

LIQUOR VOTE FOR VAUGHAN TWP.

The Liberal.

Dry Since 1906 Twp. Will Vote On Licence Request

Automobile Repairs
... NIGHT PARTS
TILL 10 P.M.
— FINCH MOTORS LTD. —
Authorized Ford, Falcon, Monarch
Dealer
Willowdale - BA. 5-1151

VOLUME LXXXI, NUMBER 30

"In Essentials Unity; in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"

RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1960 HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878 SINGLE COPY 10c

Letter From An Editor

Dear Friends and Readers:
We are now in a position to view school board problems from the other side of the table — following the inaugural of the newly established Vaughan Township School Area Board last week — since we have exchanged our press desk for a trustee's desk. Jane Manning will report for "The Liberal" at the monthly public board meetings to be held on the second Thursday at 8 p.m. Of course we five members of the new board have been meeting once or twice weekly, on an informal basis, since our election in November, so I can say, even now, there is a difference in the slant one gets on school board "doings" when they are viewed from this other angle.

Always, during the years I covered meetings for the press, I wondered "How can trustees spend so much time on every little detail?" Aha, I am beginning to see the light on that question! But you know something? The "little details" are awfully important to some pupil, or teacher or the board as a whole — and each one of them has to be dealt with separately.

Mrs. Helen Houston of King City notes in her news column a recreation committee is being formed in anticipation of a community centre. Victoria Square News covered by Mrs. Sandle has an item of interest for Markham readers about the 91st Annual Convention of the Township Sunday School Association.

It was not a convention — it was a calamity — for a resident of the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox community as reported by correspondent Mrs. Horton. A local driver having only 97 miles on the speedometer of his new car had to borrow a car from his car salesman, after his vehicle was wrecked by a driver who forgot to see if the coast was clear before he took his eyes off the road to close a loose door.

Tuesday was a full day for us. In the afternoon we witnessed the 1960 Inaugural Meeting of York County Council when Reeve William Clark became the 100th Warden, and later that evening the school board met with the Langstaff Home and School Association.

Well some weeks are like that, aren't they, with everything happening at once... but it makes life very interesting.

Cordially yours,

Mona Robertson

Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tcf36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tcf36

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the new Legion Hall, Oak Ridges Shopping Plaza. Cash prizes and Jackpot. tcf19

JANUARY — Exhibition of Canadian paintings at the Richmond Hill Public Library during library hours for the month of January. c4w28

JANUARY 22 — Friday. Vellore Old Boys 78th Annual Dance and Euchre in the Memorial Hall, Vellore. Hollingshead's orchestra in attendance. Euchre at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$1.25, lunch provided. c2w29

JANUARY 25 — Monday 8:15 p.m. Charles Howitt Home & School presents an evening for the community on Civil Defense. Guest speaker, Mr. Westwood, Chief of Intelligence for Metro Civil Defense. c2w29

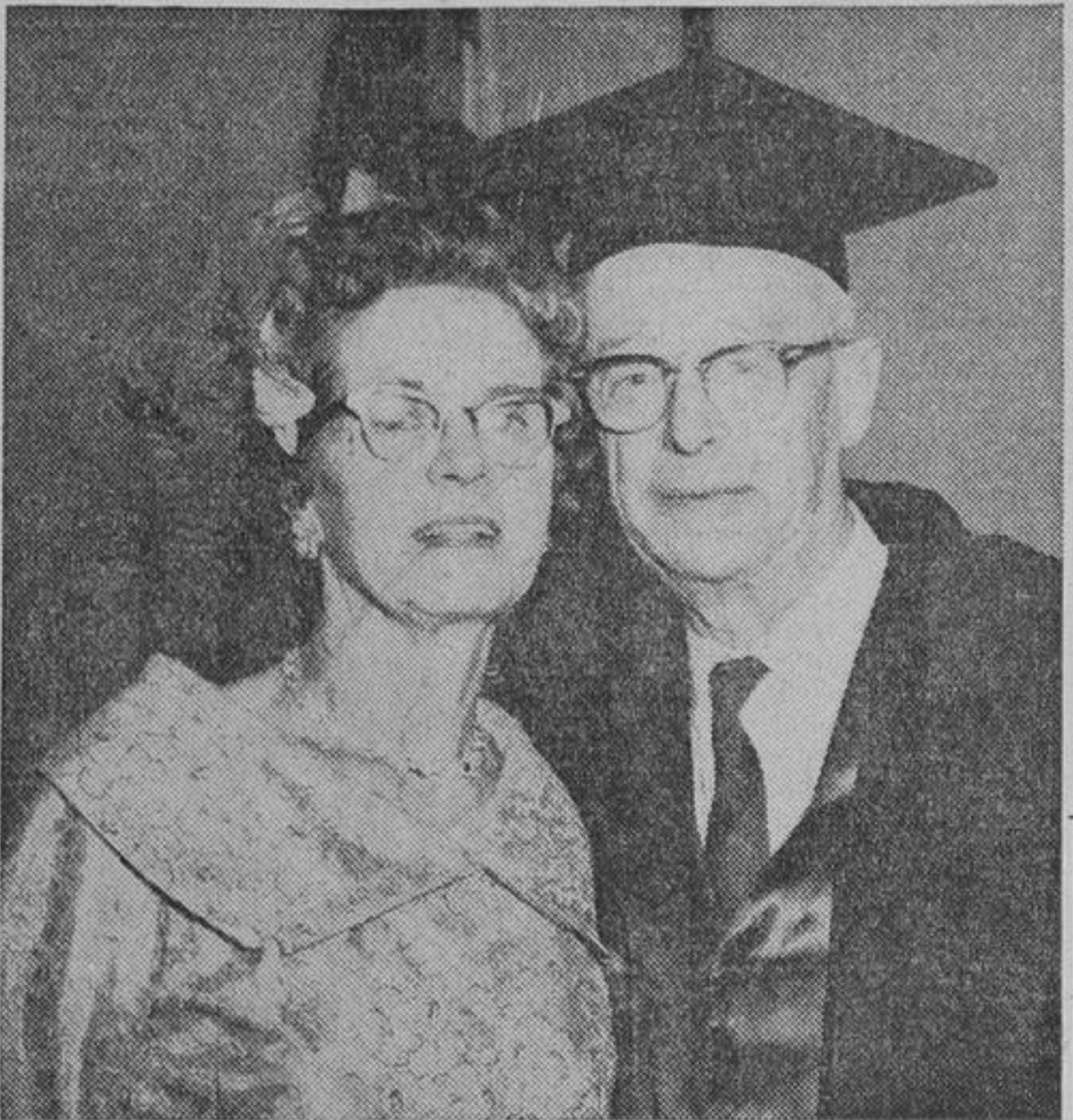
MONDAY, JANUARY 25 — Y. W. C. A. "Take A Break." Beverley Acres School 8:15 sharp. Admission 35c. Supplies for millinery and copper tooling classes may be purchased there. Mr. Belcher of Belcher's Millinery Supplies will display and discuss hat forms, fabrics etc. Please bring coffee. c1w30

JANUARY 27 — Wednesday 8:15 p.m. Crosby Heights Home and School Association meeting. A very interesting evening has been planned by Mr. Gooding, the principal and his staff. Parents please come and show YOUR INTEREST. c1w30

JANUARY 27 — Wednesday at 2:15 at Kingcrafts House, program for regular Kingcrafts meeting in charge of Lady Flavell, Weaving Convener. Speaker Mrs. J. H. Warner, a Kingcrafts member, will demonstrate weaving. Smoking Group hostesses. c1w30

(Continued On Page 17)

Unanimous Election Markham Reeve Is Warden of County



Reeve William Clark of Markham Township and his wife Mrs. Clark are seen following the installation of York County's 100th Warden. In the background on the left and right of the dais are the colours of the Queen's York Rangers presented to former Warden William Hodgson by the colour party of the regiment whose commanding officer is Col. Davies. All members of Markham and Vaughan Township councils attended the inaugural service with their wives and were entertained later by council members.

In a blaze of time-honoured ceremony headed by the presenting of the colours by the Queen's Own Rangers, the 1960 Inaugural for the Council of the County of York was held in the council chambers at Newmarket on Tuesday afternoon. And in solemn, dignified manner the Warden of the County of York for the year 1960, Reeve William Clark of Markham Township, was elected to his exalted office, unanimously.

Reeve Joseph Fry of Markham Village, who was nominated along with Reeve Clark, withdrew his name after stating, "Being Warden of York County is an honour... and I intend to run for Warden... in 1961." County Clerk J. Smith then declared Reeve Clark the 100th Warden of the County of York.

The ceremony, which was witnessed by a capacity attendance of former wardens, Reeves and past members of county council, present councillors and their wives and the wives of most of the members of the 1960 council, continued as Reeve Perry of Vaughan Township and Reeve Sellers of Sutton, nominators of Reeve Clark, escorted him from the council chamber to the Warden's room where he donned his official regalia and then was escorted back to the dais to take the Warden's chair.

Following the administration of the oath of office, performed by Judge D. Webster, the judge congratulated Warden Clark on being chosen the 100th Warden of the County saying he had been associated with the 1960 Warden for a number of years and that it was indeed a pleasure to take his oath of allegiance and fealty for this high office of Warden. "You are the head of the governing body of the County and you are also the Reeve of the municipality in which you live," Judge Webster said. "In these two bodies of government members elected by the people may speak

Mayor Tomlin Endorses '60 Minor Hockey Week

Mayor Ken Tomlin to-day called upon all citizens to support Minor Hockey Week in Canada which commences Saturday, January 23rd.

In endorsing the observance of Minor Hockey Week, His Worship said: "Observance of Minor Hockey Week in Canada is the best way I could think of to direct attention of the public to the benefits of Minor Hockey to our youth and our Town. We are proud of the fact that Minor Hockey here in Richmond Hill has the support of many public-spirited citizens, and service clubs, whose love of hockey and of boys prompt them to contribute much effort and time to the operation of the local minor leagues. These outstanding citizens are making a valuable contribution to the community in

and vote as they like. I hope you and your members of County Council will do so." The judge, who himself is a former member of County Council said he had always found it to be a just and honest group. "I have never known or heard of anything that was not proper as regards to administration," he concluded.

Warden Clark then thanked Chaplain E. A. H. Clifford for his part in the dedication ceremony which had opened the 1960 session of County Council which was attended 100 per cent by council members; then called on Past Wardens, John Rye, 1st Warden of the County following the passing of Bill 90; Marshall McMurchy, former Reeve of Vaughan Township; W. J. Taylor, former Reeve of Richmond Hill; Fred Armstrong, present Reeve of Woodbridge, Harry Corner, Warden of the County in 1945; E. Toole; Fred Lundy, now Chairman of Toronto and York Roads Commission and another former warden who was present; Jack Steckley, the first district agricultural representative of the County and Lex MacKenzie, provincial member of parliament. These gentlemen all spoke briefly, congratulating both the new Warden and the members of County Council on their 1960 term.

Of Warden Clark, who is the only member left of the 1945 York County Council (Mr. Clark has served his municipality for 30 years), Lex MacKenzie said, I

(Continued on page 3)

which we live, as does our great game of hockey contribute entertainment and recreation right across Canada.

"Hockey is Canada's National Game, and participation by the youth of our town is encouraged at all levels. We are proud of our game, of its ability to develop character, citizenship, and respect for authority as well as its physical and body-building benefits.

Canadian Premiere

Tonight will witness the Canadian Premiere at The Richmond Theatre at 8 p.m. of the color movie film which was produced in 1958 in the Soviet Union by Mr. Paul Delmer who with his family is now resident in Richmond Hill.

There will be only the premiere performance tonight but commencing Friday, the film will be exhibited twice nightly, three times on Wednesdays and Saturdays until further notice.

Mr. Ned Hill reports that the premiere is likely to be a sell-out if interest already indicated by the public and by clubs is anything to go by. One of the three Saturday night shows is also almost fully booked already.

Seen Across U.S.A.

The film has already been seen by large audiences in New York and in Los Angeles and San Francisco. In each case several thousand people attended during the first four days.

The film has been described as the most colorful documentary of Soviet life so far to reach the West and "The New York Post" stated that it shows a good deal of the USSR, more even than the Kinopanorama which was shown by the Russians at the Exhibition in New York last year.

Local Family's Soviet Travels

Viewers will see the Delmer family travel across the Soviets by car and house trailer and visiting the most exotic corners of the Soviet Union with glimpses of the people and youth at work and at play, in the home and on the farm and in the factory and at school and university.

Town Council Calls Early Vote Local Bus Franchise Operating Loss For Coming Year Estimated \$6600

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night agreed on an early referendum on the local bus service. If the ratepayers give a favorable vote a franchise will be granted to Newmarket Coach Lines Ltd., with operating losses guaranteed by the municipality. The estimated subsidy required for 1960 is \$6,600.

Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin had high praise for a report by the Transportation Committee presented by Councillor Tom Broadhurst, committee chairman. "It's a splendid and comprehensive report," said the Mayor and I congratulate the members" (Councillors Broadhurst and Bradstock).

The report received unanimous endorsement of council and Mayor Tomlin said the solicitor will be instructed to prepare for a referendum at the earliest possible date.

In commenting on the report covering the past and possible future operation of the local bus service Councillor Broadhurst said: "It is apparent the operation of the local bus is a long way from being a profitable operation." He suggested patronage of the service might be increased by co-operation of merchants.

In endorsing the recommendation for a referendum Mayor Tomlin said the local service has been in operation for a year and a half and has run quite long enough without proper authority. He agreed the granting of a franchise should be decided by a referendum as required by law. The long trial period he said should be helpful in assisting the ratepayers to make the decision.

The Report: The report of the Transportation Committee was as follows: "Operating costs for the local bus line in 1959 totalled \$12,754.56 and receipts amount to \$8,394.90, leaving a deficit of \$4,359.66. The total subsidy approved by last year's Council was \$4,300.00 but as the operator has indicated his willingness to forego the odd \$59.66, the Transportation Committee does not have to ask Council for extra monies for 1959. However, as the line is still operating, it does have to ask and hereby seeks Council's approval for continuation of the service until such time as a referendum can be held.

The Town Clerk advises that in our Solicitor's opinion, a referendum must be held asking the taxpayer's approval for the payment of any necessary subsidy and (b) asking them to approve the granting of a franchise to a specific operator — in this case Newmarket Coach Lines Limited. (Continued on Page 13)

Large Haul Cash & Stamps For Thieves Drug Store Theft

THIEVES BROKE INTO THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS DRUG STORE which is also a sub-Post Office for the area last Sunday evening and escaped with one thousand dollars cash, plus the entire stock of stamps and blank money orders contained in a small fireproof safe on wheels.

Front Door Entry - Exit
The thieves simply trundled the safe out of the front door by which they had made entrance, lifting it into the getaway car and making a speedy departure. The safe was later recovered when it was found in No. 7 Toronto Police District broken open and completely rifled of its contents.

The robbery occurred between 6:30 and 8 p.m. on Sunday evening. The safe contained the cash takings of the post office and store from after bank closing time on Friday through Saturday. The cash stolen from the safe included payments received during the period in respect of telephone and hydro and telegraphic accounts. It was obviously a well-planned and executed crime, carried out with professional finesse. This is how one of the partners, interviewed by

"The Liberal" described it. Jimmie Front Door
The thieves apparently first tried the more secluded rear door but this door resisted their attempt to make an illegal entry. Thereupon they jimmied the front door, entering an iron bar between the lock and the door jamb to force the door. The door and frame still carry the unmistakable signs which were left.

The thieves evidently entered through the door, trundled the safe outside and without risking delay and possible capture by taking goods from the store, made their escape.

Passers-By Discovery
Just before 8 p.m. a passer-by noticed the open door of the store and telephoned the information to Richmond Hill police who immediately commenced an investigation in which they are still engaged.

Vandals Wreck School 7th Time

Patterson Public School on the 2nd concession of Vaughan was maliciously damaged for the seventh time since last September, sometime after midnight last Saturday. Windows were riddled with shot from air rifles and 22 shotguns. Spent bullets were discovered imbedded in the two by four fencing at the front of the school when Vaughan Police investigated. The school itself has been broken into on four of these occasions.

Inaugural Meeting Vaughan Board



Shown above are the members of the first board for the Township School Area of Vaughan, from left to right: Sam Kaiser, Mrs. Ruth G. Hogg, Herb. Constable,

(by Paul Delmer)
MORE THAN 100 RESIDENTS FROM WITHIN THE VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP AREA attended the meeting of Vaughan Township Council on Monday and won consent of Council to hold a plebiscite on the subject of liquor control.

As the delegation began to arrive, Council, on suggestion of Reeve John Perry retired for a five minute recess which actually developed into a thirty minute break in the proceedings.

Council Chamber Full

In a matter of seconds all available seats were occupied and the clerks began a search of the building for additional seats followed about by members of the delegation who then began to pour into the chamber each carrying his or her own chair. Soon the Council chamber was packed to capacity and an overflow stood at the entrance to the chamber after the clerks had drawn back the dividing partitions.

Wish To Drink As Pleases
As he led Council back to the rostrum, Reeve Perry exclaimed, "Don't tell me we are going to have another rail yard in Vaughan township. We only have an attendance like this when a rail yard moves into the district." It was not rail yards, however, but the consumption of alcohol which was on the minds of this group of more than 100 men and women who came from every corner of the township on an unpleasant evening to request that they might have the "democratic right to drink as they pleased without fear of a police raid and wholesale arrest," as their spokesman later put it to council.

Record Attendance
An official said that this was a record attendance of the public, "as good representation as I've seen," he said, "and the largest to come to this new building," he added. "The old town hall would not have accommodated this number," he concluded.

Reeve John Perry called on the delegation to nominate a speaker and Mr. Brian Bailey of 45 Birch Ave., Richvale, stated that he had been appointed to speak for the group. Saying that he had no experience in this sort of thing, he asked Council's indulgence of his shortcomings in the matter.

Represent Group
Mr. Bailey then continued, "I would like to thank you for giving us this opportunity to present our request. I represent a group of businesses and clubs in Vaughan Township whose operations are confined and restricted by the present by-law No. 805 which prohibits the sale of liquor in the Municipality.

I speak for the Huntingdon, Uplands, Thornhill, Maple Downs, Kleinburg and Pine Valley Golf Clubs; the Bona Vista Golf & Country Club; the Circle M and Mart Kenny's Ranches; the Yangtze Pagoda Restaurant and Branch 375 Canadian Legion".

More Liberal Thinking
"As this by-law was enacted in 1906 and has never been challenged," continued Mr. Bailey, "we feel that in this time of more liberal thinking that per-

haps the present by-law is no longer the wish of the people."

"We humbly request" he continued, "your consideration to pass a by-law calling for a plebiscite on Saturday, March 19, allowing the electors (of Vaughan Township) the opportunity to decide whether or not they favor retail outlets of beer and liquor by the establishment locally of Government stores for the sale of liquor; and for the sale of liquor in dining lounges under a dining lounge license for consumption with meals on licensed premises; and finally for the sale of liquor in cocktail lounges under a lounge license for consumption on licensed premises."

Question of Electors
"We have considered these questions carefully," added Mr. Bailey, "and by the experience in other areas have ascertained that these are the questions the electors would like the opportunity to decide upon."

Mr. Bailey then went on to say that the group had considered the fact that their request would involve an expenditure by the Township by having the plebiscite separately from a municipal election.

He suggested that if the present by-law was no longer the wish of the people as a whole then the electors were entitled to such an opportunity to vote in the matter.

Subject of Controversy
The reason a date was suggested apart from a local election explained Mr. Bailey was that this

(Continued on page 17)

What To Do With Damaged Trees

In response to numerous queries from residents who ask, "What should we do about damaged trees and fallen tree limbs," The Liberal contacted the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple.

For those in rural areas; if they are your own trees it is up to you to remove them if they are too badly damaged to save, or trim and dispose of the broken branches.

If trees are not too badly mangled, saw off the broken limbs and seal the cut at once with paint or special varnish obtainable at hardware stores. "They should definitely be trimmed off and painted right now," Mr. S. Hamilton of the Department told us, "so that no insects can infect the wounded tree."

Damaged trees in towns and cities are removed in due course by public utility departments.

chairman, Milt Savage and Mrs. Mona A. Robertson, vice chairman. — Photo by Lagerquist

With a feeling of history in the making more than sixty Vaughan Township ratepayers and officials witnessed the inaugural meeting of the Vaughan Township School Area Board on Wednesday evening, January 13th in the township Council Chambers at Maple.

Called by the provincial Department of Education one of the most intricate school re-organizations in the province of Ontario, the new set-up heralds the beginning of a more comprehensive and selective education for many elementary school children in the township. To others it will mean an amalgamation of modern facilities with some which date back 100 years. To all 3,000 children it should mean happy, useful days ahead in a school system that intends to improve and progress as it forges ahead to produce for Vaughan township the finest crop in the world, good citizens aware of their responsibilities to God and to the world in which they live.

To head the new board the trustees selected Mr. Herbert A. Constable of Maple who received his own elementary education in the township and who has been prominent in Maple school board

affairs for the past five years. For vice-chairman Mrs. Mona Robertson, of Elgin Mills, Associate Editor of the Liberal and mother of three school-age children, was chosen.

Three committees will function. The Management Committee is headed by Mrs. Ruth Hogg of Kleinburg, former member of the Kleinburg School Board and mother of five children. Mr. Sam Kaiser of Kleinburg will head the Finance Committee, Mr. Kaiser served for many years as a school trustee. Mr. Milton Savage of Patterson, a trustee here for 15 years, will serve as head of the Property committee.

As was pointed out by Public School Inspector J. A. Gibson who served as referee for the dissolution of the school sections and the school areas involved, the trustees coming from both the middle and the east and west portions of the township should be familiar with the various aspects of the problem involved and should prove a most workable team.

Inspirational Opening
Rev. Harold Davies of the Maple United Church opened the inaugural session with prayer and an inspirational message. He

recalled the debt the public school system in Ontario owes to its founder, Rev. Egerton Ryerson, and to Christianity, which inspired men to desire and promote an educational set-up for the benefit of all children.

Township Clerk J. M. McDonald administered the oath of office in which the trustees agreed to administer their duties in 1960 "faithfully, truthfully, and without partiality," and pledged their allegiance to God and to Queen Elizabeth II.

All the trustees spoke briefly thanking the electorate for their confidence in voting for them to be a part of the new board. They spoke of some of the problems ahead and said they hoped they could all be settled satisfactorily with patience from all concerned.

Inspectors Present
The board had the distinguished honor of having three public school inspectors present. Mr. W. J. McLeod, the inspector for the new school area. Mr. Maynard Hallman, former inspector of Township School Area No. 1 of Markham and Vaughan, and Mr. J. A. Gibson, former Vaughan inspector and referee for the dissolution. All three made short

speeches wishing the board much success in the days ahead, and also recalling some of the past history of education in the township. Mr. Hallman mentioned the school area idea was first brought up in 1954 at a meeting of Vaughan school trustees in Vellore Memorial Hall.

In the absence of Reeve John Perry, because of another meeting, Deputy-reeve Victor Ryder brought greetings from the township Council. He spoke of the trustees as being thrust into the positions of executives from the start of their task, as the school area would be a "million dollar business" from its beginning. Councillor Jesse Bryson was also present to bring his good wishes.

Business Meeting
As a first-order of business the board officially named Mr. Norman Jackman of Woodbridge as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. E. Worsdale will serve as secretary to Mr. Jackman. Mrs. Worsdale was former staff secretary at Langstaff School in the old joint school area.

The second Thursday of each month will be the official meeting day of the new board with special meetings at the call of the (Continued on page 3)