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Councillor Jim Haggart crowns Miss Sandy McGillivray, Queen of Bayview Plaza. Miss McGillivray won the title "Miss Bayview" in a beauty contest last Friday.

Panel Discusses The Educational Dollar

At the York County Elementary School Trustees' 1959 convention held last week one of the highlights of the evening session was a panel discussion on "How to get more value from the educational dollar". President R. J. Pollock acted as chairman for the panel and panel members were:

Mr. G. L. Duffin, B.A., M.Ed., Department of Education;
 Municipal — Reeve John Perry (Vaughan Township);
 School Trustee — Pierre Berton (Author, TV personality).
 Administration — P. M. Muir, Trustees' Council.
 Teacher — Win Davies' Men Teachers' Federation.
 Ratepayer — Dr. W. R. Jackson, Langstaff (College of Education);
 Municipal Auditor — S. S. Joscelyn (King Township and Richmond Hill).

Seven questions were put to panel members, one at a time, by Chairman Pollock and ranged from "What are we getting for — and what do we expect from — the educational dollar?" to, "Should the schools provide more educational services?"

Pierre Berton, confronted with the latter question said emphatically, "Yes, if the school board thinks they are necessary." Mr. Berton said he didn't think the schools gave enough consideration to the aspect of physical exercise for all school children for one thing. "I don't think school boards hold the line" he emphasized this by referring to school board candidates in Vaughan Township who had declared they would hold the line for the taxpayers at a nomination meeting he had attended earlier last week. "The people should insist on proper education in a country that has the money Canada has," he maintained. Mr. Berton apparently worried Reeve Perry when he stated, "I think mill rates are nonsense and foolish — and the standard of art training is not high enough in rural schools." He said further that he was bothered by the lack of kindergarten and the lack of attention to gifted and retarded children.

I think school trustees should worry about giving — not about the mill rate going up. I think the board of school trustees is not to hold the line but to see how

much more we can give our children," he concluded.

Reeve Perry exploded into verbal action by saying, "We have had these arguments before — with Mr. Berton the 'sky is the limit'. But, if we provide these things for the children are we replacing the influence of the home?"

Pierre Berton said: "I didn't say the sky is the limit but I do say we should have more than we have. These same things can come from the homes, but they are started in the schools." He added, "I don't think children should be taught by anyone without a university education."

Mr. Perry: Should we go so far as to hire someone to teach our children how to handle cleaning agents and how to set a table?

Reeve Perry was later given the question: Are teachers' salaries out of line? He began his answer by stating the value of the dollar is now forty cents, "multiply teachers salaries of the past by two and a half and it comes out about right. I don't think teachers' salaries are out of line."

York County Council Highlights

York County Council approved, among others, the following by-laws at its final session last Friday:

- To apportion the assessment of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Vaughan for rating in the year 1960.
- Designated Bayview Avenue a through highway marked by stop signs.
- Designated the Maple Road and Markham Road a through highway.

The increase in assessment for the County of York made in 1959 amounts to approximately \$26 million dollars. The aggregate total assessment is in excess of 150 million dollars.

The County of York is the third highest county in the Province of Ontario in respect to both population and assessment.

The assessments of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Vaughan were equalized at \$16,903,982, and \$18,429,672 respectively. And the boundaries of the said municipalities were altered by annexation of a portion of the Township of Vaughan to the Town of Richmond Hill (area north from Loblaw's on Yonge St. south of the Elgin Mills Road).

Richmond Hill's equalized assessment for county rates to be levied in 1960 is \$18,916,189.

Vaughan Township's equalized assessment remaining after annexation upon which county rates shall be levied for the year 1960 is \$18,417,465.

The lock-up cells at Newmarket police department are inadequate and the Police Committee headed by John Perry, Chairman, recommends the 1960 Police Committee provide new office quarters and cells.

Present Charter To Men's Club

Wednesday, November 18th was the occasion of the chartering of the Richmond Hill United Church Men's Club as a United Church A. O. T. S. affiliate.

The older United Church in Richmond Hill was sponsored into the national organization, embracing Men's Clubs across the country, by St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill.

Rev. Charles Higginson was chairman of the meeting. He introduced the various members of the District Council and executive members of St. Matthew's who chartered the club and installed the officers.

R. P. Robbins, president of St. Matthew's A.O.T.S. Men's Club made the presentation of the charter and asked to charter president Clare Atkinson. Mr. Robbins welcomed the new club into the organization and wished it every success. In his remarks he outlined the aims of the A.O.T.S., which stands for "As One, We Serve," as being dedicated to promote Christian Fellowship, to deepen the Spiritual Life of men, and to develop an effective programme of Christian Service.

Vice president Les Justice of St. Matthew's carried out the initiation of the members and Vern Plant, District Council President installed the following officers:

President Clare Atkinson, Vice President Frank Atkinson, Secretary, George Fumberton, Committee Chairman, Hugh Hill, Dickson Milles, Gordon Robinson and Bill Dodds.

Following the installation of officers the meeting was turned over to President Clare Atkinson who thanked the members and executive of St. Matthew's on behalf of the newly formed club for their interest and help.

The Rev. Wm. Patterson closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Have Winter Work Program

"It is better to put men to work than to hand out relief. There is a lot of work, like cutting brush on township roads, that could provide employment to benefit the township," said Councillor Douglas Hutchins at King Twp. council meeting when relief officer Harold Russell asked council about the relief problem.

It was decided that application be made to the municipal affairs department for a winter works program for such jobs as brushing on the township roads, but care is to be exercised to make sure that applicants for this work are as carefully screened as are applicants for relief. This will be a township program.

Aurora Rotarians Vote "No" On Two Year Term

Aurora, like Richmond Hill, is this year having a vote on the proposal for a two year term for the municipal council. At last week's Rotary Club meeting in Aurora there was a discussion of the proposal and after an open discussion a vote taken which was against the two year term and in favor of annual elections.

The Aurora Banner reports that among the points made against the two year term was that it has never been proven that the two year term anywhere has improved the efficiency of a council and in fact there are cases of greater indifference when annual elections were abolished.

It was successfully argued that the one year term has been satisfactory over many years; business big and small demands an annual accounting, and citizens are shareholders in a municipality's business. If a council is doing good work, it can be re-elected. Annual elections encourage more men to come forth, and keep a man from being put permanently on a shelf if he happens to be defeated. One year may be too short for a good councillor, but two years is a lot too long for a bad one.

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