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The New System Of Secondary Education

(The following article has been written by Trustee W. H. Hutchison of Richmond Hill Public School Board, at the invitation of "The Liberal". Mr. Hutchison, in his opening paragraph, tells of steps which have been taken in recent weeks, in connection with a new plan of secondary school education. Purpose of "The Liberal" in publishing this article is to provide students and parents with a description, in reasonably permanent form, and for reference purposes, of the details of the plan. EDITOR.)

Last September, the Hon. John Roberts, then Minister of Education, announced a new approach to secondary education in Ontario. York Central District High School Board has based its plans for expansion of secondary schools in the district on the Roberts' plan. At the meeting of the Board on September 17, the committee met with all elementary school principals of the district. Representatives of many elementary and secondary school boards attended this meeting. Mr. Frank Chute, Director of Guidance Services, Ontario Department of Education, was the principal speaker at this meeting. He spoke on "The Need for Liaison between Elementary and Secondary School Systems."

Following that meeting, each high school principal in the district conducted a meeting to introduce the plan to interested persons in the areas served by his school. Every Grade VIII student and parents were specifically invited to at least one of these meetings. The response was good and, in addition, many teachers, school trustees and interested citizens attended.

The main objective of the new programme is to provide the maximum educational opportunity for each pupil, consistent with his or her abilities and interests and to achieve it. It is expected the new courses will offer every secondary school student greater opportunity for, and satisfaction in achieving a goal suited to his ability and interests. In doing so, it is expected that the high number of drop-outs experienced under the present secondary school programme will be reduced.

Commencing in September 1962, York Central High School District will offer each Grade IX student a choice of one of three main branches of secondary education. Further, the student may choose between a five year programme and a four year programme within each branch. The three branches are arts and science, science, technology and trades, and business and commerce. The five year programme in each branch is designed to permit the successful graduate to proceed to university, teachers' college or other advanced education. The four year programme in each branch is designed for those students who do not intend to proceed to university.

The compulsory subjects within each branch of the five-year programme are essentially the same. English, history, geography, physical education, guidance, mathematics, science and a second language are required subjects. Students enrolling in the arts and science branch will choose their optional subject or subjects from Latin, industrial arts, home economics, music, art. In the business and commerce course, there is no optional choice. Typing and business practices are required subjects. In the science, technology and trades branch, the student must take drafting and any two of auto-mechanics, electricity, machine shop or wood-working. Four-year Programme The four year programme in each branch requires a similar group of compulsory subjects. However, a second language is

not required, and the content of any given subject will not be the same as that in the five year programme. As the student advances in the four-year programme, opportunity will be given to specialize in the optional subjects he has chosen. Thus, he will be better equipped for direct entry into employment. All secondary schools in the York Central District will offer both the five year and four year arts and science programme in September, 1962. Bayview and Thornhill will both offer the business and commerce branches. Only Thornhill will offer the science, technology and trades branch in 1962. Commencing in 1963, Bayview will also have this programme available. All schools will not offer the same optional subjects, within each branch. To some extent then, a student's choice of branch, or even of options, will determine which school he will attend. Normally, a student will attend the school serving the area in which he resides. Where the particular branch or option which he has chosen is not available in that school, transportation will be provided by the High School Board. Thus, Richmond Hill students choosing one of the science, technology and trades programmes will be transported to Thornhill during the 1962-63 school year. In September 1963, they will enroll in Grade X at Bayview.

Successful completion of the five year programme in any of the three branches is rewarded with the presentation of the secondary school honour graduation diploma. Graduates of this course will be able to continue with higher education, subject to the same conditions as a university presently requires of a Grade XIII graduate. Successful students of the four-year programme in any branch, or of four years of the five year programme will be presented with the secondary school graduation diploma. This diploma is not generally recognized by universities or colleges in Ontario as meeting their admission requirements. However, the four year programme in business and commerce and in science, technology and trades may be considered as equivalent to the present four-year commercial and technical courses. It has been announced that the Institutes of Technology may accept graduates of the four year programme in science, technology and trades.

Special Cases Course This expansion of secondary school education will not be suited to the abilities of all pupils. Essentially this whole programme is designed for those who graduate from Grade VIII. In addition to these, there is also a group who may not qualify for promotion on the basis of standard tests. However, after considering such factors as age, physical and emotional maturity and social development, an elementary school principal may decide it is in the best interest of such a child that they attend a secondary school in future. It is for this group that our secondary schools have offered a special course in recent years. This course will be continued at Woodbridge, Bayview and Richmond Hill High Schools.

In addition, Thornhill will offer a special two year occupational course for this group. One half of the course will offer such subjects as English, history, geography, mathematics, physical and health education. The other half of the students' time will be spent on practical studies. For boys, the practical subjects will be focussed on the building industry. During the second year it is expected that specialization in a specific trade will be permitted.

Opportunity For Girls For girls, the practical work will be centered on the operation of a school store to be built in the shopping wing at Thornhill. Emphasis will be on the techniques of retail merchandising, displays, sales presentations and knowledge of materials. It is hoped that a programme can be developed that will enable these students to obtain practical experience by working in various departments of local retail establishments.

In September 1963, Bayview will also offer a two year occupational course. The practical subjects to be taught, will be centered on a different group of occupations, determined by local employment opportunities.

While intended as a two-year course, a student enrolled in this course will be permitted to leave before completing Grade X if the parents, teachers, and the student, consider it wise. Close co-operation of business and industry and the school could result in many graduates of this course obtaining a satisfactory position in their own locality. Students and their parents are asked to make their choice of branch and programme before entering Grade IX. This is an important decision which should entail careful consideration of the student's abilities and interests. The importance of the role of the elementary school in influencing this choice is obvious. Less obvious perhaps, but of equal importance, is the need for close liaison with the secondary schools in the area. The recent series of meetings is evidence that this need has been recognized by the principals, superintendents and inspectors of York Central District High School.

Allows For Change Even with the closest co-operation between parents, pupils and teachers, there will undoubtedly be cases where the student embarks on the wrong branch or programme. Provision has been made within the system to allow for this. For instance, a student who selects the four year programme without French, may change to the five year programme in Grade X by selecting another language. Similarly by the proper choice of options in Grade IX, it is possible to change from one branch to another. By repeating Grade XII, a graduate of the four-year programme will be permitted to transfer to the five year programme.

Essentially the new programme for secondary schools is an attempt to provide an education better suited to the abilities and interests of the individual student. It will function best in larger school systems where there are sufficient pupils to make a wide variety of courses and options possible. To do their job effectively, elementary school staffs will require training in guidance, or direct assistance from secondary school teachers in this field. These are obvious flaws in the new plan, and there are others. Insofar as the new programme recognizes and provides for differences in the abilities and interests of our children, it is an improvement. Its effectiveness will be measured by the reduction in the number of drop-outs at both the secondary school and university levels five to ten years from now.

Elgin Mills & Jefferson News CORRESPONDENT: Mabel Louise Robertson Brookside Road TU. 4-1396 Don't forget the 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts, father and son banquet on Thursday, April 5, at 6.45 p.m., in the parish hall of St. John's Church, Jefferson town line. Confirmation classes are now being held every Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the upper room of the parish hall, St. John's Church. All members of St. John's Church and St. Mark's Church wishing to be confirmed are invited to attend these lessons. Christening Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m. a christening was held at St. Mary's Church, Richmond Hill, for the youngest member of the Ernest Ensor family. The baby was named Ernest Harold after his father, Mrs. Joy Haslen was chosen to be the baby's Godmother, while Mr. Jack Laughlin is the Godfather. Sympathy Sympathy of the community is extended to the N. Drew family of Elgin Mills for the loss of Mr. Drew's father who passed away just recently. The funeral was held out-of-town on Monday, April 2. Last Sunday marked the beginning of April, nor was that all, for April 1 was the first day of the cancer campaign. During this month canvassers will be calling on the residents of this community. When the canvasser knocks on your door, please give generously. Remember the money you give will be put to good use in furthering research in educating the people, (so that cancer may be detected early and lives saved), in helping cancer victims to buy the medicine needed, and in transporting these people to hospitals for the necessary checkups. If even one person can be helped or just one life saved, don't you think it is worth it to give what you can. It means you are putting your money to the best possible use - the saving of lives. Neighborhood Notes Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robertson of Brookside Road, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Holland Marr and family of Highland Creek, Sunday, April 1. Mrs. Marr is sister of Mr. Henry Robertson. Birthdays and birthdays are extended to Miss Karen Harper who will celebrate her birthday on April 8. Undoubtedly the tradesmen and delivery boys are pleased with the recent installation of house numerals in the Elgin Mills area. The numerals have been installed so that house to house postal delivery can be put into effect and residents of this area have been busy getting their mail boxes. Those who do not have mail boxes will be required to pick up their mail at general delivery in the Richmond Hill Post Office. Community Club The tenth anniversary services of the Jefferson Community Club were held Wednesday, March 28, at Jefferson Public School. There were about 75 ladies in attendance at this party, among them a former resident of this community, Mrs. Carrie Threlfall. During the meeting, Mrs. Stanley Leno told the ladies the history of Jefferson School beginning at the time when it was a small log cabin through to the present day five-room school. Mrs. Mona A. Robertson, vice-chairman of the township school area board conveyed greetings from the school board and then gave a brief resume of the history of the community club from the time when it began in 1952. Mrs. Robertson also discussed the aim of the club,

Markham Water Plans Hearing Said Likely

Notices of the intention of the municipality to proceed with its plans for extension of the water system have brought a number of objections, Markham Township Clerk Harry Crisp reported this week. Eight, plus a petition, have been received. These will now be passed on by him to the Ontario Municipal Board, with the possibility that it will order a hearing, at which those lodging objections can state their case before it makes a decision.

DONCASTER

Correspondent David Barbour Henderson Ave. Phone AV. 5-5205

Doncaster Community Ladies Club executive met last Friday at the home of Mrs. H. Mizen, Sprucewood Drive. The result of the meeting was the announcement of the final bridge and euchre marathon of the season. The proceeds of this endeavour will be used to "adopt" two patients of Villa Hospital. Names of entrants are now being sought for the marathon, which will commence in April or early May. Final game of the Thornhill and District Hockey League will be played this week-end. Juniors will play at Bradford, Saturday. The teams will be the victors in last week-end's semifinals.

Beside the deciding contest between the Red Wings and the Calypso Kings, the Junior All-Stars will oppose a squad of girl pucksters. Senior All-Stars will tangle with a team of fathers and coaches. This will be on Sunday.

Gormley News

Correspondent Mrs. Gormley Milledin Gormley 5421

Congratulations to Mrs. George French who celebrated her 84th birthday April 3. Mrs. French remains active piecing quilts and sewing carpet rags. Harry Ford Boyd died recently in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Leslie and Peter, lived in New Gormley where Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gibson now live. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer are spending a ten day holiday with relatives in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heise and family moved Friday to the farm formerly belonging to Levi Smith. A number of people attended the Canadian Conference of Brethren in Christ Churches at Stevensville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Burnett of Lemonville and Miss Arvilla Forrester were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Forrester of Laskay, Monday in honour of J. P. Forrester's 85th birthday. Musical numbers were presented by Messrs. Donald Weeks, Ivan Preston and the three Yake children in the Sunday Service of the U.M. Church, Sunday, Mrs. G. Harmon received the lesson for the senior classes. Mrs. Fred Yake presented a flannelgraph story for the junior pupils.

A new floor has just been laid in the basement of the church and was not completed. As a result all classes met in the church.

Miss Hazel Johnson returned home from Florida last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pescock have just returned from a month's holiday. Highlights of their holiday was a Mediterranean Cruise.

The Men's Missionary Fellowship of U.M. Church is holding a dinner meeting Monday, April 9, at the Youth Centre. Rev. Ed. Chester of Brampton will be guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hawkins, Sharon and Debbie of Lagos, Nigeria, arrive at Malton, April 9.

A rabid skunk ambled around Old Gormley for some time Friday evening.

Allan Chadwick of Markham Township Police shot the animal.

Mrs. Beulah Jones had her cast removed recently, but she has to go to Newmarket Hospital twice a week for therapy treatments. She cannot put any weight on her foot and still has to get around on crutches.

Mrs. Allan Doner and Dale spent several days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gooding of Richmond Hill recently.

Over ninety people were present at the W.M.S. service in the U.M. Church last Monday when Allan Doner spoke and showed pictures of his work in Nigeria. Mrs. Walsh of Stouffville sang.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wideman and family of Richmond Hill had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wideman and family.

Mrs. Ella Elliott, Mr. Levi Steckley and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Byer of Stouffville were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brown of Welland. They also visited her brother, Norman Byer, who is ill in Buffalo Deaconess Hospital. Ed Leary celebrated his 89th birthday Sunday, April 1. U.M. Church lifted their prayer-meeting Wednesday and everyone went to hear Rev. O. Eastman, who is conducting special services at O'Connor Hills United Missionary Church in Don Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 14.

PROCLAMATION RE LIQUOR LICENCE ACT VOTE THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

Public notice is hereby given, that in accordance with the provisions of The Liquor Licence Act, and in pursuance of a by-law passed by the municipal council of the TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, on the 5th Day of FEBRUARY, 1962, I require the presence of the voters at the Town Hall in the TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL on the 14th day of APRIL, 1962, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Standard Time, at which time I will announce the names of the persons appointed to act for the Affirmative and for the Negative respectively upon the poll to be held under Section 72 of the Liquor Licence Act, upon the following questions,

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR UNDER A DINING LOUNGE LICENCE FOR CONSUMPTION WITH MEALS ON LICENSED PREMISES? ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR UNDER A LOUNGE LICENCE FOR CONSUMPTION ON LICENSED PREMISES? And notice is further given that the vote will be taken upon the same questions, in the manner provided by law at a poll to be opened on the 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1962 from the hour of 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 7 o'clock in the afternoon (Standard Time) at the following places:

LIST OF POLLING PLACES

- FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 1 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Yonge Street, north of the centre line of Centre Street, west of the C.N.R. right-of-way and south of Elgin Mills Road. MUNICIPAL HALL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 2 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Yonge Street, north of the centre line of Markham Road, west of the C.N.R. right-of-way, and south of the centre line of Centre Street. LILLIAN McCONAGHY PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 3 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Yonge Street, north of the south Town limits, west of the centre line of Ruggles Avenue, and south of the centre line of Markham Road. LILLIAN McCONAGHY PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 4 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Ruggles Avenue, north of the south town limits, west of the C.N.R. right-of-way, and south of the centre line of Markham Road. LILLIAN McCONAGHY PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 5 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the south town limits, west of the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and south of the centre line of Palmer Avenue. WALTER SCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 6 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Palmer Avenue, west of the centre line of Sussex Avenue, and south of the centre line of Markham Road. WALTER SCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 7 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Sussex Avenue, north of the centre line of Palmer Avenue, west of the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and south of the centre line of Markham Road. WALTER SCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 8 Comprising all that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Markham Road, west of the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and south of the centre line of Centre Street. WALTER SCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 9 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Centre Street, south of the centre line of Cartier Crescent north, east of the centre line of Tormore Drive, south of the centre line of Cartier Crescent south and Lindley Avenue, east of the centre line of Sussex Avenue, and south of the centre line of Shelly Road extended west to the C.N.R. right-of-way. CROSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 10 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Shelly Road extended to the C.N.R. right-of-way, west of the centre line of Sussex Avenue, north of the centre line of Lindley Avenue, north of the centre line of Cartier Crescent south, west of the centre line of Tormore Drive, north of the centre line of Cartier Crescent north, to east boundary of Town and south of the centre line of Crosby Avenue to C.N.R. right-of-way. CROSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 11 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Neal Drive, north of the centre line of Crosby Avenue, west of the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and south of the centre line of Taylor Mills Drive north. BEVERLEY ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 12 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the centre line of Taylor Mills Drive extended to Crosby Avenue, south of the centre line of Perkins Road, east of the centre line of Brownsdale Crescent and Kinsmen Road, south of the centre line of Kerswell Drive, west of the centre line of Neal Drive, and north of the centre line of Crosby Avenue. BEVERLEY ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 13 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Crosby Avenue, west of the centre line of Taylor Mills Drive extended to Crosby Avenue, and south of the centre line of Ashlar Road extended to the C.N.R. BEVERLEY ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 14 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Ashlar Road extended to the C.N.R. right-of-way, west of the centre line of Taylor Mills Drive, north of the centre line of Perkins Road, east of the centre line of Brownsdale Crescent and Kinsmen Road, north of the centre line of Kerswell Drive, west of the centre line of Neal Drive, and south of the centre line of Taylor Mills Drive north and Beechy Drive extended to the C.N.R. right-of-way. BEVERLEY ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 15 Comprising that portion of the Town lying east of the C.N.R. right-of-way, north of the centre line of Beechy Drive and Taylor Mills Drive north, west of the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and south of the Elgin Mills Road. BEVERLEY ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 16 Comprising that portion of the Town lying west of the centre line of Yonge Street, north of the centre line of Hunt Avenue, east of the centre line of Lucas Street, north of the north limits of MacKillop Public School property to westerly and northerly boundaries of the Town. O. M. MacKILLOP PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 17 Comprising that portion of the Town lying west of the centre line of Yonge Street, north of the centre line of Wright Street, east of the centre line of Powell Street, south of the centre line of Mill Street, east of the centre line of Lucas Street and south of the centre line of Hunt Avenue. MUNICIPAL HALL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 18 Comprising that part of the Town lying south of the north limits of the O. M. MacKillop Public School property, west of the centre line of Lucas Street, north of the centre line of Mill Street, east of the centre line of Wood Lane and north of the south boundary of the lots abutting on the south side of Emerald Isle Court to westerly and northerly boundaries of the Town. O. M. MacKILLOP PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 19 Comprising that part of the Town lying south of the south boundary of the lots abutting on Emerald Isle Court, west of the centre line of Wood Lane and Trench Street produced to the south boundary of the Town. PLEASANTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 20 Comprising that part of the Town lying west of the centre line of Yonge Street north of the centre line of Centre Street, west of the centre line of Bridgeford Street, east of the centre line of Trench Street produced to the south boundary of Town, south of the centre line of Wright Street. MUNICIPAL HALL
FOR POLLING SUBDIVISION NO. 21 Comprising that part of the Town lying west of the centre line of Yonge Street, south of the centre line of Centre Street, east of the centre line of Bridgeford Street produced to the west and south boundaries of the Town. LILLIAN McCONAGHY PUBLIC SCHOOL
And further that at the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, on the 30th day of April 1962, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon (Standard Time) I shall open the ballot boxes, add up the votes given upon the said questions, and declare the result of the said vote in the said Municipality of the Town of Richmond Hill. Of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Given under my hand at Richmond Hill this 28th day of March, in the year 1962. RUSSELL LYNETT GOD SAVE THE QUEEN RETURNING OFFICER.

Coming CANADIANA Spring Fair - The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society Handicrafts of the Provinces Gallery of Historical Paintings Information Bureau - Demonstrations Dennis Moore Dancers Library Puppeteers Naturalists' Display Plants, Flowers, Arrangements Tea Garden, Home Baking SATURDAY, APRIL 14 TH. 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. LIONS' COMMUNITY HALL No Admission Charge Everyone Welcome

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