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Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY — Monster Bingo, at York Farmers Market, Thornhill, 8 p.m. All regular games \$20.00. \$500.00 Jackpot, \$200.00 Pot of Gold. tfc36

EVERY TUESDAY — Bingo, 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, King Sideroad, Oak Ridges. Cash prizes and jackpot. tcl19

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — 9:00 p.m. - 12:00. Dancing to Max Cameron's Orchestra, at Canadian Legion Hall, Carrville Road, Richvale. Sponsored by Richmond Hill Branch 375, Canadian Legion. 75c per person. tfc36

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT — Dancing, Modern and Olde Tyme. At Maple Community Hall. Music by Art Celsie and his Singing Plainsmen — stars of TV and Radio. Admission \$1.00. Free parking. tcl18

EVERY SATURDAY — Dancing 8 p.m. to 11:45. Thornhill Farmers' Market, to the Java Jive. "The sounds are the reason the Java's so pleasn." *3w29

APRIL 1 — Friday. Jefferson School Community Club Easter Party, euchre and square dance. Prizes, refreshments. Admission 50c. Everyone welcome. clw40

APRIL 2 — Saturday 2-5 p.m. Tea and bake sale at Mrs. Johnston's apartment, 22 Yonge St. S., above Fisher's Store. All home made baking. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by the L.O.B.A. c2w39

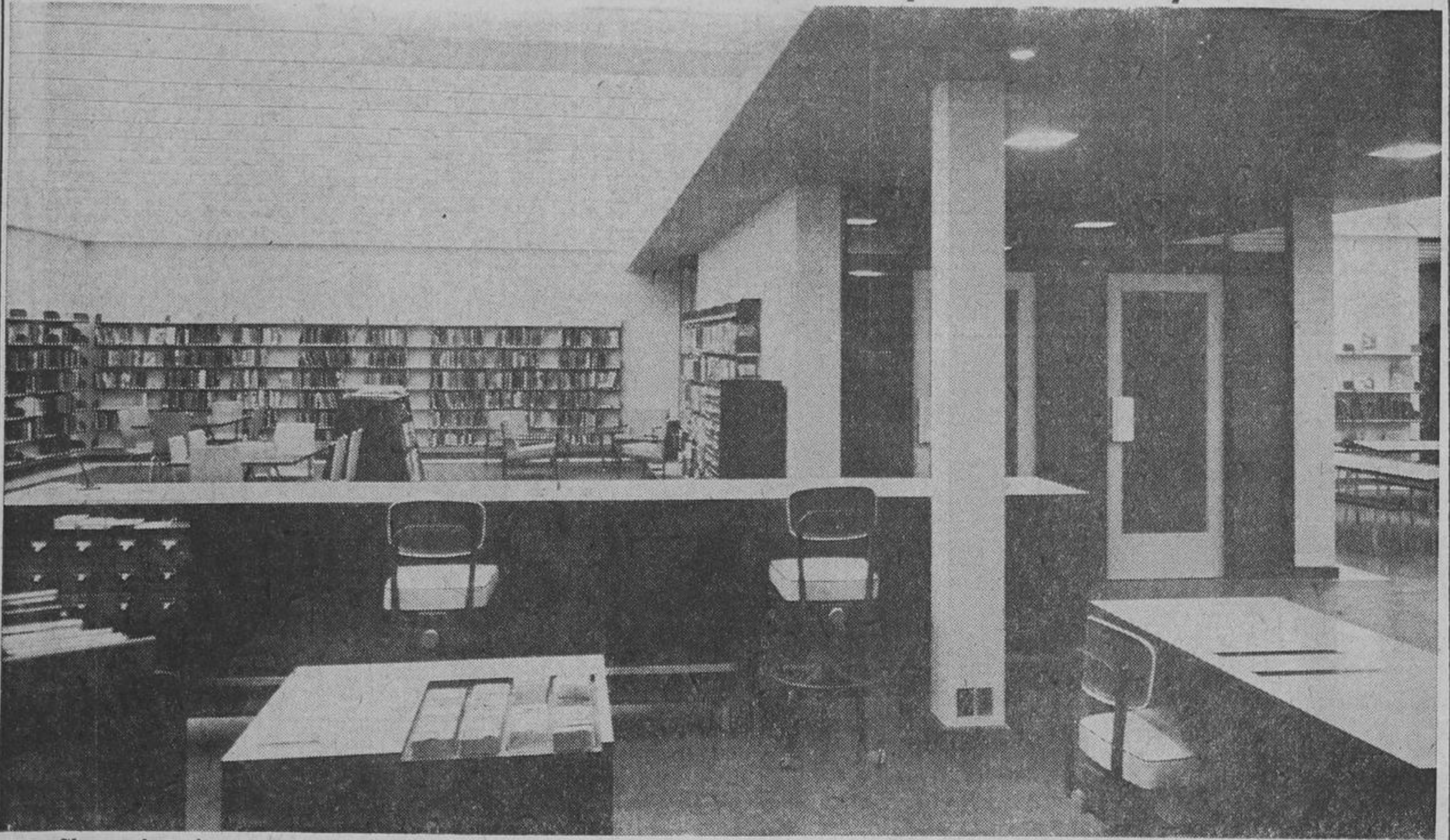
APRIL 2 — Saturday 1 p.m. sharp. Rummage sale, auspices of L.O.B.A. at North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale. clw40

APRIL 6 — Wednesday. Bingo at the Newmarket Legion Hall, 8 p.m. sharp. \$75 Jackpot given each night. clw40

APRIL 5, 6, 7 — Toronto Conference Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada in Richmond Hill United Church. clw39

APRIL 9 — Saturday, Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, Garden Fair in the Lions Community Hall, Centre St. E., 1 to 6 p.m. Admission free. c2w40
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Open House At Richmond Hill Library Next Thursday



Shown above is an attractive view of the interior of Richmond Hill Public Library. Built new last year the Library is one of the finest and most modern in Ontario.

To mark Canadian Library Week — April 3rd to 9th — the Library will be open at regular hours and the Library Board is extending a special invitation to people of the town and district. There will be "Open House" Thursday, April 7th, with a special program and reception afternoon and evening.

A feature of Library Week will be a free draw in which all are invited to participate. There are two prizes for adults, and two for children. Everyone is invited and all you need do is fill in your name and address. Entries for the draw will start Saturday, April 2nd and the draw for the lucky winners will be made Thursday evening, April 7th.

Theme this year for Library Week is "Read for Pleasure, Read for Profit, Read for Progress".

— Photo by Lagerquist

Public School Board

School Attendance Up, Grant From Province Down For Year

School Site \$30,000. Prov. Grant Only \$433. Trustees Will Protest

The provincial grant toward Richmond Hill's public school budget is expected to be approximately \$12,300.00 less this year than last. This despite an increase of 20 per cent in enrollment.

In 1959 the grant came to \$309,525.77. For 1960 it is calculated to come to \$297,218.00. Public School Inspector W. J. McLeod last year forecast some decrease in grant due to Richmond Hill's change in assessment category from \$100,000 to \$115,000.

The board at Thursday night's regular meeting heard the auditor's report which will be forwarded to the provincial authorities.

In 1959 the public school expenditures came to \$676,699.99. From local taxpayers \$280,260.96 was received. The province paid \$390,525.77, and there was a balance from 1958 of \$80,274.93.

The town clerk has asked for this year's budget by April 14th. Foresee Business Administrator A Business Administrator foreseen in the not-too-distant future, perhaps by next fall, by the board, as the public school expenses increase, and are expected to increase for some years to come.

Superintendent Gordon McIntyre, at the board's request, reported that school systems comparable in size to Richmond Hill usually have two persons bearing the administrative load. He cited Belleville, Owen Sound, and Barrie boards, all of which have a public school inspector and business administrator, or superintendent and inspector.

Chairman L. D. Clement was concerned that the superintendent was having to spend too much time on financial and administrative detail when his main activity should be in improving the academic and teaching efficiency of the system.

Trustee Cecil Williams felt that a business administrator could be utilized with effect at present. He mentioned the upkeep and maintenance of the schools, interviewing architects. Also duties mentioned were budget estimating, sorting applications, long range planning and purchasing.

"In the last few years," said Chairman Clement in a report, "Board members have undertaken a large part of the planning and supervision of construction of buildings. They have also taken part actively in efforts to build a competent staff. To depend on having board members with the personal abilities and (Continued on page 3)

Resolves Controversy

Reeve J. Perry Accepts Metro Planning Control

(by Paul Delmer)

The opportunity to decide whether Vaughan Township should co-operate with twelve other fringe municipalities and carry a brief to Premier Leslie Frost demanding that a Provincial Planning Board be set up to be responsible for all planning in Ontario and to which all municipalities would be subject including Metro Toronto, was dropped squarely into the lap of the Township's Reeve, John Perry, at Monday's council meeting.

Mr. Perry read a letter received from Mayor William Parish of Ajax on behalf of the 13 municipalities asking the Reeve of Vaughan Township to act as one of the committee which is to draft the brief to be submitted to the Premier.

Vote On Participation

The Reeve then asked council members to vote as to whether the township should participate in this movement to have a Provincial Planning Board set up, at all. Endorsement of this proposal would automatically have endorsed the reeve's membership on the drafting committee.

Want Provincial Board

The reeve summed up for council just what the brief was to be about and the reason for the 13 municipalities' co-operation to have a provincial planning body established. He said that none of the municipalities objected to mass planning as such but most of them objected to any one municipality having planning control over others.

High School Mill Rate Up 2.6 Mills

Residents of Richmond Hill are faced with a substantial increase in the cost of secondary school education in the coming year. Town council was informed Monday that Richmond Hill's share of the million dollar budget of the York Central District High School Board will amount to \$264,140.00. This is an increase of \$96,051.00 over the 1959 figure. It will mean a 2.6 increase in the mill rate.

Council expressed grave concern over the soaring cost of education, and its effect on the property owner. Commenting on recent reports in the cut in provincial grants by the Frost Government, Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell asked if council had received any word on the town's grants for 1960. Clerk R. Lynett reported that he is still awaiting word from the provincial government. "In any case our people are faced by substantial increases," commented Mayor Ken Tomlin.

Council will seek an immediate meeting with the board in order to discuss the budget. Richmond Hills representatives on the Board are Trustees Mrs. Barbara Langstaff, Robert Edean and Ralph Wood. The board administers secondary school education in a wide area including Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Markham and Woodbridge.

Library Questions & Answers

The Librarian at Richmond Hill Public Library, Mr. Fred C. Israel, has presented "The Liberal" with a list of the most frequently asked questions about the Library. He has included his answers for those who may have the same questions.

Where is the Library located?
 Our new Library building is located on Wright Street, east of the Municipal Office building.

What are the hours?
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1-9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

Who can join the Library?
 Anyone can join the Library.

How can I join?
 You can become a member of the Richmond Hill Public Library, by giving the Librarian on duty, your name, address, occupation and telephone number. We also ask for the name and address of someone who will act as a reference.

How much does it cost to join the Library?
 There is no charge for a resident of Richmond Hill. Those living outside the boundaries of the Town are charged a yearly fee of \$1.00 for adults, and 50c for High School or College students.

How many books may I have?
 Any adult may have one seven-day book at a time, and as many fourteen-day books as desired. Children may have three books at a time.

How long may I keep the books?
 The current fiction is placed on the seven-day shelf until the popularity peak has passed. Other books are loaned for fourteen days. Children's books are loaned for fourteen days.

What are the fines?
 For children — 1 cent per day per book, to a maximum of 25c.
 For adults — 3 cents per day for seven-day books; 2 cents per day, per book for fourteen-day books.

What kind of books do you have?
 The Library now has a collection covering most subjects of interest and agreeable to most tastes. There are works of fiction, as family stories, detective novels, historical novels, science fiction as well as books on many non-fiction topics as history, biography, travel, natural science, art, hobby books, and technical books. There is, also a collection of periodicals for home use. In the children's room, there are books for pre-schoolers through to grade eight.

Do you have a reference collection?
 Our reference collection is growing rapidly and now covers a great many subjects. These books, the encyclopedias, dictionaries, hand books, collections, etc. are not available for loan, but remain at the Library for the use of all.

How is the Library supported?
 The Library is supported by the residents of the Town, through their taxes. A small grant is contributed by the Province, through the Dept. of Education. During 1959, the Library received \$1.49 from Council for each person in the Town.

Allencourt Post Office

Richmond Hill's Postmaster E. T. Willis announces the opening of a new post office, known as "Sub-Post Office No. 3," and located in the Allencourt Pharmacy, Allencourt Shopping Centre, Markham Road and Bayview Avenue. The Postmaster at this branch is Mr. H. Nash, and the office will handle all types of postal business including the issuing of money orders.

High Cost Of Debenturing

The high cost of debenturing was borne out at Monday's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council. During the discussion of a \$319,000.00 debenture issue it was disclosed that over the life of the debentures the municipality will have to pay out \$275,000.00 in interest charges. The \$319,000.00 in debentures will cover the new Bayview High School and the Elmwood sewer project. The debentures will be for 20 years at 6%.

Safe Driving Week



Keep them alive
 teach them the
 rules of
TRAFFIC SAFETY
 Richmond Hill Jaycees
 Sponsor Safe Driving

(By Jim Sinclair, Jaycee Safe Driving Week Chairman)

The Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Safe Driving Campaign this week.

This is the period from March 28th to April 2nd when the Jaycees endeavour to promote 365 days of accident free safe driving among Richmond Hill drivers.

Safe driving habits are not easily come by. A safe driver must often have the patience and calmness of a saint to withstand the rigours of modern day traffic.

One would hesitate before walking down a street carrying a loaded shotgun, others unarmed, would hesitate before approaching too closely. Yet accident statistics show that motor vehicles take a heavier toll of lives than the more obvious of the two weapons a shotgun.

The Richmond Hill Jaycees are interested in keeping Richmond Hill's accident statistics at a minimum, a task the Richmond Hill Police. We are hoping that the individual motorists will make this his goal not only here in Richmond Hill but wherever he happens to be.

Remember — A Safe Present is a Live Future.

Annual Cost \$36,333

Finance Committee To Review Recommendation Four Full Time Firemen

Richmond Hill Town Council in session Monday evening approved in principle the establishment of a permanent fire brigade for the municipality. At present the town is served by a full time chief and a volunteer brigade.

In his submission to council, Finance Committee Chairman Deputy-Reeve S. F. Tinker strongly supported the formation of a permanent brigade and recommended the hiring of four permanent firemen. Mr. Tinker stated Chief Alf. Stong had recommended its formation for the past two years in a row. Chief Stong reported that several attempts to secure additional volunteer firemen had proved unsuccessful. The greatest difficulty is securing men to fight any fires that happen to break out during the daytime. Recently the fire truck had to answer a call with only two men aboard. "We have in effect a department head but no staff," remarked Deputy-Reeve Tinker.

While agreeing in theory with the proposal both Mayor Ken Tomlin and Reeve James Haggart urged that the proposal be referred to the Finance Committee for study before any final decision is reached. They questioned if the town was in a position to absorb the additional expense of a permanent brigade at the present time. "We have a very fine volunteer brigade and I think the matter could safely be held over until we receive the report of the Finance Committee," stated Reeve Haggart. As the municipality is faced with "substantial expenditures this year" Mayor Tomlin recommended that the fire budget be studied in light of the overall town budget. "If we postpone our decision because of economic conditions we'll be no better off next year," replied Deputy-Reeve Tinker. Councillor Whillans strongly advocated that an immediate decision be made on the question. He was in hearty agreement with the formation of a permanent brigade, and opposed any move to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for study.

Agree On Civil Defence R. Hill

Richmond Hill Town Council informed its two representatives on County Council (Reeve J. Haggart and Deputy-Reeve S. F. Tinker) Monday that they agree in principle with the establishment of a civil defence unit in Richmond Hill. The question was raised by Reeve Haggart who stated the county is considering the appointment of a full time civil defence coordinator.

Councillor T. Broadhurst felt to be successful any such plan required the full support of the public. He felt most people were apathetic towards civil defence. "I can't go along with the present set-up when there is such a lack of direction from the Federal and Provincial Governments," remarked Deputy-Reeve Tinker. Mayor Ken Tomlin assured council that the Federal Government has established a National policy in respect to civil defence.

In order to co-ordinate the activities of any such unit, Reeve Haggart suggested it be made responsible to some committee of council.

The Country Parson



"I remember when we used to judge a man by his honesty and ambition instead of an aptitude test."

York North P.C. Annual Meeting Set For April 8



HON. DR. DYMOND

York North Progressive Conservatives will make a second attempt to hold their annual meeting April 8 at the Newmarket Town Hall. A meeting scheduled for February 19 was snowed under by a blizzard that stopped travel.

The Honourable M. B. Dymond, M. D., Minister of Health in the Frost Government will be the featured speaker, as he has to have been at the previous meeting.

Considered by many to be one of the brightest young men in the cabinet, Dr. Dymond has held a succession of high posts. He was Minister of Reform Institutions and Minister of Transport before succeeding to the top health post.

Matt Dymond has come a long way since his immigration to Canada from Scotland as a farm boy of 15.

Although still in his early 40's he administers a department that has a budget of \$39,000,000 and 10,000 employees. All the mental hospitals are his as well as almost a score of other large responsibilities.

Dr. Dymond lives in Port Perry, next door to the clinic which houses the large practice he built as a rural family doctor.

NORTH YORK — The North York Public Library Board has doubled its budget for 1960. The system at present has one building and three bookmobiles. The 1960 budget makes provision for the operation of a fourth bookmobile and two rented branch libraries.

AURORA — Ralph Day, Chairman of the Toronto Parking Authority will be guest speaker at the Board of Trade Dinner to be held on April 5th. He will discuss problems of civic expansion, traffic and planning.