

# Police Briefs

## BAIT MAN FISHED IN

During the months of May and June, 1979, the Jonathan Bait Supply Company at Lot 17 & 18 on Concession 2 in King, received five cheques for a large quantity of bait supplies worth \$80,000, from a buyer. The cheques have since been returned marked NSF.

York Regional Police are looking for a US citizen in the case. He is believed to be a resident of Tenehouse, Indiana.

## DOMESTIC DISPUTE

On June 14 at about 6:30 p.m., a 48-year-old Thornhill man whipped a Baymark Drive woman in Thornhill with an electrical cord, causing welts to her back.

On June 19 she attended 28 Division in Richmond Hill and provided police with information in the matter. Her husband has been summonsed for common assault to Family Court on August 14.

## VANDAL IN STOLEN CAR

Between June 25 at 11 p.m. and June 26 at midnight, a 16-year-old juvenile stole his mother's car and drove it to Lake Wilcox Public School in Oak Ridges. He drove the vehicle across the front lawn of the school several times. He then left and drove westbound on North Lake Rd., where he became involved in an accident.

An investigation showed he was impaired at the time. He was arrested and taken to 28 Division where he refused to give a breath sample.

The youth was held in custody for a show cause hearing on June 26 on charges of impaired driving, refusing a breath test, theft over \$200, possession over \$200, and mischief to private property. His parents were notified.

## STICKY SITUATION

On June 26, a 22-year-old Aurora man was fired from his job in Richmond Hill. He then became violent and kicked in a washroom door. He also assaulted Laco Sahgalik of Gatehead Rd. in Willowdale, by pouring a pot of glue over him.

Efforts to locate the man have proven negative so a warrant for his arrest for mischief to private property and common assault, was issued.

## BREAK-IN

On June 28 between midnight and 2 a.m. while Lester Stephens of Claridge Dr. in Richmond Hill was sleeping, his house was entered. A thief got in through a window seven feet off the ground and ransacked the premises. Stolen was \$1,200 worth of camera equipment.

## CHILD ABUSE

At about 1:30 p.m. on June 24, a 30-year-old Maple man assaulted his one-year-old son. As a result, the child's mother informed York Regional Police and on June 25, the man was arrested for assault causing bodily harm.

He was taken to 28 Division and later released for a Family Court hearing on August 20.

## GORMLEY

## CATTLE RUSTLERS

Two steers worth \$800 were stolen from the property of Guy Dibles on Leslie St. at the first concession north of the Bloomington Sideroad. The theft occurred between 5 p.m. on June 23 and 5 p.m. on June 24.

## TRUCK AND GEAR GONE

A 1971 GMC three-quarter-ton truck was stolen from Rocket Contractors on Meadowview Ave. in Thornhill. The theft was between 11:30 a.m. on June 23 and 7:30 a.m. on June 25.

The truck was taken to a nearby field and when it was recovered it was missing a radio, delco heavy-duty battery, a snow plough blade and a hydraulic lift system, all worth \$1,200.



Local students attending an open house last week say "Goodbye" to the Executive Director of The York Centre for Learning Disabilities, Craig Shields. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

## Craig Shields says his role complete

Craig Shields, Executive Director at the York Centre for Learning Disabilities, says he feels his role is complete and now it's time to move on. "My role was to develop a community

oriented children's mental health centre, and give it a permanent home — and I think we've done that," said Mr. Shields. A remedial clinic for children with learning disabilities was started at

Richmond Hill United Church in 1966 by a group of interested parents.

When Mr. Shields arrived six years ago, he said there was one program for 11 full-time

students and 18 part-time students.

The Centre has expanded to include four services, diagnostic or consultative, early learning and intermediate programs, as well as support services.

In 1978 the York Centre for Learning Disabilities opened a new home on Leslie Street just above 18th Avenue in Richmond Hill, and since that time has served 151 children.

Last Thursday afternoon, parents, teachers, friends and representatives from government organizations were invited to a surprise open house where they had the opportunity to say good-bye to the very popular Mr. Shields.

The executive director, who will be leaving the centre at the end of this month, said his plans for the future are not yet certain, but he looks forward to the opportunity to take some time and travel with his nine-year-old daughter. The new Executive Director, Alice Frey will come to the centre this week.

She has a B.A. in Psychology, an M.A. in Special Education, years of experience as an elementary school teacher, child care worker, is teacher in residential and day treatment programs, a mental health supervisor and Director of Community Services for another children's mental health centre.

## Highway 7

## Doncrest, Rockwell soon to have left turn lanes

It's official — Highway 7 at Doncrest and Rockwell Road will soon have left turn lanes, speed reduction and enforcement, and increased illumination to go with the new larger signs put up late last year.

Commissioner of Works for Richmond Hill, Bernie

Toporowski received a letter from the Minister of Transportation and Communications, James Snow, outlining the ministry's plans saying the improvements will "greatly reduce the collision potential as well as improve traffic operations."

Art Galloway, head of

maintenance administration for MTC said tenders had just been sent out for the paving of the left turn lane between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street and he expects work will be done in a time period up to three months.

Mr. Snow in his letter said compliance with the speed limit in this area is from 50 to 72 per cent indicating selective enforcement would have a better effect on motorists than reducing the speed limit.

MTC has requested special enforcement by the Ontario Provincial Police.

This summer, said the letter, two lights will be installed along Highway 7 at Rockwell Road and two at Doncrest Road. The section of Highway 7 between Doncrest Road and Bayview Avenue is still being considered as a location for additional lighting.

## Schiller attacks subdivision plan

Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller last Thursday attacked a Markham subdivision plan which "meets almost none of the Region's criteria for development".

The plan calls for the development of 86 acres of the Buttonwood Golf Course near Buttonwood on one-acre estate residential lots with individual wells and septic tanks.

Mayor Schiller said he had heard of a water problem in the neighboring subdivision and wondered what would happen if wells had to be redrilled there as a result of the additional development.

He also disagreed with the staff's position that the property met the requirement of being scenic. "As I recall, the whole course with the exception of the third hole is as flat as a pancake."

Mayor Tony Roman of Markham defended the development as meeting the requirements of the official plan of the town and noted that most of the town was to remain undeveloped.

Councillor Carole Bell said the plan had been gone over very carefully by the planning committee and that consultants from International Water Supply Ltd. had stated there was adequate water.

"If there is a lack of water at Cachet it may be because people have their

sprinkler going, their swimming pool filling, two dishwashers and six bathrooms".

There were records of development plans going back several years, she said. "The property was never intended to be a golf course forever."

Councillor Ron Moran said he did not think the development was "messing up Markham".

Mayor Schiller had a similar complaint about a plan for an industrial subdivision on 88 acres of agricultural land just inside the Newmarket boundary.

The plan is to go ahead on septic tanks without provisions for sewers in case sewers reach the area, a recommendation promoted by Newmarket Mayor Ray Twinney and

former Mayor Bob Forhan, now regional chairman.

The development of the J.A. Clarke estate has been opposed in the past by East Gwillimbury.

It would result in an industrial area bounded on three sides by farms and on the east Sutton Road and a residential area.

Mayor Twinney said that Newmarket was entitled to some industrial development on septic tanks and that there were no plans to build a sewer to the area "at least until the year 2023."

He asked for the deferral of the plan however because there was something he wanted to straighten out with the developer.

## Energy demonstration to be held in the Hill

Richmond Hill is one of 20 communities in the whole of Canada being considered to host a demonstration project for three federal ministries.

Mayor Dave Schiller was approached by a Quebec firm conducting a national project to develop energy conservation practices through citizen participation and initiative.

At the community level citizens will be asked to assess conservation alternatives, set realistic goals, and determine the

actions required to accomplish those goals through their own initiatives.

The outcome will result in a federal policy on energy conservation programs in communities across Canada.

Mayor Schiller said he did not know how Richmond Hill happened to be chosen, but assumed it was because of the town's past record on energy conservation practices and the interest shown by council on this subject over the years.

Since 1975 a recycling effort, set up by a volunteer committee, the Richmond Hill Recycling Committee, has been successfully operating in town, about the same time the municipality did a study on energy used in municipal buildings and equipment which resulted in a variety of conservation procedures still being carried out, and the establishment of the Richmond Hill Recycling Centre are just three of the energy conservation practices in town, said the mayor.

Mayor Schiller has been approached recently by the Quebec firm requesting names of citizens from various sectors and organizations in the community who would give information.

## HOSTEL rally draws only 35

The need for any kind of help came through loud and clear to the 35 who turned up for Project HOSTEL's support rally Thursday night.

Members of the Board of Directors, Michael Crowley and David Burns explained the details and history of the organization, but Maggie Hartland and Rhelda Stockall also on the board made the biggest impact by telling of the day-to-day cares and problems of "The Yellow Brick House", the emergency housing facility for women and children located in Newmarket.

The needs are small but almost insurmountable at times, according to the two female directors.

A truck to pick up a donated refrigerator for the home, fresh vegetables, baked goods, tools, drivers to get the women and children to courts and services, are just a few of the many needs of the organization which were mentioned at the meeting.

The support rally was held at Richvale Community Centre hoping to tell residents of the plight of Project HOSTEL and

raise \$3,000 by the way of a \$10 membership to pay rent and purchase groceries at The Yellow Brick House for July and August.

President of the Board of Directors, Michael Crowley said he was disappointed attendance at the rally was so small, but delighted that \$335 was raised in one night — "that's one-tenth of our goal," he said.

Any resident interested in offering support or becoming a member should call 898-3842.

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## Funds will be here, he believes

York School Board Chairman Don Cousens is "highly optimistic" the Ministry of Education will approve funding for a new elementary school in Risebrough and a high school for Unionville, as a result of a meeting with officials last week.

He claimed he, Planning and Building Chairman Harry Bowes, Director of Education Sam Chapman and Markham Mayor Tony Roman gave one of the best presentations he has ever seen.

"If a good reception is dependent on a logical, concise presentation of all

the facts and documentation available, then that's what we got," he said. "I think we can expect to get the Risebrough and Unionville schools this year."

The board has only partially completed its five-year capital expenditure forecast. Heading the list for 1979-80 building proposals are the Risebrough elementary and Unionville secondary schools. If approved this fall, they would be substantially completed by 1982 and 1983 respectively.

Other items in that part of the forecast include an elementary school for Glen Shields, an addition of four classrooms onto Unionville Public School, alteration to William Berczy Public School (Unionville) and a request for 10 portables for various locations in the Region.

About the Ministry's reception of the York County delegation, Mr. Cousens said: "They said they would review all the information we supplied. They couldn't possibly have more data than they already have and I would

grossly underestimate their intelligence if I said I think they're not going to be able to accommodate us."

Though he meets with Education Minister Bette Stephenson in August on matters concerning the acquisition of school sites in York Region generally, Mr. Cousens is hoping for a decision on the two new schools by sometime in October.

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