

To Thornhill's Grads At 9th Commencement

York Dean Apologizes For Chaotic World

By MARGARET I. McLEAN

"Thank you, but never good-bye" were the closing words of the valedictory address made on behalf of the graduating class of 1963 by Mary-Anne Baker at the ninth annual commencement exercises of Thornhill Secondary School November 15.

In a simple but sincere and intensely moving speech, Mary-Anne recalled the many activities the students had enjoyed at the school and which "made our studies relatively painless."

"How happy we were at the end of a football game," she recalled. "How anxious in the last seconds of a basketball match; the thrill which our Onstage Players received last year at Hart House; the wonder of an orchestra rehearsal when every instrument was in tune."

In thanking the school for its important years of moulding and development, Mary-Anne paid eloquent tribute to the teachers "for their knowledge, for their ability to teach us to learn, and most of all for their character. It is largely through your interest in us, your kindness and your patience that we are graduates tonight."

A slight break in her voice attested to Mary-Anne's sincerity as she concluded, "May our affection and respect be your

thanks." The capacity audience also heard a lively and meaningful address by George Tatham, Dean of York University.

He apologized to the students for the chaotic world which they were about to enter and for which he admitted being partly responsible. "But I don't accept all the responsibility," he added. "Some did more than I and some did more

than their fair share."

Mr. Tatham warned the students that they would be responsible for the world which their children would enter. "We are all waiting for you to come and help us and we are concerned about what kind of people you are and what contribution you will make," he said.

Mr. Tatham related the story of the father who was being pestered by a small boy with continual questions.

Tearing a page from his newspaper, he tore a map of the world which was on it into small pieces and told the youngster to come back when it was put together. The child was back with the map together in a very few minutes. When asked how he had done it so quickly, he replied, "There was a man on the back and I put him together right and the world was okay."

"You must start with the individual," Mr. Tatham warned. "First yourself and then with the people next door."

This was what he looked for, he said, when he came to a place like Thornhill Secondary School; to see whether the stu-

dents were being stuck together right and to see whether some of the teachers, who had once been his own pupils, were still stuck together right.

"What we want is better people. Better men and women can make a better world," Mr. Tatham continued, admitting that this was now a harder task than formerly.

"You are living at a time when life has become physically easier but morally harder," he said. "You have more freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. The only true freedom is being completely subservient to the very best you can conceive."

Mr. Tatham urged students to ask themselves what were their standards of excellence.

"Have you a standard of excellence? Are you proud to be here, or still wondering how it happened? How do you use your leisure? What do you want most out of life and why? If you want money, what will you do with it?" These were awkward questions, he admitted, and ones which they would answer differently at different stages of their lives.

President of the Board of Student Senators Jack Tanguy was assisted by N. Jefferson in the presenting of gold pins to those who have had first-class honours for five years. These went to Mary-Anne Baker, Marilyn Clarke, Robert Lemire and Alita Wise. Silver pins were presented to Joanne McHoull and James McTaggart-Cowan in honour of their having received first-class honours standing for four years.

The school orchestra brightened the program with two selections during the evening and acquitted themselves admirably, although the conductor, Mr. Lazar, later told me that the performance amounted to a dress rehearsal as it was the first time he had been able to assemble the entire orchestra at one time.

Another bright spot was the inclusion in the program of vocal selections, delivered with charm and enthusiasm by Marian Martin. Marian sang "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" and "I Enjoy Being a Girl".

Robert Ross, chairman of the York Central District High School Board, brought the greetings of the board and complimented both the staff and the students on the fine showing they had made last year.

Almost 90 per cent of the grade 13 papers written had received pass marks, he said, and the percentage of first and second honours obtained had increased, with two students obtaining Ontario Scholarship Certificates for over 80 per cent standing and one obtaining a scholarship for university entrance.

Mr. Ross then presented secondary school graduation diplomas in the general course (grade 12), assisted by D. W. Anderson. Norman Tyndall of the York Central District High School Board presented grade 12 diplomas to the graduates of the commercial course, assisted by W. Freeman.

Middle and lower school prizes for the general and commercial courses were then presented. Buttonville Women's Institute prize for grade 9 general was presented by Mrs. Reid to Scott Tremaine by reversion from Jeffrey B. Coleman. James Timmins, President of the Thornhill Lions Club, presented the club's scholarship for junior matriculation to Terry Lazar. Terry, who is the son of E. Lazar, head of the music department at Thornhill, qualified as the winner of all the prizes offered in grade 12.

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York Central District High School book prizes in grades 9 to 12 were presented to Scott Tremaine, Wendy Mitchinson, Jean Buffett, Terry Lazar and Mary-Anne Baker, in the arts and sciences course; to Fred Churchill, Jessie Bowick, Cecile Brousseau and Joanne McHoull, in the business and commerce branch, and to Jeffrey Coleman and David Proulx in the science, technology and trades branch. These were presented by R. W. Masters, of the board, assisted by N. Jefferson.

Lower school general proficiency prizes went to Jeffrey Coleman in grade 9, with honourable mention to Scott Tremaine and to Wendy Mitchinson in grade 10, with honourable mention to Ian Rankin.

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Following Mr. Tatham's address, honour graduation diplomas were presented to the 74 grade 13 graduates. Presentations were made by John Honsberger of the high school board, assisted by Eugene Lazar.

A total of ten prizes was presented to upper school graduates. The Beamish Construction prize for proficiency in mathematics and science was presented by W. A. Doherty to Robert James Lemire. David St. John Bare received the Morley J. Kinnee Plaque for proficiency in English, presented by Mr. Kinnee. The Imperial Oil Limited higher education award was received by Alita Wise from R. E. Patterson. To David St. John Bare also went the Mary Threapleton prize for English literature based on the year's average. This was presented by Mrs. Audrey Taylor.

President of the boys' athletic directorate Paul Hunter made two cash awards for the directorate.

One, of \$100, for a student entering a physical and health education course at a university, was awarded to John Rumbler. Two other cash awards of \$50 each went to Linda Watt and Leonard F. Lee, for their contribution to school life. The money for these awards is raised by the boys' and girls' athletic associations presentation of "Health's A Poppin'" each year.

The home economics prize for the student continuing to university in this course was won by Marilyn J. Clarke, presented by Miss J. Davidson.

Marilyn Thompson received the staff prize which was presented to her by Mr. D. Foley, chairman of the committee.

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Santa's Parade

The biggest and best Santa Claus parade in the history of the Town of Richmond Hill is being planned for Saturday, December 7, by the Richmond Heights Merchants Association.

Groups, industries and associations throughout the town have been contacted to participate, and early results indicate there is more interest than last year. Such groups may enter a float of their own manufacture as long as it has a definite Christmas theme or a float with low vehicle and driver will be supplied if desired. Fairy tale characters will be prominently featured.

Of course there will be the usual number of walking and riding clowns, beautiful girls, winsome children, with many surprises in store for the kiddies who watch the parade.

Majorettes and lots and lots of hands will make this parade one which will be remembered for a long time.

Ten thirty on the morning of December 7 will see the parade leave the W.L. Scott School grounds on Markham Road East, proceed along Markham Road to Yonge, and up Yonge Street to Richmond Heights Centre where Santa will be welcomed to Richmond Hill.

Following the parade Santa will take up his quarters on the plaza where his young friends will be able to talk to him up until Christmas Eve.

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County Equipment Busy Ditching Bayview Ave.

County equipment is working on the ditches along Bayview this week as the result of a meeting between the works committee of Richmond Hill Town Council and A. J. Rettie, chief engineer of the county, last week. This was reported at Monday night's meeting of council.

It was also reported that the road had been graded two or three times recently.

Mr. Rettie had reported that all monies set aside for the maintenance of some 17 miles of road acquired by the county system in June had not been expended, so his forces would intensify their maintenance work on Bayview.

The committee reported that in discussing the paving of Bayview, Mr. Rettie stated that if funds were provided and road standards now under consideration by the Toronto and Yorks Roads Commission were accepted for construction in certain areas, Richmond Hill and Markham Township would receive an additional benefit by a further reduction in their share in the cost of the road construction.

Reeve Floyd Perkins reported that the commission had presented five plans for the improvement of Bayview, and that Richmond Hill and Markham Township had approved in principle a four lane paved road with storm sewers, gutters and curbs. The local municipalities will not have to contribute towards the extra lanes, and the department of highways after January 1 will subsidize the construction of storm sewers up to 27 inches.

Mayor William Neal stated he felt the town was fortunate to have Bayview taken over as a county road in June this year. If county will include it in its budget for 1964, it will be paved next year.

Reeve Floyd Perkins reported that the special roads committee would be presenting a resolution to county council this week regarding Bayview.

Councillor Allan White stated he hoped that Bayview would not become a political football again this year. "You won't get anything by criticizing," he stated. Councillor Walter

\$2,152.42 For Road Sander

The tender of Wheel and Brake for a sand sprayer to be used on town roads was accepted by Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night. Amount of the tender was \$2,152.42, the lowest of four tenders received. Acceptance is subject to approval by the works commissioner.

Haircuts To Cost \$1.50

"Unanimous" — was the verdict reached at a meeting on Friday evening last — when all owners of Richmond Hill barber shops met for a conference in Stan Ransom's Barber Shop.

The subject under discussion was the increase in prices as scheduled at a recent meeting of members of the Ontario Barbers' Association.

So, when "You're next" is called by a barber in any of the Yonge Street, Lorne Avenue, Richmond Heights, Beverley Acres, or Allencourt tonsorial parlours, the prices agreed on are as follows: men's regular haircut and trim, \$1.50; brush cut, \$1.75; head rub, 35 cents; shampoo, \$1.00; tonic, 35 cents; massage, \$1.00; shave, \$1.00.

For children, the price is now \$1.00, except Saturday, when the charge is \$1.25. Store hours remain unchanged, open Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday — closed all day, except when preceded by a Monday holiday.

To some 40-hour per week workers, a simple calculation indicates that the barbers are on the job for 56 hours weekly.

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