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Lieutenant Governor, Bishop Wilkinson St. Mary's Dedication Service

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honorable W. Earl Rowe is pictured with Right Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto, as he arrived for the dedication of the new stone church of St. Mary's Anglican, Monday evening, in the picture at the left.

A portion of the overflow congregation which began collecting at least an hour before the time of the dedication service is shown above as the procession forms after the service attended by civic and religious leaders of the community.

The beauty and purity of line of the interior of the new church is clearly evident in this picture.

Public School Board

Refer Honorarium, Oral French to the room and the outside door were locked, according to Mr. 1965 Trustees For Consideration

Whether Richmond Hill Public School Trustees teacher or official of the board vestigating. will receive a monthly honorarium will be decided to travel on designated busby next year's board, was the decision reached

Thursday night of last week by this year's board. official his actual expenses for Bill 52, an act to amend the there is more than 3,000 pupil transportation, room and meals It was reported that Fa- schools administration act pro- average daily attendance the or such lesser amount as may ther C. J. Schwalm of St. vides that a board with more maximum monthly honorarium be determined by the board. Mary Immaculate Roman than three trustees may pay to may be \$60. Where the aver-Catholic Church and five each trustee, except those ap- age daily attendance is 60,000 deduction of a reasonable am-

Richmond Hill - Thornhill Min- ed the York Central Dis- tion for secondary school pur- be \$150. trict High School Board poses only, for each month an A board with more than of the board. Mr. Porter unfolded his plans for permission to have an honorarium not exceeding an three trustees may pay to a after school activity period amount based on the average trustee an allowance of .10c per Oral French counselling centre in York at Bayview Secondary daily attendance of pupils in mile necessarily travelled to The board also left the matter a court of revision to hear as-

County in which he hoped the School set aside for a vol- the schools operated by the and from his residence to at- of a study of Oral French in sessment appeals at 7 p.m. Novclergy would play an important untary religious discussion board in the preceding year, tend a meeting of the board or Richmond Hill Public Schools ember 16 and 18. group under lay leaders The bill sets out the maximum a committee held within the to the 1965 board. It was noted Members will hear any argu-

> mission by the board. Af- be paid. In Richmond Hill where board may authorize a trustee. (Continued On Page 3) based.

iness of the board and may reimburse the trustee, teacher or A board may provide for a

other priests had approach- pointed to a board of educa- or more the honorarium may ount from honorarium of a

Vaughan Council will sit as

but had been refused per- monthly honorarium which may boundaries of its jurisdiction, that the Pleasantville Home ments against 1964 assessment Bill 52 also provides that a and School Association has on which 1965 taxes will be

But A House Divided . . .

Gordon Forecasts Exciting Future

Misses One Steer

Hits Second

An Oak Ridges man got quite a shock last Sunday morning when he and his wife, driving over the brow of a King Sideroad hill, came face to face with a large Black Angus steer.

William Dickinson, 44, of

30 Maple Street, swerved his car to miss the big black beast and ran smack into another in the ditch. Both Dickinsons were shaken and slightly injured and their car was damaged

about \$700 worth; the steer valued at \$700 suffered a broken leg and was eventually destroyed, according to King Police Chief Leslie Pengelly.

Legion Kiddies Robbed Of Party Start Fund Again

"Locks are only for honest

This was the comment of Branch 375, Richmond Hill Canadian Legion President Frank Barrott Monday when he reported the theft of the Legion's Christmas Children's Party fund of about \$300 from the Legion Court premises.

"We are starting a new fund but there are a lot of hopping mad Legion members around town these days after this low trick," he told "The Liberal.

According to local police, who found a ladder leading up to a washroom at the North Yonge Street building Friday morning when a five-gallon metal drum containing the fund was reported missing, either the thief was inside the building when the Legion closed Thursday night or knew where to look.

The drum was left in the men's lounge but both the door

The fund was to have paid for a party for veterans' children at Christmas and had been started about four months ago, he

Several police officers are in-

Harry Lever of 137 Palmer Avenue who heard of the Legion's bad luck, has donated a bicycle he had won in a Newmarket raffle recently to the branch to be used to raise money for the depleted fund.

Court Of Revision

OMB Hearing In King City Nov. 30

The Ontario Municipal Board has set a November 30 hearing date to consider whether to incorporate the 375 acre police village of King City.

Trustees John Mann, Donald Findlay and Ross Farquhar applied for the altered admin-

10 a.m. in the village office.

High School Secretary Suffers Heart Attack

Mrs. J. R. McAlister, 86 Arnold Crescent, secretarytreasurer of the York Central District High School Board is making satisfactory progress at York Central Hospital where she has been since suffering a heart attack on October 13. Mrs. McAlister expects to

be be back at her post with the high school board some time before Christmas. She was appointed secretary of the board in 1950. At that time it had no permanent meeting place and charge of only the Richmond Hill District High School. Mrs. McAlister has taken an active part in each step of its growth up to its present stage in which it directs five secondary schools accommodating over 3,000 pupils.

The future ahead of Canada is tremendously exciting, stated the Honourable Walter Gordon, Minister of Finance at the official opening of Langstaff Secondary School last Fri-

At the same time, Mr. Gordon stressed that the country could not survive if divided into several, or even two economic divisions.

"I believe there is much sym- of them almost revolutionary, a reeve and four coun- pathy in other parts of Canada he noted, made it imperative with the wishes and intentions that people must be given the In the meantime, two peti- of French-speaking Quebeckers kind of skills that will enable itions for and against incorpor- to play a much bigger part in them to adapt to new jobs. ation are circulating among the affairs in their own prov- "This rapid change in society ince and also to play their full creates one of the biggest chal-The hearing will be held at part on the national scene" he lenges facing all levels of govsaid. There would be wide-ernment, from local school spread acceptance and support boards to the federal governif the term "two nations" meant ment," Mr. Gordon emphasized. two cultural societies valued It is because of this that succesand respected as enriching one sive federal governments have

youth allowances and interest-

But if the term "two nations" meant two separate and distinct economic entities, he felt that "most Canadians, including, most people in Quebec, would oppose it very strenuous-

Canada.

the Pearson government and These have just been printed for some years to come. It is tures. estimated that in the next five years another three quarters of a million people will be entering the Canadian labour force, through natural population increase alone, apart from immi-

Technological advances, some

another, and two languages supported the building of vocawhich should be recognized and tional schools, sponsored techin the future spoken by many nical training programs, promore people everywhere in vided funds for universities.

free loans to students. In thanking Mr. Gordon for his address and through him the federal government for its assistance in the building of the Langstaff school and others in

the area, John Honsberger, vice-chairman of the York Central District High School Board, Mr. Gordon attributed the presented him with a specially prosperity in Canada, more op- bound copy of the lectures portunities and higher incomes, given at Thornhill Secondary in large measure to the expan-School last spring entitled "Resionist policies introduced by building the Canadian Union". expected that such expansion- and are being distributed to ary policies would be required those who attended the lec-

> Ninety-six year old Dr. Rolph Langstaff, after whose family the district and the school was named, received a standing ovation from the capacity audience

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(Photo by Barbour)



Canada's Finance Minister Addresses Langstaff Secondary Opening

Tonight's Senior School Meeting Open To Public

· Richmond Hill Public School Board will hold a special meeting at 7.45 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to discuss in detail the report of its committee which has been studying senior schools. The meeting will be open to

David Porter, attendance of-

ficer for Richmond Hill public

schools and York Central high

schools was the guest at the October 23 meeting of the

for the setting up of a family

part. The seven clergymen

present looked favourably on

the suggestion and it was dis-

cussed at some length.

isterial Association.

ratepavers. The board received the report Thursday evening of last week at its regular meeting, at which six observers were present. An invitation for representatives of the committee to speak at Pleasantville Home and

School Association in December was accepted. Chairman Harold Sanderson reported that the committee on senior schools was formed in April 1964 and was composed of Vicechairman W. H. Hutchinson, Trustees Jack Knott, Deena Simpson and Irene Worrall and several members of the staff. The committee met regularly, visited various schools and investigated the subject thoroughly. On Wednesday evening it had met and discussed the report before its presentation to the board. and some minor changes had been made.

Mr. Hutchinson paid tribute to the full co-operation received from trustees and staff members. He noted the committee had been divided into several sub-committees to deal with various phases of the study. He hoped that regardless of the board's decision copies of the report would be available for interested

Mr. Hutchinson also reported that a request for information on senior schools had already been received from the Town of Aurora.

One of the main advantages of a senior school, the report noted, was that specialized teaching will allow more time to be spent in preparing the lesson and more opportunity to present the lesson to the pupils. The accepted setup of senior schools is to have a platoon system with a home room teacher responsible for half of each day's work, the other half being spent on a rotary basis with teachers who will be specializing in one sub-

The only drawback to the senior school plan is that it can lead to a difference in the work load for teachers. The home room teacher would be in charge of 70 pupils (35 in each half day's class) and the specialized teacher would deal with more than 200 in a day. Thus the latter has not the same opportunity to get to know the individual child.

This again is offset by the larger number of teachers with whom the pupils come in contact and who share in assessing their potentials and achievements, the report states. It was reported that information had been

obtained from Belleville, Guelph, Newmarket, Welland, Weston, Windsor and Ottawa, where senior schools are in existence and schools, both senior public and junior high, had been visited in several communities. Whereas in Western Canada, Europe and the United States and in Metropolitan Toronto, junior high schools have been established, the senior public has been emphasized in Ontario. In Richmond Hill's case, where secondary and elementary education are the responsibilities of different boards, the report pointed out, the only intermediate school possible is a senior public.

Major areas of educational theory investigated were child development, both physical and emotional and social interests and stages of schooling, corresponding to child development. It was reported that one school system found with the removal of grades 7 and 8 from the elementary schools the social climate had "improved delightfully. Peace descends upon the corridors and playgrounds and the grades 5 and 6 children assume leadership with beneficial results."

Senior schools, it was claimed, lead to more positive teaching, and lend themselves to streaming in theory, although the committee

found not to any great extent in practice in the schools visited.

Guidance towards improvement of study habits and a favorable attitude toward work rather than toward direction of studies as stressed in secondary schools, is also possible in senior schools, it was noted. This leads children to realize their privileges and responsibilities as students, it was stated, and assists in a satisfactory transition to grade 9.

The committee reported that more study will probably be required of the physical requirements of such a program in Richmond Hill. It recommends two small schools of approximately 15 rooms each to take care of the 900 pupils presently in grades 7 and 8. They noted that special equipment in libraries, home economics rooms and industrial arts shops would be required. Transportation and

a lunch room might also be needed. Staff for all subjects but home economics and industrial arts could be drawn from the present staff and should pose no problems. Experienced teachers tend to stay in senior schools, it has been found, which gives them

an opportunity to develop additional skills. The committee reported no precise estimate available for the difference in costs of educating grades 7 and 8 pupils in the traditional kindergarten to grade 8 school and in a senior school, but felt there was no doubt the per pupil cost would be greater. They felt intensive use of rooms and equipment in one or two locations would be much more economical than if the same rooms and equipment were provided in the present six schools.

Costs will be less, the committee felt, if establishment of senior schools coincides with the need for additional space caused by increased enrolment. This might lead to introduction of a senior school in one area much in advance of other areas, they reported.

Disadvantages of senior schools were noted as parental and pupil criticism of the distance to be travelled, increase in social activities and increased costs.

However once a senior school is established, most of these criticisms disappear, it was claimed and grade 6'ers can't wait to make the move into a senior school.

The committee recommended establishment at Crosby Heights School on a gradual basis as staff and facilities become available of a senior school program for children living east of the CNR track and as enrolment requires, provision of accommodation for those living west of the CNR.