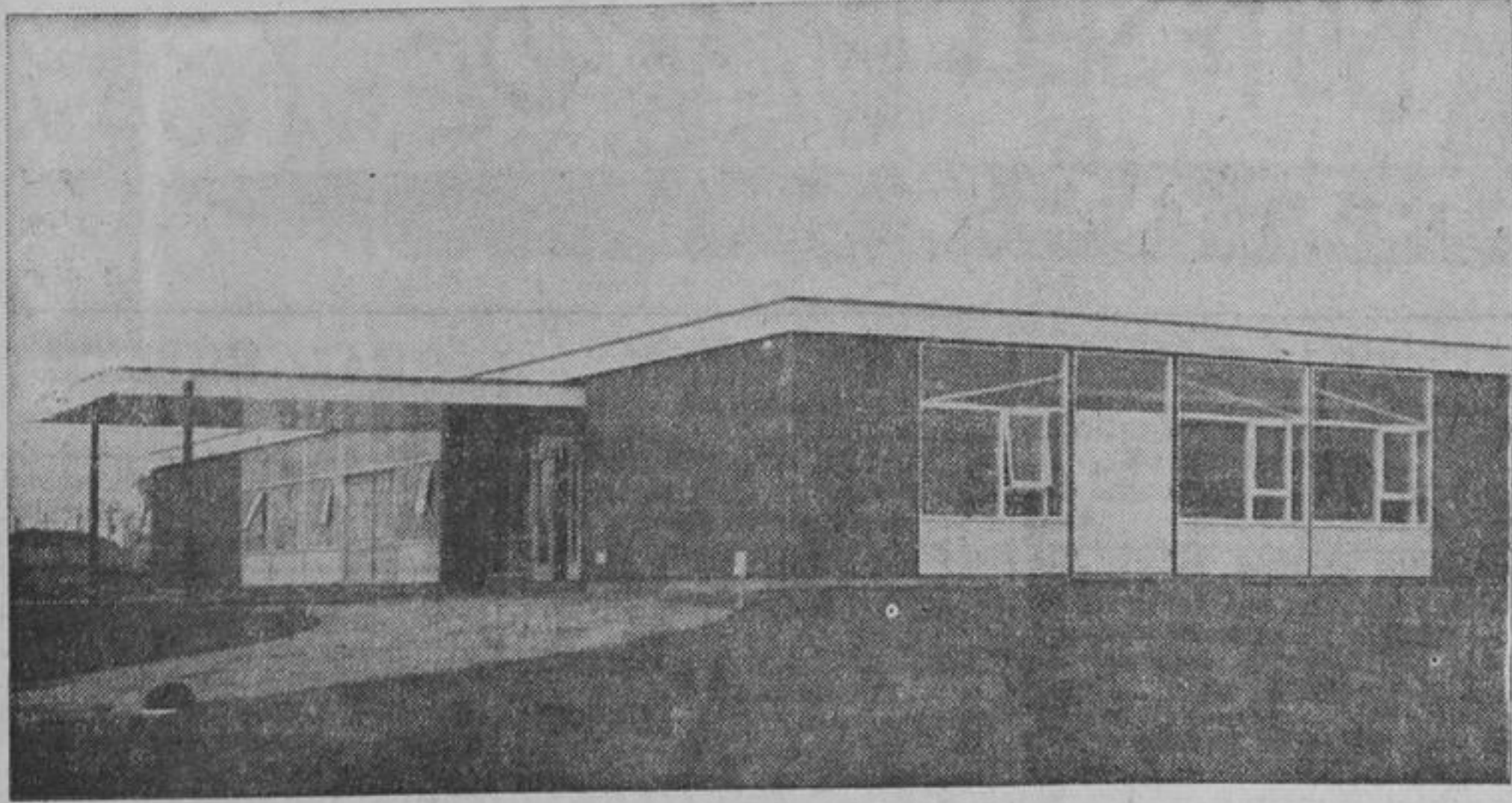


School To Open Soon



This month marks a memorable milestone for the Thornhaven Association for Retarded Children. November will see the official opening of the new \$75,000 school in Richmond Hill, designed especially for the training of retarded children in this area.

This time last year service clubs, women's associations etc. in the communities of Thornhill, Stouffville, Willowdale, Markham, Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill, King City and Maple, were mobilized to raise \$60,000 to construct the school. The campaign, under the chairmanship of Donald Deacon of Unionville, was successful in raising \$50,000. Since then, the Ontario Government has contributed \$22,500 to make construction of the school possible.

The 1959 Chairman, Mr. George Sweeney of Richmond Hill announced this week that a financial campaign would not be undertaken this year. Normally, such a campaign would take place during Retarded Children's Week — November 15th to 26th.

There are 30 children attending the local school which is now being held in St. Mary's Anglican parish hall, Richmond Hill, until the new school is opened later this month.

Great progress is being made annually in the treatment and training of retarded children. It is estimated that three percent of all children suffer some form of mental retardation. Children who attend the Thornhaven School have an IQ of 50 or less. Here they learn simple, useful things like personal care, social manners, simple manual work and

often elementary reading and writing.

Not a great deal is known about the causes of mental retardation. Some of the apparent causes include infections to the mother — such as German measles in early pregnancy, glandular disorders, conflicting parental blood types; and injuries to the child before,

during and after birth.

The Thornhaven Association, although not making a full canvass for funds this year, is hopeful that the public will still support its work. Funds are needed for operating expenses and any organization or individual can assist the work by sending a cheque to Box 333, Richmond Hill.

County Council To Seek Prov. Aid Retarded Schools

York County Council will ask the provincial government to extend education grants to schools for retarded children.

A delegation appeared at last Friday's session of County Council to ask for a grant for the Newmarket School for Retarded Children in the northern part of the county. A new school for children in the southern section of York County has just been opened. After hearing the delegates speak, Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker of Richmond Hill said, "I think the province should get behind the schools for the retarded. They are working at a disadvantage. I understand their teachers are not classified as grantable. Special teachers for retarded children have to be paid for through contributions."

Wilfred Dean of Markham Township stated, "I am most sympathetic to this (petition for funds), but I do feel our provincial government is not going far enough." "They (the schools for the retarded) should be included in the education system — instead of having these people go out to beg for funds. Our own township is helping, but they cannot begin to take care of all the children there," Mr. Dean continued. "We should not only support their campaign — but we should put the pressure on the government for their support."

It was at this point Deputy-reeve Ion rose and said, "I agree. The provincial government has been lax in not supporting these children. I ask for a resolution to be made and forwarded to the provincial government, asking for legislation to extend educational grants to retarded schools and children."

The resolution was passed with the unanimous support of the County Council members present.

Before Mrs. Ion voiced her opinion, however, Deputy-reeve

No Vote On Bus Line

(Continued from page 1) Board request was rejected.

A Planning Board suggestion that council consider legislation to limit the height of hedges at intersections and the height of spite fences was favorably received. On motion of Councillor Haggart the solicitor was authorized to prepare the necessary bylaw.

Easement
Council is desirous of obtaining an easement for the construction of a watermain from Markham Road to Centre Street through undeveloped industrial land. The land required is less than half an acre and the owners are asking \$7000. "It's altogether too high" said the Mayor. It works out at the rate of about \$14000. per acre. The proposed main is necessary before the new water treatment plant can be put in operation. The Mayor and council members are anxious to get the water treatment plant in operation. Council adopted a motion by Councillors Haggart and Bradstock that a valuation be obtained and steps taken to expropriate the land for the easement.

Trophy
Reeve Perkins showed council a trophy for competition in the town employees bowling league.

He said it was purchased by council members and not town funds.

Park Land
Deputy-reeve Tinker referred to the delay in obtaining land for enlargement of the town park. He said the delay is due to the need for awaiting Departmental approval which has been slow in coming through. He suggested the interested people be advised of the reason for the delay.

Tight Money
Councillor Haggart said some people in Allencourt had gathered from a recent address by the Mayor that the investigation into town engineering is the reason for delay in getting on with the work on Markham Road. "The delay on Markham Road has been due to tight money," said the Mayor, "but I have assurances this problem will be taken care of in the near future."

Councillor Haggart—I want to make it very clear the delay is not due to the investigation into the engineering.

Buy Cruiser
On recommendation of the Finance Committee council agreed to buy a new police cruiser from William Neal at a cost of \$2250. The Neal tender was accepted on motion of Reeve Perkins and Councillor Haggart.

Wave of House-Breaking Keeps The Police Busy

Richmond Hill police were kept busy during the past week, investigating and enforcing a variety of infractions of the law, including a wave of house-breaking, stealing of money from coin machines, car thefts, prompt recovery of stolen vehicles, malicious damage by juveniles, arresting two minors from Langstaff on charges of having liquor in an illegal place, auto collisions, arrest of minors charged with car theft, arrest and conviction of several criminals; negligent and impaired auto drivers who speeded and careened through Richmond Hill's "Main Street," also the tracing of several missing persons.

McNutt of Downsview and Harold McMann of Aurora were involved in an almost head-on collision, which resulted in damages to the extent of \$1,300, and a charge of impaired driving was laid against McNutt. This collision occurred on Yonge Street at 6:00 p.m.

On "Friday, the 13th," Donald

John Bird of Toronto was fined \$100.00 and costs by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake on Monday, in Magistrate's Court, Newmarket. The defendant was charged with criminal negligence, which included driving at high speed on Yonge Street, passing through a traffic light, weaving and cutting in and out on wrong side of road.

Local Man Wins TV Contest

DAVE WILSON, A PARTNER IN THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS CAMERA CENTRE, won a lot of prizes when he participated in a contest on the "Country Fair" program conducted by Bert Parkes on Channel 2, NBC.

Dave was on a visit sightseeing round New York City. The tour took in the NBC building in the city and wandering along a corridor he was approached by a personable young woman who asked if he watched the "Country Fair" program. Dave replied it was one of his favorites and he was then asked, "Would you like to appear on it?" Dave accepted the invitation and was presented almost immediately to millions of viewers.

Melon Contest

First Dave was interviewed and as he terms it, "had the micky taken out of my English accent". Then he was asked to enter a contest with another man. A very large melon was placed before these two and they were invited to see who could push his arm first through the melon without help of any instrument and to grab a whistle on the other side, pull it back through the melon and let blast enough to call the cops!

Variety of Gifts

Dave who is six foot and weighs 172 lbs., threw a heavy punch at the melon, squashed a way through with his fist followed by his long arm, grabbed the whistle, pulled it through and let blast. The other contestant was just getting started.

This tremendous effort won Dave a lady's wrist watch for his girl friend, a gent's watch for himself, a beach bag, a beautiful silver coffee set, a set of pressure cookers, a percolator, electric fry pan and various other items.

Not Rigged

"And it was NOT rigged," declared Dave with a grin. With a little effort Dave brought them through customs last week end. Nice and legal. Was it worth it? "Of course," says Dave. He sent the silver home to mother. Won't she be pleased.

NEWMARKET — Miss Gertrude Travis, Queensville, celebrated her 98th birthday on Monday, November 9, 1959. At one time she lived in Mount Albert, also on the 8th concession, East Gwillimbury.

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Tell Of Work With CBC At The University Club

At the October meeting of the University Womens Club of York County a capacity audience of members and guests heard addresses by Miss Lois Parkhill and Mr. Bernard Trotter, both of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

President Mrs. Barbara Langstaff chaired the meeting and reports were heard from the committee chairmen. Membership Convener Mrs. G. Fish of Aurora introduced the following new members to the Club: Mrs. R. E. Bowley, B.A. Queen's, and Miss Judy Uren B.A., U. of T., both of Richmond Hill; Miss Lillian MacKie, Western and Syracuse, B. A., B.Sc. (N), M.Sc. of Thornhill and Miss Elizabeth Doherty, M.A., Oxford, of Newmarket. This brings the number of new members to date this year to 32 and the total membership to 73.

In the absence of Study Group Chairman Miss Betty Graham of Newmarket, Mrs. Langstaff reported that the group in French conversation was flourishing. The proposed group in music appre-

ciation needs several additional members and anyone interested should contact Mrs. Forster of King who has agreed to conduct the group.


The President expressed the Club's pleasure at the news that one of its members, Mrs. Lorraine Porter, R. R. 1, Richmond Hill, had won Honorable Mention in the Provincial I.O.D.E. Annual Short Story Contest.

A proposal was made that the clubs place of meeting be changed from Kingcraft Hall King City, to the new Richmond Hill Library auditorium.

The two guest speakers provided a very interesting evening — Miss Parkhill in relating her experiences in the production of the television program "Close-Up" and Mr. Trotter in telling of his work as Assistant Supervisor of Talks and Public Affairs with the C.B.C. Mrs. Joan McDonald of King introduced Miss Parkhill and the speakers were thanked by Mrs. G. Fish of Aurora. A social half-hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

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NEWMARKET — Mayor Belugin of Newmarket states that he and the town merchants are well pleased with the police vigilance and increased co-operation, although prior to the "storm in the teacup" against the Newmarket Main St. delinquents, public relations between council and police had been luke warm.

KLEINBURG — Pierre Berton, speaking on his recent trip to Russia at the Central Kleinburg, Nobleton United Church Men's Club — "An interesting sidelight is the fact that a person is fined for dropping paper and debris in the streets of Moscow — a policy which could be well imitated by Western cities."

NEWMARKET: "Why can't we make centres less big?" Mayor Belugin of Newmarket asked recently at the Planning Workshop held in Newmarket. "We (in York County) could form our own Metro rural area with a county warden as mayor and the 12 municipalities would each be a ward of the 'York Metro'."

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