

## Theme Park

# \$1 1/2 million extra coming from Taft



### Top grad

Top student at Richmond Hill High School last year, Brian Alexson, was back in town Saturday for that school's commencement. Here Brian, left, shakes hands with last year's principal G.H. Domina, right, while school principal John Buell looks on. Brian is involved in engineer studies at the University of Waterloo.

## Juniors receive hospital pins

By MILLIE STEWART  
The Junior Auxiliary of York Central Hospital was honored Thursday at the open general meeting of the Auxiliary.

The Juniors are 115 young men and women aged 14 to 19 who volunteer hundreds of hours after school and on weekends to work in the hospital.

To show appreciation for one year of service, James C. Hepburn, Executive Director of Y.C.H. presented certificates.

The recipients are: Karen Aspden, Salina Azzolini, Joanne Belfry, Gordon Cooper, Donna Courts, Barbara Fancsik, Susan Franzolini, Linda Hall, Loreen Hall, Tracey Hunter, Pat Jones, Debby Kehoe, Vivian Kinnaird, Cathy McLean, Marilyn Sanderson, Chris Skinner, Lori St. Eve, Robert Smillie, Janet Strangways, Susan Smith, Joanne Sytsma, Marilyn White, Suzanne Williams, Sharon Yates and Kim Warren.

Pins for two years of service were presented by William Lazenby, first vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Now proudly wearing their pins are: Stephanie Douglas-Crampton, Kim Marshall, Muriel Sullivan, Debbie Tambosso, Dawn Taylor, Michelle Wheeler, Jennifer Wood, Karen Bratfish, Betty Matumin and Laurie Barnett.

William R. Kedwell, first vice-chairman of the York Central Hospital

Foundation, spoke about the foundation, explaining its purpose and aims.

He introduced Gord Durman who is the Development Director for the foundation.

Special guest speaker for the evening was Gloria Crotin, Assistant Executive Director for Y.C.G.

Her speech dealt with long term community trends which may affect York Central Hospital as a provider of health care.

She pointed out the proposed population growth and the proposed future development expected for southern York Region.

She explained that health care emphasis in the near future may have to be centred on the prevention of disease through education and the treatment of long term illnesses such as diabetes, arthritis and coronary diseases.

With the change in health care emphasis, so too would volunteering have to change to better serve the patients under long term care.

## Consumer information available at library

Consumer Responsibilities is the theme of a meeting to be presented by Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada on Tuesday, November 15 at

7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Richmond Hill Public Library.

Nancy Blumer will discuss "The Con-

sumer... who are we? What are our rights? What are our responsibilities? What help can we expect from the federal government?"

This information will be supplemented by advice on the wise spending of the consumer dollar, warnings against leaving overly large deposits on merchandise orders, timely advice on refunds and exchanges and the hazards to look for in the up coming Christmas toy buying season and other aspects of wise purchasing of goods and services.

If you wish to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a consumer, or if you have questions, complaints or problems, Ms. Blumer will be happy to discuss them with you during the question period.

Admission to the meeting is free, there is ample free parking at the rear of the library.

## Civic Corner

The following meetings of Civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:

Monday November 14 — 8 p.m. Ward I PUBLIC MEETING Crosby Public School.

Tuesday November 15, — 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Planning Committee Meeting.

Wednesday November 16 — 7:30 p.m. Committee Room "B". By-laws, Procedures, Fire and Personnel Committee meeting.

Monday November 21, 1977 — 7:15 p.m. Council Chambers, Regular Council Meeting.

### Drivers required

The Maple Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is in urgent need of volunteer drivers.

Such drivers must be willing to take patients to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto for treatments.

If you can help and require further information, call Muriel Rose at 832-1443.

### Fire causes \$2,000 damage to automobile

Damage estimated at \$2,000 was done to a car, owned by Brian Hall, Kirk Dr., Thornhill, when it burst into flame on Bayview Ave., Nov. 1, about 4:30 p.m.

Cause was attributed to a fuel line breaking loose from the carburetor.

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Vaughan Town council extracted a promise of nearly an extra \$1 1/2 million from funland developer Dudley Taft last week.

This in spite of a regional traffic expert's testimony this week that the extra money spent on park access will make no difference whatever in traffic through the Maple neighborhood.

The \$1 1/2 million amount is apparently to satisfy the objections of Maple residents to the 320-acre Family Leisure Centres of Canada Ltd. project called Theme Park.

Mr. Taft, head of Taft Broadcasting of the U.S. (the parent firm in the scheme), stood up before council and made the huge promise.

His good faith was born out this week when J. F. McCallum, Family Leisure Centres lawyer, told an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) appeal hearing the necessary purchase agreements for land to carry out the Taft promise have been obtained.

The extra land will provide the Highway 400 main access to the Theme Park at Rutherford Road instead of 1 1/4 miles north at Major Mackenzie Drive.

The extra money involves \$1,300,000 in Watercolor display

"Flowers by Janet", a display of watercolours by local artist Janet Waterhouse, will be on display on the upper floor of the Richmond Hill Public Library during the month of November.

traffic way construction, exclusive of some unrevealed amount for land.

Taft said, "We will go all out. We will do everything in our power to achieve Concept 3 (the Rutherford entrance)."

"If that's the strong feeling of town and (York) region, we're prepared to do it."

The only limitation would be if the land couldn't be obtained at reasonable cost, he said.

When Vaughan council got that promise from Taft, it voted to approve last minute Official Plan amendment details for the funland.

Even then, Councillors Jim Cameron of Maple and Mrs. Lorna Jackson of Woodbridge continued their solid opposition to the project.

The rest of council voted for it.

Councillors Jackson and Cameron fought against allowing even an interim entrance to the park at Major Mackenzie Drive.

Councillor Ab Hollingshead of Woodbridge reminded council the experts considered the difference in traffic effect on Maple between the alternative entrances to be insignificant.

Hollingshead suggested those opposing the Major Mackenzie entrance might just have the motive of delaying the park.

John Ireland transportation services director for York Region, told the OMB the region would accept either entrance plan from a traffic point of view, but preferred the Rutherford entrance for some technical reasons.

Ireland was asked what would happen to traffic from the commercial recreation park if Highway 400 were jammed or blocked on a Sunday night in summer.

He said cars would spill to regional roads, but mainly would tend to stick to Jane Street and Weston Road, the arteries immediately parallel to Highway 400.

Stan Greenwood, Vaughan Hydro secretary-manager, told OMB Vice-Chairmen Armour McCrae and D. D. Diplock the power required by the park could be supplied by the commission without difficulty.

In fact, the theme park would make it feasible to construct a power loop allowing power to be carried to Maple area from two directions, thus increasing the dependability of the Maple power supply.

The park would be one of the system's largest power users, but still smaller than the CN rail yards, Continental Can and Crown Cork and Seal.

Thursday a move to have the hearings adjourned failed.

This motion came from John Richardson, solicitor for Maple Ratepayers and Sensible Approach to Vaughan Environment (S.A.V.E.) a more widely based group.

These two groups object to the project.

Richardson maintained the park shouldn't be approved until York Region finishes preparing its official plan.

Family Leisure's McCallum said the region is already years late with its plan and despite a proposed two-year work schedule, there is no assurance the region will

ever finish a plan.

Hearing Chairman McCrae dismissed the adjournment motion.

McCrae said there are so many regions late with official plans that the province is no longer insisting all developments must wait for completed plans.

He said the dismissal was because York Region hadn't opposed the holding of the hearing on the grounds of lack of an official plan.

But the board still reserved the right to adjourn the hearing later if it became apparent official plan information was necessary.

The OMB hearing was scheduled to continue at least until Thursday afternoon.

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