

Hill soccer team wins Orange Bowl

It really was a "Happy New Year" for Richmond Hill Advance Masonry Minor Soccer coach George Barr.

He and his team arrived back in Richmond Hill from Florida just in time to celebrate the new year after becoming the first-ever Canadian minor soccer team to win the Orange Bowl.

"I guess you'd have to say it

was fantastic," said Barr, who was still savoring the victory which saw his team winning four of their five games in the tournament including a dramatic championship final by 1-0 over Reston, Virginia.

Barr was also taking the championship in stride commenting that he "wasn't all that surprised. The boys played very well."

He added that "we didn't go all that distance just for the trip. It was my first time in the Orange Bowl and I wanted to come back with something."

Having less success but still coming up with a fine effort were Paddy MacNamara's minor atoms who made it to the semi-finals in their division.

They fought to a 0-0 draw in their first game against Norwood

and then took K-Land 3-0 with goals to Brian Coulson, Sammy Orfanakos and Danny Kensen.

They were then defeated 4-0 by Reston and 5-0 by Braddock Road.

Back to coach Barr and his team.

WIN 2-0

The champions opened with a 2-0 win against Norwood as Patrick Mulcahy led the way with two

goals. Then they blanked K-Land 5-0 with Tod Dungey showing the way with three goals. Singles went to Mike Rae and Gavin Dandy.

They lost their third game 3-2 to Reston, Virginia (the team they beat in the finals) with goals going to Peter Narduzzi and Donald McKee.

The semi-final game saw them matching up with Coral Gables

and coming out 2-0 victors with Mike Hubrich and David McKee doing the scoring.

BIG GOAL

Came the big final against Reston again and it was David McKee getting the only goal midway through the first half.

He scored the big one from the side of the net and the cheering still hasn't stopped.

"It was a very good tour-

nament," said Barr, "and the entire team came up with a great defensive effort as you can see by the scores."

The weatherman was less than friendly as it rained almost every day of the 1978 Junior Orange Bowl Tournament.

The Richmond Hill Advance Masonry team is the first Canadian team in the eight-year history of the tournament to bring home the trophy.

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5 trucks answer chimney blaze

Richmond Hill and Aurora taxpayers sometimes have to pay double for fire protection, because many residents don't know the number of the Richmond Hill Fire Department.

On Monday night, an Oak Ridges chimney fire had more attention than some house fires because the original call went through the Aurora Fire Department.

They responded with three vehicles and Richmond Hill sent out two trucks ... all for a chimney.

The telephone number for the Richmond Hill Fire Department is 884-1323 for emergencies and 883-5444 for the administration line.

Anyone living south of the Bloomington Sideroad is in the Richmond Hill zone, and should have the emergency number for the Richmond Hill Fire Department posted where it can easily be seen.



Nearly a tie

Love at first sight. Richmond Hill's newest citizens are Courtney Elizabeth, (left), 8 pounds 6 ounces, born at 2:26 a.m. on New Year's day and Aaron Thomas, (right), 9 pounds 2 ounces, born at 1:41 a.m. the same morning. Both mothers, Dianna Hopson of Springhead Gardens in Richmond Hill and Barbara Collins of Gormley and their husbands, Chris Hopson and Richard Collins are reported as doing well. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

Hydro opponents watch OMB hearing in Halton Hills

Opponents of the hydro towers in Richmond Hill and Thornhill are watching an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in Halton Hills on a 500 kV transmission line with considerable interest.

The hearing which resumed yesterday is into an application by Ontario Hydro to have the Ontario Municipal Board order a change in the Halton Hills zoning bylaw.

The town bylaw now prohibits the line.

Richmond Hill has passed a bylaw limiting the height of hydro towers, in an attempt to control lines slated for the south end of town.

The Halton Hills hearing is going ahead despite the application by the town and a number of citizens to the divisional court to stop it.

The hearing has already been delayed six months, but the town's lawyers thought it should not proceed until the court had made a ruling.

Hydro maintains that the delay

has already cost consumers \$5 million to \$6 million largely in increased transmission costs on lower voltage over long distances.

It has enlisted the support of the ministry of housing, which is applying for a change in the town's official plan to permit construction of the lines at the same hearing.

The ministry rarely gets involved in Ontario Municipal Board hearings, but Richmond Hill mayor David Schiller was not surprised this time. "I am sure they will use all their guns," he said.

He said the Halton Hills case was similar to that of Richmond Hill except Hydro is pressing for construction sooner in Halton Hills.

He said the divisional court case would be particularly important to Richmond Hill.

He expects Hydro will argue that it has the same rights as the provincial government itself in that it cannot be restricted by a municipal bylaw.

Police Commission

Judge Lyon resigns chairman's position

Judge William Lyon presided over his last meeting as chairman of the York Regional Police Commission last week.

His resignation was received with regret by the commission on Thursday. Judge Lyon has been chairman of the board since the York Regional force came into being in 1971.

In his letter of resignation, Judge Lyon cited the workload of his recent appointment as associate chief judge for Ontario's County and District courts as the reason for the move.

In a short speech on Thursday, Judge Lyon said he leaves with "mixed feelings."

"One makes firm attachments in eight years," Judge Lyon said. "I've enjoyed the work here."

Earlier this year Judge Lyon was appointed associate chief judge, but indicated at that time that he would stay on with York's police commission.

The demands of filling both posts were too gruelling, the judge said last week.

No announcement has been made as to his successor. Under provincial law, a police commission must have at least one county or district court judge on

the board although the judge does not have to be chairman of the board.

"I understand an appointment has been made (to fill his seat), however its not official," he said.

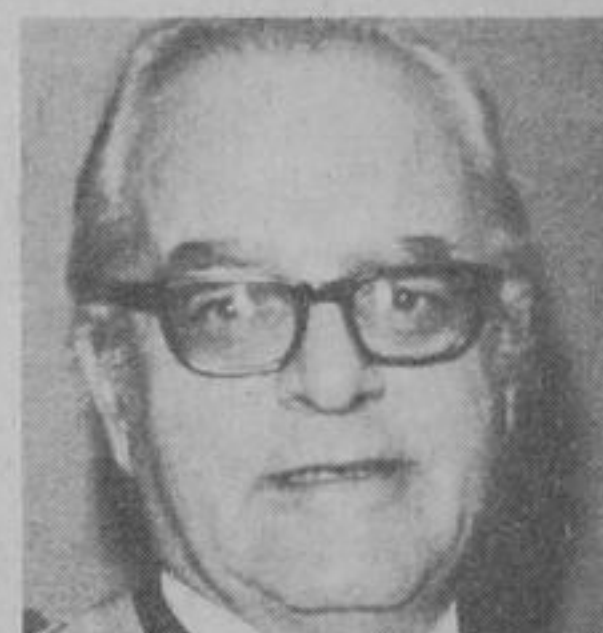
Police commission secretary Brian Ward said Friday that an announcement on a new appointment will probably be made this week.

The provincial appointments are made by the Ontario cabinet, but the announcement comes

through the Ontario Police Commission, Mr. Ward said.

Other members of the police commission expressed appreciation to Judge Lyon for his service on the commission.

"I want to assure all members (of the board) that it has been a great privilege and a pleasure to have been associated with the board since its inception and I wish you and the members of the police force every success in the years ahead," Judge Lyon wrote in his letter of resignation.



WILLIAM LYON



The Richmond Hill Cadillac-Baif Peewees storm around the Bay Ridges net here at the eighth annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Peewee Tournament last week. The Baifers won this opener 5-4 but bowed out 3-2 to the Toronto Red Wings. Grand champions were the Thornhill Thunderbirds. See Sports B-1. (Photo by Bruce Hogg).

Stormin' in

Community Pulse

Crime lowest in Ontario

In a book published recently by the Government of Ontario called Ontario Statistics 1978, it was revealed that none other than the Region of York had the lowest crime rate in the province for the year. We registered a mere 4,699 offenses (all offenses under federal, provincial and municipal law) per 100,000 people. Compare that with places like Sarnia, Brantford and Thunder Bay — all with rates over 14,000. Next in line are London, Hamilton-Wentworth and Ottawa with Toronto grabbing seventh spot with a crime rate of close to 8,600. Nice going YRP. That's one of the fascinating facts of the 603-page volume of graphs and statistics which will tell you everything you wanted to know about Ontario but were afraid to research. It was released by the Treasury Ministry.

Free transit rides

Markham transit is offering free rides on its system this Saturday in the hope of drumming up new business. Riders will have a chance to try out the new routes which went into effect yesterday, as well as the town's new buses.

Queen's Counsel

York Centre MPP Alf Stong, 38, was named a Queen's Counsel New Year's Day. Mr. Stong was called to the bar March 17, 1967, and has been a Liberal member of the legislature since 1975.

No pomp for trees

Are you wondering what to do with that dried out Christmas tree now that you've got the house back to normal? The Town of Richmond Hill Works Department will not have a special tree pick-up. If you do have a discarded Christmas tree, you are requested to put it out on the regular garbage pick-up days and it will be taken away.

Classicomm wide open to ideas

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Classicomm, Cable 10 in Richmond Hill, is wide open to ideas from area residents who wish to produce a show — any show.

Kim Wildfong, program director for Classicomm, describing the cable company's open-door policy, said "shows on Cable 10 are done by the community, for the community and about the community."

In the past Classicomm has filmed such things as local bands, sports events, charity sales promotion and commentary on community events, as well as regular features using talent from the community.

Well known local residents such as Eric Baker, Chris and Bob McMonagle, students from Thornlea Secondary School and residents from the Italian community in Woodbridge have approached Classicomm with ideas for specials or series in 1979, said Mr. Wildfong.

Mr. Baker has suggested a series discussing sex education in the schools, said Mr. Wildfong, planning interviews with informed experts as well as "man on the street" comments.

The McMonagles have come up with an idea for an educational updated, — what is going on at the board of education, and

Heather Sinclair, Ann Gold's campaign manager, has suggested a show on people and happenings in Richmond Hill.

Two groups from Thornlea Secondary School, "The Dirty Curtains" and "Time Waste" have come up with a comedy series along the lines of Monty Python to be a regular series in 1979 and even representatives from York Central Hospital have suggested using the medium of television to celebrate and inform residents about Hospital Week in May.

"Many groups have come up with ideas," said Mr. Wildfong. He has made suggestions to interested individuals how to go

ahead with program planning, looking at such things as purpose, focus, target audience, and most important, the time they are willing to give, and now he is waiting to hear from the parties.

Classicomm intends to continue a political regional update series, starting today, January 2.

Tonight, Ron Fenson, councillor in Markham will appear at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. and future shows will discuss such issues as Thornhill, the town split between two municipalities, hydro lines through Thornhill and how new councillors feel about their initiation into local politics.

Because of the response from members of the community a

program entitled "Skinny Skiing" hosted by Mike Exell from Seneca College, King Campus, about cross-country skiing will be played again.

This Friday, January 5, Classicomm will host and film a party for all students of the four high schools in the area who have put on one of the most popular shows on cable 10, "Friday Night Live".

Students will talk over problems they will have had over the seven years of programming "Friday Night Live" and then they will open up the phones to discuss suggestions and concerns of other teenagers in the community.