

Lions' Easter Seal drive still short

With only 13 days remaining, the Lions Club of Richmond Hill Easter Seal appeal now stands at \$3,400.

However, Campaign Chairman Ray Crowther is still optimistic that the Club's objective of \$5,000 can be reached.

"We can do it," he said, "if all

those who have overlooked or misplaced their pink donation return envelope would mail their gift in right now.

"We only ask that each area resident gives whatever he or she can spare," he said. "If anyone has lost the pink envelope and doesn't know where to send their

donation, the address is Box 276, Richmond Hill."

Mr. Crowther explained that half of all funds raised locally remain in the community for direct services to physically handicapped children.

The remainder is used by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children to provide other

province-wide services normally beyond the scope of any one community.

"The youngsters we are privileged to help have a tough fight on their hands," Mr. Crowther said. "That's why we're asking everyone to help these youngsters with a donation to Easter Seals."

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Maple landfill site is cut by two-thirds

Applicants for a sanitary landfill site in Maple have scaled down their proposal to less than one third the original size.

The dump would now fill only 250 acres out of 930 owned or controlled by Superior Sand

Gravel and Supply Ltd. and Crawford Allied Industries Ltd. bounded by Keele, Dufferin, Major Mackenzie and Teston Roads.

The new proposal calls for the dumping of 2,500 tons of garbage

per day, which would fill the site in 12 years.

The previous proposals called for the dumping of 12,000 tons of garbage per day over a 25-year period.

They were condemned by the

regional office of the ministry of environment as an attempt to maximize utilization of the site which would probably lead to contamination of two aquifers under the Maple pits, and could result in problems of falling water tables, migrating landfill gas and dust to neighboring property owners.

The ministry also objected to the lack of co-ordination between the two applicants on what was essentially the same site.

Each proposed a different system for containing the contaminants, known as leachate, that would flow out of the system. The ministry's position forced the sale of Crawford to Superior, and the previous applications were rejected by the Environmental Hearing Board and the regional director of the ministry of the environment.

The revised proposal has been submitted to the Environmental Appeal Board now in session in Toronto. One further appeal is still possible to the minister of the environment.

The latest hearing was adjourned for three days last week because of a further updating of the Superior position contained in an addendum to its report handed out just before the start.

There may even be more legal arguments as to whether the Superior application constitutes an appeal or is a new application which should start at the bottom again.

Richard Hassard, a real estate lawyer who owns land next to the site, argued at the start of the hearing, that it was a new application, but did not prevail.

The argument may come up again. The reduction in the size of the site has made it possible for Superior and Crawford to contain nearly all the environmental effects on their own property.

Leachate will either be trucked out or drained away in the York-Durham sewer, which is expected to reach the site by 1981.

The entire garbage area will be lined with four feet of clay. V. R. Dixon of International Water Consultants concludes that this liner will not be penetrated for at least 50 years "when high solubles such as chlorides should be essentially leached."

A back-up system of purge wells could be built around the site although the experts say it is not necessary.

Ponds for recharging the water table are to be created in the part of the pits not used for landfill.

The methane gas is to be collected and sold commercially by Gas Recovery Systems Ltd. a subsidiary of Genstar Ltd.

Superior's consultants, Marshall Macklin Monaghan, maintain that the new proposal will meet the standard of the ministry of the environment.

The idea is to prevent the contamination that has been found in samples from test wells 4,000 feet downstream in the direction of Thornhill, from previous uncontrolled dumps.

When the landfill sites are filled they are to be restored and turned over to Vaughan for a recreation area, including a ski hill.

continuing with the cross-examination of the head of environmental engineering for Marshall Macklin Monaghan, consultants to the applicant.

Lawyer Richard Hassard, a neighboring property owner, said a landfill site should be chosen with the most good characteristics for garbage disposal and the fewest bad characteristics, "not just because the garbage king owns it."

Smaller Maple dump just a "device" — Cameron

Opposition to the Maple dump is continuing "full blast" despite the scaling down of the proposal from 900 acres to 250 acres of landfill.

"That is just a device to make the proposal appear more reasonable," said Councillor Jim Cameron of Vaughan yesterday.

Maple ratepayers, neighboring property owners and the Canadian Environmental Law Association will maintain that once landfill is started on part of the 930 acre property, it will mean eventually filling the whole site with garbage.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association will probably try to stop the hearings of the Environmental Appeal Board into the revised application, on the grounds that the application is a new one and not an appeal from the previous rejection by

the environmental appeals branch.

Association lawyer Ann Lancaster introduced a motion to stop the hearing last week but the board ruled it had no evidence before it on which to base a decision.

The resolution was withdrawn on the understanding that it would be reintroduced later.

Yesterday, the hearing was

After Harrisburg crisis

Need public inquiry into lines — Burnie

The crisis at the disabled nuclear reactor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, clearly demon-

strates the need for a full public inquiry into the health and safety factor of the proposed Ontario Hydro line through Richmond Hill and Thornhill, said Richmond Hill councillor Mike Burnie.

Councillor Burnie was referring specifically to the reaction of residents near the stricken reactor at the Pennsylvania atomic generating plant.

"The people feel betrayed, cheated, lied to," he said, "and up here we're in the same position . . . we only have Ontario Hydro's word the lines do not pose a health hazard."

The Town of Richmond Hill passed a resolution, asking the government to amend the Environmental Assessment Act to require that Environment Assessment Hearings be held on all major Ontario Hydro undertakings.

This resolution has now been endorsed by both the Town of Vaughan and the Town of Markham.

"There is no suggestion what Ontario Hydro told us is any different from what was told to residents in Harrisburg," said Councillor Burnie.

He said when Ontario Hydro has been asked for proof or documentation about possible health hazards of these 500 kV lines, they admit they have none.

The councillor suggested the only way to get information is for the Minister of Energy to have an Environmental Assessment Board hearing, prior to any further land acquisition or construction, as requested by the municipality.

"It's the only way we'll get the full story," he said.



They called their show 'A Little Bit Country', but it could also have been 'A Little Bit Wacky'. These high steppers are ladies of Richmond Hill Branch 375 of the Royal Canadian Legion and they are all dolled up to entertain the Legion members from other Ontario Communities, who were in town for the

District E convention on the weekend. They are from front to rear: Gloria Sanford, Rosamond Eadins, Ethel Buck, Marie Finnerty, Audrie Apperley, Hilda Quinton and Greet Tonner. More pictures see Pages A-2 and A-6. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg).

Watermains and storms okayed for Lake Wilcox

About 30 Lake Wilcox residents left the Richmond Hill council meeting early Monday night to go and celebrate.

Council voted to include a watermain project to the Snively Street-Drynoch Avenue area as

well as storm sewers to the Fergus Avenue district of Lake Wilcox.

The Lake Wilcox Committee had been asking for these projects to be completed for some time and council members

commended them on their patience.

The Town of Richmond Hill had been asked to investigate alternative means of funding so that both projects could be included this year at a meeting in Lake Wilcox in March.

The Commissioner of Works has submitted a request to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC) for a supplementary subsidy of \$50,000 for the purposes of constructing the storm sewer on Fergus Avenue.

In order to include both projects the land acquisition budget included in a Neighbourhood Improvement Program grant (NIP) was reduced and further amendments to the redevelopment plan will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mayor Dave Schiller told the Oak Ridges residents the possibility looks favorable to complete both projects this year — "the only hold up might be the subsidy from MTC," he said.

Credit card world keeps businessmen hopping, he says

We're living in the middle of a plastic world and businessmen must keep ahead of its pitfalls, a York Regional Police detective said Friday.

Detective Barry Delaney was addressing a regular meeting of the York Region Executive Association and was warning members of numerous fraud methods being used on the unsuspecting businessman.

"Credit cards are a part of society," he said, "and businessmen have trouble operating without accepting them."

"But many cards are phoney. Hot credit cards today are a dime a dozen," he said, and warned businessmen to check carefully each time one is presented.

Detective Delaney also told members that certified cheques, while they look impressive enough, could be phoney "and they're as worthless as the paper they're printed on."

He said "cheque rings" are springing up throughout Southern Ontario, and many cheque passers "prey on small businesses."

"Thieves are usually interested only in the cash," he said, "so merchandise changes hands quickly."

"They'll sell the merchandise for whatever they can get for it," he told the audience.

In Richmond Hill and elsewhere fraud seems to be on the increase, the detective said, because it's an "easier" crime.

\$5 million

Tri-Bell Club opens on Sunday

The long-awaited opening of the \$5 million Tri-Bell Country Club in Richmond Hill will take place Sunday at noon hour but there's plenty of things happening before then.

It'll be an action-packed schedule for the 2,000-member organization starting with a media reception Friday and a heavy schedule of sports events Saturday morning and afternoon.

The list of events, starting at 10:30 a.m., will include a singles tennis match between Harry Fauquier and Dale Power.

Fauquier is the former doubles Canadian Open champion and Power was rated number 3 in Canada and is also a former Davis Cup player.

Another match follows between Ken Sinclair, Canadians Senior champion in 1979, and David Brown, director of sports at Tri-Bell and four time Canadian doubles champions.

There will also be a mixed doubles match between Dale Power and Louise Brown, former Canadian Open champion, and David Brown and Jody Brown,

Assistant Pro at Tri-Bell Club.

The day's slate of activities will also involve several Squash matches featuring Jim Bentley, former Canadian Senior Champion; Clive Caldwell, professional at Cambridge Club and Number 3 ranking North American player; and Aziz Khan, number 6 ranking player in North America.

There will also be a ladies singles match between Jane Mitchell, Canadian team member, and Inge Webber, three time member of the National Team.

Racquet ball competitions will follow, featuring such competitors as Alan Lee, Canada Games Gold Medalist in 1979.

Sunday's official opening will start at noon with Tri-Bell chairman Mel Richmond officiating with Rabbi Charles Monson.

Tri-Bell Club has developed a reputation over the years for providing its members with the ultimate in sports and recreational facilities.

It has also grown into a responsible social and cultural

centre for the community.

It is also a fund raising organization contributing to such causes as Crippled Children, Retarded Children, Variety Village, Baycrest Centre and its hospital, and the United Jewish Appeal.

Located on Bathurst Street, just north of Highway 7, it comprises 30 acres of squash and tennis courts, year-round health club, dining and relaxing facilities, whirlpool baths and saunas, massage rooms, you name it.

Community Pulse

Haunting howl

Oak Ridges residents were awakened to the haunting tune of a siren at 6:30 Sunday morning. The piercing wail lasted for eight minutes, until someone thought to call the Fire Department to see if their siren was responsible.

It was the Fire Department siren, but there was no fire, just a malfunction. Most people lost very little time in drifting back to dreamland.

Engineering evening

Because of the number of items directly affecting residents of Richmond Hill, the regular engineering committee meeting, scheduled for 8 a.m. Thursday morning, has been changed to an evening meeting, Tuesday, April 10.

At council Monday night Councillor for Ward 3, John Birchall, asked for the change saying he feels the people of his ward will be directly affected.

Three issues, improvements on Highway 7 in the Doncrest Rockwell Road area, an engineering study on the German Mills Creek and the Bayview Avenue from Richmond Hill to the Finch Subway will be aired at that time and Councillor Birchall said he felt residents should be given the opportunity to be present — without having to take time off work.

Seek fair contestants

The applicant must be female, between the ages of 18 and 23, live within the boundaries set by Richmond Hill, Markham, Vaughan, Aurora, King or Whitchurch-Stouffville and have an interest in agriculture.

Richmond Hill Agricultural Society is looking for a girl to be queen of the 130th Spring Fair, May 11, 12 and 13, and anyone meeting the above qualifications is invited to compete.

April 21 all contestants will be interviewed at Classicomm, Cable 10 in Richmond Hill and then treated to wine and cheese at the home of Stella Lekx, Publicity Chairperson for the fair committee.

Applicants should call Ed Banks at 884-6240 for information.

Mayor visits council

The Mayor of Aurora, George Timpson attended a Richmond Hill council meeting Monday — but not to pick up pointers.

Mayor Timpson appeared as chairman of the regional planning committee, along with Hershel Wineberg, the planning commissioner to present a report telling how the region plans to make the processing of plans of subdivision "streamlined" and "more efficient".

These plans will be referred to planning staff of the Town of Richmond Hill for review and discussion and a report will be given to council by mid-May.