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Merchants Help "Hilltoppers"

"The Hilltoppers" received a boost last week in their endeavour to raise funds to keep this community-minded group of young people an active organization. President William Miller (left) is shown presenting a cheque to Ron Pollard, band director, on behalf of the Richmond Heights Merchants' Association.

Top Choirs Won't Enter Kiwanis

Richmond Hill's top-in-Ontario school choir will not be entering the 21st Kiwanis Music Festival this year. Nor will any of the dozen choirs in the public school system here that were entrants in past Kiwanis festivals. One of the reasons says Herman G. Fowler, Richmond Hill school music director, is that Kiwanis neglected to send any literature to the schools in advance of last October's final entry date.

Councillors Approve Site Plan Agreement 42-Suite Apartment

Richmond Hill Town Council has authorized the mayor and clerk to sign the site plan agreement with Annalynn Suites Ltd. for an apartment building at Jacey Anne and Trayborn when the agreement is properly signed by the building firm. The building will contain 42 suites. This agreement has been hanging fire since November during which time seven amendments to drawings and on the advice of the municipal solicitor a change in the type of agreement has been made. The agreement sets out site plan approval and the planning board's consent to the division of land. A clause in the agreement will require paving of the parking lot and driveway before occupation of the building is permitted. No occupancy will be allowed before July 1, 1964. At the request of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, council agreed to issue a proclamation declaring February 16 to 24 Brotherhood Week. This week is held under the sponsorship of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. The meeting convened at 9 p.m. Friday evening following the six southern municipalities meeting on the Goldenberg brief. No council meeting was held Monday evening.

Richmond Hill will be represented by Our Lady Help of Christian School choir and individual performers including Antonio Ziccardi, Joan Angus, James Kent, Tom Sherret, Nancy Ford, Judy Ann Nicholls, Marietta Evans, Ken Nicholls, Alexander Carter, Suzanne Clayton and James Peter Kent. Thornhill entrants include: Elaine DaCosta, Marilyn Ross, Brian Waters, Langstaff School Choir, and Erik Grafstrom. Scott choir swept away all opposition in the festival to take the top awards and MacKillop school choirs also won laurels with their singing prowess. Walter Scott Principal Nathan "Bud" Davidson said entry in the festival is an optional thing. "Last year, our success was the culmination of a four years' program. We proved ourselves in relation to other schools in Metro. Besides, our grade eight students graduated. Now we're beginning again." MacKillop Principal Bob Newman said his grades 7 and 8 choir declined this year because they've been chosen as one of five Ontario choirs to go

Our Neighbour Wins Awards

"The Liberal" extends congratulations to the Stouffville "Tribune" which was awarded second place in general excellence for newspapers in municipalities between 2,000 and 3,500 population at the annual Ontario weekly newspaper convention in Toronto last week. "The Tribune" also won first prize for the best use of pictures. "The Perth Courier" won four firsts in the over 3,500 division - general excellence, typographical excellence, best front page and best editorial page as well as second place in advertising excellence.

Sixth Annual Mental Health Meeting:

Branch Accomplished Great Deal

Four-Year-Old First Markham Twp. Fatality

A four-year-old Milliken boy became Markham Township's first traffic fatality since 1962 when he was struck by a car and killed Friday. John David Himmelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Himmelman died of injuries received when he was hit by a car driven by Jacob Frederick Vaigt of Concord on Don Mills Road. Police said the boy was playing with his brother and sister by their home when he dashed out into the roadway. Markham Constable Robert Haddon is investigating the accident.

York County's branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association Wednesday last looked back on a very rewarding sixth year of operation.

- Members raised more than \$12,000 in their two-day June canvass, largest donation in the branch's history in a campaign directed by Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Faye O'Callaghan. Money was expended for support of emotionally disturbed children, both at a new summer camp operated by the York County Mental Health Clinic and at the Elizabeth Bigelow School at Inglewood.
- Open house was held during Mental Health Week at the Aurora Ontario Hospital, Wardenale School, House of Concord, Thornhaven and Fairmead Retarded Children's Homes.
- One of the outstanding parts of the branch is its White Cross providing about 200 volunteers to visit Queen Street, New Toronto and Aurora Hospitals and 17 approved homes to aid in recreation and rehabilitation programs.
- During its Christmas gift campaign, the White Cross distributed about 1,500 presents to mental patients in the county.
- The branch has continued to regard the York County Mental Health Clinic as the most progressive step taken to provide psychiatric and psychological services for York County residents and to this end helped in 1963 with costs, transportation, books, therapy equipment and classes for children.
- With the transfer of the clinic to the jurisdiction of the York County Hospital Board March 31 to be operated in conjunction with a new psychiatric wing at Newmarket, their services will be even further extended.
- At Wednesday's meeting held at Bayview Secondary School, various reports including the preceding comments by Branch

R. H. Rotarians Canvass For Pool

Members of Richmond Hill Rotary Club are co-operating with the Richmond Hill and District Centennial Pool Committee in conducting a canvass of local commercial and industrial firms. Dr. Cam Cowan is co-chairman of the pool committee's general canvass committee and is heading up this active and enthusiastic group of men. The remaining 900 homes in Richmond Hill are also being canvassed and application has been made to town council to apply for a grant for the pool from Canada's centennial fund. The council has promised that a site for the pool will be provided at Crosby Park. Prospects that 1964 will see a large indoor pool, capable of serving this district's needs, erected are good, if the project receives the support of every person in Richmond Hill and surrounding area. The committee cannot do the job alone - they are working hard to make this dream a reality but they need your help. Richmond Hill with a population well over 18,000 people and an equal number in the surrounding area, has no swimming facilities. The planned year-round swimming pool will fill a long-felt need. Swimming classes will save lives - and that life may be yours or a loved one's. Be generous when the canvasser calls on you.

Could You Use \$250?

Mothers, could you use an extra \$250? What a foolish question! If you are interested in winning an extra \$250, cash your family allowance cheque at Richmond Heights Centre. Any merchant will be pleased to accommodate you. This is all you have to do to qualify. The draw will take place at the centre on Saturday, February 29, at 4 p.m. and some lucky mother will be \$250 in pocket. Read all about it in the 12-page supplement in this week's issue of "The Liberal." Read all the advertisements from the centre - you will find many ideas for that important gift for your Valentine as well as many bargains in children's, women's and men's wear, children's furniture, jewellery, permanents, televisions, fabrics, electrical appliances, tires, cards and gifts, flowers, cameras, footwear, gas clothes dryers, and groceries.

Premier Robarts Present Speakers From Quebec Present The French Speaking Viewpoint

Hon. John P. Robarts, Q.C. Premier of Ontario, officiated at the introduction of an imaginative two-day bicultural experiment in adult education at the Thornhill Secondary School Wednesday evening. York Central District High School Board appears to be the first body to provide a forum in the heart of English-speaking Canada where spokesmen of French-speaking Canada may freely discuss current provincial and national problems relating to the two cultures. Billed as "Rebuilding the Canadian Union, a Symposium of the Viewpoint of the French Speaking Canadian" - the two evening public lectures were an inter-provincial forum at which the local high school board provided an intellectual audience for their French-speaking guests. Speakers are all from the Province of Quebec. Wednesday night Professor Michel Brunet, director of the history department at the University of Montreal, discussed the "French Canadian Interpretation of Canadian History". On the same programme Rev. Louis O'Neil, professor of social ethics at Laval University, Quebec, chose as his topic, "Who is the French Canadian and What Does He Stand For?" Thursday evening, Madame Solange Chapat-Rolland, journalist, television personality and co-author of "Dear Enemies" will speak on "Difference or Indifference?", and on the same programme Jean Luc Pepin will discuss "Rebuilding the Canadian Union". The board has received encouragement from the office of the Quebec Premier, the latter expressing happiness "to see the interest taken in the French-speaking Canadian. We would be pleased to see this initiative displayed by all our English-speaking fellow-countrymen." Chairman of the symposium committee is John D. Honsberger of Thornhill who has been in contact with leaders at every level of political, intellectual and literary influence in both Quebec and Ontario.

Motel Operators Want Unit Fee Slashed By Twp.

Nine out of the 10 Vaughan motel owners have protested the township's present licence fee structure. At a meeting with the council's planning and building committee, W. R. Hare, solicitor for the motel owners, verbally outlined the group's objections. Fee is \$10 per unit per year at present. The motel owners suggested a fee of \$10 for all units would be more acceptable. The committee agreed to review the situation (which has remained the same for the past four or five years) and make comparisons between township fees and those of surrounding municipalities before advising Mr. Hare. Planning Administrator Tom Gillings said the report, being prepared now, seemed to indicate Vaughan's fees were on a par with Metro, King Township and Richmond Hill area. Markham Township doesn't have any motels, he said.

Site Plan Okay Given By Board

Richmond Hill Planning Board gave site plan approval to the new British Mortgage and Trust Company building at Crosby Avenue and Yonge St. The modern new glass-walled building, which has been advertised by a distinctive high blue board fence at the corner since last fall will be constructed when various requirements by both company and municipality are ironed out, the board said.

425 Teachers Nominate J. Honsberger For Award

John Honsberger's nomination as a candidate for the "Lamp of Learning" award has been endorsed by District 31 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, it was announced today. The award is presented annually to a non-teaching resident of Ontario who has made an outstanding contribution to secondary school education. District 31, a geographical area bounded on the south by Steeles Avenue and on the north by Lake Simcoe has an active membership of 425 secondary school teachers in 12 schools. Presentation of the "Lamp of Learning" is one of the many ways the federation implements its avowed aim to promote and advance the cause of education. Its winner will likely be decided at the spring federation conference.

During the Second World War, Mr. Honsberger served in northwestern Europe with an anti-tank regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery and returned to Canada with the rank of captain. More recently, he has devoted much time and effort to the problems of biculturalism.



JOHN HONSBERGER

Trustees Against November 11 As "Holiday"

Richmond Hill School Board wants to eliminate the "holiday" atmosphere for public school students on Remembrance Day November 11. And local Legion Branch 375 President Frank Barrott says, "By all means if the children in school are educated in what the day means." "But it's news to me if they are," he said. At last Thursday's school board meeting, Trustee Deena Simpson re-introduced the question raised by former trustee Ruth Castle who advocated abolishing November 11 as a day off for the pupils. Trustees were searching for a resolution they could send with Trustee Jack Knott when he attends the February 27 conference of Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees' Association meeting at Leaside High School.

Mrs. Simpson told the board she felt today's students are too remote from the meaning of the wars. "None of them were involved," she said pointing out that most students at 14 were of another generation. School Superintendent Gordon McIntyre said the Department of Education did send material to the schools about Armistice Day and its meaning and it was up to the individual teachers. "Every town, village and hamlet put up some kind of monument after November 11

but there was a different feeling after World War II and veterans built arenas and halls as their memorials," he said. "Perhaps it was because there has never been a feeling of peace since the end of the last war," said Mrs. Simpson. Vice-chairman Walter Hutchinson said he felt Armistice Day means more to the veterans of the first war than to the second. He said at the Richmond Hill ceremonies last fall, more of those attending were connected with the first. Trustees agreed to give Mr. Knott a resolution to the association indicating Richmond Hill didn't feel the

holiday paid due respect to the war dead and that more education programs should be put out by the department. Mr. Barrott, recently re-elected president of the new Richmond Hill branch which numbers about 400 members said, "We are not a bugle-blowing organization. We are working for peace and attempting to help in the community with minor hockey and other interests." Asked to comment on the school board resolution, Mr. Barrott said he felt whether or not school children had a holiday November 11 was not important. "I think they need education in what it means. Our

Legion is willing to send speakers to the schools and last year we asked if we could sell poppies in the schools and were refused." After all, war is the result of mistakes made in the education of those growing up coupled with national and international problems," he said. Mr. Barrott refuted Mr. Hutchinson's comments that November 11 was more important to the old timers. "That statement is ridiculous; First World War members are in a minority. "The Legion is not a bunch of warmongers; wars are rarely discussed in this Legion," he said.

Short Courses On Community Life Offered By Board

York Central High School Board is offering some "different" night school courses this month. Geared for the Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, the four weeks courses will be offered at Bayview and Thornhill Secondary Schools. "This is a new venture to see if people are interested in short term programs rather than all winter long," Superintendent S.L.G. Chapman said. For example, at Bayview from February 20 (every Thursday) to March 12 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. there will be a citizens' information course on the law, town planning, education and politics. In addition at Bayview, there'll be a four evening series on gardening and wood finishing. Thornhill's courses begin February 24 (Mondays) to March 16 (same times) and will involve household finances, income tax, banking, investments and estates. There will also be a four evening series on "What Every Lady Driver Should Know About Her Car" and on interior decorating. Registration information for any of the courses is available by phoning Bayview (TU. 4-4453) or Thornhill (AV. 5-5453). "We are not sure if this is what people want but we are going to try them," said Mr. Chapman.



Thirty-Three Years As Volunteer Fireman

Retiring Richmond Hill volunteer fireman Elgie "Charlie" Chapman was honoured last Friday night by the town and the firefighters' association when they held a surprise presentation to mark his retirement after 33 years in the brigade. Mayor Tom Broadhurst (left) presented Mr. Chapman (right) with an inscribed cuckoo clock on behalf of the town and Fire Chief Alfred Stong (centre) presented a scroll and a memento of his fire fighting days... a bright red fire truck. On behalf of his fellow firemen, Elgin Barrow on behalf of his father James Pollard, gave Mr. Chapman a table lighter and electric blanket. The party was held at the home of Town Clerk Russell Lynett and Mrs. Lynett.