industrial area of what housing is required by employees there. OHAP related projects like East Woodbridge don't meet that need. However, if such housing were provided, there is no guarantee local employees would move there. Many Vaughan workers are secondary wage earners such as wives and children employed by distribution and warehousing companies. They might elect to stay in Metro if their household primary wage earner works there, Fraser said.

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Police face barrage of eggs from rowdies

Eggs, not pumpkins — the latter no doubt being too heavy — were the symbols of Hallowe'en in York Region this year, with most of them being tossed the way of police. Although reporting a "relatively quiet" evening, the police, who were out in full force — many of them back on the job the next day after only a few hours' sleep — were kept busiest in Aurora. There, egg-throwing youths directed a steady volley at police and others, both in and out of their cars, and wound up with some 20 charges against them for assault, obstructing police, creating a disturbance and resisting arrest. There were no arrests made in Richmond Hill. Several police were assaulted during the evening in Aurora, with Staff Inspector Don Hillock of 19 Division, Newmarket, receiving the most serious injury. Police said that he was punched in the eye, while trying to break up a demonstration of some of the Yonge St. marksman. Hillock was treated at York County Hospital, but the full extent of his injury was not known at press time. Police also had to contend, in one instance, with a bag of paint being splattered over a cruiser, and with one of the arrested people running from the police van when the officers left it to break up another disturbance. King City reported three arrests, one for unlawful assembly and two for creating a disturbance. Most bizarre incident of the night, although not recorded as a Hallowe'en prank, occurred in Thornhill.

An Essex Avenue woman told police she had placed an ad in the paper for a roommate to share her apartment. A man called several times and just prior to midnight, Oct. 31, he called again and said: "Tonight's the night," police said. The woman told police she was awakened soon after by a sound at her door. When she went to answer, a man kicked in the glass in the door and tried to drag her through it. After a struggle, the woman, who cut her hands, managed to get away and call police. In Richvale, Frank Kenel, Fairview Ave., reported to police that someone had thrown some pieces of asphalt through his glass front door and had also broken some tile in the yard.

Both Ken Forman, Babcomb Rd., Thornhill, and Louise Stein, Wootenway Rd., Markham, had the windshields of their cars smashed by flying objects while driving in the area. Sera Bosco, Concord, reported a rock being thrown through the front window of his house. In Keswick, Robert Ralph, told police a neon sign on his premises, was smashed with a rock. The only policeman in the Richmond Hill area to report any egg damage, was Inspector Cliff Cox of 28 Division, Richmond Hill. Cox said that, while driving north of Thornhill in an unmarked car, the latter was struck by an egg. "However," he said, "it could have just been a duck flying south."

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Rachael Loates, left, and grandmother Florence Hornby take part in Hallowe'en party at York County Hospital organized by Jan Virtue of the Continuing Care Unit.

Winners named

The Senior Citizens' club bazaar held Saturday was a great success. Raffle winners included: Quilt — Lynda Montis, 220 Centre Street West, Richmond Hill. Food Hamper — Mrs. G. Silvert, Downsview. Sheets and Pillowcases — Ticket 847 is the winner, but the wrong half of the ticket was deposited. If the holder of that ticket presents it to the Seniors Club, 10149 Yonge Street, the prize may be claimed. The ticket must show up by November 30. Two entertaining events are planned for November 7. Seniors have the choice of attending a "Yukon Follies" presentation at Seneca College or a trip to the taping of the \$128,000 Question television show.

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