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## Hill girl saves Scarboro woman from drowning

A Richmond Hill girl is being recommended for a citizen's award by York Regional Police.

Jaye Green of Muirhead Crescent, Richmond Hill, is a heroine because she was able to save another woman from drowning Sunday at Keswick.

Carmelo Colangelo of Scarborough was swimming about 200 feet from shore, when people on the shore noticed that she was in trouble.

The onlookers were able to attract the attention of Miss Green, who was in a nearby boat.

She was able to reach the victim, who was already under the water, and was able to get her

safely to shore, where she performed artificial respiration on the victim and was able to revive her.

Inspector William Hill of the York Regional Police is certain the victim would have died if it had not been for the life saving efforts of Miss Green, and he has written a letter to Deputy Chief Bob Hood recommending her for a citation.

Mrs. Colangelo was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket, where she was immediately put into the Intensive Care Unit.

She is still in the hospital, but is said to be improving.



### Inferno

There was a spectacular blaze in the former Lake house on Yonge Street below Highway 7 last Tuesday evening. Parts of the house which is being demolished to make way for a new subdivision date from 1832. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg.)

## Fire hurries end of historic house

The Vaughan municipal staff is still considering what action to take following a spectacular fire in a partly demolished house on Yonge Street last week.

Parts of the house date from 1832.

Fire chief Jim Davidson said a man "told us that he had started a fire with diesel fuel to get rid of a hive of bees and the fire got away from him."

The fire department was called to the scene of the blaze in the former George Lake house, now in the midst of a subdivision construction site, at 6 p.m. last Tuesday and was still there after midnight with four vehicles.

Chief Davidson said he was considering sending out a bill for the costs of fighting the fire. But there had been "several bylaw violations and the matter has been turned over to the bylaw enforcement officer".

Dorex Construction Ltd. is now the owner of the property and changes in its plan of subdivision were to be discussed by Vaughan's planning committee last night.

The man who said he started the fire worked for a disposal systems company and could be charged with a bylaw infraction, burning industrial waste, the chief said.

There was no estimate of damage because there was no value. Everything of value had been removed before the fire, Chief Davidson explained.

Building inspector Ron

Williams said that his staff had insisted that a barrier go up around the property.

The original section of the house was built by Captain Simon Lee, who retired from the East India Company to Thornhill in 1832. He purchased the 210-acre Crown grant on the west side of Yonge Street from Nicholas Cober, except for half an acre which is still used for a school.

Lee sold the house to his son-in-law, John Barwick, in 1834 and then moved to Georgina. Barwick, himself, moved to Holland Landing in 1843 where he operated the Red Mill in partnership with Thornhill's founder, Benjamin Thorne.

The south 100 acres was sold to Rev. Dominic Blake, rector of Trinity Church, and the north 100 acres, a few years later, to

George Wright. The property was then known as the Observatory farm and the house had a widow's walk on the roof.

It was later owned by George Lemon, John B. Jones, William H. Clubine and in 1917, was bought by Robert Fee, an executive at Eaton's.

By then, the house had been substantially renovated in the America roadhouse style and none of the exterior looked like the original.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lake bought it in 1939 and renamed it Kay Gwen after their twin daughters. Mr. Lake was still living in it when the sale to Dorex was negotiated two years ago.

Derek Giles of the Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee who wrote the report on old buildings in Thornhill for Vaughan, said that because of the substantial changes in the house, there had been no official objection to the demolition.

## North Yonge fare increase will solve Bayview problem

A fare increase on the North Yonge bus service is calculated to clean up the problem on the Bayview Avenue bus service in Richmond Hill.

Councillor Mike Burnie, past chairman of the Engineering Committee, who has been responsible for co-ordinating the local bus service, said the North

Yonge Transit Co-ordinating Committee met to discuss a fare increase by the Town of Markham which became effective July 3.

By agreement the three municipalities, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, and the Toronto Area Transit (operating Authority (TATO) are to tie their rates together for convenience of residents using the bus service.

Markham Transit's new fare structure is adults 50 cents, students 35 cents, children and senior citizens 25 cents.

The committee agreed the North Yonge GO service would increase from the present 40 cents to 50 cents, the same as Markham, the Bayview Avenue GO service would be reduced from the present 60 cents to 50 cents, but Richmond Hill would not increase from 40 to 50 cents at this time.

"I don't think at this point in

time Richmond Hill passengers have a 50 cent ride," said Councillor Burnie.

Richvale and Oak Ridges riders have only a two-hour service, while other areas in town are on a 30-minute service, pointed out Councillor Burnie.

The town is studying route changes, said the councillor, and would look into a fare increase when these changes were implemented.

Besides lowering the rate on the Bayview Avenue bus, Councillor Burnie said TATO has agreed not to cancel the "off peak" service, but will run buses every 60 minutes from about 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

But, Rick Ducharme, head of market research and development for TATO said the night service on Bayview would be discontinued. The last bus would be about 7 p.m., he said.

The agreement with TATO also includes a transfer service.

## Committee formed to help Boat People

Canadians now have an opportunity to "really do something" about a world problem, said Very Rev. N. Bruce McLeod describing the sponsorship program for Vietnamese "boat people" which has spread to Richmond Hill.

"Rather than stand around and wring their hands, people have a real chance to get a handle on the situation," he added.

Dr. McLeod is one of seven committee members elected at a meeting last week set up to offer information about people fleeing countries in Southeast Asia by boat.

Elizabeth Loweth, wife of the new rector of St. Mary's Anglican Church who has been in charge of the Human Rights Portfolio for the United Church for seven years, will join Dr. McLeod, the new minister of Richmond Hill United Church, who was a member of the Ontario Human Rights Commission from 1975 to 1978, and Ann Gold, Margery Watters, Carol MacDonald, John Bruce and Nicolette Davis on the committee for Operation Lifeline — Richmond Hill.

This committee will meet this week to begin co-ordinating people in this community who want to help, either by providing space in their home, money, or clothing or articles for a refugee family.

"We need all kinds of assistance," said Dr. McLeod, who expects that by Christmas there will be refugees from South East Asia in Canada, "because of the enthusiasm in Richmond Hill".

### Talks begin

Mediation talks between York Region and representatives of its largest union local started yesterday.

Regional administrator Jack Rettie expected that the talks initiated by the ministry of labor could go on for several days.

Members of local 1953 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees will be in a legal position to strike on Friday and a strike vote taken last week was 189 in favor and 39 against.

Spokesmen for both sides say they are hoping for a settlement.

## This "vial of life" could save your life

Richmond Hill Lions Club received the blessing of Town Council for their latest community project.

"Vial of Life" is a program making life saving information available in each resident's home, in a standardized location.

In case of fire, sudden illness, accident or other emergency, this information could easily be found by police, fire fighters or ambulance personnel.

A form is filled out by the resident containing all necessary information, put in a small plastic vial and taped to the underside of a shelf in the refrigerator.

The Lions Club will provide a sticker to be affixed to the outside of the refrigerator, telling all concerned that inside is all necessary information in case of an emergency.

Bill Mirrlees, representing the Lions Club, said they especially hope to reach individuals who live alone, senior citizens or anyone who wishes to provide for special care in case of an

emergency.

The idea came from a service club in Midland said Mr. Mirrlees, but originally was initiated by a Deputy Sheriff in Monroe County, Michigan.

Availability of information such as Social Insurance numbers, O.H.I.P. number, doctor's name, special medical problems, medications and allergies has been a problem to many rescue personnel.

The refrigerator was chosen because it is universally in every home, easily accessible and is one of the last items destroyed by fire.

Mr. Mirrlees said the Lions have acquainted the V.O.N., the Public Health Department, the Ambulance Drivers, the Fire Department and the administration of York Central Hospital with their program and the local police department will be notified this week.

Forms and vials are available free of charge from Mr. Mirrlees at 884-2324, Harold Waldon at 884-6638 or at the town office.

## Town can't find \$\$ for water project

The Town of Richmond Hill recognizes a need of 30 families in Oak Ridges, but is presently unable to help.

Monies previously proposed for installation of a watermain to the Drynoch Avenue-Snively Street area have now been used up by escalated costs in other projects in the Lake Wilcox area, deemed by the Town of more importance.

Andy Atrens appealed to council recently, reminding them of a regional report from October of 1978 saying 50 per cent of the wells on Snively Street and 37 per cent of the wells on Drynoch Avenue were "unsatisfactory" and of "doubtful quality".

Mr. Atrens suggested the town go ahead with the watermain project this year to avoid the project costing the municipality

and the home owners even more in the future.

Some property owners are having extreme problems with having no water in their wells said Mr. Atrens and they need municipal water.

"Water is not a luxury — it's a necessity," he said.

Mayor Dave Schiller told Mr. Atrens the council of Richmond Hill does support the residents but the problem is money.

Councillor Bill Corcoran said the town was not debating whether there was a need, but were just in the process of finding where funds might be available.

"The Clerk and the Treasurer are doing everything in their power to see if we can arrange financing," said councillor Corcoran.

### Community Pulse

#### Ringing in your ears is simply explained

Last Thursday was a scorcher, but that wasn't the reason for the fire siren.

Richmond Hill Fire Department had been having problems with the volunteer siren located in the municipal buildings in town.

When repair work was finished, the only way to test it, was to let it ring — long and loud.

#### Seeing the light

In the interest of conserving energy and increasing productivity, The Town of Richmond Hill is supporting another eastern Ontario municipality.

Richmond Hill passed a motion to support the Town of Hawkesbury in their recommendation to the Minister of Energy that the month of April be added to the Daylight Saving Time period, to take advantage of the early morning daylight hours.

#### Join the actives

If you're a cleaning person or a babysitter, Helpmate Information offers a referral service.

"And right now our referral list is getting pretty low," says Helpmate's co-ordinator Rhelda Stockall. "If you're looking for house cleaning, day care or babysitting work, please give us a call at 883-2234 and we will put you on our active file."

#### The jobs are there

Same old story, Canada Employment Centre for Students still needs lifeguards and waitresses.

Supervisor at the Centre, Monica Janach, is seeking students 17 or older with their bronze medallion swimming award for lifeguard positions in the area and students over 18 for jobs serving liquor in the area.



One method of keeping cool in all this heat is demonstrated above. It's a simple system, requiring bathing suits, a pail, and a lake. Jill Johnson, 9, and

her sister, Jenny, 10, of Kitsilano Crescent, Richmond Hill, had all the ingredients last week at Lake Wilcox. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)