



Champion of the Clothing Section of the 33rd College Royal held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, was Myrna Risebrough from Richmond

Hill, a 3rd year student at Macdonald Institute. She is shown here (left) receiving her prize from Miss E. Jorgenson of the Macdonald Institute staff.

Curtain Club Production Opens In Four Weeks

For the audiences, four weeks till "Harvey" opens, April 25, is a long time. For the Curtain Club actors, director and production crew, it is a hectic period to get everything done, and yet everything must be right by the time the curtain rings up, not only for the magic first night, but for the dress rehearsal.

At this time the Stage Manager Doug Bellis, takes the Centre Stage position. He is seeing that those rectangles of canvass and thin wood, and all colors of the rainbow (yellow from the "Third Floor Back", grey "High Ground", panned wood "Rebecca", etc.) all must be transformed into sturdy looking rooms. Walls, doors, windows and bookshelves, must look just right. He must also satisfy himself that the furniture, properties, lighting and sound effects are what the author of the play and the director feel are called for.

Lighting
The convenors of these backstage departments feel themselves to be in a little world all their own. On lighting, Harold Matthews will spend anywhere up to twenty hours. He will spend a lot of that time at the top of very tall ladders, hooking up rented lights, covering the lenses with colored "gelatins" that add depth and mood to the stage.

Then when the actors appear for a "technical run through", Harold will again mount his ladders and with Rex Sevenoaks and the Stage Manager, will focus each and every light to reach all the faces in all the positions the actors will find themselves in. And as in all amateur clubs, one light will have to do the job of two or even three to keep the budget on an even keel. Last year the club spent \$120.00 to buy seven lights, and still the rental bill for lights, and very important "dim" is almost as much as that, for each play.

Furniture
The furniture committee not only has to use these four weeks to find what pieces the director needs, but must also persuade their friends to part with favorite tables and chairs for as long as a week. Furniture must be transported, protected from all damage, and in cases of chairs especially, recovered to suit the decor of the stage. Did anyone in the audience at "High Ground" wince when Willy slammed the log of wood on the refectory table? At every rehearsal the furniture convenor did, until she had devised a way of protecting the table she hoped to borrow.

Properties
But the department calling for the most ingenuity is probably the "Properties". Properties are all those things that actors handle while on stage. For "Harvey" Wilda Troit needs a man's hat with two holes in it... big enough for the ears of a six foot rabbit to stick through. As nobody, except Harvey, of course, wears that hat, it is not a costume and so becomes the responsibility of the properties department.

When an actor reaches for a pen on a desk, or a match on a table, it must be there, and it must be turned around just the right way so that the actor's timing is not disturbed by unnecessary fumbling. Bells, books, typewriters, vases, bathrobes, encyclopedias, clocks, candlesticks, cigarette cases, ashtrays, all must be returned to their owners the day after the show. Will the owner of the hat with the two rabbit-ear-sized holes want that back? For a souvenir?
Watching The Budget
While the director says firmly that only real roses will do, and the costumes convenor says en-

thusiastically that she saw some violet velvet that is EXACTLY what the play needs for that party frock, the harried Producer must keep his firm eye on them and on the BUDGET. While everyone would like the play to sound, look, and be acted just like the very best Broadway production, the Budget keeps everyone from being carried away!

Costs Are High
The costs that cannot be avoided or pared down always seem to be the big items. Rent of the Hall, Director Fee, Royalty and Lighting together reach the astronomical (to the Curtain Club) amount of \$350.00. On top of this comes set construction and painting, where unbelievably a bit of brush, a few pieces of one by twos, some hardboard, and unbleached sheeting, and the theatrical paint are nearly always about \$60.00 (except when they are more!) Costumes probably vary the most in the budget, depending on the nature of the play. Make-up and Insurance come to about \$10.00 each. Properties \$5.00 to \$15.00. Tickets, programs and publicity add on another \$75.00.

The violet velvet looked lovely to the producer too — so did the flowers, and so would a rented crystal chandelier. But the budget already adds to over \$500.00, and once again the amateur club makes-do. Enthusiastic ingenuity and dedicated time-giving must make up the difference.

Vaughan Will Issue Debenture Share

As a result of an earlier meeting between members of Vaughan Township Council and representatives of the Richmond Hill District High School Board, Vaughan Council recently passed a resolution expressing willingness to issue debentures for the corporation's share of approved high school costs. The matter is also under consideration by the other municipalities in the high school district, i.e. Markham Township, Richmond Hill and Woodbridge.

The school board made the proposal that each municipality guarantee its share of the debentures according to their equalized assessment following refusal on the part of the York County Council to issue the debentures for the proposed addition to Richmond Hill High School and the construction of the high school at Woodbridge.

Unconfirmed Report Subdivision

Despite persistent rumours regarding development of the balance of the Tyndall Farm, the matter has remained unconfirmed with Vaughan township. Reeve John Perry, of Vaughan, said that the matter has not come to his attention as yet.

A number of sources have reported that Matt Smith, developer of Pleasantville Gardens has received permission to put 150 homes on the balance of the property. While Pleasantville itself is within the town limits, balance of the property is in Vaughan, east of Bathurst. Mr. Smith made an attempt earlier, to have the remaining property incorporated into Richmond Hill, but was unsuccessful.

Road Estimates \$100,000

Total road expenditures in Whitchurch Township this year are estimated at \$100,000 and an appropriation bylaw covering this amount has been forwarded to the Department of Highways for approval. Of this amount, \$66,500 will be spent on maintenance of roads and \$11,900 on construction. Construction of culverts and bridges will require \$13,100 and maintenance \$1,000. Purchase of new machinery will cost \$5,000 and miscellaneous items \$2,500.

Council, it was reported, visited the Bloomington sideroad corner last week with a view to having some improvement made there because of the dangerous intersection. Councillors Wallwork and Wylie strongly urged the installation of a flasher light at the corners and proposed a resolution to this effect. However, other members expressed the view that the visibility could be improved from the embankments and the motion was lost.

Mrs. Herbert Smith Passes In 78th Year

The death of Mrs. Herbert Smith, the former Laura Maud Comisky, in her 78th year on Thursday, March 21st, at the Nursing Home, Richmond Hill, marked the passing of the last and youngest member of the late Joseph and Ellen Comisky. Mrs. Smith had lived all her life in the Headford district. In 1911 she married Herbert Smith, and moved to the home where they lived until her passing. They were faithful members of the Headford United Church. Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband and one daughter, Gwen (Mrs. Merrill Johnston), and one grand daughter, Mary Ellen.

Interment took place in Victoria Square Cemetery on March 23, the pallbearers were Charles Boynton, Douglas Blatchford, Hardy Hill, Heber McCague, Norman Brodie and Wesley Clark. The Rev. A. C. Huston of Victoria Square conducted the service.

Whitchurch Council Hires R. Kennedy As Assessor

Robt. Kennedy, Newmarket R.R. 3, was engaged as assessor for Whitchurch Twp., at the regular meeting of council Thursday evening. His duties will commence April 1st and his salary will be \$3,400 with 8c a mile for his car. Geo. Smith of Richvale was engaged as Building Inspector and Assis. Assessor at a salary of \$3,100 and 8c mileage. Mr. Smith's application was accepted on a divided vote, one other applicant receiving the support of councillor Wylie.

County Levy
The levy for County taxes for the township in 1957 will be \$35,751.67 for general purposes and \$11,275.61 for roads, making a total of \$47,027.28. This is an increase over the 1956 levy of \$2,642.48.

Council received notice from the Metro Conservation Authority that the amount assessed to Whitchurch for '57 was \$539.49. Whitchurch also contributes to the Holland Valley Conservation Authority the amount of \$265.78.

Wrecking Yard Request
John A. Best, Coxwell Ave., Toronto, appeared before council requesting permission to establish a sales yard and wrecking yard on the 4th concession. Mr. Best told council that he would erect a \$15,000 building on about 10 acres of land and was prepared to provide the required fences as stipulated by township bylaw. The land has not yet been purchased as several sites are under consideration. Mr. Best had previously contacted the Planning Board who would give no decision.

WOODBIDGE: A contract has been let for the paving of 8th Avenue here. The cost is to be \$49,000.

HOLLAND MARSH: Miss Edna Davis, formerly "Miss Holland Marsh" has been chosen Outdoor Girl of Canada at the Sportsmen Show.

BRADFORD: The Community Centre closes on March 31 for the season.

until the site was named. Council members expressed disfavor generally with this type of business but Mr. Best assured them that his establishment would be operated satisfactorily. No decision was given.

Municipal Board Rules In Favour Of Markham Assessor

Markham Township Assessment Commissioner A. Fleming has been successful in two of three property appeals he recently took to the Ontario Municipal Board. In each case both the Court of Revision and a County Judge had reduced the original assessment department figures.

Township Assessors have assessed property owned by Northwood Development Co. Ltd. on lot 33, Concession 1 at \$200 an acre. The Court of Revision and a County Judge subsequently reduced this figure to \$100, an acre. The Municipal Board raised this assessment to \$150, an acre.

Property owned by Mr. Fred Vacher on lot 5, Concession 7, was assessed at \$100, an acre. The Court of Revision and a County Judge reduced this figure to \$50, an acre. The Municipal Board dismissed this appeal on the grounds that Council and Planning Board had refused to allow Mr. Vacher to subdivide his property and left the assessment at \$50, an acre.

Messrs. A. Glenn, E. LeGrice, and R. Carry, all owners of 10 acre plots on lot 15, Concession 5, had their property assessed at \$100, an acre. The Court of Revision and a County Judge reduced this figure down to \$50, an acre. The Municipal Board raised the assessment on these three properties back up to \$100, an acre.

Arbitration Stalled

Vaughan Township Council received a letter last Monday morning from the Vaughan Township Police Association asking that arbitration of the contract dispute between the two bodies be withheld until a meeting is arranged.

Council agreed to meet with the bargaining committee of the Police Association as soon as possible to discuss the matter. Councillor Bill Anstey remarked, "This is a step in the right direction."

Want Control Of The Fringe Areas

Metro Chairman Fred Gardiner this week called on the province to give Metro power to control all development within a 10-mile limit of the boundaries of Metro. Mr. Gardiner referred particularly to the townships of Markham, Vaughan and Pickering. Scattered urban development has been going on in these townships for the past five years. If Metro can't control such development, said Mr. Gardiner, there is a chance urban development in these fringe areas would be thrown wide open.

Liberal Women Hold Interesting Panel

An interested group of Liberal women met in the Veterans' Clubroom at Newmarket on the evening of March 20. The President, Mrs. D. F. Downey, was in the chair. After the reports, Mrs. Charles Webster, Aurora, a Post President, gave a fine resume of the work of the Hon. Lester B. Pearson which made all who heard it realize what an outstanding contribution to his country Mr. Pearson has made.

This was followed by a panel discussion "Our Riding at Election Time." Those taking part were Mr. Lorne Lee, President of the Riding Association, Mr. Sam Cook, Richmond Hill, Secretary, and Mr. Lorne Evans of Aurora. Much useful and interesting information was gained by the answers given the questions. The panel was chaired by Mrs. B. Brown. Mrs. B. Hunter thanked the panel and Mrs. Brown on behalf of the organization.

It was decided to omit the April monthly meeting because of the Easter vacation.

Take Turns As Chairman

Vaughan Township Council has set a policy of rotary chairmanship this year. Under the new set-up, the various members of township council will take turns as chairman of the council meetings.

In turning over the chair to Deputy-reeve Robert Kirk last Monday, Reeve John Perry noted that the new scheme would afford the members of council experience in chairing meetings.

Opens New Business



PHILIP BARTH
April 1 will see the opening of one of Richmond Hill's newest enterprises, Barth's Cleaners and Shirt Laundry at the north end of the town. Operating the new business will be Phillip Barth. Mr. Barth comes to Richmond Hill with 19 years experience in the trade. During his apprenticeship in the dry-cleaning business he had an opportunity of working in all departments. For the last nine years, he has been selling dry cleaning and laundry equipment and has been engaged in setting up plants throughout eastern Canada. He is a member of the Dry Cleaning Institute of Canada.

Although presently living in Willowdale, Mr. and Mrs. Barth and their two sons plan to move to Richmond Hill in the near future.

Mr. Barth says he has been attracted to Richmond Hill because of its rapid growth and its high potential of customers for the dry-cleaning and shirt laundry business.

NORTH YORK: During a discussion on the alteration of local zoning, some members of council termed the Ontario Municipal Board "dictatorial".

STOUFFVILLE: With a speed trap now in operation, local police have recently nabbed one hundred speeders, some travelling as fast as 70 m.p.h.

TENDERS
TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE UNDERSIGNED UP UNTIL 5 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1957, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-ASSESSMENT OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL.
FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE UNDERSIGNED. THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.
RUSSELL LYNETT,
Clerk, Town of Richmond Hill

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NOTICE Re: Dog Catcher
According to the by-laws of the Town of Richmond Hill, all dogs within the town limits must be under control at all times. Following approval by Richmond Hill Town Council, a Dog Catcher has been hired by a municipality and will commence his duties on:
APRIL 1, 1957
All dogs picked up in the municipality will be taken to the pound at Markham Village, Ontario, and may be retrieved on payment of \$7.00.
TAKE NOTICE THAT AFTER BEING HELD THREE DAYS, ALL UNCLAIMED ANIMALS WILL BE DESTROYED.
R. LYNETT Clerk TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL
WM. NEAL Mayor



Mouse, Freedom Fighter, Battle Disease

A mouse and a "Freedom Fighter" from Hungary form an unusual combination in the team which is battling Muscular Dystrophy. A chance meeting with Dr. Hans Selye (left) of the University of Montreal, brought Dr. Eors Bajusz (seated, with the mouse on his hand) into contact with Arthur Minden, Toronto lawyer and president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada (third from left) and Dr. David Green, 1st vice-president (right). Last October Dr. Ba-

just joined the "Freedom Fighters" in his native Hungary. Before that he had spent two years at the Institute for Muscle Research in Budapest. Escaping to Canada, he is now contributing to the welfare of sufferers in his new home by conducting further research, aided by a grant made by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The mouse is one of a special strain which has inherited muscular dystrophy through scientific breeding methods.

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