

# They Collected Their Diplomas Last Friday



It was a big night for members of the group pictured above when, last Friday, they received the diplomas which indicated that they had graduated from Richmond Hill High School. Included in the picture are, from the left in the back row, Wayne Koning, Kelvin Tonner, Robert Hobson, Bryan Robson, Bruce Elson, Juergen Haessler, Paul Brent, William Patterson, Victor Last, William Fleming, Jeffery Leman, Michael Spence. On the middle row, from the left, are Wolfgang Haessler, Barry Boeckner,

Gordon Pipher, Michael Cillis, Helen Oliver, Lois Perkins, Brian Finnerty, John Sims, Garry Palmer, Robert Lewis, Victor Suzuki. In the front row are Linda Radley, Shirley Newburg, Pamela Stillwell, Valerie Gropp, Ann Buchanan, Catharine Farwell Elizabeth McLeod, Katherine Connolly, Bette Dennie, Jane Lepper, Barbara Southwell, Mary Lou Lund. Not present when the picture was taken were David Houghton, Edward Houghton, Steve Keyes, Lois Millar, Robert Robson, Ann Wardrope. (Photo by Lagerquist)

"We need men and women of goodwill but also of knowledge and understanding. To you who have embarked on this pursuit, we wish Godspeed," said Dean A. J. Earp, M.A., M.Litt., of Trinity College, University of Toronto, as he addressed the 38th graduating class of Richmond Hill High School on Friday evening, November 3rd.

"The thoughts of your seniors go back to the time they were in their teens," Dean Earp stated. "For us the decision was a simple one, we knew where you have a far more difficult task. The challenges are blurred and it is no longer obvious where duty lies." He

pointed out that in underdeveloped countries the challenges were clear. In the Congo, for instance, on their day of independence, there were only 17 university graduates in the country, and the African leaders have agreed that their goal is free schooling by 1960—impossible unless some of the billions spent on armaments are devoted to education. For 30 openings in a Nigerian High School, Dean Earp reported, there had been 2,000 applications, and this in spite of very high fees. In the United States, the student leaders are facing up to the challenge of integration and have decided that racial inequality is an affront to humanity which they cannot accept. In Canada we have no social problem of equal magnitude.

Dean Earp pointed out, however, that there were staggering challenges and more compelling ones—the problems of peace, of unemployment, the conquest of space and of disease. "How shall we begin?" he asked. "Surely we must look for deeper knowledge. You who have won distinction," he exhorted, "have a special responsibility to keep the torch of learning bright."

"Cherish your idealism," he advised the students. "The idealism of youth will be blunted soon. Broaden your horizons beyond your community and your country. We are all world citizens. Travel if you can. A trip by bus through Canada now will be worth far more than ten trips to Florida in a Cadillac later on."

The gathering was chaired by Principal F. W. Morrow and the exercises opened with the invocation given by Rev. C. G. Higginson of Richmond Hill United Church. Greetings from the York Central District High School Board were brought by its chairman, Mr. E. R. Axelsson. Mr. Axelsson took the opportunity to report on the activities of the board, it being as he said, "one of the few occasions when the board has direct access to the public." He dwelt at length on the board's decision to engage a superintendent of education and complained that none of those causing the "unnecessary stir and uproar" had asked the opinion of any authorities on the matter. The Department of Education, he stated, was very much in favour.

"Both our public school board and others in the area have

supervising principals and with very great success," Mr. Axelsson insisted. "Is there less need on a secondary level? We are not going to employ an office boy or a Simon Legree. We are looking for a well trained, widely experienced co-ordinator and practical planner who will effect economies in an efficient business administration."

Town's share \$7,000

"Trustees do not take leave of their senses when they enter a board room," continued Mr. Axelsson, and explained to the taxpayers present that Richmond Hill's share of the cost of a superintendent would only be \$7,000 per year and not \$20,000 as had been rumoured.

The Valedictory address was given by Miss Catharine Farwell. She paid tribute to the devoted teachers who had put forth superhuman efforts in the trying times when a shift system was used in the school to accommodate all the pupils; and when the student body was split and split again. Miss Farwell also noted the benefits the students had received from their many extra-curricular activities. Such clubs as the Camera, Library, Mathematics, Stamp, United Nations, Debating, Science, Home Economics, Rod and Gun, had given the students much enjoyment and valuable administrative experience, she stated. "As we embark on our diverse ways, the education and experience acquired here will stand us in good stead," she concluded.

Secondary school graduation diplomas were presented to sixty-one Grade 12 graduates by Vice-Chairman John Wilson, assisted by Vice-Principal W. K. Ellis of the high school. Ten graduates of the special commercial course received their diplomas from Trustee Robert Ross, assisted by Mr. R. A. Caladine.

The forty-one honour graduates received their diplomas from Trustee E. Redelmeier, assisted by Mrs. H. Birkett. Principal Morrow announced that thirty-one of the group were continuing their education.

Highlight of the evening was the awarding of the prizes to the top students. Catharine Farwell won the high school board's prize for the highest academic standing in Grade 13 with an average of 85.8%. Other high school board prizes went to Wendy Ashkanase for the highest academic standing in Grade 9, with 85.4%; to Brian Lennox for the highest standing in Grades 9 and 10, with a two-year average of 92.2%; and to Gail Methe (by reversion) for the highest standing in Grades 11 and 12, with 83%. These were presented by Trustee Ralph Wood assisted by Mr. Tony Centa.

Student association prizes, presented by Edward Addison, president, assisted by Charlene Smith, vice-president, were awarded to Wendy Ashkanase, first in Grade 9, and Barbara Schell, second, with 84.6%; in Grade 10, first to Brian Lennox with 91.6%, and second, Mary Farwell with 89.4%; in Grade 11 to Sandra Wall, first with 84.3%, and second, Charlene Smith with 83.7%; in Grade 12, first to John Partington with 83.9% and second to Larry Folliott with 82.8%; Special Commercial, first to Shirley Milligan with 82% and second to Helen Shepherd with 81%; Grade 13, first to Catharine Farwell with 85.8% and second to Barry Boeckner with 83.8%.

The student association also presented a Public Speaking prize for Grade 9 to Craig McMullen Scholarship.

Two new prizes were presented for the first time. Mrs. Victor McMullen presented the Victor McMullen Scholarship trophy for Middle School History in memory of her late husband and former chairman of the district high school board. This award, of \$50.00, was won by John Partington who had a two-year average of 91% in history. As the first winner of the trophy, John also received a desk pen.

Izzard Scholarship

One of the school's best loved teachers, Miss Edna Izzard, also

## Circulation Up For Phone Book

The 1961 local edition of one of Canada's best read books, the telephone directory, has been delivered to telephone customers in Richmond Hill, W. C. Barnes, Bell Telephone Company manager for this region said this week.

The new directory should be used as soon as it is received, Mr. Barnes said.

Bell customers in Richmond Hill received 5,700 copies of the directory this year, compared with 5,400, in 1960. Total circulation throughout the territory served by the telephone book will be 42,896, an increase of 1,300 over last year's total.

All Number Calling, under which telephone numbers each consist of seven numerals, was introduced in Schomberg coincident with the introduction there of dial telephone service November 5. The new method of listing numbers is in use in the new directory for Schomberg customers.

Mr. Barnes said that besides the introduction of ANC, there are hundreds of other changes included in the directory. A good way to avoid calling errors, he noted, is for the individual customer to amend his Blue Book of Telephone Num-

In addition to Richmond Hill, the new directory serves Aurora, Bradford, Clarendon, Gormley, Keswick, King City, Maple, Markham, Mount Albert, Newmarket, Oak Ridges, Schomberg, Queen'sville, Stouffville, Sutton, Unionville, Uxbridge, and many other communities.

## TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

### Tenders for the Rental of Snowplowing Equipment

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 13th, 1961, at the Municipal Office, 56 Yonge Street N., Richmond Hill, for the rental of snowplowing equipment.

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There are prizes galore at the card party on Nov. 14th. Make up your own party and play the card game of your choice or call Mrs. Edwina Wilson, AV. 5-4466 for help in arranging partners. She also has all the information regarding tickets.

The candy sale held by Mr. Fiander's grades five and six raised enough money to pay for the class trip to the Royal Winter Fair.

Women's Institute

Ladies from local women's institutes have attended sessions of the Central Ontario W.I.'s 59th Annual Convention, held at the Royal York Hotel, November first, second and third.

One of the highlights of this convention was the Thursday luncheon. Guest speaker was the Rev. W. A. Young, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. He gave an address concerning living life to its fullest.

In the afternoon a demonstration of girl's work of Four H Clubs was given under the direction of Miss Lois Smith, Home Economist.

Reports were given of the work done by the Ontario Women's Institutes.

## Councillors Hear Future Crop York County Oratory Finals Held East Gwillimbury Girl Is Winner

York County's most articulate young orators competed at the county building in Newmarket, on November 1st in the finals of the public speaking contest conducted through public schools. York County Councillors were in session and listened to the thirteen competitors, while county officials, parents and others formed a good-sized audience.

East Gwillimbury captured county honours, thirteen-year-old Kay Stanton of Maple Leaf School taking the first place award with an address on "Mysteries of the Sea." Second place went to the Prince Charles Public School, Newmarket, with Jack Hurst being the orator. Third place was shared by Janice Smith of Summit View School of Stouffville and Scott Tremaine of Thornhill. Adjudicator for the event was Mrs. Diane Simpson, elocutionist from Etobicoke.

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