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**Oratorical Results-**

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mond Hill Public School Board then presented Patricia with the Perkins trophy, a silver cup, and congratulated her on her fine address. The senior impromptu class had shown a great deal of imagination in their essays but the judges finally agreed they would 'take off for the moon' and awarded the prize in this section to Paul Murray of the Lillian M. McConeghy School for his interesting 'moon' journey. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Lou Clement presented Paul with his cup, the Langstaff trophy. David Kerr, Walter Scott Public School, won the award for the junior prepared speech, for a most interesting and informative biography on General Sir Isaac Brock and received his cup, the Home and School trophy, from Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully. 'All the impromptu speeches in the Junior class were very humorous,' Mrs. Robertson concluded, 'and although we sympathized with the little girl who had trouble with bees, bears and fish hooks, we felt Brian MacGregor's talk on "A Summer Vacation" was the winning speech in this class.' Brian attends Beverley Acres School. Trustee Harold Sanderson told Brian to 'keep up the good work' in congratulating him and presenting him with the Harold Mills trophy. Speeches were judged for material, style, language and delivery and while some subjects had exceptional material, the delivery was weak, hurried or artificial in its presentation, thus lowering the interest of the listeners and losing marks for the contestant. On the other hand, sometimes it was only a mark or two that placed one contestant higher than his fellows. Mr. Rose then asked whom the judges had selected as the winner of the best speech for the evening and Mrs. Robertson announced Patricia Fulton, the young girl who showed such a distinctive poise of manner and the natural gift of story-telling in her presentation on Dickens, was the judges' final choice. Patricia received the School Board Plaque for the best speech from Councillor Bob Ross, former chairman of the Richmond Hill School Board.

Some men have made an art out of dodging the buck — you have to hand it to them.

**Not Responsible For Private Property**

**Markham Twp. Residents Experience Flooding**

Markham Township like many of its neighbours was a centre of flooding over the past week-end. Members of council reported Monday evening that they had been kept busy answering calls and viewing flooded cellars. The road department spent a busy week-end pumping out flooded cellars. Reeve W. L. Clark received his first call before 8 a.m. Friday morning and from then on he was kept on the go steadily. Mr. Clark stated the majority of his calls were from people on the north side of No. 7 highway who were experiencing flooding. No. 7 Highway is a provincial highway and therefore the responsibility of Queens Park and not the township.

Following flood warnings from the provincial government Reeve Clark conferred with Markham's civil defence co-ordinator, Mr. L. Grant, the road department and the engineer. The consensus of opinion was that there was no great danger of extensive flooding in the township provided of course the township doesn't receive heavy rains. Reeve Clark was high in his praise of the road department and their efforts to assist in pumping out flooded basements. The reeve cited one case in Highland Park where an elderly couple had 30 inches of water in their basement. Deputy-reeve W. Dean reported flooding cellars in Doncaster. Reeve Clark stressed that the township had no responsibility for flooding on private property. "Our road department can't make a regular practice of pumping out

**Ross Doan H & S**

**Inspector Hallman Traced Trends Ontario Education**

Speaking at the Ross Doan Home and School Association in Education Week, School Inspector Mr. Maynard Hallman traced various trends in education in Ontario since it first became free in 1871. There are terminable trends, those which are of short duration, such as the suggested three-term year in Alberta, in which pupils would attend for two four-month terms and be out of school for four months, which failed to gain popular support. Then there are interminable trends — wanting better education for our children, which is a continuing process. "We feel that education should produce fit children for society," Mr. Hallman said. "Society is changing therefore trends need to change." The trend to the use of automation in education is shown in magnetic tapes which can be plugged into TV so that you can see a whole book on TV. Other trends Mr. Hallman noted were the trend toward more education along scientific lines — the trend towards kindergartens — the trend the costs of education are taking. In 1840 a two-year budget for 250 students was \$200.00. This did not pay the teacher. He was paid in kind — a sack of oats, for instance, and boarded around in the homes in the neighbourhood. Twenty years ago a Principal's annual salary would buy half a house. Today it would buy only one-third of a house built twenty years ago.

**Russia Spends More On Education**  
Today 8% of the national income in Russia is spent on education. In Canada less than 3%. Cost of education is controlled by public opinion, Mr. Hallman stated. Permission for young ladies to enter the teaching profession was not easily won, and the first young lady to apply, which was in 1850, tried five times before an order-in-council permitted her to enter the Normal School. However she was hedged about by these curious rules: She must enter the classroom ten minutes ahead of the men students, and leave five minutes before they left. She must wear a veil, and she must never speak to the gentlemen. There have been trends in textbooks, Mr. Hallman noted. For several years Mary John and Peter were standard. Phonetics came and went and have returned in modified form. The teaching of grammar has seen changes. Mr. Hallman said that in the past six years there has been a startling increase in the number of classrooms in York County. In that time the school population has trebled. Now there has developed a trend toward smaller classes which is expected to continue for a time. Books have improved, Mr. Hallman said. Today the emphasis is to control the vocabulary rather than having words which would be found in University texts included in the public school readers. It has been found that the average child has to see a word sixty times to learn it. The slow learner needs much longer exposure to it. In using several readers the children are given extensive reading rather than intensive reading. The idea is to develop a questioning attitude in the children by getting them to read a Canadian text and then an American one. Among the texts a star on the book means that that text will not be authorized next year. There is a trend toward more and more Canadian text books. Many in the audience were ready to give up without a struggle when Mr. Hallman quoted an arithmetic problem and the way it was solved by rule "in the olden days." Today the trend is away from learning by rule to learning by the thought behind the problem.

**Jaycees Enjoy Bosses' Night**

The members of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce held their second annual "Bosses' Night" on Thursday, February 26th, at the Summit View Restaurant and the evening was one of the Jaycees' outstanding events. The Jaycees resolved to show the bosses a good time and all 65 persons present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The chairman for the evening, Les Buckler, introduced guest speakers Gord Shottlander, district president, Doug Fisher, past national president and Cecil Williams, club president. Mr. Shottlander spoke to the bosses and Jaycees about the functions of the local Jaycee unit while Mr. Fisher explained the aims of the national and international Jaycee movement. Mr. Williams delivered a special message on the advantage of having Jaycees' for employees. The second portion of the evening activities was directed by member George Nahlis who conducted the finals of the Jaycee public speaking contest and the bosses were asked to adjudicate. The winner was Leon Lambert who will represent Richmond Hill in the district finals. All guests present received special gifts in gratitude for their interest in Jaycee work. An inscribed cup was awarded to Donald Plaxton for catching the largest fish in the Jaycee ice fishing derby. A successful evening was concluded with entertainment under the directions of singing M.C. Leon Lambert. The group was extremely appreciative of the music supplied by a singing quartet and an accordion soloist. These acts were followed with a special skit written and performed by club members. Before the evening adjournment the bosses expressed thanks to the Jaycees with a standing ovation.

**NEW MARKET** — The National Employment Office reported there are 227 AVRO employees registered with its district office here. The men are from various points in the northern part of York County. Manager H. D. Whyte reported his office is experiencing difficulty in finding new jobs for the men. They were thrown out of work by Prime Minister Diefenbaker's sudden decision to cancel building of the new "Arrow."

**Wins University Fellowship**

The winning of a \$1,500 University of Toronto fellowship, together with leave of absence granted to him by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests is expected by the winner, Mr. Dionys Burger, Centre St. East, to enable him to attain his cherished ambition — that of obtaining his Ph.D. degree in Canada. Mr. Burger already holds a Degree in Forestry, secured from the Wageningen University, Holland — during one of his periodic stays in that country. Incidentally — due to his nomadic earlier life — Mr. Burger's public school, high school and college education was obtained in countries on both sides of the Equator, and thousands of miles apart. Circumstances causing this change of location in schooling was due to the father of Mr. Burger being a member of the Colonial Service staff, Government of Holland, and who, after every four years of service in Java, Sumatra, and colonies in the Dutch East Indies returned to Holland with his family. Mr. Dionys Burger was born at Ambarawa, near Semarang, Java. Mrs. Burger also being born in Java, at Modjokerto, near Soera-

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**Kinsmen Honour Past Presidents**

The last regular meeting, February 19th, was past presidents' night, with charter president Dan Hicks opening the meeting. Attending were past presidents Jack Hardy, Ron Browne, and Jack Williams who is now vice-chairman of the Police Boys' Band. The club made a generous donation to Jack to help with the band's expenses. Other guests representing the band were Chief Robbins and Constable Ken Sider. On March 6th the Kinsmen Club held their annual spring dance at Aurora and was highly honoured with the presence of the founder of Kinsmen, Hal Rogers and his wife, Elspeth, also General Secretary John Kinney and his wife, May. Mr. Rogers' moving address to the club told of his 39 years' experience in Kinsmen. The projects in which this organization has undertaken and completed across Canada proves the interest a Kinsman takes in his "communities' greatest needs." The Kinsmen of the year 1958-59 for Richmond Hill was presented with a tray by Mrs. Rogers on behalf of the Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club, to Mrs. Shirley Hicks. President Ray Gemmill and Vice-president George Elgler attended the Zone "D" spring council meeting on March 7th at the Tam-O-Shanter Golf and Country Club. One of the highlights of this conference was the election of our deputy-governor of Zone "D", Dave Dunn of the Toronto West club.

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