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BOAT PEOPLE

Hill supports Lifeline, morally and financially

Richmond Hill Council offered its moral and financial support to the boat people last week, after a plea from the Richmond Hill branch of Operation Lifeline. "You've heard of the refugees," spokesman Rev. Bruce McLeod said, "some of them are drowning tonight. "This is an urgent matter for the world and an urgent matter for Richmond Hill," he said, asking council for a \$500 grant, and space to store furniture. Council agreed to both requests, and will also ask the town's personnel department to watch for any jobs such refugees may handle. "We're getting many job offers," Rev. McLeod said. "More than we have refugees available. "They are not helpless people in rags. They get on their feet very quickly," he said. Rev. McLeod said the response from Richmond Hill residents has been "remarkable", and pointed out that 21 members from the Emmanuel Anglican Church have already raised \$7,000 and have another \$6,000 committed. Meanwhile, the Operation Lifeline group in Richmond Hill will hold a public meeting tonight in the Richmond Hill Room of the arena, beginning at 7.30 p.m. A refugee family is expected to be in attendance, Rev. McLeod said. While councillors were agreeable to the \$500 grant, Regional Councillor Lou Wainwright wanted to go a step further. "How about for every dollar you raise, we'll give two?" Rev. McLeod pointed out that Operation Lifeline is not a fund-raising group, and the grant was necessary to cover only administration costs. "I'm encouraged at the response so far," he said. "It's an incredible growth, one of the mushrooming affairs." He said people were offering not only money but services and accommodations. Rev. McLeod noted that doctors and dentists had also offered their assistance.

Community Pulse



JANE SIKORSKI

Jane is our hope to win CNE honor

Richmond Hill's Jane Sikorski will be one of 95 young ladies seeking the "Miss CNE - Queen of the Fairs" title today.

The winner will be announced this afternoon at the main arena of the Coliseum.

Ms. Sikorski became eligible for the competition after she was selected Miss Richmond Hill Fair last May.

The winner will reign over the Canadian National Exhibition from today until September 3, and will win an array of prizes.

Included is a \$1,000 scholarship award. The winner will also win a flight for two to next year's Calgary Stampede.

A Richmond Hill girl, Debbie Carter, was selected Queen of the Fairs in 1972.

It's tilted

Stop the press. The old bell installed at Richmond Hill's new fire department, is on a tilt.

Yessir, Mayor David Schiller said last week, "it tilts toward the southwest".

Now, back to our regular programming.

Hockey, already?

The 1979-80 edition of the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams will be holding a tryout camp for rookies tonight (Wednesday) at the Richmond Hill Arena from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Manager Sil Steffan told The Liberal that training camp for the regulars will commence Monday night at 8 p.m.

Team in tourney

The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett senior fastball team will be competing in the annual CNE Bulova Watch tournament starting next Saturday. There will be no Ontario Fastball League game next Tuesday at the Town Park.

Hydro is GO

Everything is "GO" for Ontario Hydro.

The government has approved the redesign of the Parkway Belt West and Ontario Hydro Manager of Transmission Route Planning, Bob Murray, said he expects construction of the first 500 kV hydro transmission line will begin next fall, with the total project, Claireville to Cherrywood, in service by 1981.

Energy study to be held here

Richmond Hill has been chosen to lead the country in a study of what communities can do to conserve energy.

A firm of consultants in Montreal, L.J. D'Amore and Associates on behalf of the federal government chose Richmond Hill to be one of three communities across Canada to host a pilot project for one year to develop energy conservation practices through citizen participation and initiative.

Mayor Dave Schiller said he is delighted the community has been given the opportunity to lead the country in finding methods of energy conservation, but he did not know the reasons why this town was one of the ones chosen.

The Montreal firm asked the mayor to set up a meeting in

Go by GO

GO Transit is urging residents to leave their cars at home — take public transit to the Canadian National Exhibition and save gas, parking costs and wear and tear on both the car and your nerves.

A special service with three buses leaving Newmarket at 8 and 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and travelling south on Yonge Street picking up passengers at the GO Transit stops at Aurora, Oak Ridges, Richmond Heights Plaza, Bayview and Markham Road and Bayview and Romfield Circuit will go on directly to the CNE grounds.

A Travelways representative said the bus will take approximately 40 minutes to reach Richmond Heights Plaza and the complete run will take about one hour and 45 minutes.

Buses will leave the CNE grounds to return to Newmarket at 1:30, 7:30 and 11 p.m.

This special service will run the length of the Ex, August 15 to September 3.

Groups going to the Ex are urged to take advantage of GO's family pass.

A round trip pass costing \$6 is available to any group of up to five persons travelling together (if one or two are over 18 years old).

Spring Mills one more time

The controversial Spring Mills Estates subdivision was sprung on council Tuesday night by an angered Councillor Al Duffy.

A plan of subdivision for the area near Gormley was approved by the Region of York, but Councillor Duffy said Richmond Hill Council had never even seen it.

"I have never seen this 42-lot development," he said. "It hasn't been to this council."

Councillor Duffy said the first he had heard of the Region approving the subdivision was in a newspaper report last month.

"York is approving things that are not in our official plan," he said. "The Ontario Municipal Board said we'd be creating a hamlet and that's what's happening."

Councillor Lou Wainwright said Richmond Hill Council approved Spring Mills by a 5-4 vote in 1975.

But Councillor Duffy reminded Councillor Wainwright that on June 18 this year, council unanimously opposed the subdivision.

"Then you go to Region and agree with it," Councillor Duffy said.

The plan which appeared at the Regional level shows 42 lots, down from the original 52.

"I'm worried about the precedent that would set," Councillor Duffy said yesterday. "I don't like them bypassing Richmond Hill."

An attempt to appeal the Region's decision on Spring Mills failed in council, which means the new subdivision will go ahead unless there are objections from residents which would likely force another Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

council chambers for this morning (Wednesday August 15) inviting representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, a local college and university, both the public and separate school board, the ministerial association, a citizen group, the library, service clubs, labor union, social planning council and the media.

Mayor Schiller said this meeting is to tell why Richmond Hill was selected, to describe the program and the extent of

government involvement and let people know what the government is looking for from the community.

A steering committee will be selected at this meeting to get involved in finding an office and getting support for the program.

Two other communities in Canada have also been chosen to host this demonstration project, one in the maritimes and one in British Columbia, but the names have not been released.

Hill boys are first to enter the CNE

Two Grade 12 students at Richmond Hill High School were guaranteed they would be first in line for the 101st opening of the Canadian National Exhibition today.

Ted Stoehr and Don Johnston, both 17, of 10330 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill packed sleeping bags, cans of beans and water last Wednesday, planning to be the first in line for the CNE.

Assistant General Manager, Howard Tate, approached the two setting up camp outside the Princess Gates advising they could be first, on one condition — they leave.

Mr. Tate took names, addresses, and telephone numbers

and guaranteed they would be the first.

Just to make it official the two went to the CNE office to confirm the good news and a secretary documented the names and times and advised it was so.

The two still plan to camp over Tuesday night, just to be sure.

Ted Stoehr said he was slightly disappointed he and his buddy had been asked to leave as they would miss "the thrill of staying and waving and watching everyone go by".

Not only will the two Richmond Hill students be first on the grounds, Howard Tate said they would get the customary Bulova watch and breakfast, complements of Shopsy's.

Police 'boogie' to avert rumble at high school

York Regional Police did the "Thornlea Hustle" Friday morning and staved off what could have been a full-fledged rumble.

At issue was a simple matter of taste — specifically whose was better.

About 300 summer school students had gathered in the parking lot of Thornlea Secondary School to "discuss" which type of music they thought was best — rock and roll or disco.

When a police cruiser arrived at the scene and the officer realized things could get out of hand, he called for extra help.

Another seven cars arrived quickly, showing the kids officers weren't averse to dancing some of them away.

The crowd eventually dispersed and the incident was over in less than an hour.

Staff Sergeant Doug Davies felt many of the teenagers were from outside the Thornhill area.

He claimed the only real problem occurred when the thong blocked the school's driveway. No charges were laid.

"I think this difference in opinion has been growing throughout the summer," he said.

Now that it has reached its crescendo, the students can think about getting back to school full time in about three weeks.

Music appreciation was not one of the official summer school courses offered at Thornlea this year.

Hill Firefighters (puff, pant) ready to (umph) shape up

Richmond Hill firefighters are determined to get in shape and stay in shape.

More than \$1,000 worth of physical fitness equipment should give them a good start.

The money for the equipment was donated by Frank Gallant from the Hill's Dairy Queen store, who said, "I did it because I want to keep our local firefighters in good shape. I'd hate to see one of them suffering

a heart attack while fighting a fire."

The Richmond Hill Fire Department wanted to make sure the money was spent wisely, so they commissioned Louis Hollosi, who is Mister Fitness, to buy the proper equipment for them.

The equipment has arrived and Monday morning Mr. Hollosi, Frank Gallant and Dave Barrow, who is chairman of the Fire Committee, were on hand at the

fire hall to see the equipment and at the same time, Mr. Hollosi demonstrated how the items should be used.

Chief Bob Kennedy, Deputy Chief Kevin Izzard, and Captain Al Turner all took turns trying the apparatus.

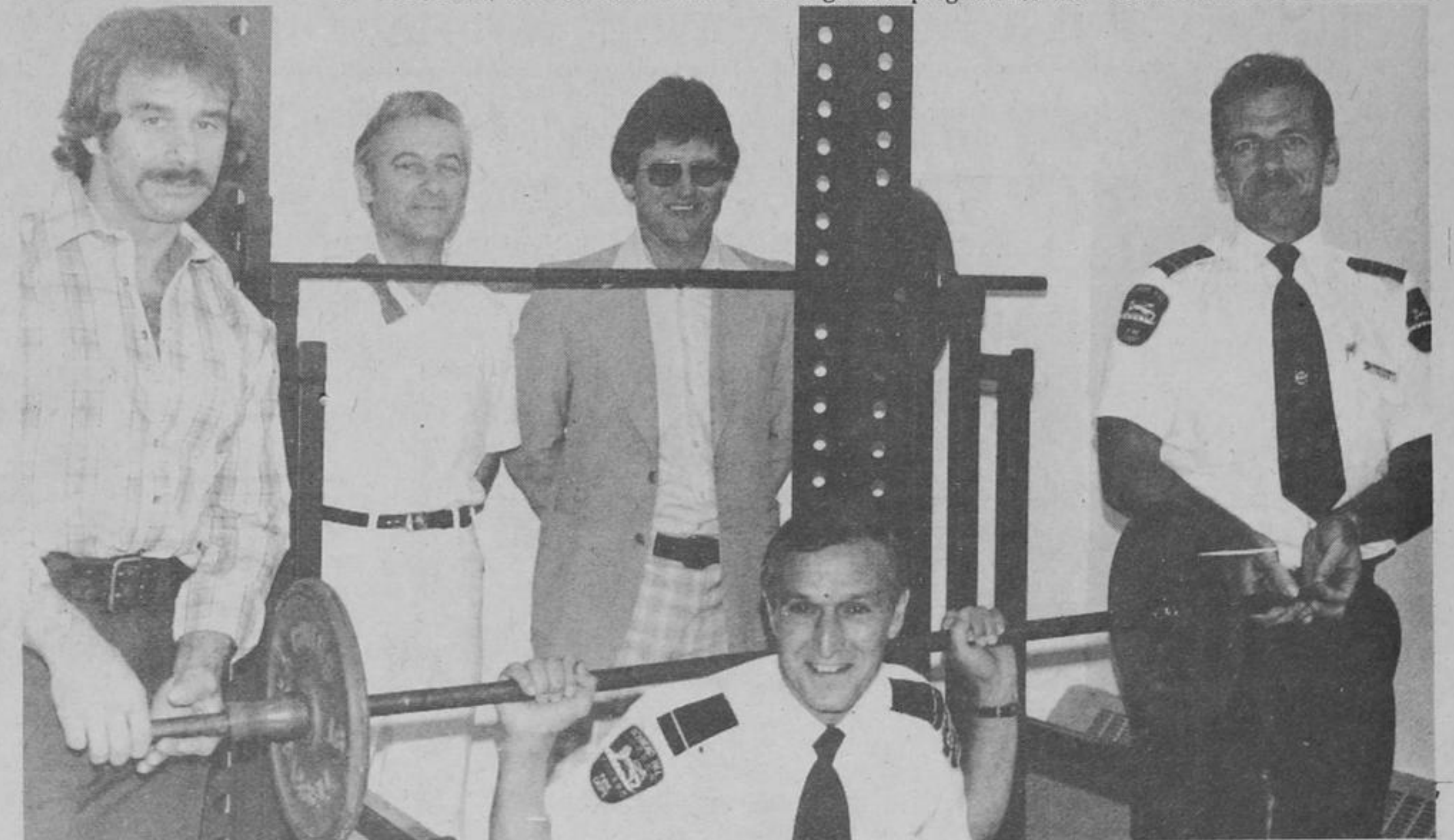
Mr. Barrow and Mr. Gallant also took turns, while Mr. Hollosi stood by to make sure no one got hurt.

An organized program for the

firefighters is being planned by Mr. Hollosi.

The equipment has been set up in the exercise room, and is available for full time and volunteer firefighters to use.

Included in the Physical fitness equipment is a power stand for legs, an arm machine, a sit up and lower back exercise bench, a chest and arm bench, a bar bell set and dumb bells of all sizes.



Richmond Hill firefighters are going to become more physically fit than they are now, if that's possible. Here Captain Al Turner tries his hand at some of the new equipment at the fire hall. Assisting him are (left to right) Louis Hollosi

(Mister Fitness), Frank Gallant (who donated the money for the equipment), Dave Barrow (chairman of the fire committee) and Fire Chief Bob Kennedy. (Liberal Photo by Millie Stewart.)

Flood victims seek our funds, Hill says no

While Richmond Hill Council approved a \$500 grant to help the Richmond Hill Branch of Operation Lifeline, it turned down requests of help from three Ontario municipalities.

The Township of West Carleton asked for funds to assist people following the flooding of the Ottawa

River. The Sudbury Region Disaster Relief Committee also asked for funds to compensate flood victims.

The Township of Dover suffered from spring flooding and that municipality asked for financial assistance.

"I'm getting the im-

pression we're on a list somewhere," Mayor David Schiller said. "I think we've done our share."

Councillor Lou Wainwright, however, said, "there are people in town who feel charity begins at home; there may be people who want their money spent on these items."