

Text Book Grants Don't Tell Whole Story

York Central High School Superintendent Sam Chapman said proposed government textbook grants for grades 9 and 10 next year were welcome here but the picture wasn't made clear by the headlines.

Mr. Chapman told "The Liberal": "I personally welcome any support from the provincial government which takes the load off parents but it isn't all as clear as was stated when the grants were announced."

"We receive \$3 a student now and will receive about \$6. This will pay for only five or six books and obviously will not cover the whole cost. Also, grants we receive are based on last year's attendance. If total attendance is only 97%, we receive grants on that basis," he said.

A statement from York Central Board trustees may be forthcoming at its next meeting.

Mr. Chapman said there haven't appeared to be any difficulties for students at the four schools in the area system to get their required list of books this year.

He said the lists over the years are always subject to change. In the system here over the past few years, there has been a definite attempt for heads of departments in the schools to confer

before school opening on what books would be used in what course in the system. "This has cut down considerably on confusion over the vast number of books available for courses."

The Department of Education puts out a list of books permitted to be used in school courses.

For example, in grade 9 mathematics this year, there are six books recommended as suitable. The York Central department heads have agreed on three of these within the framework. Some of the books remain the same year after year, for example the intermediate mathematics three book has been on the approved list for a dozen or more years. "It isn't easy for a book to get on the approved list," Mr. Chapman said.

In answer to a question on publishers' pressure on what books are used, Mr. Chapman said publishers lose, too.

"A publisher has to produce a book in its final hard cover form before it is presented for approval by the department's curriculum board, in some cases at a cost of roughly \$20,000. The book may then have to be revised and edited at further cost and still stands the chance of not being accepted," he said.

On the possibility of paperback and

hence cheaper editions of textbooks, the superintendent agreed paperbacks of some books would be a good move, particularly in the English textbooks "but not in maths".

He cited an example at his former school, Richview Collegiate in Etobicoke where an edition of Modern Maths was put out in paperback form. "It was a terrific problem. Because the books were in constant, daily use, they became dog-eared and ripped and just wouldn't stand up."

As an opposite example, he gave the case of a young student whose family had six or seven French dictionaries in their home library but who insisted on going out to buy a recommended paperback dictionary because it was a cheap edition.

Thornhill Secondary School is the only one in the system that holds a book mart in the summer for students to buy new and used books.

Mr. Chapman said he didn't know whether schools should get into the book-selling business.

There is also a fund set aside by the school board through which teachers can make arrangements to help out students who simply can't afford textbooks.

Donald Plaxton Active Last Week Of Campaign

In a campaign speech this week, Liberal candidate Donald Plaxton promised, if elected, to give the people of York North vigorous representation in the new Legislature to be elected on September 25th. Mr. Plaxton has been campaigning hard throughout the riding making a personal canvass of as many voters as possible. He has been knocking on doors, meeting people while shopping, and attending many coffee parties. Last week he spoke to the Kleinberg Rotary Club, the Sutton Kiwanis Club and the C.W.L. of St. Mary's Church, Richmond Hill. Wednesday evening of this week he spoke at the model parliament in Richmond Hill and later, with Mrs. Plaxton, was guest of honour at a public reception at Aurora Legion Hall.

"The response has been excellent and I have found our people very concerned about the type and quality

of leadership the Legislature is going to give this province during the next five years. We are living in an era of rapid change and certainly the 70,000 voters in this riding are entitled to a strong voice in the next Legislature.

"Our municipalities are the creation of the province. This is seen in the day-to-day operation of our public bodies where our local councils and school boards are subject to a vast number of statutes and laws passed by our Legislature. Education, roads, assessment, agriculture, planning, industrial development and welfare are all matters that fall under the jurisdiction of the Legislature and the municipalities. It's therefore only good common sense to make certain our riding has able, energetic representation in the next Legislature."

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Sunday School Meeting

There was a large attendance at the Sunday school meeting Wednesday evening of last week.

Superintendent Percy Bennett, conducted the meeting, and opened it with scripture reading followed by prayer.

Plans were made for the rally day service September 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Teachers of the Sunday School for the year are: kindergarten, Mrs. S. Boynton and Mrs. Robert Boyd; primary (1) Miss Carol Mortonson, assistant Mrs. C. Steckley; primary (2) Mrs. W. Sandley, assistant Miss Joan Smith; primary (3) Mrs. Earl Empringham, assistant Miss Shirley Boynton; junior girls (1) Mrs. G. Brands, assistant Mrs. F. McRoberts; junior girls (2) Mrs. A. Calvert, assistant Mrs. P. Rummy; junior boys Mrs. P. Bennett and Mrs. J. Boyd, assistant Bruce Mortonson; intermediate boys, Jim Gladding, assistant Barry King; intermediate girls, Mrs. D. Boyd and Mrs. H. McCague; senior class Mr. P. Bennett; adults Mr. Rolph Boynton, assistant Mr. Clarence Steckley.

Rummage & Auction Sale
The Victoria Square and District Lions Club held a rummage and white elephant sale in the community hall on Friday evening of last week with a large attendance.

The weather was just perfect on Saturday afternoon for the auction sale with Alvin Farmer and Gordon Orr as auctioneers. Jim Smith and Geoff. Campey were the clerks.

The ladies had a bake sale booth and the baking was sold out in no time at all. The ladies also served refreshments. Bingo was played and enjoyed both evenings.

A lucky draw was held for a chiffon cake made and beautifully decorated by Mrs. F. Donnelly and was won by Mrs. Ellis, King, Ont.

The Lions held a lucky draw: electric hairdryer: Mary Shuman, Thornhill; electric portable oven: Mrs. G. McWhirter; electric mantle clock: Patsy Gilroy, Richmond Hill; travel alarm clock: Loretta Lemon, Toronto.

All proceeds will be used for community purposes.

Rally Day Service

The annual rally day service will be held on September 22 at 11:30 a.m. with the Sunday school and church services combined. There will be no Sunday school but all the teachers and children are asked to meet in the schoolroom by 11:10 a.m. in order that they may march up into the church and sit in a body at the front of the church. A large attendance is anticipated.

Hat Fashion Show

Due to circumstances beyond control the hat fashion show that was to have been held in the Melville United Church September 25, sponsored by the Rangers, has had to be cancelled.

Afternoon Tea

Mr. and Mrs. Stan DeFoe are holding a tea for Mr. Donald G. Plaxton on September 22, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have not yet met Mr. Plaxton come to Twin Streams Farm, Don Mills Rd. and enjoy a cup of tea with him. Mrs. DeFoe will be assisted by the ladies of Markham Township Women's Liberal Association.

Neighbourhood Notes

Birthday greetings to David Boynton, September 19; David Houck, Jr., seven years, September 22, David Boyd, seven years, September 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nichols will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary September 20; Mr. and Mrs. Morley Ryan will celebrate their 7th wedding

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Senior Rhythm Band Makes Debut



With 114 members attending the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens held their first meeting of the season in the Christian Education Building of the Richmond Hill United Church on September 11, with President J. P. Wilson in the chair. Greetings and well wishes were extended by Rev. Charles Higginson from the members and board of the church. Councillor Thomas Murphy on behalf of town council congratulated the club and wished it every success. Seven new members were welcomed.

In remembrance of five members who have passed on two minutes silence was held. Rev. F. C. Jackson of Thornhill, a charter member, in his cheery manner spoke of the progress the club has made since its inception. He also spoke of plans to form a senior citizens club at Thornhill and Maple with the assistance of the Thornhill Lions Club and Mr. Ed. Butlin.

Reports of the year's activities of the convention in London recently were presented. More details of these will be given at a later date.

Mr. J. Sheahan reported that a small charge would be made for the bowlers this year. Mr. A. Marsden, captain for this season announced bowling would be held at 2 p.m. September 13 and each following Friday.

Director Mrs. Mona Robertson congratulated the seniors on their work and activities. Activities at the day centre are handicrafts each Monday, quilting on Tuesdays and the centre is open to all members for any activities including cards, etc. A schedule of activities is posted at the centre.

A card party for members only was announced for September 18, proceeds for the hospital project. A bake sale will be held September 23 and the annual bazaar on November 16.

Mrs. E. Masters reported on quilts made and sold during the summer.

F. Rose, Mrs. E. Burnie, B. Cook, Mrs. W. Pollard and A. Marsden will be a nominating committee for a slate of officers for next year.

After the meeting closed a social time was spent under the convenorship of Mrs. L. Clement and committee.



Miss Ruth Garson In Twelfth Year Teaching Piano

A well-known Richmond Hill pianist is entering her 12th year of teaching young students the elements of piano and theory and her seventh year in this area.

Miss Ruth Garson, a native of Montreal, received her Associate of the Dominion College of Music in that city when she was 18 after years of study.

Her second love was singing and simultaneously with her piano studying she studied with a contemporary of Caruso's, Mme. Pauline Donalda, founder of the Dominion Opera Company in whose productions, Miss Garson sang in "Carmen" among other roles as well as in concerts and on radio.

Miss Garson has also been teaching voice production for the past seven years, as well as vocal coaching in all fields of singing. Some of her pupils have sung before various local organizations and on television. One of her pupils won first prize in singing at the Peel Music Festival.

Her first big break as a pianist came after she had been rehearsal pianist for a well-known Montreal ballet school and the husband of one of the teaching staff, the Montreal Impresario of Canadian Concerts and Artists auditioned her for a Chopin concert with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

She is particularly fond of Chopin and played the famous "Polonaise" for piano and orchestra in her debut into the concert world.

After coming to Toronto, Miss Garson established her reputation as a music teacher and now devotes all her time to her students in grades one to 10 in Richmond Hill and District, preparatory to Royal Conservatory examinations.

One innovation she began several years ago was a music appreciation club which meets once a month to discuss music and its origins.

She notes with pride students who have won honours at the various music festivals, C.N.E. competitions and on television programs.

Her theory in teaching: "I want pupils who like to be able to play the piano. If a child shows he or she is really interested in the piano, I would rather not have him as a student. I always try to vary the teaching methods so that it is a challenge for me as well as the student and never becomes stale," she said.

North Richvale News

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1st Richvale Scouts

Local Scouts are preparing for another camporee to be held at the Greenwood Conservation Area near Markham September 21 and 22. It is hoped that this year's will be as successful as last year when the Scouts really enjoyed themselves.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on September 18. They will attend a party with a few friends on Saturday.

Corn Roast

Mail carriers and their wives from Richmond Hill, Aurora, Thornhill, Willowdale were all invited by Mr. Bernie Corliss, Elgin Mills Sideroad to a corn roast Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment supplied by the Aurora group, and the whole evening.

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