

Local Hospital's Board's Progress Report —

(Continued from page 1) ernized and expanded. A District General Hospital, starting with 180 to 200 active treatment beds and allowing for much greater expansion, was needed in the southern part of the county in the general area of Richmond Hill. We collected and digested a great deal of information on this question.

Another large question, how was this to be paid for? Again we surveyed all possible suggestions and sought professional guidance both from fund raising organizations, auditors, hospitals and other organizations with experience in these matters. To help the situation materially in York County, some nine million dollars would be needed in order to provide the facilities which I just mentioned. Approximately three million would come from Dominion and Provincial grants, but how would the remaining six million be raised?

These and other matters at the request of County Council were presented to the council in a joint report of our association and the association which operates the Newmarket Hospital. The report was some 50 pages in length and it included reports from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission, from hospital consultants and chartered accountants. It included maps and graphs and estimates as to future requirements and studied the question in considerable detail.

Partially, possibly largely as a result of this report, York County Council created a new body in the county called the York County Hospital Commission to assist

and advise not only the County Council but all municipal and government bodies and the general public about hospital matters. By the creation of this commission, our elected representatives showed their appreciation of the problem and realized that we should develop a co-ordinated system of hospital facilities and services which would achieve the greatest good for the greatest number in the most economical fashion. We feel that our share in bringing this body into existence is a great contribution to the welfare of our county. It has certainly involved a lot of work.

In addition to the above matters which have kept us very busy indeed over a period of five or six months involving meetings of one sort or another almost every day during that period, the association has also consulted with a large number of architects, viewed possible sites, considered questions of housing for staff and organized itself into an effective organization capable of carrying out any work which might be ex-

pected of it. As you can see, this early period of the association's existence has been largely devoted to investigating, organizing, establishing a sound basis for its existence and sound relationships with all other bodies and agencies with which it must live, work and co-operate.

In addition, it has received and considered a number of proposals which it has been grateful for and which it has not rejected. Reports have been made to the authorities most concerned and the decisions and advice of these authorities will be duly received and considered before any proposals from private sources could be more actively pursued. The Association has felt that this course of action was indicated almost unanimously by the results of all its investigations and that this course of action held by far the best chance of achieving the maximum results.

Your interest and support in this work is sincerely requested and appreciated."

St. Mary Immaculate Youth Members Chant The Ordinary Of The Mass

Last Sunday, the Youth Organizations of St. Mary Immaculate Church shared in the singing of the High Mass at 9 o'clock. The Boy Scouts and Cubs, the Girl Guides and Brownies, (most of whom belong to Our Lady of Fatima School Choir, directed and trained by Mother St. Dominic) joined with the members of the Catholic Youth Club, in chanting the Ordinary of the Mass. Under the direction of Mr. Bernard Boon, with Miss Theresa Hughes at the organ, the children and young people alternated in an antiphonal manner with the regular choir of St. Mary's. With well over a hundred voices, the ceremony was inspiring and surely one to be remembered. Almost the whole congregation received Holy Communion at the Mass.

Following the Mass, the members of the Catholic Youth Club enjoyed a Communion Breakfast at the Richmond Grill. The breakfast was brought to a fitting completion with a talk by Mr. John Lawlor, B. A., a barrister and solicitor of Richmond Hill. The speaker gave informative instruction on the relation of politics to young people. He pointed out that though not many of the C.Y.C. Members could as yet cast a vote, still they must be prepared and informed, so that in the future they could vote in an enlightened manner. Mr. Lawlor reminded the listeners that all those elected - on the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government, and even those at the United Nations - all these elected men and women who supported their election, by working and voting for them.

The young people were advised to be interested in those running for office, and if they so desired, to join a political party. "People who do not take an interest in the way in which politics are conducted," the speaker said, "surely suffer the consequences." Grace was then said, and this successful morning brought to an end.

1961 Officers Chosen By Br. 375 Auxiliary

Twenty eight members turned out for the November 29 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, Canadian Legion Branch 375 Richmond Hill in the Legion Hall, Carrville Road which elected 1961 officers, to be headed by President Audrey Apperley, Zone Commander Mable Clark attended, bringing with her several guests who were warmly welcomed.

Officers elected to serve with Mrs. Apperley are Edith Litchell, 1st vice-president; Inez Greenfield, vice-president; Dot Baker, treasurer; Gayle Arnesen, recording secretary; Kay Wood, corresponding secretary; Jose Godard, sgt.-at-arms. Past president is Gloria Sanford.

The guests included Wynne Blake, sgt.-at-arms and Edith Hales, 2nd vice-president, of Woodbridge Legion Auxiliary. A lovely luncheon was enjoyed by members and guests and the draw prize went to Comrade J. Kanis.

Vaughan Ratepayers Win Cross Appeal Against Tp.

Seven ratepayers from the Roosevelt-Pearson area at Langstaff once again won a rebate on their assessment, after entering a cross-appeal against Vaughan Township's appeal launched to defeat the decision made by York County Judge E. L. Weaver last January that the seven ratepayers be awarded 15 to 20 per cent in their assessment appeal heard at that time. This is the third consecutive year this same group of ratepayers: Margaret Morris, Gordon Taylor, Kathleen Holman, Stanley Lunau, Eden Humphrey, Robert E. Bowley and Reba Edmonds, have fought this same battle.

"We are not fighting simply to lower our assessment," Mr. Bowley told "The Liberal" in an interview this week. "As a matter of fact our legal charges are not even covered by the amount of rebate we have received to date. But we are going to continue fighting the assessment levied by Vaughan Township until something is done about the shacks in our area, the drainage problems we have and the conditions of our roads."

An appeal to the existing council to re-assess the area in a more equitable manner, based on the successful appeals made by the ratepayers during the past three years. "It has cost Vaughan Township Council a lot of money to fight our appeals — they would save money by doing the work which is necessary," Mr. Bowley concluded.

To back them in their appeal, the ratepayers have received the following communication from the Municipal Board which this week announced a 10 per cent assessment reduction across the board. "The Board is not satisfied that sufficient weight was given to the factor of municipal services by the assessor in the light of the evidence of conditions that existed in the year 1959 given by the witnesses called by the respondents whose evidence the Board accepts."

STOUFFVILLE — Peter Gibbins, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibbins of Lemonville has been awarded first prize in the recently completed home plowing competition.

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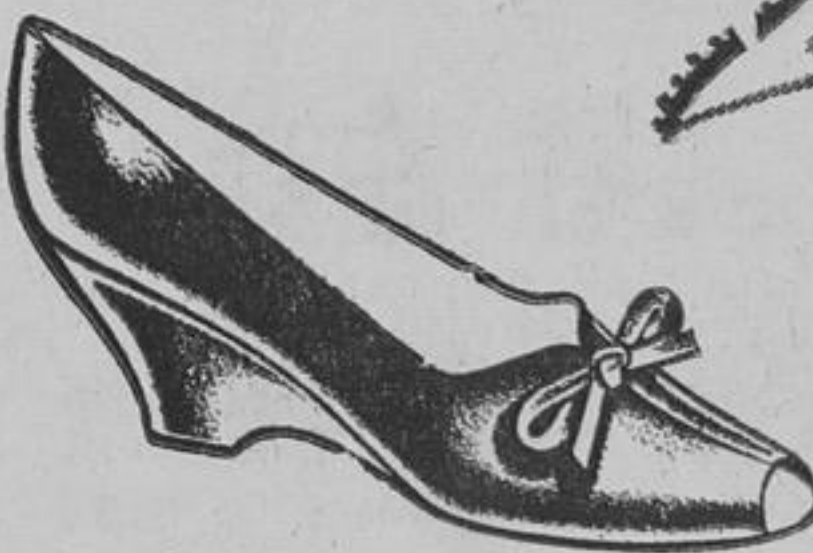
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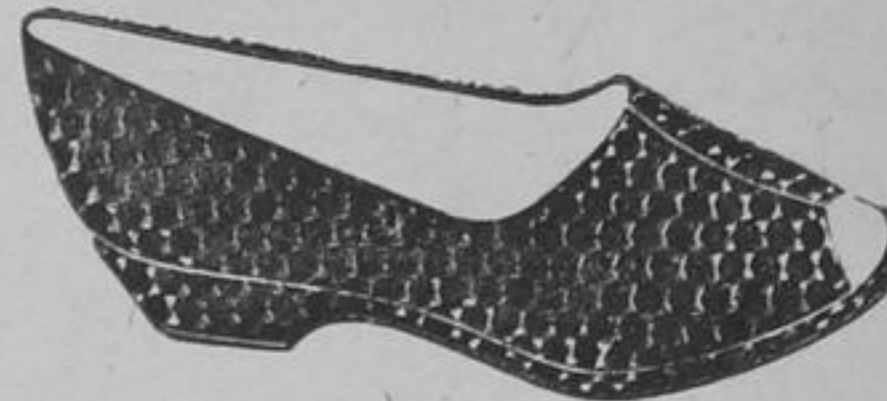
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