

### Elect 1960 Officers

# York Elementary Trustees Fifth Annual Convention

Eighty percent of the York County Elementary School Trustees attended the fifth convention of the Association held at Thornhill United Church on Wednesday of last week when Mr. S. Phimister, B. A., B. Ed., Director of Education, Board of Education City of Toronto, was the guest speaker. Nomination of officers for the coming year was also held with Mr. R. J. Pollock being returned as president and the following board being unanimously elected to office at the close of the evening:

**Executive 1960**  
R. J. Pollock, President; Chairman, Vaughan Township School Area Board; Mrs. Arthur Toogood, Markham Township; Mrs. Lorna Button, Stouffville Public School Board; Chairman, Woodbridge Public School Board; Cecil Williams, Richmond Hill Public School Board; Mr. Gordon Trussler, Richmond Hill Separate School Board; Mr. Paul Greenan, Separate School Board No. 2 Markham.

The convention began at 10 a.m. and included such features as exhibits and demonstrations by the Special Services Branch, Department of Education; School Law and the Regulations, including recent amendments. A highlight of the occasion was the

presentation of trophies to the winners of the County Oratorical contest, by Deputy-reeve W. Dean of Markham Township.

Mr. Phimister opened his address on Education by saying, "I have heard about this organization for a long time" then, referring to the list of executives and the numbers of schools who are connected with the Trustees' Association he said, "Scots are to be found wherever management is needed and that proverb, 'The meek shall inherit the earth' made him realize that 'Meek' was the plural for 'Mac'."

Referring to the 6-day school week which is being tried out in the United States he drew a chuckle from his attentive audience when he stated, "In Sweden where they have had a six-day week for schools — they are talking about a five-day week."

Mr. Phimister, who already has a brilliant career as an educationalist behind him, with a crescendoing future ahead sought to raise several questions in the trustees' minds about education. He asked, "What are we trying to do, to get at, with all this building and this money we are spending." Then he asked, 1. "Are we teaching the right things, 2. "Are we teaching the right people" and 3. "Are we teaching in the right way?"

"If we take a look at the English language, which we are teaching, we see there are 26 letters in the alphabet; 44 sounds, and 251 possible spellings for those 44 sounds." To illustrate, Mr. Phimister slowly pronounced, Cough, Bough, Rough, Though & Through and said the words ended with the same spelling yet they were five different words and they had five different pronunciations. "In reverse," he said "we have Inward, Heard, Bird, Curd and Word, five words spelled differently, with the vowels sounds a,e,i,o,u, in each word all pronounced the same." To offset the difficulty of spelling which is, he acknowledged, not only a deterrent to students but also to adults, he asked "Can you conceive of a phonetic language, and its way of handling spelling."

Mr. Phimister said the Chinese are responsible for putting the original mother-in-law joke in ideographs or picture writing. An inverted V like a gable roof signifies 'House'; the same ideograph with two strokes 'under the roof' spells 'Home' and a third 'character' under the same 'roof' is the sign for 'Trouble.' "If English is to be a universal language wouldn't it enhance things if its spelling could be simplified," he asked.

He then referred to the Metric System, such as is used in Europe, rather than our present measurement of 12's. And said that the metric system could lead to

more logical thinking...but that it would require 50 years to make the change over. "However, the idea one man had regarding time areas around the world has already been adopted and we now have the time zones."

In answering his own question about "Teaching the right people," Mr. Phimister said, most of our money is spent on teaching little children, from five to 16 years. Ninety-percent of the people in whom we invest this money are sent out into the world at the end of their school years, and their education ceases, except for what they derive from TV, Radio," and smilingly haltingly turning to Pierre Berton who was present, and "newspaper columnists."

He advocated, "Couldn't those in each community who had special training and knowledge 'teach' their neighbours, thereby 'extending education'."

"The right way of teaching," might not be through teachers, classrooms and text books, he said, but through real experiences, by seeing, trying and doing. "In Russia, the people are about at the level we were at in 1910 as far as schools go. They have two schools, one for instruction and one to teach Citizenship. Instead of the printed page, they have camps and exhibitions where people can see things in operation. They are trying to give their people 'experience' in seeing and handling things." He said he should substitute experience for some of our teaching instruction.

"Such subjects as music, singing, history, literature and philosophy, the things of the spirit, should be taught as they are taught in Denmark's schools," he continued, "to attain a co-operative sense of belonging in one's own intellectual group."

"I am convinced, that if we could think of education as a vital force, we could have a stirring of the people that would be altogether desirable," he said, and quoted H. G. Wells, "The world is in a race between education and catastrophe," concluding with the words, "we are not heading for catastrophe, the future is what you make it."

### Lutheran Parish To Be Dissolved

In a meeting following the worship service Sunday, the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church voted unanimously to dissolve as a parish. The idea of a plan, originating with the Synod, is to develop more mission churches and to this end, Bethesda Lutheran Church in Unionville and Zion Lutheran Church in Sherwood will separate as a joint parish. A survey is underway in Richmond Hill to determine whether 39 families would be available to support a mission church and if so one will be established there and an amalgamation will be effected with the Unionville Church.

It is planned that the Sherwood Church, on the other hand will join with Brampton to form a mission church there. It is definitely known that in Brampton there is a field for its establishment.

At the present time a pastor is going from Toronto to Brampton to conduct services there.

Worship services will be continued in the Sherwood Church until the Christmas season with supply pastors from Waterloo College in charge of the services.

### Richmond Hill Now Head Office York Equipment

Head office operations of York Office Equipment will now be handled from its office at 16 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill instead of Aurora. "The Liberal" was told this week by F. J. Picking, its president.

Reason for the change, he said, was that it had become more convenient to centralize operations in the Hill because of better storage facilities. The company, besides its retail business in York County, is represented by a considerable number of dealer outlets across Ontario and other provinces.

Business of the company since its operations commenced in Richmond Hill on September 24, had far exceeded expectations, he added. Saying that many local residents and business houses had expressed appreciation of the fact that it was now possible for them to do business locally. They had proved it, he said, by actually doing their purchasing at home.

York Office Equipment, which handles a wide range of typewriters, adding machines, tape recorders and other equipment, in addition to office supplies and general stationery, is planning the opening of a branch in Newmarket shortly.

### York-Simcoe H & S Council Meeting December 3, 8 p.m.

At the York-Simcoe Home and School Council meeting in Prince Charles School, Newmarket, to be held Thursday, December 3rd, at 8 p.m. Dr. J. N. Emerson, Professor of Anthropology, University of Toronto; Mr. D. D. Adams, Inspector of Public Schools, Newmarket; Mr. W. E. Duxbury, Principal of Stouffville High School, and Mr. Elbert J. Sand, Supervising Principal and Business Administrator of School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan will discuss: "Why do we in Ontario have thirteen years of schooling while other provinces have twelve?"

### St. John's Begins Every Member Canvass

St. John's Anglican Church Oak Ridges, will be holding a canvass of the parish during the next few days for funds to finance the coming year's budget.

This year in addition to the usual operating expenses there will be payments on accounts for the construction of the recently completed Parish Hall to finance.

### Win Hampers

More than 1,000 entries were received in the Bayview Plaza draw last week, which indicates the success of the three day promotion organized for the plaza last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The tickets were collected from all participating stores and placed in one large container and well shaken up.

The draw took place on the premises of the Red & White Foodliner in the presence of the manager, Mr. Gordon Pearson, Mr. A. Elphinstone representing Beverley Acres Pharmacy, Mrs. B. Mason representing the Bayview Outfit Store and Mr. Ken Storms representing the plaza as a whole.

**Customer Makes Draw**  
A customer in the Red & White Foodliner at the time was called upon to make the draw. This was Mrs. J. Lamont of 230 Anzac Road, Richmond Hill.

The winners drawn by Mrs. Lamont were very lucky Mrs. E. Wessels of 205 Beechey Drive, and Mr. D. Price of 222 Neal Drive, both of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Wessels and Mr. Price each received a huge hamper of delicious foods delightfully made up into a beautiful gift hamper which had been on display at the Red & White Foodliner which donated the hampers, throughout the period of promotion.

**You Are Invited**  
If you missed all the fun of this promotion watch for the next one and make a point of being there and participating. Looking through this issue of "The Liberal" you will realize how many lovely gifts were won by a variety of persons and since someone has to win, it could just as well be you.

### Fearful Of High Taxes

Scarborough farmers will be driven from their lands if the township council goes ahead with proposed 1960 tax increases, Elliott Harrington, Markham, told the annual meeting of Markham Township Federation of Agriculture in Victoria Square recently.

### Richvale News

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MRS. E. E. SPEARS  
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MRS. M. E. TAYLOR  
94 Spruce Ave. AV. 5-4293

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jacobs and family from Rexdale, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. McCarthy on Sunday.

### OBITUARY

**PERCIVAL ROBERT POOL**  
Percival Robert Pool, of Pearson Avenue, Richvale, died suddenly at the East General Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday, November 21, after a brief illness. Born in England in 1903 he came to Canada in 1919 and settled with his family in Richvale, Ontario. He had lived in this district for the past 20 years. A masonry contractor all his life, he was past-master of L.O.L., Thornhill, No. 91, and a member of the Burning Bush Lodge, Toronto, No. 1202. He was a member of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

Brother of the late T. J. Pool, who predeceased him six years ago, he leaves to mourn his loss his wife, the former Ethel May Banks, and one son, Robert Charles.

Services were conducted at Kane's Funeral Chapel, Lansing by Reverend J. F. O'Neil and Reverend E. G. Bruton, on Wednesday, November 25, at 1:30 p.m. Interment was in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

**GREEN RIVER** — The Principal of the Green River Public School favours the wearing of jeans by girls to and from their homes but contends that such clothing should not be worn in class. Mr. Jack Sheppard commented on the rather controversial subject at an "open house" gathering in the new school last week. He pointed out that since many girls were required to walk considerable distances to and from school, jeans provided much-needed warmth, particularly during the winter months. He suggested that skirts were the accepted garment for classroom study. His remarks were favourably received by the parents present. The school has a private change-room.

## Paul Delmer Speaker Victoria Square Lions

The first Ladies Night held by the Victoria Square and District Lions Club on October 17th at the Victoria Square United Church proved to be a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Members and their wives and guests were treated firstly to a very tasty meal prepared by the Womens Institute, after which Mr. Paul Delmer gave a most interesting and stimulating talk on his globe-trotting tour, with chief interest centering on his four and one half months stay in Russia. Being one of the first Western observers, and in many cases actually the first, to be allowed to film and record various facets of the Russian scene, his account of life behind the so called Iron Curtain was of tremendous interest.

**POWER FAILURE**  
A brief power failure in the middle of his talk might well have unnerved a lesser man, but obviously to any one who would take a car, mobile trailer home, wife and children on a tour of 30 African and European countries, this was of little consequence, and he talked on in the darkness.

That Mr. Delmer's talk evinced great interest among the listeners was obvious from the questions that followed, and it was clear that he was familiar with all phases of everyday life in the U.S.S.R.

**CANADIAN PREMIERE**  
Pressure of time unfortunately curtailed the stream of questions, but we understand that the sound and colour film made by Mr. Delmer on his tour will be premiered at the Richmond Theatre, Richmond Hill on January 21st next, after a very successful showing in New York, and in the light of his talk we are sure that it will be a MUST for all of us who are curious about the

### 15 Days For Shop-Lifting

Apprehended by Richmond Hill police on Monday for shop-lifting from a local store — Melville Levique, aged 37, of Huntsville was sentenced on Tuesday — to 15 days in jail, by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, in Newmarket Magistrate's Court. The accused was convicted on a charge of stealing a carton of cigarettes.

Smashing the glass of a front door of the Allencourt Pharmacy, Markham Road, thieves gained entrance to the store on Thursday morning, 5.00 to 6.00 a.m. A large stone was used to smash the heavy glass and a considerable number of cigarettes, merchandise, and cash stolen. Apparently disturbed, the thieves dropped several cameras on the floor.

### Markham Council Visits Dog Pound

A full complement of Markham Township Council members and Township Clerk Harry Crisp, visited the Municipal Impounding Kennels on Dufferin Street in Vaughan Township Thursday afternoon of last week and reported they were very pleased with the kennels and that they had no criticism at all about the way Mr. Ron Herd is conducting the dog pound. "The place is very well operated and the animals are well caged and fed. Everything is very clean," the visitors said.

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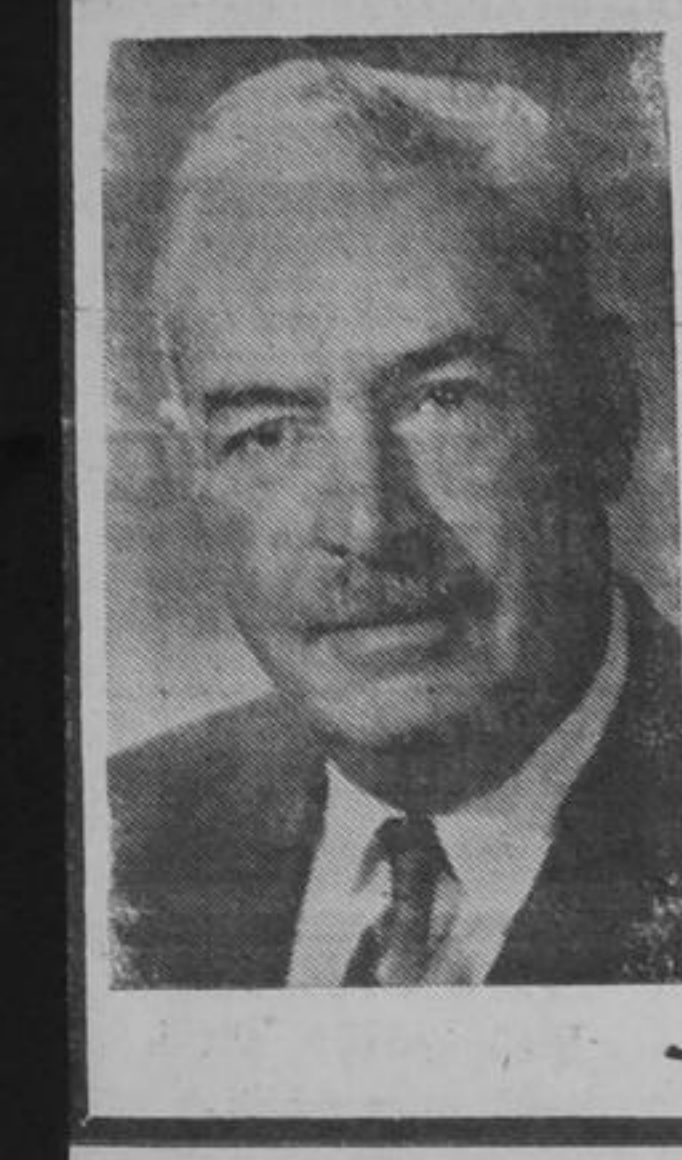
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**Stan Tinker**

### Thornhill Library Plans New Site

Markham Township council approved the purchase of a building lot for the Thornhill Library, the Tucker property on Colborne Street on Monday — subject to consulting with the township solicitor.

Council suggested the present library area be extended since 60% of the membership comes from outside the present limits.

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